

# WASHLINES

Newsletter for the  
Willmar Area  
Scholars at Home, Inc.

August 2017

## W.A.S.H. Garage & Bake Sale

By Holly Clementich

Attention!! We are having a Garage & Bake Sale fundraiser **August 17 & 18!** It is the perfect way to donate those items that are no longer needed as well as support our group! The money will go to yearly expenses for our group. **Willmar Bible Church, 364 County Road 9 SE Willmar** has graciously allowed us use of their facilities. We will need items to sell, including baked goods and volunteers to help with set up, making signs (a few should be large for Hwy 12), manning the sale, and the clean up.

Please email Holly Clementich at [clement4@live.com](mailto:clement4@live.com) to volunteer in any of these areas. If you are not able to bring items to the church the day of set up, items can be dropped off at these locations prior to the 16<sup>th</sup>: *Holly's house 2822 9<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in Willmar, (off of Co. Rd. 9, south of Willmar Bible,) or at Becky Jaenisch's, 85506 340<sup>th</sup> St, Olivia.*

### Important dates:

Sale set up and drop off: **Wednesday, August 16, from 1pm – 5pm at Willmar Bible Church.**

Sale days: **Thursday, August 17 – 18, 8am- 6pm**

Please mark any special items you have ahead of time. Please bring your baked goods already priced; also bigger items, comforters, furniture, special toys, bikes etc. After the sale is finished all items left will be donated. Anything you'd rather keep you must pick up at the end of the sale.

THANK YOU! And again, please email Holly [clement4@live.com](mailto:clement4@live.com) so we'll know how many are planning to help!

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## 13th Annual WASH Bus Trip

*Minnesota State Capitol & Minnesota History Center (St. Paul.)*

By Diane Bakker

Friday, September 8, 2017

Deadline: Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Grades 3-12 and Parents

*The deadline for the  
September newsletter  
submissions is  
August 28*

(Must be at least 8 years-old by September 1, 2017. Please honor the grade requirements) *Continued on pg. 2*

***Bus Trip Continued...***

Are you ready to be one of first people to tour the newly reconstructed Minnesota State Capitol that has been returned to its original 1905 appearance? That will be our first stop of the day for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual WASH Bus Trip! We will see the different chambers where government decisions are made, the reconstruction efforts, the reception room, and the restored murals. We'll explore the capitol's history, art and architecture. It is finally open for tours after three years. However, they are still working on the Quadriga (golden horses) so there is no access to them yet. The building will be amazing!

From there, we will head to the Minnesota History Center and eat our bag lunch. We then get to participate in a cool hands-on class about logging in MN. From there, we will get to explore their amazing exhibits: Open House, Grainland (for the younger kids), THEN NOW WOW, Weather Permitting and MN Greatest Generation. There are too many things to list that you will see but here are a few:

- *Ride a Twin Cities streetcar and peek out the windows as different times and places go by.*
- *Descend underground into an Iron Range mine and drill the ore.*
- *Sit in a modern tipi and learn about Dakota history and culture through Bobby Wilson's poetry & visual art.*
- *Visit a pioneer family and imagine what life was like in an 1870s sod house.*
- *Hitch a ride on a Soo Line boxcar through Southwestern Minnesota*
- *Learn about the fur trade from the perspective of its main commodity, the beaver.*
- *See the emergency exit door from the school bus involved in the I-35W bridge collapse signed by all the children and adults aboard the bus.*
- *View classic film clips in a 1930s-style movie theater*
- *Get behind the counter of a 1930s soda fountain*
- *Watch a recreation of a World War II combat flight in a C-47 plane*
- *Join a "Rosie the Riveter" style assembly line packing ammunition shells*
- *See an M-8 armored vehicle and a 1955 Ford sedan, both produced at the St. Paul Ford plant*

Of course, there will be contests and prizes as always! If you register, I will e-mail you some possible pre-teaching suggestions to make the day more meaningful for learning as I have done in the past.

Below is a schedule for the day. However, sometimes unforeseen circumstances, like heavy traffic or unexpected problems during the day, may cause our exact return time to Willmar to be only a good guess. If you plan on being a part of this bus trip, please keep that Thursday evening flexible or if you already have something planned for that night, consider passing on this year's trip and join us next year.

**Tentative SCHEDULE: (Road construction could alter the times)**

- 8:10** Load Southwest Tours passenger coach bus (yes, it does have a restroom!) **at Kandi Mall Parking lot (SE corner behind where K-Mart used to be)**
- 8:20 Sharp – Depart for MN State Capitol**
- 10:30 Arrive at Capitol (quick snack outside and restroom break)
- 11:00 Tour of Capitol
- 11:45 Self tour around Capitol Mall memorials and statues
- 12:15 Drive to MN History Center
- 12:30 Bag lunch from home
- 1:00 MN Logging Class
- 1:50 Explore the MN History Center
- 4:00 Load bus
- 4:10 Leave for Willmar
- 6:15/6:45ish Arrive in Willmar

**Bus Trip Continued...**

<b>COST:</b>	<b><u>WASH MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>NON-WASH MEMBER</u></b>
Student (3rd-12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	\$12.00	\$18.00
Parent	\$12.00	\$18.00

\*\*FYI- WASH made a generous donation to help cover the cost of the bus. :)

The passenger coach bus holds 47 people. We will take paid-in-full reservations on a first come, first serve basis by mail. **Deadline for reservations: *Thursday, August 24th***. Send your registration in ASAP before the bus fills! In the past, the bus has often filled quickly and then a waiting list was started so don't delay! **There will be NO REFUNDS after August 24th**. No exceptions! We implemented this change a few years ago and it worked well. Please be aware of this when you register. Look for the registration form in this newsletter. You will receive your choice of e-mail or written confirmation of your reservation.

