



OMNI Provides Home For Homeschoolers:

A group of homeschoolers who are prepared to change the world meets at OMNI Center three times a week. "Without this room, we wouldn't be able to have the freedom that we do



to discuss our views, and to talk like this" says Fiona of the Orr family who sends three of their girls to this school. The school, renamed to Fayetteville College Prep at the student's insistence, follows the Socratic method of instruction, which encourages verbal expression of varied and sometimes opposing ideas. This fertile ground leads the students to study many of the "isms", such as racism and sexism.

The girls have spent the morning discussing and reviewing the facts of the Syrian refugee situation. They eagerly provide the statistics: "Half the population has been affected by the crisis", referring to not only the refugees, but internal displacement and those in need of humanitarian aid as a result of the conflict in Syria. The students have both looked at the effects on the countries providing sanctuary to refugees, and the criticisms on the part of some refusing sanctuary to the refugees. Their official history text is: *Voices of a People's History In The United States*, a college-level text written by Howard Zinn. These texts were all purchased with the instructor's personal funds.

Volunteering outside of school hours is a core component of their education. The students have stood in one-hundred-degree heat holding For Fayetteville signs, worked at soup kitchens, and walked in the campus Martin Luther King walk.

Sara Sawyer, founder and volunteer teacher of this group, notes that secular homeschools make up a very small percentage of the total in Arkansas. Fayetteville College Prep started with five students in 2013 and has now grown to eight students, all girls, ages fourteen to sixteen. The girls study a variety of subjects with a focus on math and science.

When asked to describe their family life, one girl says: "Our parents don't tell us what the correct answer is", and changing the subject slightly: "School teachers (in regular schools) are really biased", and another student adds: "We are biased too." This discussion brings to mind the popular adage: Like a parachute, a mind has to be open to work.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to this worthy cause which nourishes parachute minds, at times on the verge of homelessness and challenged by income issues, please go to their Go Fund Me page: <http://www.gofundme.com/fcprep>. The school also needs any and all kinds of school and art supplies. For more information, you can visit their Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Fayetteville-College-Preparatory-562139630583101/timeline/>

[Dick Bennett's Blog](#)

OMNI founder, Dick Bennett, presents thought provoking information on peace, justice and ecology.



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Sept 17th - Community & Campus Sustainability Mixer, 5pm to 7pm, U of Ark, Arkansas Student Union, Connections Lounge.

Sept 18th - Quaker Peace and Justice Committee, 2:15pm, Omni Center. Speaker on jail conditions in Washington County.

Sept 19th - Spanish Conversation Club, 10-12 noon, Yvonne Richardson Center, children and adults. Twice a month.

Sept 19th - NWArkansas Electric Vehicle Rally, 3pm - 5pm, Fayetteville Square. <https://www.facebook.com/events/682439825226893/>

Sept 20th - Collective Liberation Book Forum, 1:30 pm, OMNI Center.

Sept 20th - Jacob George Memorial Music Making, 5pm, Wilson Park. Rain location: OMNI Center.

Sept 21st - Transition Town Introductory Session, 7pm, Omni Center. How to get the whole community off of fossil fuels.

Sept 21st - International Day of Peace, the Stone County Arkansas Peace Pole will be dedicated; 6:30 pm. This is the UN recognized day of peace. The Ceremony will be held at AmVets Post #7, 1112 West Main Street in Mountain View, Arkansas.

Sept 23rd - Spanish Conversation Practice and Fun, 6pm, El Camino Real Restaurant, S. School Ave, Fayetteville.

Sept 27th - Eco-Feminist Book Forum, 1:00 pm, OMNI Center.

Sept 29th - Goddess Festival Planning & New Member Orientation, 6:30 to 7:30, OMNI Center.

Oct 3rd - Spanish Conversation Club, 10-12 noon, Yvonne Richardson Center.

Oct 4th - Omni 350, 1:30pm, Climate Change, Fayetteville Public Library.

Oct 5th - Civil Rights Roundtable, 6:30pm, OMNI Center

Oct 8th - Womens Support Group, 6pm, OMNI Center

Oct 9th - Veterans Appreciation Day, 9am - 1pm, Steel Creek Acupuncture, free acupuncture, massage, haircuts, stress reduction.

<https://www.facebook.com/Steel-Creek-Acupuncture-308937942473615/timeline/>

Oct 23rd - Celebrate the Buffalo River, gala fundraiser, <http://www.celebratethebuffalo.com>.

Oct 24th - Roy Zimmerman, Comedian and Musician, OMNI fundraiser,

Between Oct 12 and 14 Rigoberta Menchu. Indigenous Guatemalan leader. Further details to come.

Rooted Vision Healing Drums - First Sundays 1-5 pm.

Weekly @ OMNI

Quaker Meetings 9:30 am Sundays. Everyone welcome

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