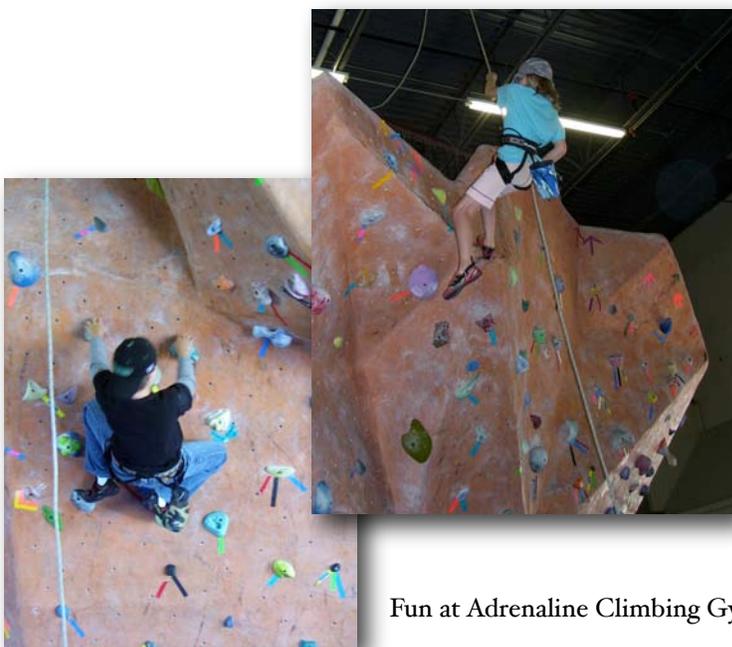


# Homeschool Herald

## The Newsletter Created By and For Homeschoolers

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### Welcome!

Homeschool Excursions hopes you enjoy the May issue of the *Homeschool Herald*.

Homeschool Excursions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide a valuable resource to homeschool families in Georgia. The *Homeschool Herald* will serve to build community and support since it's available to all families.

Our homeschoolers possess a wealth of creativity, and we hope this newsletter provides an accessible outlet for their expression. All contributions are welcome including pictures, stories, articles, and more. We invite everyone to share ideas, suggestions, and submissions.

*-Vered Kleinberger  
Program Coordinator*

We hope you enjoyed the past issues of the *Homeschool Herald*. The May issue is here!

Summer is also here! What are your plans? Do you have a garden started? What are you growing? Are you traveling anywhere any time soon? Are you reading any good books? Let us know! We want to hear about it!

How did your school year end up? Or are you still going to school through the summer? Every homeschooling family does it differently, so share with us how your family works.

The May issue of the *Homeschool Herald* is as informative and interesting as ever! The kids who have sent submissions have done a

fantastic job! We hope to include something from you in the future!

We look forward to seeing what you have to share! Send us your creative creations! We want to see what you've been up to!

Submissions may also be sent via e-mail or snail mail. Please contact us with any questions, comments, ideas, or suggestions.



**SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?**

There is enough iron in the human body to make one small nail.

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

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**THE UNICORN**

The unicorn is so very strong,  
 So strong for one gone so long.  
 He is not a child's toy covered pink,  
 If he were here, your courage would sink.

Instead of strong you would be weak,  
 Yes, you would turn pale if you heard him speak.  
 You would find yourself weak in the knees,  
 You would try to run but your legs would freeze.

He could kill in merely one blow,  
 No, his horn was not just for show.  
 It's a shame he's extinct but we're safer now,  
 But I will still miss him, that I can vow.

Written by Morning J. Crowell

**THE LEOPARD**

Leopard, leopard, ferocious and smart,  
 Chasing like a flying dart,  
 Leaps upon its fleeing prey,  
 Catches it before it gets away.

Its teeth show no mercy,  
 It feeds below a tree,  
 It seeks no guests,  
 With a full stomach it rests.

Resting in a cave or tree,  
 It sleeps until it's thirsty,  
 Going to seek some water,  
 It prepares for another slaughter.

Leopard, leopard, ferocious and smart,  
 Chasing like a flying dart,  
 Leaps upon its fleeing prey,  
 Catches it before it gets away.

