

May 2008

## Rock Valley Homeschool Newsletter

*RVHSG is a grassroots group opened to all homeschool families. Our purpose is to provide homeschooling kids with educational and wholesome social interaction, and to provide homeschooling families the opportunity to connect and share ideas, information, and give each other encouragement. All educational and religious philosophies are welcomed and respected. The direction of our group is determined by the active participation of our members.*

**4H FAIR!!!!!!** You can participate in the 4H Fair! You do not need to be in 4H to make an entry in the educational department of the 4H Fair. Any item you create for school is eligible (artwork, science projects, poems, stories, math projects you name it!). There is a category to fit you project. Our wonderful Kathy has posted on <http://www.rvhsg.rockriverconsulting.com/> the rules and entry categories.

Entries are judged with others in your grade and category. Ribbons and trophies are given to the winners. Each child K-8th may enter up to 3 projects. All entries receive a ribbon and a monetary reward which increases with awards. Yes, you are paid to enter!

This is a great incentive for the kids (and parents). It's great to see the kids projects displayed in the booth at the fair and who doesn't like a check in their mailbox? So save your projects from this year or start planning some to enter in the 4H Fair.

**Entry forms are due May 2**, but projects are not due till the first week of July. I will have both entry forms and category lists on my front porch in case you can't get hold of me.

Questions? Entry forms? Ideas? Help!

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## **PIZZA HUT BOOKIT! PROGRAM:**

Effective Feb, 14, 2008 BOOK IT! enrollment for home-schoolers with students in grades k-6 will be accepted on a individual basis only. You have until June 13, 2008 to enroll your children in next years school program. Please go to [Bookitfamilies.com](http://Bookitfamilies.com) to enroll or call 1-800-426-6548.

## **May 4, 2008- Grass is Greener Farm-Community OPEN HOUSE, Rain or Shine**

On **Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 10am-3pm**. Come visit an organic farm in Monroe, WI ! Hunt Morel mushrooms in woods, collect eggs, pet farm animals, plant potatoes(between 12-1pm only) or just sit and visit, food and drinks provided. Kids and dogs welcome, dress for farm conditions and weather. Learn where your food comes from and meet like minded people. Grass is Greener operates stands at Dane County and Beloit's Farmers Market. They will also be opening an organic grocery store downtown Beloit hopefully in May.

**Directions:** from Janesville take Hwy 11 towards Monroe( from Beloit) take Hwy 81 west to Hwy 11. turn left and follow Hwy 81/11 through Monroe. About one mile outside Monroe, you will see a sign for Smock Valley Road, turn right, travel north for 8.5 miles. Follow this hilly, curvey road to the T intersection, turn right at T, and about another 7.5 miles will be a BIG hill and a crossroads sign, beyond the crossroads of Cadiz Springs and Smock Valley, Grass is Greener is the first mailbox on left. W8473 Smock Valley, Monroe. Hint, cell phones don't work well in this area. Travel time roughly, one hour from Beloit or Janesville.

**RSVP directly to farm: 608-966-1128 [giggardens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giggardens@sbcglobal.net)**  
[www.grassisgreenergardens.com](http://www.grassisgreenergardens.com)

Laura Cullen and kids will be there getting to know another one of our local farmers. This is rain or shine activity. **Questions? email Laura Cullen at [earthmomma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earthmomma@sbcglobal.net) or call 608-365-1654.**

## **May 7 - Green Meadows Petting Farm Trip**

Mark your calendars: May 7 **Time: 10 - 1 ish.**

We will meet there at 10 a.m. The tour will start right at 10 and go until about 11:30. Then, we will break for lunch.

They do have concessions available, but you are more than willing to bring a

sack lunch or picnic for your family.

After lunch, you will have more time to look around, interact and play. I was told that was a good amount of time for everything.

**The price is \$8.75 per person. Children under 2 are free.** Please pay me, as they would rather just have one lump payment. You can send checks to me:

**Naomi Orlovsky**

**3726 N. Leith Rd.**

**Janesville, WI 53548**

and I will email you that I got your check and mark you as paid.

Don't forget your Cameras!

**Directions are found on their website:**

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(<http://www.greenmeadowsfarmwi.com/>)

Also, if you didn't let me know, but would still like to come that's fine, just let me know and mail me a check.

**Questions: contact Naomi Orlovsky [orlov@ticon.net](mailto:orlov@ticon.net) or 741-9796**

### **May 9 - Skateland Home School Roller Skate**

Skateland Home School Roller Skate is the second Friday of each month (Nov.-Apr.), from 1:00-3:00 pm. Skateland is located at 4843 Stenstrom Rd, Rockford, IL. The cost is just \$2.50 admission, and \$1.50 for regular skate rentals, or \$3 to rent speed/inline skates. For more information, website: [www.SkatelandROCKS.com](http://www.SkatelandROCKS.com), or call (815)874-6500.

### **May 15 - Homeschool Ice Skating**

**Location: Janesville Ice Arena, 821 Beloit Ave., Janesville**

**Time: Thursday, May 15 from 1:00 - 3:00**

**Cost: \$3.00/person or a maximum of \$12.00/family**

**Contact person: Patty Keller, 757-1485**

The Ice Arena is willing to open up the rink for us on the **3rd Thursday of each month from 1 - 3 PM**. The Arena is not normally open to skaters on

Thursday afternoons. Since there are other homeschool activities (QUEST, YMCA, Karate,...) scheduled during their normal public skate hours on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, they were willing to let us try Thursdays. Please share this information with your friends, even if they are not in the RVHSG, so the homeschooling community can have some fun together.

### **May 22- Whole Foods Market-Organic Grocer in Madison**

On Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 11:00am join us for a look at how the organic side shops on a tour of the nations largest retailer of natural and organic foods. One hour tour includes food samples and handouts. **No cost, please RSVP by May 12 with number of family members and ages over 1 yr.** Babies welcome but not counted for food samples. A food waiver form regarding food allergies will need to be signed prior to tour. After tour, eat or shop in the store. Directions, Take I-90 north to Hwy 12/18 west to S. Midvale Blvd(also Dodgeville exit) go north or right to University Ave, turn right on University a few blocks to Whole Foods on right. This is a nice route to avoid downtown college traffic and quick too. Travel time from Beloit, 45-55 minutes, Janesville 35-45 minutes. We will meet in lobby at 10:45am to sign waiver. Don't forget to **RSVP to Laura Cullen by phone 365-1654 or email [earthmomma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earthmomma@sbcglobal.net).**

### **May 23- End of Year Potluck Picnic and RVHS Meeting**

Peace Park Pavilion - Rockport Park 2801 Rockport Rd, Janesville. **Time: Meet at 11:45 am.** For food set up. **12:00 Lunch**

Please bring a dish to pass along with drinks and table service for your own family. We will meet in the pavilion. Kids can play in the Peace Park playground.

**1:00 pm RVHS Year End Meeting** This is the time to discuss any changes or ideas you may have for the group, and for the group to make decisions on them. If you can't make it to the meeting but have some ideas, please email or call me with them and they'll be presented to the group. Questions: contact Liz [music4utoo@charter.net](mailto:music4utoo@charter.net) or 563-0327

Dear RVHSer's,

Thanks to all of you for the wonderful activities! If you have an activity that didn't make into the newsletter you can always post it on the Yahoo group. If you had intended to plan a field trip or outing for this school year- it is now or never. June will be the last newsletter of this school year, so if you'd like to organize an activity, please write up the description and all the details for your activity and send it to me for the newsletter by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!

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