

# The Homeschool Herald

## The Newsletter Created By and For Homeschoolers

The place to share your creative creations!

Summer 2008



## Welcome!

By Vered Kleinberger, Program Coordinator for Homeschool Excursions

Welcome to the Summer 2008 issue of the *Homeschool Herald*! We hope you enjoy it!

If this is your first time reading the *Herald*, here's a little information for you. Almost everything in this newsletter is created by homeschoolers. I, the Program Coordinator, usually write an article focusing on plants as well as the introduction on the first page. However, if a student wants to take over these responsibilities, I'll gladly share :-)

This issue is a little different.... I'm going to write a bit more than usual because we have SO MANY new families joining us this year! Welcome! They need a full introduction to the amazing *Homeschool Herald*. Thanks for understanding!

We started this newsletter in 2004 because we realized that many homeschoolers don't have a place (aside from the kitchen fridge) to hang their creative creations. The *Herald* provides a place for them to share their talents with the community. And it's always amazing to see what these kids come up with!

If you're a returning reader, you'll notice that our format has changed. Yay!!!! What do you think?

We figured that the website got a make-over this

year, so it's only fair that the *Herald* gets one as well!

The *Herald* started as a monthly publication but recently switched to a quarterly schedule because of our limited time. However, we hope to move back to a monthly schedule soon!

Here at Homeschool Excursions, we are working on many new and exciting projects! One of them is to secure a few additional computers for you to use. We'll then have a team of kids to edit the *Homeschool Herald*, making it a 100% student-produced publication. We needed to update the software used so we'll be ready when we get more computers and are ready to begin teaching our new editors about layout, graphic design, etc. Classes will hopefully start this year... and then we'll move back to a monthly publishing schedule.

So that's about it regarding the *Homeschool Herald*. You can send us submissions via e-mail or snail mail. Please contact us with any questions, ideas, or suggestions. We look forward to publishing YOUR creative creations!

Enjoy the Summer 2008 issue of the *Homeschool Herald*!

# So... You think You Know Everything?

- The fastest human swimmer can swim at 6 miles per hour. The fastest mammal - the dolphin - can swim up to 35 miles per hour.
- The bird that can fly the fastest is called a White. It can fly up to 95 miles per hour.

[http://www.indianchild.com/amazing\\_facts1.htm](http://www.indianchild.com/amazing_facts1.htm)

## Sudoku

	9		2					6
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**The numbers 1-9 must be in every column, row, & box**

## Rain

By Zack Jordan

The rain bounds in  
On playful dogs'  
Drooling tongues.  
It stops overhead waiting  
For something to chase.  
And bounds away when it  
Sees something of interest.

**Enjoy pictures from our Whitestone Farm tour... the last trip of the 2007-08 school year. Join us as we return to the farm this September!**

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing Homeschool Herald. I enjoy it so much, especially the "Weeds? What weeds?" column. It is so interesting. Keep going!

Thanks,  
SethB

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for publishing the Homeschool Herald! My kids love seeing their work in print, and it's so easy to share their work with the family since we can send them a link to the PDF of each issue.

I always had a hard time getting them to write, but now they look forward to seeing their work in print.

Thanks again for all your hard work! I look forward to the next issue!

Janie, HS mom of 3



## Corvette

By Zack Jordan

A new Corvette stood in my lawn.  
It was so blue, all bright and new.  
I took it for a little spin  
Out on the roads so smooth and clear.  
It started slow, but soon gained speed,  
We whizzed along the streets so straight.  
It reached one eighty lickety-split.  
The brakes, they pulled us in so smooth.  
We turned around and headed home.  
It soon zipped home, no time at all,  
And drove right up our driveway long.  
I parked it in its spot so nice,  
So perfect for this car so bright.

## The Heart of the Mountain

By David Lewicki

Standing patient for many years  
I am silent and strong  
I am where I belong  
I have no fears  
I have no tears  
Nothing could ever go wrong  
I will stand for so long  
A small bump on this circling sphere  
With the wind at my back  
And the sun on my face  
Of Strength I have no lack  
In summer, covered in Queen Anne's lace  
In autumn leaves blanket my back.  
In winter chill frosts my face



## Weeds?

### What Weeds?

By Vered Kleinberger

I hope you've been having a terrific Summer!  
Have you been growing anything exciting in your garden this year?

