

# JEWEL FAIR

What is JEWEL?

JEWEL stands for **J**udging **E**very **W**ork-**E**valuating with **L**ove. It is an opportunity for students to display their work in a field of study and to have their work evaluated by experts in the field. It is also an opportunity for students to observe and learn from the work of their peers.

Participating students benefit by:

- following instructions and meeting criteria
- setting up and following a time schedule
- increasing learning through focusing on a field of study
- meeting a presentation deadline
- growing from constructive evaluation of their efforts
- displaying their work and receiving recognition for work well done
- being encouraged by the work of other students

When is JEWEL?

JEWEL will be held April 14-18, 2011. Two planning meetings will take place. The first one will be on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one will be on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Where is JEWEL?

JEWEL will be held locally at Ballard Christian School.

Who may participate in JEWEL?

All students between the ages of 6 and 18 may enter projects for judging. (Children under 6 may enter projects, but their entries will be judged with the 6 and 7 year olds. Nineteen year old students who are still in school may enter projects, also)

The JEWEL Fair is open to all homeschooling families in the Auburn/Opelika area.

How are JEWEL entries judged?

Ages refer to the child's age on the day of JEWEL. Entries will be grouped for judging as follows:

6-7 years old	8-10 years old	11-13 years old	14-18 years old
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Chess and checkers will be grouped according to grades as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grades	10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades
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Projects will be evaluated by experts whose goal is to encourage students to develop and sharpen their skills. JEWEL uses criteria-based evaluations which encourage students to strive for set standards rather than to compete with other students.

What does it cost?

Each family is responsible for paying per entry for their child(ren) to participate in JEWEL. The fee for families enrolled with Ballard is \$8 per entry. The fee for families not enrolled with Ballard is \$10 per entry.

Can I get donations for JEWEL?

Yes, you may get donations for JEWEL. We have a list of businesses who have donated to the JEWEL Fair in the past. These will be made available at the first JEWEL meeting.

We will hold a BBQ fundraiser for JEWEL in October, which will consist of selling barbecue plates during the lunch hour on a Saturday. JEWEL families who participate in this fundraiser will receive credit towards their JEWEL fees. Families who are interested in participating in the fundraiser for JEWEL should attend a planning meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (Last year's BBQ sale was a great success.)