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Welcome!

Homeschool Excursions hopes you enjoy the September 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 creations.

-Vered Kleinberger
Program Coordinator

We hope you enjoyed the past issues of the *Homeschool Herald*. The September issue is here, and we're really excited with how it's turned out. The homeschoolers have let their creative juices flow and they have shared their articles, original artwork, stories, crafts, and more. Read on and let us know what you think! Hopefully your creative

creations will be included in future issues. Everyone is welcome to share, and we would be delighted to publish your contributions! You are invited to join our monthly Herald planning meetings, usually held in Pickens County. Contributions may also be submitted via e-mail or snail mail.

Please contact us with any questions, comments, ideas, or suggestions.

GREAT THINGS



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

FIREFLIES

On a hot summers night
the forest twinkles and blinks
with the smallest of lights
Oh so glittery bright.

By Mollie Shaw

IMAGINE...FIRE WITHOUT MATCHES

On the 26th through the 27th of August, Homeschool Excursions had a Back to Basics Extravaganza. There were loads of fun stuff to do ... there were people that were making fire WITHOUT MATCHES!!! There were also people who were making furniture with a lathe, and people working with metal that was at least 1,000 degrees or greater.

I learned how to make a spoon by burning a small dent in the wood and carving the excess away. I also learned about how to convert a diesel car to a car that runs on "Veggie Oil". Did you know that the Native Americans could make flutes, blowguns, baskets, and who knows what else from river cane? Well I sure didn't! You can also make a horn out of a conk shell by cutting the top of it off. That was just some of the things I learned.

The instructors were very nice and were there to help you understand how the Native Americans and people from the seventeen and eighteen hundreds lived. If you weren't there, you sure missed out on a lot! But don't be sad, they are going to have another Back to Basics Extravaganza in March 2006, so don't miss it! Watch for details on the Homeschool Excursions website & monthly calendar of events.



Contributed by Trevor Sparrow

MIKE AND THE DINOSAURS

There were dinosaurs that lived long, long ago. They played together and they fought. There was one human named Mike. Mike looked at the dinosaurs and saw them fighting. He did not like the fighting. Mike told the dinosaurs to STOP! He said, "Stop running and flying." Then Mike told the dinosaurs it was not nice to



fight. Then it was nighttime. Mike said, "Let's go in my backyard



to play." Mike and the dinosaurs played games and had a lot of fun. The dinosaurs never fought again. THE END

Contributed by Dinosaur Chief Noah Verhine, Age 6

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP (RECIPE FROM THE TIME OF BEN FRANKLIN)

- Ingredients:
- 3 large butternut squash
 - 1 large onion
 - 4 ? cups chicken stock
 - ? cup honey
 - 1 Tbs. dried savory
 - ? tsp. each of nutmeg, cinnamon, and round cardamom
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 Tbs. fresh minced chives

Peel and seed the squash, and then cut into "?" cubes. Peel the onion and dice. Combine with the uncooked squash in a steamer basket over boiling water. Steam for 10 minutes or until very tender. While the squash is steaming, heat the chicken stock.

When the squash and onion are tender, scrape into the bowl of a food processor or blender and puree until smooth. Add half the honey, the savory, and spices and puree again. Balance with more seasoning and salt and pepper as desired. This may be done in batches if your processor is small.

When the soup is pureed, return it to the saucepan over medium heat and heat for 1-2 minutes, until hot. Served garnished with chives. Serves 6

By Master Chef, Ayla Bartlett

MY NINTH BIRTHDAY

For my ninth birthday my family went to the Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game. It was very fun! We got seats right behind home plate. At the stadium is a ray gun to test how fast you can throw. I threw 41 mph. There is a gift shop and games. I played one of the games. It was a phone booth with tons of toy money blowing around. You try to catch all the money and if you catch a certain amount you win a prize.

Presented by Riley Shaw



BEN FRANKLIN THE GREAT INVENTOR

Ben Franklin was a very good inventor. Ben Franklin was born in Boston, MA. He moved to Philadelphia, PA in 1723.

He had two daughters named Jane and Lydia. Lydia was born in 1708 and died in 1758. Jane was born in 1712 and died in 1794.

Ben Franklin made the Franklin stove and the bifocals that we wear today. He made an instrument that uses water. It is made out of glass and the water makes a sound. He wanted to see how far it is to deliver the mail so he invented the odometer. He also made the lightening rod.

Researched by Ayla Bartlett



CINCINNATI FIRE KIT

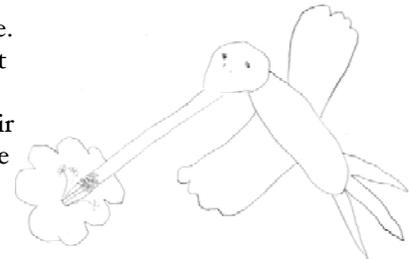
1 full sheet of newspaper
tape
matches

1. Fold the corners up on the newspaper so the corners meet in the center forming a pillow.
2. Tape the corners closed keeping the pillow shape.
3. Take the newspaper to a safe spot outside to light.
4. Turn the pillow upside down so that the seams are on the underside.
5. You and a partner light the corners at the same time.
6. Your pillow should start on fire and then float up in the air before extinguishing.

