



Supporting Home Instructors  
Encompassing Lexington District

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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***“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”***

**2 Cor 12: 9-10**

If someone had told me years ago that those verses would become our family verses or that my children would be able to see and live out those verses as part of their own testimony from an early age, I don't know that I would have believed them. I mean, who wants to be weak? Why would you take pleasure in frailty? And what would possess a person to celebrate having obstacles like those mentioned above in their life? What odd verses ..... and what an amazing journey God had in store for our family.

Due to some medical issues, having my own children had never been something I could take for granted; so when our oldest son was born, I cannot even begin to describe the fullness of my heart. I had prayed and prayed for him, and here he was - safe, healthy, and in my arms at last. He was beautiful and smart, and he was mine. So, imagine my shock when at the age of two during what should have been a simple sick visit for a head cold, something irregular was noticed with his heartbeat and a whirlwind three hours later, we had gone from the pediatrician's office, to a cardiology office, to admittance to Richland's Children's hospital where I was sitting by myself with my two year old in my lap listening to the doctor try to explain to me what was going on in my son's body and what would happen next. A lot of that conversation was a blur, but the words that leaped out were "if we don't address this now, he could be gone by morning." I know I functioned after that. I know I answered questions. I know I filled out paperwork, called the family, did what needed to be done, but on a lot of levels, I think my mother's heart just froze. I *prayed* for this child. God *gave* him to me. Surely He would not take him back so soon!

I entered the hospital with Thomas that day and I was not leaving with him still there, so finding a quiet place to break down was never really an option; instead, I remember a lot of prayers and a lot of conversations with God in the hospital room and in the hallway outside. I am not a very outwardly emotional person, and though others could not see the internal battles waged within, unbeknownst to me, there were those on the staff who had been watching and they *had* seen me praying. It would not be until a few stays later that I understood the impact that could have.



It was during our third incident with Thomas's heart resulting in a hospital stay that God opened my eyes to two of the biggest lessons He taught me during that time. The first came when something a friend had said a few weeks before finally sunk in as I looked at my son lying in a PICU crib after a particular scary episode. She had said, "I know these are not my children but God's children just on loan to me for a while to tend for Him." Thomas wasn't mine. He was God's, and for me to truly want God's will for him and to pray God's will be done, I had to be willing to give him 100% to God.

The second revelation came on the heels of the peace I was filled with as I did just that, and it came in the form of a nurse who had been with us in PICU before. In a conversation only God can orchestrate, she approached me and said she had noticed how no matter what had happened with Thomas, nothing had shaken us... that we just seemed to be at peace in the midst of the chaos. I thanked God in that moment for his grace in the midst of the storm that kept me from breaking and had allowed Him to be seen even before I knew the work He was doing inside me... and then my heart rejoiced because I was able to thankfully and honestly tell her that I was at peace and it had nothing to do with me or my husband but everything to do with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God had used something I would never have chosen to go through willingly to both show me how to truly rest in His strength and not my own, and how - in doing that - He really could use it for His glory.

A couple more visits and another child with medical challenges and special needs later, we began to recognize a pattern we could share with our children. In every surgery/hospital stay/new road God took us down, there would be at least one person - whether it was a nurse, an orderly, a social services worker, another parent with their child, or one time even a doctor - that God would bring into our path and open doors as only He could for conversations that always ultimately led to Him. 2 Corinthians 2:9-10 became our family verse as we truly began to grasp what it meant to celebrate the situations God had placed us into and the doors that each of the special needs or medical conditions or obstacles faced in our family had opened for us to share Christ with others. For me especially, it was such a stretching of my comfort zone and a growing experience for my faith, and the best part was seeing the impact it began to have on my children. To see a hospital visit approached not as "What developments will we have to deal with this time?" but as "Who will God place in our life this time and what will we learn from each other?" is a blessing only God can bring about and I for one was changed by it.



So why am I telling you all this? What is my point?

I look back at the years before I finally ‘got it’ when all I had was anger for situations out of my control or experiences I wish I’d never had.

I wonder at times, how many chances I missed over the years for more of these precious “God instances.” Other times I never knew someone was watching because I was so focused on my own strength – or lack thereof – in facing a problem, I failed to see God standing there beside me, ready and willing to help me carry my burden and allow my life to be a testament to Him.