**\*\*JUST A REMINDER: A child must have a parent or actively involved grandparent, NOT an assigned friend adult or sibling, along on the trip. Thank you for your cooperation with this.**

**FAQ:**

*-Could I just drive and meet you there, especially if the bus is already full?*

No, there are size limits and we are at the max already. Plus, trying to arrive at the same time in metro traffic usually doesn't go well, especially with multiple people.

*-Is it OK for extra people, like friends or relatives in the metro, to meet us there and join the group?*

No, same reason as above. They could visit the places we are at but they will not be given the discounted prices and they will not be allowed on our tours or presentations.

*-Could an adult friend or relative (like a grandparent) come along on the bus even if they aren't a WASH member?*

Yes, although their ticket price will be higher because WASH helps lower the price for members. They certainly are welcome to join you.

*-My child isn't 8-years-old yet but may I take them?*

No, both places are already making an exception for us by allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to attend.

*-This might be a long day for my 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. Are you sure they can handle it?*

It will be a big day. If you think your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader has a good attention span, can track with topic of the tours and activities, and can deal with a bus ride at the end of the day, they are welcome aboard. You know them best. If they aren't ready for it, no matter how old they are, wait until next year... who knows where we will go then!

*-Could I send my child with someone else that is going on the bus and they will just supervise them?*

No, we changed that several years ago and things went much better when everyone was responsible for their own kids. Sometimes it worked in the past, and sometimes it didn't go so well. Lesson learned! :)

*-If I have a coupon or membership for one of the places, could I use them for this trip?*

No, neither place will accept any additional discounts with the discount we are already receiving.

**If you still have a question, give me (Diane Bakker) a call at 235-7264.**

***HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY!***

## Homeschool Reporting

*By Becky Jaenisch*

Just a friendly reminder to submit your documents to your local school district by **October 1**. A compulsory Form is due on or before that date. Go to [www.mache.org](http://www.mache.org), click on Legal and then "Annual Reporting Forms." This provides all the information we are legally asked to provide. Please use these forms instead of the State of Minnesota forms, which your school district may send you. Those forms will ask for you to provide more information than we are legally required to provide.

## W.A.S.H. Logo Contest!

By Diane Walter

We are looking for a logo for the Willmar Area Scholar at Home organization! Get your creativity juices flowing and design a logo for our group. Our newsletter is called Washlines. We will be using the logo on our envelopes and newsletter. A prize will be awarded to the winner of this contest! Deadline is **October 15th**. Please submit your entry to Diane at [dsto@rocketmail.com](mailto:dsto@rocketmail.com).

## Membership Forms Included

By Becky Jaenisch

The new school year is right around the corner!! Enclosed with this newsletter are membership forms for the 2017-18 academic year. Please fill out the form and enclose a \$30 membership fee; the mailing address in on the form. Make checks out to WASH – Willmar Area Scholars at Home and return by **AUGUST 15**. If you plan to go on the bus trip please get both forms in ASAP. Please include a **photo of your family** to include in the directory or send it to [info@washlines.org](mailto:info@washlines.org). Your membership entitles you to monthly newsletters, email updates, field trip discounts, membership directory, membership card and monthly activities. If you know of someone else homeschooling, please feel free to make copies of the membership forms and pass them along.

## Label Fundraiser

By Cindy Roberg

I hope everyone is having a great summer break and also remembering to clip labels! I'm looking forward to receiving heaps of labels this year from our families! This is a *simple* way to help fund WASH activities. Always keep your labels clean and dry. If labels are sticky they will ruin other labels in a bag. We don't want to throw away any labels! Contact me at [robergfamily6@gmail.com](mailto:robergfamily6@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Campbells has ended their program, but we still participate in the following programs:



1. **Box Tops.** Please note, Box Tops will not accept expired labels. Also, please be sure to clip carefully - the expiration date AND the entire code in the upper left or right-hand corner must be visible.
2. **Loaves 4 Learning.** This includes ALL **Country Hearth** and **Village Hearth** UPCs. Some of the UPCs are labeled as Loaves 4 Learning, but others are not. All are accepted. These labels are flimsy to cut, however, it works much better with good, sharp scissors. Don't try to rip them off the bag.
3. **Food Club Labels for Learning.** This is not a label or UPC to look for, but rather the bottom section of your receipts from Cash Wise and Coborns. Always cut off the bottom portion of your receipt right away and keep with your label stash. These labels do not expire, and I submit them every year in June.

