

The Willow Grove

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Willow Home Ed

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Principal's Message

The entire Willow Home Ed staff were delighted to come together at the Inspired Conference in mid-September. The opportunity to spend this time together as a staff was very enjoyable, but an added bonus was the fact that we were able to meet with so many members of the Willow Home Ed community. It was obvious that our parents are truly invested in their children's education, and they were actively pursuing lifelong learning. This sense of community that our members feel is the result of reaching out to each other with questions, advice, and the sharing of their families' education journey. I want to thank our families for the way they help each other, and how they are building that sense of community.

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

"It's home education, your child's way."



UPCOMING DATES

EDMONTON-AREA

Oct 3 11-3pm Citadel Matinee: The Once

Oct 26 1-4pm Field Trip Friday: Swimming at Clareview pool 3804 139 Ave NW

CALGARY -AREA

Oct. 17 1:00-3:00 Swimming at Westside Rec Centre

Oct 23 1pm-2:30pm photos at Third Academy

Oct 23 12-2pm - Knife Skills & Fire building at Kaykima Wilderness Camps

Oct 24 10am Storybook Theatre's Goosebumps - musical

Nov 16 10-11am. photo retakes

FIND US ONLINE!

Visit our website for information on registering with Willow Home Ed, resource claims, program plans, high school information, upcoming activities, and past newsletters. <http://willowhome.ca>

Friends of Willow Home Ed Facebook group

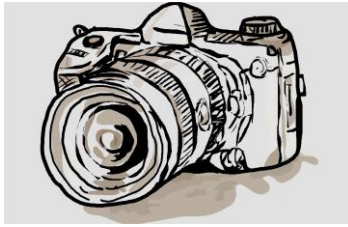
A place for families and friends of Willow Home Ed to get to know each other, plan activities, and share their experiences. Our home education managers are active on the Facebook group providing information on activities and events of interest, ideas for resources, and answering any questions you may have. Please join in the conversation

at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfWillowHomeEd/>

Willow Home Ed Facebook page 'Like'

our page to receive general announcements from Willow Home Ed.

<https://www.facebook.com/WillowHomeEd/>



PHOTOS ANYONE?

Third Academy is offering our students the chance to have photos taken on the dates below. ID cards are available as well.

Tuesday October 23 1pm-2:30pm If you are interested in having photos taken of your children (or family), please let Joe Smith know at josmith@willowhome.ca if you are planning to attend and which children are coming to have their photo taken.

Friday November 16 10-11am. Retakes. Again they will need to let us know they are coming.

EDMONTON "FIELD TRIP FRIDAY"

We will be swimming at Clareview pool - 3804 139 Ave NW this month. Our HEM Karen Whitehead will be there from 1-4 pm. Please contact her at kwhitehead@willow.ca if you have any questions.

CALGARY WORKSHOPS AND FIELD TRIPS

SWIMMING AT WESTSIDE REC CENTRE

Join us at the Westside Rec Centre! A fun outing for all ages **Oct. 17 1:00-3:00**.

This indoor pool features a wave pool, lap pool, lazy river, waterslide, hot tub, and steam room. According to their website, 4 lanes will be open in the lap pool, waves will be turned on and the lazy river and waterslide will be open. Please see our Friends of Willow Facebook page or contact our HEM Ann-Marie Sparks at asparks@willowhome.ca for more information

KAYKIMA WILDERNESS CAMPS

We are pleased to be participating in some outdoor education workshops for Home Education families with Kaykima Wilderness Camps. These workshops will be geared toward students in grades K-5, are highly engaging, hands-on learning opportunities for learners of all levels of experience in the outdoors from newbie to expert. One Willow Home Ed student, age 8, had this to say about a past workshop: "I thought it was really cool learning about how Indigenous people would talk to the trees to know if the tree was ok with being cut down or not." Another student, age 5, said "You have to sit knees together when using the knife so you don't cut the triangle of death!"

The workshops will run rain (or snow!) or shine at Bragg Creek Provincial Park at a cost of \$15/participant (cash or EMT directly to Rob Ross the instructor on the date of the workshop). Please email our HEM Carmen Beck at cbeck@willowhome.ca if you would like to participate!

Oct 23 12-2pm - Knife Skills & Fire building

Nov 7 12-2pm - Shelter Building

Dec 3 12-2pm: Winter First Aid or Lean-to Shelters (depending on snow conditions)

More dates coming soon!



A young camper enjoying Kaykima Wilderness Camp

GROUP TICKETS IN CALGARY - STORYBOOK THEATRE AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

We have organized group tickets to several shows for the 2018-19 year. For tickets, please contact our HEM Risa Kawchuk at rkawchuk@willowhome.ca. Your student's ticket(s) are eligible for reimbursement from your homeschool funding. Receipts will be provided. Here are the shows and available tickets at this time:

Wed Oct 24 10am Storybook Theatre's *Goosebumps - musical*. Rated G, recommended for ages 6+, at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. **4 tickets available**, \$16.80/each.

Mon Nov 5 10:15am National Geographic Live's *Social by Nature*. **SOLD OUT**.

