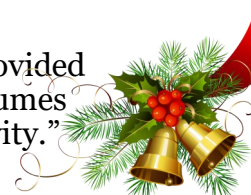




T.E.A.C.H. Telegraph

TOTAL EDUCATION ABIDING IN CHRISTIAN HOMES
Proverbs 22:6

“The following activities and opportunities are provided as a service to our members... Each member assumes responsibility for their involvement in any activity.”



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November/December 2018

Blacksmith Field Trip December 1, 2018

10:00 am

Todd and Suzan Svec's Farm
11075 Wilson Rd
Buckley, MI



Dave McConnell is a blacksmith from the Kalkaska area and owner of Northwoods Forge.

We hope you all will join us as we head out to Todd and Suzan Svec's place where Mr. McConnell will bring one of his furnaces and share a bit of his knowledge and love for this fascinating skill. Just last year he competed on the History Channel's "Forged in Fire." If you are unfamiliar with this show, it is the competition for blacksmiths who are judged on a variety of levels, including skill, accuracy, technique, and knowledge. Dave McConnell earned 2nd place in his competition.

Dads, we hope you are intrigued and will want to join us so we scheduled this for a Saturday morning. There is a **\$10 per family** cost to cover Mr. McConnell's time and expenses as he shares with us. Moms—you will love this, too! (T.E.A.C.H. members are welcome to bring grandchildren as well) Teresa suggests bringing lawn chairs.

Sign up on the T.E.A.C.H. website.



Contact: Teresa Foust: 231- 668-1117 or Suzan Svec: 231-883-9225 if you have any questions.

The **Uniting The States Fair**

Are your students ready to get started on their research for their favorite state or a state they would love to travel to?

Come join other T.E.A.C.H. students (of all ages) as we travel from one corner of our nation to another during the Uniting the States Fair being held Saturday, January 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Location: Traverse City Christian Church on 748 E State St., T.C.

The Uniting the States Fair is similar to a Science Fair except the student researches a state in the USA instead of a science experiment or science information. The students (K – 12th grade) can be as creative and detailed as they wish. Ideally, the student would choose a state to research and then create a display representing that state. Some ideas to include may be a costume (preferably worn), samples of a favorite food from that state, information about famous people there, special places to visit, festivals and events, some history about that state, populations, geography, climate, industry, etc. The Uniting the States Fair is an event that is full of learning opportunities. In the past, parents have made comments about how much their children have learned from their research and planning for this event, without it seeming like school work. Each student will have a table assigned to them for their display which allows guests to travel around America to enjoy a sampling of the many foods, drinks, and cultures plus ask the students questions about their displays. We encourage each student to stay at their station to greet guests and discuss their research and displays. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to travel from shore to shore with you. What a fun way to fellowship with other home school families and get to taste some diverse flavors in the process. (Tell us if your display needs to be near an electric outlet.) Sign-up on the TEACH website with name and state choice by 1/12/19.

Contact Cheryl Susan: (231)263-7702 or willcher@centurylink.net for more details. If you are willing to help with set up, decorating, clean up, etc. we are looking for a few people to help.

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TEACH BOARD MEETINGS: CHECK THE T.E.A.C.H. WEBSITE'S CALENDAR FOR DATES, TIME AND LOCATION.

ALL T.E.A.C.H. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

T.E.A.C.H.
2018
**Christmas
Concert**
Friday, November 30
7:00-8:30 PM
West Side Community Church
4975 E Traverse Hwy, Traverse City
At Door:
\$5 Individual, \$3 Students, \$20 Household
Directed by Thomas Stokes & Amy Belanger
Questions? finearts@teachtc.org



Britten Banner Field Trip

There will be a field trip to Britten Banner, 2322 Cass Rd., TC, Monday, December 10th, 2018 for students 7th grade – 12th grade. Britten Banner creates signage, banners, tents, decals and other displays for companies all over the country. This company makes many of the banners for NASCAR races, sports teams and other events. Come tour their TC location and see how they make some of their products. If you think that you might be interested in a job in this field, this would be a great opportunity to check it out!

Sign up on the T.E.A.C.H. website or by contacting Teresa Foust—668-1117 or rootsandwings86@gmail.com

Heritage Broadcasting—9 & 10 News Tour in Cadillac

Would your students like to learn about media, news broadcasting and meteorology? Come to one of the Heritage Broadcasting field trips for T.E.A.C.H. students! The first trip is on Monday, December 17th, 2018. This date is for students 7th grade and up.