I look back at all that time wasted, and then I look at the testimony God has given me now and all of the times I *have* been able to minister to another teenager, woman, mother because I have been in their shoes, and I stand in awe of the mighty God I serve.

God never said we had to do anything on our own. He is and was and always will be right there with us. He is our refuge and our strength. All we have to do is cast our burdens on Him and He will lift us up, ‘He will renew our strength; we will mount up with wings as eagles; we will run, and not be weary; and we will walk, and not faint.’ Even in our darkest hours, we are *never* alone.

I leave you with these three verses for the next time you are faced with a difficult situation. These verses hang in our sons’ rooms – one for each boy – to help them remember *Who* it is that gives them strength and *Who* it is they can count on to forever walk with them through every stage of their lives...

***“Be still, and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10a***

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11***

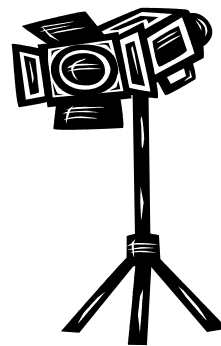
***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13***

In Christ,  
Jesseca Bennett



## “Coordinator Spotlight”

While all of our coordinators and volunteers give all glory to God while they serve SHIELD, and would probably prefer to stay out of the spotlight, we thought you would enjoy getting to know them a little more!



[Elizabeth Collins](#) is a long time SHIELD member and has served our members in many ways. She currently serves on the THRILL Advisory Panel and is also the Standardized Testing Coordinator. Elizabeth and her husband Kyle have homeschooled their children from birth. They have 3 children: Laura is a senior, Rebecca is a freshman, and Matthew is in first grade.

**Q. How long have you been in SHIELD?**

**A. I have been with SHIELD for 14 years.**

**Q. What do you find the most challenging about homeschooling?**

**A. Balancing mother and teacher. The mother wants to make the road smooth for my children in every way. The teacher knows that learning sometimes requires struggling and frustration. But the two in balance know that the victory is a little sweeter for the challenge and prepares them to be better equipped for the next challenge.**

**Q. What is your family’s favorite activity?**

**A. Waterfall hunting and watching soccer.**

**Q. What is your favorite book?**

**A.** *Books that have recently impacted me spiritually are Celtic Christianity and The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis.*

**Q. What is your dream vacation?**

**A.** *Scotland!*

**Q. What is a favorite field trip your family has gone on?**

**A.** *We took a week and visited sites along the east coast in October. The Library of Congress because for Laura it was like finding her academic 'home'. Arlington Cemetery because Matthew had his first real experience with showing respect for our country's fallen warriors and did it beautifully. Edgar Allan Poe's house because Rebecca was excited about something related to literature.*

**Q. What is a favorite scripture passage or verse?**

**A.** *Most days it's 1 Thessalonians 4:11 "Make it your ambition to live a quiet life...so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders..."*

*But some days it's more 2 Corinthians 12:11 "I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it!"*



## Calendar of Events

<b>February 8 (Fri)</b>	<b>Box Tops</b> submission deadline
<b>February 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Cromer's Factory
<b>March 5 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Saluda Shoals Nature Center, 9:15-11:00 am
<b>March 8 (Fri)</b>	<b>Talent Night,</b> New Life Church of Irmo/Ballentine
<b>March 15 (Fri)</b>	<b>Academic Presentation Day,</b> Lexington Baptist Church, 9:00 am
<b>March 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Barrier Island Eco Tour, 9:45 am
<b>April 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover
<b>April 24-26 (Wed-Fri)</b>	<b>Iowa Standardized Testing</b>
<b>May 3 (Fri)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Battle of Columbia, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>May 10 (Fri)</b>	<b>Drama Club Presentation,</b> Palmetto Church of Christ, Irmo, 7:00 pm
<b>May 17 (Fri)</b>	<b>Achievement Night,</b> Riverbend Church, Lexington

See below for details on many of these events



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*

*Colossians 3:23*

## Box Tops

Deadline is fast approaching! February 8th.

Important info:

- \*Please put in groups of 50 in an individual baggy with your name on it & the # 50.
- \*Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the checks to be mailed to you.
- \*Double check the dates. We had some that had expired last time. Please peel off the back of each box top. This will help lower the cost of shipping.
- \*If you have earned Box Tops through the computer or grocery stores, please let us know. If you do not, we will not know whom to credit it to.