Wed Nov 14 10am Storybook Theatre's *A Boys Own Jedi Handbook - play*. Rated G, recommended for ages 10+ at Vertigo Theatre. 11 tickets available, \$16.80/each.

Fri Dec 14 10am Storybook Theatre's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas - musical*. Rated G, recommended for ages 6+ at Vertigo Theatre. **SOLD OUT**.

Mon Jan 28 10:15am National Geographic Live's *Search for Life Beyond Earth*. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. 2 tickets available, \$12/each.

Wed Feb 6 10am Storybook Theatre's *What if Romeo and Juliet... - acrobatic movement theatre*. Rated G, recommended for ages 8+ at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. 10 tickets available, \$16.80/each.

Fri Mar 1 10am Storybook Theatre's *The Giver – play*. Rated G, recommended for ages 10+ at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. 7 tickets available, \$16.80/each.

Tues May 7 10:15am National Geographic Live's *Adventures among Orangutans*. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. **SOLD OUT**.

OUT AND ABOUT IN EDMONTON

October 5 – Teen Lounge at Woodcroft Library 2-3:30pm. Open to all homeschooling teens.

October 15 - Telus Homeschool day. Get in touch with our HEM Karen Whitehead Kuntz at kwhitehead@willowhome.ca if you will be there this month and we can start a group to meet up for lunch!

Mondays all year – HLSA Park Days 1:30-3:30pm (non-members welcome)

Every second Tuesday - Meet up at Ritchie Community Hall 1-3pm

If you are looking for friends to go on field trips and do activities with, don't forget to join Society for Homeschoolers in Edmonton (SHINE) or Homebased Learning Society of Alberta (HLSA). Get in touch with our HEM Karen Whitehead Kuntz at kwhitehead@willowhome.ca if you need contact information for these two groups or if you want information about any of the above.

Ongoing Homeschool Days Telus World of Science

<http://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/educators/school-programs/home-school-programs>

OUT AND ABOUT IN CALGARY

November 2 9:30 AM – 1:30 Fort Calgary Homeschool Day The Great March West & Mountie Superheroes (grades 5-6) [Register Here](#)

November 13 Heritage Park Homeschool Day in Gasoline Alley

<https://www.heritagepark.ca/education-programs/school-programs/specialty-programs/home-schooler-day-2.html>

ONLINE COURSES AND LECTURES

Many Willow Home Ed students use online courses and lectures. Here is a list of some of the websites we often recommend.

Crash Course and Crash Course Kids– These are short educational videos in a variety of subject areas. Videos are organized into courses. One course may be a series of forty 12-15 minute videos. This is a FREE resource. <https://thecrashcourse.com> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse>

Crash Course Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

Khan Academy – This comprehensive website offers FREE online courses in math, science, history, grammar, computer science, and more. <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Outschool – Outschool offers online live classes in a wide variety of interest areas. Classes range from a one-time classes to semester long classes. Students pay per course. New classes are added regularly. <https://outschool.com>

Udemy - Choose from over 80,000 online video courses with new additions published every month. Pay per course. <https://www.udemy.com>

Coursera – Courses are taught by top instructors from the world’s best universities and educational institutions. Courses include recorded video lectures, auto-graded and peer-reviewed assignments, and community discussion forums. When you complete a course, you’ll receive a sharable electronic Course Certificate. 2 week free trial, and then pay per course. <https://www.coursera.org>

The Great Courses Plus - Over 10,000 engaging video lectures on a wide variety of subjects. 14 day free trial \$19.99/month or \$179.99/year <https://www.thegreatcoursesplus.com>



31 DAYS, 31 DRAWINGS

Every October, artists all over the world take on the Inktober drawing challenge by doing one ink drawing a day the entire month. <https://inktober.com/>



National Novel Writing Month

"To achieve great things, two things are
needed: a plan, and not quite enough time."
--Leonard Bernstein



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH (NANOWRIMO)

Every November hundreds of thousands of writers, and budding young writers, devote themselves to writing a novel in one month. NaNoWriMo is a free online site dedicated to helping you write that short 50K word book, create that graphic novel, or make that perfect short story that you have not got around to writing yet.

NaNoWriMo has free PDF writing workbooks for elementary, middle school and high school students which will walk the writer through topics such as what makes a great story, how to develop characters and settings, plotting your story, creating great dialogue, writing with all your senses, and editing your work. The free workbooks can found at: <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/pages/learning-resources>

More good ideas can be found on the NaNoWriMo YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTNHbhflSpx_JN_1whC13Q

Parents can sign up as educators and supervise all of your students in the Young Writers' Program (YWP), or to create their own private discussion cabin through Camp NaNoWriMo to share their work and progress, link to other friends and families, share discussion topics or award badges. Students can sign up individually (under 13 years requires parental consent). <https://nanowrimo.uservoice.com/>
<https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/pages/teaching-resources#lessons>

There is also an all ages forum that teens can participate in that is supposed to be family friendly in language and topics, but the others forums are aimed at adults so parental supervision is recommended.

Happy writing!