

# The Adventist Home Educator Newsletter

Encouragement for Seventh-day  
Adventist Homeschoolers

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## Summer Schedules

This school year is soon coming to an end. Many of us look forward to a bit of a break from our normal school routine. We drop the book work and give our schedules a bit of breathing room.

Some of us, however, throw our schedules to the wind. While giving ourselves a break (and saying it is for the kids), us Moms and Dads can make the mistake of letting too much go. Meals are haphazard; bedtimes are almost non-existent as we let our kids go until they drop, after all, they can sleep in the next day if they need to...and so can we. Not only do we let our schedules go, but sometimes our watchful eye is also at rest during the summer months. In come hours of video games, television and unmonitored internet use.

We allow these changes, because we need some "me" time. We figure it can't be that bad, and we will make up for it later. However, no where in the Bible does it say we need "me" time. Me time... is a bit of selfishness and if allowed to grow, we desire it even more.

Now, don't confuse "me time" with personal time with God... that isn't "me time". We need to nurture our time with God, that is not selfish.

When we took on the job of being a Mother or a Father, we understood that this was a full-time job... 24/7, right? Why is it that we want to take that teacher's break from school and also take that break from parenthood where we get a break from having to watch those little ones that God has placed into our care?

I want to encourage you to make a plan for your summer. Try not to throw out your entire schedule, just because it is summer. If you need to, readjust the schedule to a summer schedule. Remember to fit in time for devotions, for worship, for exploration (nature study is at its peak for many during summer months). Put into your days the new activities such as gardening, long hikes, camping and more. Keep your children busy with chores and summer learning activities; do not let them be at leisure for too long, for they will develop selfish tendencies as well. And remember to keep your anchors solid... meal times and bed times and rising times should be fairly regular so that the body and the mind are able to keep in peak condition.

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## Unit Study Project for May

Botany

(the study of plant life)

Submit ideas to the AHE  
email list or to our email:  
adventisthomeduca-  
tor@gmail.com

Visit our website for more  
details.

[http://  
adventisthomeducator.org/  
ahe-resources/unit-study-  
projects/](http://adventisthomeducator.org/ahe-resources/unit-study-projects/)

## Upcoming Events

May 2-6, 2011

**Ultimate Homeschool Expo**

[www.ultimatehomeschoolexpo.com](http://www.ultimatehomeschoolexpo.com)

May 16 – 20, 2011

**Schoolhouse Expo**

<http://thehomeschoolmagazine.com/>

June 29—July 3, 2011

**Restoration International  
California Family Campmeeting**

[http://www.restoration-  
international.org/article.php?id=35](http://www.restoration-international.org/article.php?id=35)

**Share with us upcoming events  
that would be of interest for other**

## Computer Art: Is this your talent?

AHE is looking for some artwork submissions to be used within the AHE framework of ministries. We don't want to pull you away from your family, so request that you use "spare time" to dabble with artwork. If your child is good with computer art, perhaps you'd like to allow them time in art class to create a logo, advertisement, a banner, etc.



Adventist Home Educators

We're looking for artwork to be used in the newsletter, the blog, the website, and publications as they are produced. We are also looking for a new updated logo.

We're open to ideas and suggestions, but don't want to leave the fate of the logo up to a random contest. Submissions for the logo would be appreciated, if you have time to work on it, but they may be used in other places within AHE if it is not exactly what we are looking for.

Black and White and color submissions are both accepted. If you would like to work on a particular project, please email us and ask where artwork may be needed within AHE. Your time and talents are appreciated!



## From the Pen of Inspiration...

"Fathers and mothers need to understand their responsibility. The world is full of snares for the feet of the young. Multitudes are attracted by a life of selfish and sensual pleasure. They cannot discern the hidden dangers or the fearful ending of the path that seems to them the way of happiness. Through the indulgence of appetite and passion, their energies are wasted, and millions are ruined for this world and for the world to come. Parents should remember that their children must encounter these temptations. Even before the birth of the child, the preparation should begin that will enable it to fight successfully the battle against evil."

Ministry of Healing, p. 371

## The Perfect Mother

I'm not the perfect mother  
Although I've tried to be,  
And since my kids are bigger now  
They heartily must agree!

Yet it wasn't always this way,  
I do remember a time  
When in their eyes I did no  
wrong,  
And wisdom was all mine!

The children are all older now  
And can quite easily see,  
That Mommy sometimes makes  
mistakes  
And perfection doesn't belong to  
me!

So why is Mother's Day so  
special?  
And why should we even bother?  
Since all the cards and gifts you  
see  
Speak of the perfect mother!