You may mail them or drop them by to either April or Janey's house. If you have any questions, please contact:

April Roebuck at 356-1310 1040 Orangeburg Dr., W. Cola., SC 29169  
[roebucks\\_5@windstream.net](mailto:roebucks_5@windstream.net) or  
Janey Goude at 951-0943 107 Woodbay Ct., Lexington, SC 29072  
[janeygoude@sc.rr.com](mailto:janeygoude@sc.rr.com)

3 Important things everyone needs know:

1. When you get Box Tops through other stores, Box Tops requires that you go to the website that is listed on your "voucher/coupon" & register them online. You'll then need to send us a copy of the information. Do not send us the voucher or any original documentation. Keep any vouchers and all original documentation for your records.
2. If you play any games online or win any rewards through Box Tops, you will need to send us the e-mail that they send you confirming that you won, so we will know to whom the money should go to.
3. Box Tops does not have any record of whom any of the rewards belong to. This is true for the store rewards or any online games, etc. This is why documentation is essential to make sure all monies are credited to the correct person. We are not in a position to track monies for an extended period of time. For this reason, any unclaimed box tops money will be kept in a fund for 1 year from the date we submit our request. If monies remain unclaimed after one year, they will be divided among the box top recipients of that reward period. For example, unclaimed monies received with the Oct 2012 deadline will be shared by those who submit box tops with the Oct 2013 deadline.

Remember you get to keep the money for your school. Can be used for field trips, books, supplies, etc.



## SHIELD's Talent Night

Friday, March 8, 2013  
The New Life Church of Irmo/Balentine

It's that time of year again! Time to polish up your instrument, warm up your voice, dust off those dancing shoes, stretch your drama muscles, or anything else that must be done to prepare for SHIELD's annual Talent Night.

This year promises to be an exciting one as we have secured another wonderful location. The New Life Church of Irmo/Balentine will be the setting for one of the most anticipated nights of the year!

It will be held Friday evening, March 8th. Get ready to shine to the glory of God, kids!

To sign up or with questions please contact Danita Palazzolo at [ddzolo@sc.rr.com](mailto:ddzolo@sc.rr.com).

**Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 22.**



## Spring Academic Presentation Day

Friday, March 15, 2013  
9:00 a.m. until 11:30-12:00  
Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room

Theme: **Art, Literature & Music**

Spring Academic Presentation day is a wonderful morning of 3-5 minute speeches by our students on a subject relating to literature, art, or music. Presentations of authors, artists, composers, or specific pieces of work are all appropriate, as well as anything else relating to those subjects. Children in grades 1 and 2 may just do a presentation board. Many of our older students do both a speech with a presentation board illustrating their topic. We will meet in the reception room (on the west side of the building--there will be a sign out front of the door) of the Lexington Baptist Church.

All SHIELD members are invited to attend even if not presenting.

To sign-up, please contact Jennifer or Carolyn.

APD Coordinators:

Jennifer Cogle, [coglefour@gmail.com](mailto:coglefour@gmail.com), 261-9593  
Carolyn Jackson, [imacarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:imacarolyn@gmail.com), 665-5159



## SHIELD IOWA Standardized Testing April 24-26, 2013

SHIELD offers standardized testing (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) as a service to members by members.

Wed. 4/24	Thurs. 4/25	Fri. 4/26
3rd grade	3rd - 8th grades	3rd - 12th grades

**Applications must be received on or before February 22.** Contact Elizabeth Collins @ aikosmom@sc.rr.com for the forms. Forms will soon be available on the website.

**Who:** The test is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders whose families are members of SHIELD. Because of logistics, we cannot offer any special needs testing. The test is given by homeschool parents from within SHIELD who meet the requirement of BJU and have a four-year degree. Other parents assist by helping with the children during breaks and lunch.

**When:** April 24<sup>h</sup> through April 26<sup>h</sup>. More specifically, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders test on the 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders test the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and high schoolers test on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It sounds confusing, but the layered system has a purpose. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have one additional test to take that the others do not. By starting them early we can both get that test done AND let our newest testers have additional time to get comfortable with the process before jumping in with everyone else. The high schoolers test only on Friday because many of them take classes at the Midland's Resource Center and this prevents conflicting schedules.