A second field trip for students 6th grade and younger will be Monday, January 14th, 2019.

Both events are from 11:00am—12:45pm

11:00 am	Tour arrives
11:15 am	Begin walking tour of the full building
12:00 pm	Watch Noon News live in the studio
12:30 pm	Meet and greet with anchor and meteorologist
12:45 pm	Thanks for stopping by!!



We will explore more on media, creative services and meteorology. The tour touches base on a little bit of everything and how the news gets to be on air and ready for the great people of Northern Michigan!

Guests should enter the station from the main entrance (On the north side of the white marble building) and all vehicles should be parked in the upper parking lot. Buses are more than welcome to drop off visitors at the front door, then park.

Cell phones are allowed and there is no problem with taking pictures during the tour with the exception of live news. All phones must be shut off or on vibrate during live newscasts (typically from 12 to 12:30 PM): phones cannot be used for photos or recording while on-air.

Walking tours cover most of the 22,000 square foot headquarters during the tour so make sure to wear comfortable shoes. The elevator and seating are available to accommodate guests with limited mobility.

Address:

9&10 News

1 Broadcast Way (Older navigation systems may default to the former street name: 1 Madison Ave), Cadillac, MI 49601

To sign up for this field trip go to the T.E.A.C.H. website and select Calendar. Click on the link on the calendar and it will lead you to the sign up page.

Cherryland Electric Cooperative Field Trip

This event is for students 6th grade to 12th grade

Location: Cherryland Electric Cooperative, 5930 US-31, Grawn, MI 49637

Date: Monday, January 14

Time: 9:00am—10:00am

Please park in the visitor parking but leave the two spots closest to our main entrance open for Cherryland members. You will enter our building through a side door just off our main lobby. As you approach the main doors, you will see directional signage directing you to the side entrance. Once you enter the side doors, head downstairs to our training room.

In our presentation, we plan to cover:

1. General information about Cherryland (including about our power supply portfolio and different ways of generating electricity)
2. Job opportunities in energy and pathway to those jobs]
3. How to stay safe around electric lines

If weather permits, we will also go outside and do some demonstrations in our training yard.

Sign up on the T.E.A.C.H. website or contact Teresa Foust—231-668-1117 or rootsandwings86@gmail.com if you have any questions.



UPCOMING T.E.A.C.H. FIELD TRIPS

Teresa Foust has been busy working on details to organize some excellent field trip opportunities and family events for upcoming months. Some of the options you will want to tuck away for future activities are:

*Field trip to Trantech Automation (Lots of Robots!) Monday, Jan 28th (For students 7th grade and older). Check Website for info

*Ice Skating Trail at the Muskegon Sports Complex (Date TBD)



*A field trip to the Post Office Distribution Center on Garfield Road (Date TBD)

*Castle Farms in Charlevoix—Late spring event



*Inland Seas—Manitou teaching ship field trip— Tuesday, May 21st

*Canopy Walk/Dow Gardens in Midland—May or June

Please watch for more information on the email updates or website.

Email Updates From Website

Are you seeing daily or weekly posts in your e-mail In Box that come from our teachtc.org site? It has been reported that some members are unaware of important information regarding upcoming events, meetings or items for sale.

Leadership asks that each member please double check your “settings” on your website info to make sure that you have it set to receive notifications for these posts so you are getting up to date reminders and news through the group. Thank you.



Box Tops for Education

T.E.A.C.H. participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The monies earned from this program are used for the Haberlein Scholarship Fund that is presented to a graduating senior at graduation.

Neatly trimmed Box Tops can be turned in at anytime. However, October and February are the best months to turn them in since they are all mailed in at the end of those two months.

Box Tops will be collected three ways:

1. Children's Preservation Library (1020 Hastings, Suite 103, Traverse City, MI 49686)

2. CLASS Day (held at Church of the Living God on Mondays)

3. Mailed to: T.E.A.C.H., PO Box 1226, Traverse City, MI 49685

Visit www.boxtops4education.com to learn more about this program and view a full list of the products that carry Box Tops on them. In additions, you can learn about other ways to contribute to earnings through this program. T.E.A.C.H. earns bonuses for each new family that signs up for their Free Membership.

Contact Amie Mleko for more info.



“Hidden Figures” T.E.A.C.H. Family Movie Event

We will be going to the State Theater in Traverse City to view the movie "Hidden Figures" (rated PG).

February 5, 2019 – 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM

The **State Theater**, 233 E Front St, Traverse City

This is a **FREE event** for T.E.A.C.H. members and we will be the only group at the theater. The movie will start at 9:30am with a 2 hr 7 min. run time.

