

Computer for Parents- Summer Course

2011 Summer Program, Webworks

June 7 – July 19 ; We will meet twice a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Not for Credit

Course Tutor:

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Course Description:

Discover the shocking truth: computers are not as mysterious as you think. Our goal is to help make computers more accessible to you. This very practical course will show you how to use your computer for practical tasks giving simple step by step instructions; using “Windows 7 for Dummies” a sort of “Stella’s Household Computer Tips” as a text you will easily learn things even your child doesn’t know.

We will cover word processing (writing letters), email, internet safety, parental controls (did you know you could lock your son out of the computer after bed-time?), also we cover basic office uses, as well as scanning, simple photo editing, online meetings. We will learn and use the same online tools that students of the Webworks use. You will find out how to make that “computer thing” useful to you.

Course Prerequisites:

Average reading skills.

Required Texts:

Windows 7 For Dummies, Andy Rathbone ISBN: 978-0-470-49743-2

<http://www.dummies.com/store/product/Windows-7-For-Dummies.productCd-0470497432.html>

(Optional) for XP users (we will use the above book for class, many tasks will be similar for Windows XP, some new features are not available, if you are using Windows XP please let the tutor know)

Windows XP For Dummies, 2nd Edition, Andy Rathbone ISBN: 978-0-7645-7326-2

<http://www.dummies.com/store/product/Windows-XP-For-Dummies-2nd-Edition.productCd-0764573268.html>

Required Supplies:

3-ring notebook

paper

Tutor Bio:

My first home computer was an Ohio Scientific; it consisted of a couple of circuit boards laying on a table without a case. Yes, I still have it, who could part with such history? I am an MSU graduate with a B.S in computer science. In addition to online tutoring my son and I offer computers services to individuals and companies. I also am a graduate of the Bible Training Institute in Lansing. My life mission statement is “To teach the world the truth through word song and drama”; the Bible is ultimately the source of that truth. In my local church I serve in the worship and technical areas of sound and computers, as well as an occasional sermon. From my residence in Owosso Michigan, I reach out to assist others with computer problems and to tutor students in other states.