Written by Spencer Picksley

**DANCING**

I'm just now floating,  
 Off the floor,  
 Reaching a place,  
 I've never seen before,  
 With each new step,  
 I gain control,  
 But someone is watching,  
 He sees my soul,  
 He looks at me,  
 With a loving gaze,  
 That makes me want,  
 To dance for days and days,  
 I take each twirl,  
 With an outpouring of delight,  
 To see I am beautiful,  
 In His sight,  
 I long to please Him,  
 For I think I am in love,  
 With someone,  
 That I've dreamed of,  
 Someone who is happy,  
 Over my simple dance,  
 Who loved me,  
 At first glance.

Written by Hadley Tang

## WHERE DO BUTTERFLIES GO WHEN IT RAINS?



pastel of Banks  
By Madison Higbee, age 8

### TRUE MEANING

The sights of freedom  
Finally  
This is life  
What it means to me

The sounds of love  
Here to stay  
Love that shines  
Night and day

The looks of beauty  
From inside  
It overflows  
From our eyes

This is life  
What it means to me  
Because God  
Set me free

Written by Claire Caprio

Butterflies don't just prefer sunny days. They need sunlight in order to regulate their body temperature. Whether it is raining or not, when the sun is obscured or the sun sets, butterflies fly for cover immediately.

Just as human beings might duck for cover underneath

the canopy of a tree, butterflies seek the protection of natural coverings. According to Rudi Mattoni, editor of the *Journal of Research on the Lepidoptera*, the favorite resting sites include the undersides of leaves



or stems of bushes and on blades of grass.

Butterfly bodies are exceedingly delicate, so nature has provided them with other kinds of protection against the rain. When resting, the teardrop configuration of the butterfly prevents rain from pooling on the wings or body, and the surfaces of the butterfly's skin do not absorb water.



Richard Zack, curator/director of the James Entomological Collection at Washington State University, adds that many butterflies could not survive flying during a rain storm. Not only does wind wreak havoc with their ability to fly, but the big raindrops themselves would pose a major risk.

*Submitted by Jennifer Martz of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.*

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### RELUCTANT OLD NO

'No,' is a very opposing word. It's spelled with very few letters and has a reluctant meaning. It also saves peoples lives! Plus, my mom says "no" to me at least 10 times a day! I'm sure you didn't 'know' that!

The word 'NO' is spelled N-O. Two letters! Only two letters! It's meaning is . . . well, no!

Saying the word 'no' can save your life, or at least your body! One of the ways to keep yourself safe is if a bully asks you if you are good at freeze tag, say 'no' and he's more likely to leave you alone.

My Mom just about always says "no" to me. The most times she has ever said no is probably thirty. Sometimes it's because she wants me healthy. Sometimes she says no to keep me safe. Sometimes it's because she doesn't want to waste money. And sometimes . . . I just don't know why.

Now and then, I wish God didn't invent the word "no."  
But when I think of how it's spelled and its meaning, how it saves people, and how Mom uses it, I like it once more. So take my advice; do not begrudge it.

Written by Madison Higbee, age 8



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 11



Artist: Emma Sapp

### WADING IN COLD WATER

Freezing feet,  
Stood in the lake,  
A man who sought defeat,  
Waited for his heart to break.

The lake said no.  
The man pleaded.  
But the lake made him go.  
He wasn't defeated.

When he came back,  
The lake did something new,  
It began to attack,  
With it's satanic crew.

The monsters chased him.  
They screamed and roared,  
They closed in on him.  
Their evilness poured.

The lake said stop.  
The monsters ceased,  
The trees used as a prop.  
Their roots released.

They picked up his arms, and legs too,  
And took him to the lake.  
After he was plunged into the blue,  
He was never again to wake.

Written by Spencer Picksley

**TOOTY FRUITY!**

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There are nine words hidden in the puzzle above. They can be found up, down, across, diagonal, and backwards.

Word List:

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| Apple      | Orange    | Grape      |
| Cherry     | Kiwi      | Strawberry |
| Watermelon | Blueberry | Lemon      |
| Mango      | Banana    | Fig        |



Artist: Roxie Ellard, age 13

**TALENTED AND WARM-HEARTED LEONARDO**

Leonardo Da Vinci was a man with a brilliant mind who was a great inventor, artist and animal lover, who lived during the Renaissance. He did many incredible things from setting birds free to walking on water, to painting the “Mona Lisa,” which is small, but the world’s most famous painting.