This movie is based on the true story of amazing women of color who did the calculations for getting our astronauts to the moon. Each parent will need to determine if it is age appropriate for your students.

We need a few parents who will volunteer to arrive early to help make and box the pop corn. You are encouraged to bring your own water bottles. Let's get the word out and have a great group attend this free event.

Please sign up through the website by Jan. 22 so they can be ready for us.

Call or text Teresa if you have questions at



Haberlein Scholarship Contributions

If you would like to help contribute to the Dr John Haberlein Memorial Scholarship fund, you may do so by mailing a check to the T.E.A.C.H. address or see link on main page of the website.

TEENS FOR LIFE

T.E.A.C.H. is working to start a T.E.A.C.H. Teens for Life group here in the Grand Traverse area. There is a growing number of high school students in our region who are passionate about issues pertaining to the celebration of life at all stages and ages. TC West has a new Teens For Life group that started in November of 2017 and the area Right To Life leadership would love to have a group of home schooled students, as well.

Teresa Foust said, she doesn't want this group to be just one more thing we do but a time of really becoming passionate about being pro-life for reasons that are Christ honoring - before the world bombards them with all the reasons why they should not value life.

She wants it ingrained into them so strongly that it's a part of who they are; that it's secure enough the world can't take it away!!!

If you have any level of interest in T.E.A.C.H. Teens for Life, **please contact Teresa Foust at 231-668-1117 or rootsandwings86@gmail.com.**

For more information on our area Teens for Life, go to their website <https://www.gtarl.com>.

T.E.A.C.H. LENDING LIBRARY OF SCIENCE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR T.E.A.C.H.FAMILIES

Are you studying about the earth and creation, physical science, health, human anatomy or are you doing science experiments? Do you want to know how the heart or brain works? T.E.A.C.H. owns some wonderful science equipment that can be borrowed on a lending library style format. There will be a new Home for the equipment!! **The T.E.A.C.H. science equipment will soon be moved to the Church of the Living God where families will have easier access to it at C.L.A.S.S. days.**

We have a really nice microscope (\$25 deposit/\$5 fee to use—only the microscope has a fee for use but when it's brought back in good condition, the

deposit is returned). All other supplies are free to borrow. Additional resources available to borrow include: a **stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, brain model, frog model, heart model, dissection tools, a skeleton model, beakers and test tubes, slide making supplies, shells collection, an assortment of skulls, and a rock sample collection** among other things. Please come in to check these science supplies out!

There is a two week sign out period. The supplies will soon be available for check out during the C.L.A.S.S. Day hours which are Mondays until 4:30 pm.. Currently, they are housed at the Children's Preservation Library on Hastings Street. Enjoy!



T.E.A.C.H. Microscope for loan with deposit.

PRAYER WARRIOR CORNER

If you have anything you would like the T.E.A.C.H. family to pray with you about, please let us know.

- Please keep our T.E.A.C.H Board in your prayers. Pray for wisdom and harmony among the board members and within our membership.
- Pray for those in our homeschool community you know about who are weary, discouraged or lonely. Is there a way you can reach out to help?

Apprentice/Internship opportunities

There are families in our group who have students who would love to learn skills or gain knowledge and experience through apprenticing, job shadowing or interning with T.E.A.C.H. men and women who either own their own businesses or work where there would be opportunities to do so.

Colleges have become pricey and some students don't have the desire to go this route following high school graduation.

If you would be willing to participate in an arrangement with one of our homeschool students, or participate in a homeschool job fair, would you be willing to add your name/business to a data base that other T.E.A.C.H. families could use as a resource for potential internships? If so, please contact Katie Anderson Marks and she will work to compile the information: katie@iamkm.com, and phone is 706-639-7940 (email preferred)

T.E.A.C.H. Students Highlighted

The T.E.A.C.H. Board would like to give our students the opportunity to share their writing, art work, photography, etc. in the newsletter. If you have a student who would like to be published in

the newsletter, please send your submissions to the editor, Cheryl Susan, at: willcher@centurylink.net. We will be putting together the next newsletter soon so get those submissions in asap!



I'm not telling you it
is going to be easy;
I'm telling you it is
going to be worth it!

T.E.A.C.H. Website/Directories

Did you know that the T.E.A.C.H. website includes a tab for a business directory for our homeschool families? Do you need a photographer, a personal trainer, music teachers, a builder, or homemade products and artwork? Be sure to go to the

website [Business Directory](#) first to help support our T.E.A.C.H. families.