You may hand in labels anytime - just bring them along to a WASH event. Thank you!

## SMILE.AMAZON.COM Fundraising

*By Holly Clementich*

Amazon has an easy way to support charities through buying on the website, donating a percentage of each item purchased. Our WASH group is listed as a charity organization in Amazon, and it's an easy way for us to support our group just through our purchases. WASH generated \$19.73 last quarter, but that was only from one person's [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) account!

It's easy to do, but it's necessary to have **Willmar Area Scholars At Home Wash**

Location: Brooten, MN selected as your charity in your Amazon account. It only gives to WASH when you are on the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) site. You can also bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), or every time you go to Amazon to order type in "smile" first into the browser. You can remember because every time you think of the WASH group you "SMILE!" This is one of the easiest ways to help WASH fundraise, without costing any of us time or money!

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## YMCA Homeschool PhyEd

*By Becky Jaenisch*

The YMCA offers an opportunity for physical education in a fun, safe and cost-efficient setting. The program is developed for students in two age groups. As participants you will register for either K-3rd or 4th-7th grade sessions. This program will develop participants' teamwork abilities, peer interaction, motor skills and coordination. The program fee is \$5 per participant. Class will be the second Friday of each month. **The WASH bus trip will be September 8 (which is the second Friday of the month) so the YMCA will do PhyEd September 15 instead.** Ensure all sessions take place as scheduled by registering in advance. Registration deadline is the Wednesday preceding the scheduled class. The 4th-7th grade classes will be 8:15-9:15 a.m. and the K-3rd class will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Depending how many kids come in September they may decide to change for the rest of the year to one class of all ages at 9:30-10:30.** Please dress children appropriately for the scheduled activity. Report directly to the gym and be ready for some fun! **September 15 will be Football.**

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## Guitar Lessons

*By Rachel Wordes*

Do you have a child or know of anyone interested in learning guitar this upcoming school year? My name is Rachel Wordes, and I am a homeschooled senior and a member of WASH. I have been playing guitar for several years and this will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of giving lessons. I charge \$10 per 30 minute lesson once a week out of my home in Renville. Being homeschooled, I have a generally flexible schedule and am willing to fit individual needs. If you have questions or are interested in giving lessons a try, my email is [rachel@eandcgraphics.com](mailto:rachel@eandcgraphics.com) otherwise you may text or call 320-905-2879.



## “Mom, We Had Fun Last Year!!”

*By Becky Jaenisch*

We had a great year with WASH last year! Here is what we did: On September 8, a bus trip to **Landmark Center, Shubert Club Museum, Wood Turner Gallery** and volunteering at **Feed My Starving Children**. Then September 19 we had **Christmas in September Party/Operation Christmas Child** and packed shoe boxes on October 24. **Kandiyohi County Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Facility** tour was October 11. **Fall Gathering** at the Geers’ home was October 15. We **packed shoe boxes** First Covenant Church for Operation Christmas Child November 14. The **Passport and Ambassador Clubs** went to India on November 4 and 18. December 14 was the **Christmas Party Westview Village. Kandiyohi Power Cooperative** tour happened on January 4. Willmar **Pizza Ranch fundraiser** was January 23. January 28 we enjoyed the **social and dance** at the Geers’ home. Tracks USA tour was February 16. **Family Game Night** was great on March 17. **Rubber band car racing Science Fair** was enjoyed April 6. April 12 was the **New London Fish Hatchery** tour. **YMCA Phy Ed** happened monthly. May 4 was the bus trip to the **Festival of Nations**.

## Welcome Holly Clementich!

*By Becky Jaenisch*

WASH sends a warm welcome to Holly Clementich as she joins the WASH Board. We are blessed to have you and may the Lord bless you for your labors. Thank you.

## Newsletter Submission Policy

WASH exists to be a support to home educating families in the Willmar area and one way we do that is through our monthly newsletter. The policy that we have adopted as what is published in the newsletter is:

*The WASH Board of Directors reserves the right to publish or not publish any information they deem best. When an article is considered for publication, the board will take into consideration the WASH calendar, WASH's liability for any event, and the article's benefit to the homeschooling community. If you would like to have an article published, please e-mail your articles to [info@washlines.org](mailto:info@washlines.org). The board will look over your article, publish it if appropriate, call you with further questions, or let you know that the article can not be published and the reason why. If you have any questions on this policy, please contact a member of the board.*

### Calendar of Events

- Membership Forms due . . . . . August 15
- WASH Sale Set up & Drop off. . . . . August 16
- WASH Garage and Bake Sale. . . . . August 17 & 18
- Bus Trip Deadline . . . . . August 24
- WASH Bus Trip . . . . . September 8
- YMCA PhyEd . . . . . September 15
- Homeschool Reporting Due . . . . . October 1
- WASH Logo Contest Deadline. . . . . October 15

### WASH Board

Feel free to contact a member of the WASH board with any questions or comments! You can also send an e-mail to [info@washlines.org](mailto:info@washlines.org)

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