Leonardo invented many things. But, because he had so much to do, he left a lot of his work unfinished. He also drew a bunch of objects long before they were actually invented. And he actually invented the world’s first self-propelled automobile.

Leonardo painted one of the world’s most famous paintings, the “Mona Lisa!” But what makes it so famous is her mystery. How come her entire face seems to be smiling? What is she thinking? What do you think?

Leonardo just adored animals! Did you know that his swimming teacher was a frog? And he loved birds and was amazed by the flight of them. Whenever he saw birds for sale, he bought them all and set them free.

Being an inventor, painter and animal lover made Leonardo one of the inspirational people who changed people’s lives during the Renaissance. And because of his many achievements, he will always remain famous no matter how much time passes.

Written by Madison Higbee, age 8

**HOMESCHOOL EXCURSIONS  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Our field trips are over for the school year, but we’ve got an exciting project for the summer. Details are currently being finalized, so check the website for updates. A group of students will be researching and designing a new ‘green’ office for Homeschool Excursions. Come help us build in the fall!

Fall and Winter calendars will be posted soon! Check the Calendar of Events for the latest details. Have a terrific Summer!!

### WEEDS? WHAT WEEDS?

Well, it's been a difficult spring and early summer for our poor plants, thanks to this incredible lack of rain. However, the Lambs Quarters seem to be doing all right, thanks to their hardiness and ability to grow in waste grounds. This plant, sometimes called smooth pigweed is



one of our most enduring annual weeds producing a tremendous amount of seeds that are able to survive dormant in the soil for decades. Most people definitely consider this a weed. However, they're delicious! And nutritious!

Lambs Quarters have many beneficial qualities, including:

- American Indians ate the leaves to treat stomachaches and to prevent scurvy. They made a leaf poultice to treat burns.
- The tender leaves and tips are excellent steamed or boiled for 10-15 minutes.
- The highly nutritious seeds can be boiled to make a breakfast gruel or can be ground into flour.
- This plant, a close relative of spinach, also is good to eat. The young shoots may be cooked and eaten like asparagus. It is richer in vitamin C than spinach, far richer in vitamin A and, though not quite so rich in iron and potassium, is still a good source of these minerals. It is exceptionally rich in calcium.



Please research all plants before using them, and NEVER pick and eat anything without first consulting an herbalist or a qualified plant guide. Always be aware of whether the area you are gathering from may have been sprayed with chemicals.

Index of images and information:

Peterson Field Guides: Edible Wild Plants and Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants

<http://www.veggiegardeningtips.com>

[http://www.ecochem.com/t\\_did\\_pigweed.html](http://www.ecochem.com/t_did_pigweed.html)

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*Please consult your physician before making any medical or dietary decisions.*

Compiled by Plant Enthusiast, Vered Kleinberger



Artist: Roxie Ellard, age 13



Pictured above are the participants in the 3rd place team at the Northwest Georgia AWANA Bible Quiz, held Saturday, February 3rd at Wildwood Baptist Church. The AWANA program can be found anywhere you hear a lot of children playing games and having a lot of fun in many local evangelical churches in Northwest Georgia but is marked usually by a big sign promoting "Awana, Because Children Matter to God". AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" and is derived from a verse in the New Testament book of 2 Timothy. The Bible Quiz featured teams competing in both a multiple choice format called Paddle Quiz and a Speed Quiz format. For more information, find the Northwest Georgia Awana missionary web site at [www.ngawana.org](http://www.ngawana.org).



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor (Hi Vered!)

I'd like to thank you for organizing the great field trip to Vulcan Quarry this week. Especially feel grateful as they will be cutting back on tours in the future, it may be the only chance we get to see it. The kids loved picking up rocks and the educational part. They were a little freaked out driving down into the pit!

I appreciate all you do for us home schoolers and hope that your "green" building projects gets underway soon . . . I know we are very interested in solar water heating, ICF (insulated concrete forms) and conserving energy with passive solar. I would love to see more of us be able to incorporate this into our existing homes.

thanks for all you do!