Need to match a name to a face? Look up families on the website [Family Directory](#). [Teacht.org](#) has lots of wonderful information at your finger tips!

Paper or Email??

The Board would like to know your preference for receiving the Newsletter. Do you prefer having it in print/paper form? Do you prefer it coming to your email? Some appreciate receiving the newsletter in paper form via their mail box so that it is more convenient for everyone in the family to read it. Others don't like dealing with paper. Would you please send Cheryl a quick email at: willcher@centurylink.net to express your preference so the Board knows how to proceed?

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Our T.E.A.C.H. Directory is a very confidential resource, meant for use only within the confines of T.E.A.C.H. Activities and Membership. Please **DO NOT** use this list of names and addresses for personal business, marketing purposes or as a list for referrals. Some families do not wish to have their information passed along to others and some families choose not to have their information published at all in the T.E.A.C.H. Directory. Please respect each family's privacy and keep this information confidential.

Discount for Homeschool Legal Defense Association

T.E.A.C.H.'s group number for the \$20 discount on a **HSLDA** family membership is: **#292154**

Used Homeschool Curriculum and Books

There is a curriculum/book sale room at the Children's Preservation Library, 1020 Hastings St., Traverse City open to all, not just CPL members. The contents of the room change regularly so stop by often for the best selection. The room is open during library hours—Mondays and Thursdays

1:00-5:00pm during the school year. (Hours change for the summer.)

If you have curriculum you would wish to donate, we gladly and thankfully accept donations each day that we are open.

Newsletter sponsorship

Would you like to help sponsor the T.E.A.C.H. Newsletter?

The T.E.A.C.H. Board invites T.E.A.C.H. Member business owners to underwrite a portion or all of the newsletter expenses in exchange for free advertising in that month's newsletter. For more information, contact the editor, Cheryl Susan, at willcher@centurylink.net. (Must be a current T.E.A.C.H. member.)

TCBAA Homeschool Athletics Program



Traverse City Bulldogs Athletic Association. If you love sports and would enjoy supporting our local homeschool teams, for all age levels, girls and boys programs, you can find the schedule/information on the Bulldogs website: tcbaa.org. TCBAA has girls' and boys' soccer and basketball and girls' volleyball programs.

Children's Preservation Library

Our homeschool community is blessed to be home to the Children's Preservation Library (also known as the CPL or the "homeschool library.") Owner Michelle Howard has spent decades gathering Living Books and is willing to share them with library members. To find out more, go on line to childrenspreservationlibrary.com. If you would like to come in to see the library and chat with staff, library hours are Mondays and Thursdays 1:00 to 5:00.

T.E.A.C.H. Guidelines for Fieldtrips



One of the joys of being a part of a home schooling support group like T.E.A.C.H. is the opportunity for us to encourage and assist one another. One of the ways we do that is to share of our talents, training, skills and interests with other members. Some of you can lead or help organize special classes or field trips.

We would like to provide the following guidelines on "How to Conduct a Good Field Trip/Class." We, as individuals and families, represent Christ, T.E.A.C.H., and we also represent home education. That is why we ask you to abide by the following guidelines:

1. We must demonstrate the highest and fullest respect for the business and organization being visited. Be sure to send appropriate expressions of gratefulness to them afterwards.
2. Be sure to identify the age appropriateness in terms of content and/or safety of those in attendance.

Be sure to clarify if small children or toddlers are welcome.

3. All trips or activities should be non-sectarian, non-denominational in nature.
4. Parents must accept full responsibility for the behavior of their children at all activities. All activities are assumed to be for the parent and their children together, unless it is stated otherwise, or if the supervision issue has been clarified with those who are leading or coordinating the event."

INCH Convention

The spring INCH Convention is going to be held May 17th and 18th, 2019 at The Lansing Center – 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI.

This year, there will be some special guests—Kirk and Chelsea Cameron!

For more info and to register go to their website:

<https://www.inch.org/conference/>

Early Bird registration deadline is January 15th!

There are many workshops, activities, children's events, and curriculum vendors. Don't miss out on this incredible homeschool convention.





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Traverse City, MI 49685



The deadline for submissions for the February Newsletter is *January 20th*. There is no January newsletter because of the holidays. Email your submissions to: willcher@centurylink.net, call 231-263-7702 or mail to Cheryl Susan, 5636 Miller Rd, Buckley 49620.

Submissions are accepted from current members only. If you have any questions or problems with the newsletter, call or email me and I will be happy to assist you.