By Jake Shaw from Backyard Ballistics
by William Gurstelle

HUMMINGBIRDS

Hummingbirds are really neat. They are small and fast. They sound like a bee. One kind can sit on a man's fingertip! Their eggs are the size of small jelly beans.



Written by bird enthusiast Samantha Morgan, age 6



Created by Sage Gilleland, age 9

WEEDS? WHAT WEEDS?

Last month, I wrote an article about Plantains, those 'weeds' that seem to grow just about everywhere. This plant is actually extremely useful, and the response from the article was fantastic. I have decided to include an article each month about the everyday uses for the plants growing in your yard. Feel free to make suggestions or ask questions. Also, if anyone is interested in writing this article each month, I am glad to hand the reins over to you.

This month I have chosen to write about Dandelions. I know that thousands of dollars are spent every day as people try to eradicate this 'weed' from their front lawns. Dandelions have a multitude of uses.



This plant is extremely easy to identify, especially while flowering. However, don't eat it unless you confirm its identity with someone qualified.

Every part of the Dandelion is edible and it has many medicinal qualities, but some uses depend on the season. Again, be sure to research before using!

Here is a brief list of the uses for dandelions:

- The young leaves, gathered before the flowers appear, can be added to salads or boiled for 5-10 minutes

-The young flower buds can be pickled, or boiled for several minutes and served with butter

- The flowers are edible either raw, or can be dipped in batter and fried

-Bake the roots slowly until brown and brittle, grind, and perk like traditional coffee to make a coffee-like beverage

- The root can also be steeped as a tea



Medicinal qualities:

- The leaves and flowers are rich in vitamins A and C
- Fresh root tea traditionally used for liver, gall bladder, kidney, and bladder ailments
- Used as a tonic for weak or impaired digestion
- An infusion of the root encourages the steady elimination of toxins from the body
- It is a powerful diuretic but does not deplete the body of potassium like many diuretics
- Applied externally the fresh juice will fight bacteria and help heal wounds. The plant has an antibacterial action, inhibiting the growth of Staphococcus aureus, pneumococci, meningococci, Bacillus dysenteriae, B. typhi, C. diphtheriae, proteus
- The latex contained in the plant sap can be used to remove corns and warts

The list is extensive, so I am including several references for you to consult. Most of the information provided above is from the Peterson Guides listed below.

The Peterson Guides are fantastic, particularly [Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants](#) and [Edible Wild Plants](#)
<http://altnature.com/gallery/>
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Image Links:

<http://koti.mbnet.fi/-kakoskin/photos6.html>
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Think twice before you pull that weed! You may be throwing away a medicine chest's worth of resources. *Please consult your physician before making any medical or dietary decisions.*

Written by Plant Enthusiast, Vered Kleinberger



Drawn by
Sage
Gilleland,
age 9

WHY DO WHIPS MAKE A CRACKING SOUND WHEN SNAPPED?

Whips can attain a speed of more than seven hundred miles per hour when snapped, breaking the sound barrier. What you are hearing is a mini sonic boom.

Feldman, David. Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise? and other Imponderables. Perennial Library, 1988. page 42.



Artist: Harrison Verhine, age 8

GIRLS ONLY

Barabay elementary school stood tall Monday morning. At the same time, young Bobby Richens, and his brother Cody were eves dropping out side the girl’s bathroom. They listened to Pansy Otter and her friends Lisa Gamoe, and Sarah Kindle chat. “Do you girls have the videos?” asked Pansy. “Yes, here is the one of Jimmy Fisher,” answered Lisa. “And the one on Bobby Richens,” and Sarah. Both girls handed Pansy the videos. “Good job,” said Pansy. “Bring the rest of the goods to my house tonight for the sleep over. See you then,” pansy finished and they parted.

The rest of the Bobby’s and Cody’s day was uneasy. They were keeping a close eye on those three girls. The bell rang and school was over. Bobby and Cody went home and did the usual home work, TV, sleep schedule, but instead of sleeping, the boys snuck out and went over to Pansy’s. Of course the boys came prepared, rope, masks, and video cameras. They both climbed on the garbage can to see through pansy’s window. There through the window they saw the girls sorting through, what looked like, videos, photos, voice records, journals, and

homework assignments and all were of boys and all had embarrassing labels on them. The boys jumped down from the cans. “Ok here is the plan. In about 10 minutes the girls and Pansy’s parents are going out to see a movie, that’s when we sneak and destroy the blackmail,” instructed Bobby. “Got it,” answered Cody. Then the girls left for the movies as planned, but pansy forgot to close the window the boys were looking through. “Ok lets do it,” said Bobby, and they climbed down through the window. Bobby grabbed the cardboard box that held the boy blackmail. “Ok got it lets go,” said Bobby. “Can we take this picture of John Handstrum?” asked Cody. “Sure. Why not we can blackmail Pansy with that,” answered Bobby. The boys got the goods and hurried out the window and back home to

burn the evidence. Later the girls arrived home. Pansy looked at her video camera she had hanging from her door inside her room. “Look girls there were boys in our room,” said Pansy happily.