I'll tell you why this day is  
special!  
It's cause God chose me for their  
mother!  
God hand picked us one by one  
That makes us perfect for each  
other!

By Alicia P., Chili, South America  
For my mom and kids  
2011

"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."  
Luke 12:39-40

## Summer Schedules, continued...

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I look forward to summer; the change in routine is good for me and my kids. I, like many of you, need to remind myself not to let too much of a good thing... spoil the hearts of my children... and spoil my own heart as well.

My prayer for all of you is that we are attentive to the growing needs in our children (and ourselves), even during times of rest from the pressures of achievement through book study. Homeschooling is unique as we know it is a way of life. Not only with giving our children knowledge, but more importantly... keeping the real true task at hand... training our children to know and recognize their Saviour and to grow more like Him each and every day.

Happy Summer Planning!

### **Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Deuteronomy 4:10b (NKJV)**

...'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.'

## WANTED! Book and Curriculum Reviews

AHE is looking for help in offering book or curriculum reviews in the newsletter. We are wanting reviews from the point of view of a SDA homeschooler. We can't possibly read every book or look at every curriculum, so we are wanting to open this up to other homeschool parents to help review books or curriculum they have used. We may even use well-written book reports from homeschooling children.

You can contact [adventisthomeducator@gmail.com](mailto:adventisthomeducator@gmail.com) for more information. First, we will confirm the item (s) you wish to review. If accepted, we will send you a copy of the guidelines for the review. The guidelines are to help you formulate your review to cover points that are of interest to many of our readers.

The reviews will be posted in newsletters as space allows. We will not post full names of authors, but rather use first names only, or initials. We look forward to working with many of you on this new project.

### **AHE Study Board**

Education by Ellen White

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<http://aheboards.forumotion.com>



*Request to review your favorite book  
or curriculum.*

*Contact:*

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Your children can write book reviews for the newsletter to get more writing experience.



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#### **AHE Resources:**

**AHE Newsletter** You are reading it now. Short monthly articles to encourage you with homeschooling. When email lists are too much for you, a monthly newsletter can encourage you and help you feel connected among friends. The newsletter tries to present information in such a way that it is clutter free.

**AHE Website** The website is home central for all the ministries of AHE. Find information on each of the AHE ministry arms. Also, we are trying to build our information base and as time goes on, you will find more articles on the website to encourage you with your homeschooling. Check back every so often to see what is new.  
[www.adventisthomeducator.org](http://www.adventisthomeducator.org)

**AHE Curriculum Guide** Located currently on the AHE website, the Curriculum Guide is being placed on our website to help you find resources that will fit your family while we are working on the new AHE Handbook.

**AHE on Facebook...**Search for "The Adventist Home Educator" on Facebook and click "like" to connect with us there.

**AHE Blog**, *Shaping Hearts and Hands*, is a place you can find Adventist Homeschooling applied. We'll share principles and how we apply them to specific situations, so that you can learn to do the same. Plus some warm encouragement in a more homey atmosphere. [www.aheblog.org](http://www.aheblog.org)

**AHE Study Board** Our study board is open for those desiring to study a book together. Currently we are studying the book *Education* by Ellen White. <http://aheboards.forumotion.com>

#### **AHE Email Lists:**

The **AHE-List** is a place for Adventist homeschoolers to come together for friendly and informative discussion about home education from birth through high school. With an emphasis on true education, we share our ideas and experiences relating to teaching methods, learning styles, scheduling, curriculum choices and many other homeschooling topics. This is a place where we can help others along their homeschooling journey and also learn some new things ourselves. To join, send a blank email to:  
[AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-List-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE-Living...** is a friendly place for sharing encouraging words as we work together to create grace-filled, loving homes and pure hearts for the Kingdom. This is a place to visit about child rearing, home decorating, healthy cooking, health and wellness, family relationships, spiritual growth and family worships, sewing and crafts, gardening and flowers, and other topics near and dear to our hearts. This is a supplemental group affiliated with AHE; a place where we can discuss all aspects of Christian living. You will need to be a member of the AHE-list in order to join. To join, visit:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AHE-Living/>

**AHE-Swap...**if you have curriculum to purchase or to sell, here is another outlet for getting the word out. To join, send a blank email to:  
[AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHE-Swap-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**AHE Teens...**is a place for our teen children to interact with other Seventh-day Adventist homeschoolers. To join, parents need to send an email to Melissa at [onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net](mailto:onthefarminiowa@myclearwave.net) with their children's names, ages, and email addresses.

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