I had an interesting experience a few weeks ago... But let me start at the beginning... I have been clearing the hillside between my house and the road. I have been slowly converting the front yard to be 100% edible, and I'm almost there! The hill was full of privet and mimosa trees, as well as grass and other non-native invasive plants. So when I removed them, my house became extremely exposed the passing cars. I have planted apple trees, but they'll take many years to provide a 'screen' from the road. So I planted mint and lambs quarters in the mean time. They'll grow to be 4-6 feet tall, adequately shielding the house from passing cars. (And just for you to feel rest assured... I am using everything I pulled from the hill. The wood will keep me warm this winter and the composted leaves & grasses will provide the base for raised beds next year. No waste!)

A friend of mine is an amazing organic gardener; he had one tomato this year that weighed 1.25 pounds! I was admiring his garden... fishing for tips... when we started talking about lambs quarters. I was shocked to learn that he pulled them from his garden like weeds! Did he know how delicious this plant can be??

I didn't want you to make the same mistake, so I thought I'd give you a little information... Don't kill it! Use it!

As with any edible weed or wild plant don't eat unless you are positive of its identification and that it has not been exposed to chemical sprays or pollution. So if you're not familiar with lambs quarter refer to a good edible weed

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field guide or consult with someone who is familiar with the plant before eating it.



According to 'Wildman' Steve Brill, this European relative of spinach and beets, which grows throughout the North America, bears large quantities of edible, spinach-flavored leaves you can collect from mid-spring to late fall. It's one of the best sources of beta-carotene, calcium, potassium, and iron in the world; also a great source of trace minerals, B-complex vitamins, vitamin C, and fiber.

The leaves and stems are edible and absolutely delicious, with a flavor that can be compared to spinach or chard with an earthy, mineral rich taste. It's difficult to describe, but

if you enjoy leafy greens such as kale, collards, and spinach you'll love lambs quarter and enjoy the change of pace provided by its distinct flavor.

When cooking lambs quarter the easiest preparation is to simply steam the leaves and stems in a small amount of water until tender. The greens will cook very quickly and turn a dark green color as they shrink down during cooking. The cooked greens are delicious just as they are with no additional seasoning or flavoring necessary.

The young leaves and smaller stems can also be eaten raw in salads. Or you can experiment by substituting lambs quarter for spinach or chard in some of your favorite recipes.

Think twice before pulling that weed! You may be throwing away something delicious and nutritious! *Please consult your physician before making any medical or dietary decisions.*

**Images and Information:**

<http://www.wildmanstevebrill.com/Plants.Folder/Lamb'sQuarters.html>

<http://www.veggiegardeningtips.com/surprising-lambs-quarters/>



## Waterfall

By Zack Jordan

I hear the water  
Rushing down.  
It leaves its river way up high,  
And splashes on the rocks below.  
It pounds the rocks, oh so hard,  
And rushes on with smooth delight.  
The water tastes so cool;  
A water fountain oh so tall.  
The smell so pure  
Of fresh clean woods.



## Baseball

By David Lewicki

At last, spring!  
The winter's frost has lost its' cling  
It is time to tie up your shoe strings

There is much work to be done  
Before we can have fun  
We must practice before we can hit a homerun

There is much work to be completed  
We must work hard not to be defeated  
We will try and go undefeated

We'll do our best to win  
And when we do, we will grin  
Upon victory, we will have joy within

Baseball is fun, so let's all cheer  
At last spring is here!  
Baseball is here!



## Upcoming Homeschool Excursions Programs

We have many new and exciting activities coming up!

These include a tour of a video game studio, a couple different trips to a glass blowing studio, a visit to Whitestone Farm, stained glass classes, theatre shows with backstage tours, a variety of environmental activities, and more!

Our Fall and Winter calendars are growing as new programs are added, so check our website often. Remember to refresh your pages!

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!



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We're looking forward to a  
fantastic year!**

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# The Summer 2008 Issue

**We hope you're having a terrific summer! Let us know what you've been up to! Send your creative creations for the Fall 2008 issue.**

**Check out the new Homeschool Herald! We got new software... so you get a new layout! Let us know what you think.**

**The Homeschool Herald is constantly changing and growing. Download the first issues from the Homeschool Excursions website to see where we started, and then look at where we are today! Thank you for helping to make this such a wonderful student-created publication!**

**We hope your school year gets off to a great start! Have fun!**

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