The others giggle. “Most boys are sooooooooooooo stupid that they never thought to look and see what is in the box they got. Only papers, and blank tapes,” laughed Pansy as she reached under her bed. “I knew those boys were watching us the whole time. So I pretend that box were looking threw was “the box”,” explained Pansy as she pulled out from under her bed a little silver box. She put the box in front of her and kicked it. As it reached the center of the room it got bigger. Once it reached the center, the girls open it and started laughing at all the hilarious blackmail for boys in their box, and I bet you can image the look an Bobby’s and Cody’s face when the found what was not in the box.

Written by Abbie Jones

CATS ARE COOL!

Cats, cats, I love cats. They're so fluffy, so stuffy, so wuffy and cute. They make me smile. Cats are so calm and quiet. They're never loud. They don't make a sound and that's why I like cats!

Written by Feline Lover, Maggie Jones, age 8

RODEO ACTIVITIES

Kids can participate in rodeo. Participating looks hard because you have to decide if you want to rodeo, then prepare for barrel racing and bull riding. I would like to do barrel racing.

There are a lot of reasons kids start to rodeo. Some kids grow up around the rodeo because someone in their family rodeoed. One of the kids I talked to his dad rode bulls and his grandmother rode saddlebronc. Another boy just tried it and he liked it.

You have to prepare a long time for bull riding. They watch tapes of good rides so they can see how good rides are so if they mess up they know what they did wrong. They also ride a buckin' barrel to practice. They have to get their gear ready and make sure nothing is broken. They have to warm up their bull rope rosin. You have to loosen up and stretch. Then you have to get your mind ready and think about what you have to do.

You also have to prepare for barrel racing. If you don't know what barrel racing is, it is riding your horse and grabbing flags out of the barrels. Whoever does the fastest wins. It's a female event. You have to warm up really good and think about how you want your run to go.

Kids can participate in many different events in rodeo. They can do barrel racing, bull riding, saddlebronc, or many other events. It would be cool to be in the rodeo.

Reported by Ayla Bartlett



Artist: Sam Ingram, age 8

**HOMESCHOOL EXCURSIONS
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Our Fall calendar is still being developed. Continue checking our website or join our e-mail list for updates.

September 14	First day of Homeschool Excursions Enrichment Program in Acworth
September 15	Monthly climbing day at Adrenaline Climbing Gym in Suwanee (third Thursday of each month)
September 19 October 4-8	Funk Heritage Center in Canton Falling Leaves Rendezvous near Asheville, hosted by Earth Skills
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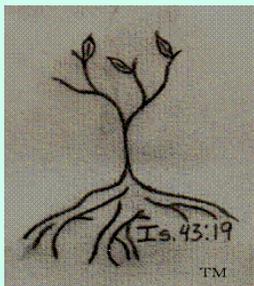
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Many families have asked if their homeschoolers can submit contributions even if they can't attend the planning meetings in Pickens County. Of course they can! You are welcome to e-mail or snail mail their creative contributions to Homeschool Excursions.

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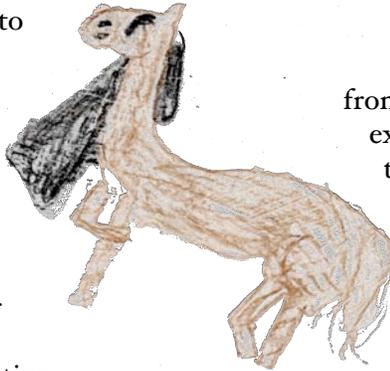
The September Issue

We hope you enjoy the September issue of the Homeschool Herald!

The homeschoolers have worked hard to bring you this exciting publication, including articles, stories, recipes, and more.

We are looking for articles, stories, or other creative creations about what you did this summer. Also, send us any drawings you have made that show how you spent your summer vacation. Share with us your

exciting adventures, even if you never left your backyard.



I am sure that many of you have photos from your summer experiences. We want those too! Send us your funniest summer photo, and we may even have a contest to decide which pics are the funniest.

But today, the creative minds who created this issue want you to enjoy this issue!

What's Inside?

Yummy Recipes

Learn how to make butternut squash soup, a recipe from the time of Ben Franklin. Oh, and there's an article in here about him too!

Weeds? What weeds?

Dandelions are everywhere! Don't spray them - use them! Read how...

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

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

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