Shelly and Parker Browne

Dear Editor,

Homeschool Excursions has helped to make our school year a memorable one! The field trips we attended were well organized, interesting and fun, and the kids have enjoyed seeing their work printed in the Herald. We look forward to another fun year with the families we've met!

Thanks for all the good times!

This has been a wonderful year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Vered, all the HSE Enrichment Program families and the instructors. The program would not have been a success without everyone's encouragement and support. I have really enjoyed this past year. We have had many new families and instructors join our program.

We ended our year with a talent and art showcase, which was a lot of fun for everyone. We had 20 homeschool students performing acts and 13 artists displaying their masterpieces. Rough Draft Band, a band made up of homeschool parents, played after the show. They were awesome! We enjoyed some pizza, dancing and socializing. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Although we have ended this year, things don't necessarily slow down. We are busy planning the 2007-2008 HSE Enrichment Program. We are currently in the process of hiring instructors and planning the class schedule. We hope to have the schedule finalized and available by mid-June.

For those of you that are not familiar with the HSE Enrichment Program, the program offers classes to homeschool students on Wednesdays at Roberts School in downtown Acworth. We offer classes appropriate for preschoolers through middle schoolers. We are very excited about adding more academic classes to our program next year. We will offer science, history, math, drama, music, foreign languages, chess, art, and more.

Keep an eye on the website for the 2007-2008 Program. Things will be updated soon.

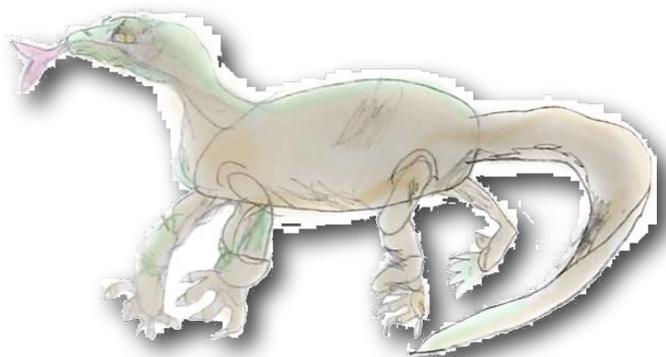
Thanks for all your support.  
Teri Verhine

Have a terrific summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for the 2007-2008 school year. Calendars will be posted soon!

Stay cool this summer, and be sure to keep read lots of exciting books!

Thanks for all your support,  
The staff of Homeschool Excursions



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 11

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Many families have asked if their homeschoolers can submit contributions even if they can't attend the planning meetings in Pickens County. Of course they can! You are welcome to e-mail or snail mail their creative contributions to Homeschool Excursions.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

- All the homeschoolers who contributed to the production of each issue. This couldn't have been done without you!
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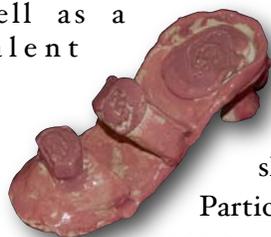
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# The May Issue

The HSE Enrichment Program performed skits, and more. We sponsored an 'Talent and Art Showcase' in Acworth in May. The showcase included a display of paintings, sculptures, and more, as well as a talent



show.

Participants sang, danced, demonstrated martial arts, played instruments,

hope to see you at our next Talent and Art Showcase!

Displayed here are several of the many submissions to the talent and Art Showcase.

Included are 'Lemon Swirl' by Lindsey Bick (age 10), 'Rose' (the shoe) by Jane Bick (age 6), and

'Sailing' by Avery Miller (age 9). Thank you to everyone who participated! You were awesome!

## What's Inside?

### Lots of Fantastic Poetry!

We've got some very talented poets on our hands! Read their creative and expressive verses inside!

### Weeds? What weeds?

Lambs Quarters are growing everywhere. Did you know that it's edible, delicious, and nutritious? Learn all about this useful plant, but like with any new plant, don't use it without proper supervision from an experienced adult!

### Excellent Art!

The request was made for more art for this issue, and the response was terrific! Look inside for samples from our talented homeschoolers!

### Songs, Poems, Pictures, Stories, Articles, Games, and More

See what the homeschoolers have created this month. Each Herald is very different, so explore this issue, and we hope you enjoy the creativity of these homeschoolers!

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