**Location:** First Baptist Church of Lexington on Barr Road.

**Why:** Not everyone is required to test – check with your accountability group to find out what your individual situation is. For those who are required or simply choose to test, this service started because some parents have found that some children test better in a more formal environment with limited distractions. Others needed an option to test away from the 'joyful noise' of younger siblings.

**How:** Specific forms are available and will be available at shieldonline.org. These consist of a SHIELD testing application and a BJU form and a check made out to BJU both of which will then be sent as a group (you can not send your BJU form and check individually and test with this group). You will not be considered 'signed up' until I have received a form and check. An email will be sent out as soon as the forms are available on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Collins, SHIELD's Testing Coordinator, at 356-5858 or aikosmom@sc.rr.com.

## IOWA Standardized Testing Additional Testers Needed

If you hold a four year degree (required by BJU to certify testers) and are willing to consider helping administer the standardized tests this year, please contact Elizabeth Collins at [aiksomom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aiksomom@sc.rr.com).

## Achievement Night Save the Date!

SHIELD's Achievement Night has been confirmed for the evening of Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Riverbend Community Church.

## Drama Club Play

The Yearbook Staff and Drama Club are teaming up to perform a play in the spring to raise additional funds for the yearbook.

The date is set for Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Palmetto Church of Christ in Irmo.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More info to come....



## THRILL

Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives

Those who serve, lead; and those who lead, serve.

THRILL students met in January to make fleece blankets for the children of Epworth Children's home. They also collected Valentine's Day cards to donate to the children at Epworth.

### February Service Opportunities:

**Friday, February 8 & Friday, February 15:** Harvest Hope, 1-3, contact Elizabeth Collins at [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com) to sign up (max 10).

**Monday, February 25:** Recital at Deepwood Estates, 1:45-2:45, contact Karen Collins at [kscollins2@icloud.com](mailto:kscollins2@icloud.com) to sign-up.

Please remember to log all volunteer hours. Hours will be submitted to Elizabeth Collins at the end of March so that awards can be given at Achievement Night in May.



For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact:

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Elizabeth Collins, [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com)  
Karen Collins, [kscollins2@icloud.com](mailto:kscollins2@icloud.com)

## Yearbook News



Have you bought your 2013 SHIELD Yearbook yet? We have a limited number of books. Once they are gone, they're gone! The following is a list of the people who have paid for their books. If you think you have paid but don't see your name, please contact Josie Seacrist ASAP. [pjseacrist@yahoo.com](mailto:pjseacrist@yahoo.com). If you haven't bought yours yet, don't wait! They are going fast!

Please make your \$30 check payable to SHIELD and mail it to Josie Seacrist 1149 Counts Ferry Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

Andrews, Teresa 1	Deason, Jennifer 1	Liva, Susan1	Watterson, Catherine1
Almeida, Sherri1	Deliz, Anibal 1	Lucas, Sally 1	Williamson, Robin1
Aurednik, Jennifer1	Dugger, Jennie 1	Martin, Allison 1	Zimmerman, Marcey1
Babcock, Janette1	Dufries, Amanda 1	Martin, Beth 1	Hutchinson1
Ballard, Leslie 2	Edmonds, Brannon1	Morris, Cynthia 2	Bagwell, Tracie1
Barnhill, Linda 1	Eubanks, Colleen 1	Prince, J 2	Schaub, Heather 2
Becker, Rebecca 1	Gibson, Callie 1	Rabon, Marilyn1	
Bennett, Jesseca1	Goude, Janey 1	Scaggs, G. E.1	
Bingler, Christine 1	Graham, Kathryn 1	Schilling, Katherine1	
Brokaw, Terri 1	Hallman, Amy 1	Seacrist, Josie 2	
Bryan, Melissa 1	Harbrecht, Susan 1	Shealy, Devin1	
Burkett, Jodie 1	Harrington, Kim 1	Shealy, Katherine1	
Buzzell, Leslie 3	Harris, Valerie 2	Sims, Jessica1	
Cannon, Shelley 1	Hewitt, Tina 2	Steyne, Michelle1	
Clayton, Keith 2	Heen, Tricia 1	Taylor, Misty1	
Cogle, Jennifer 1	Howard, Suzanna 1	Taylor, Tracy1	
Collins, Elizabeth 3	Janzen, Chris 1	Tilghman, Leah 4	
Collins, Karen1	Kosch, Sandra1	Tinker, T.J.1	
Cook, Lisa 3	Lane, Jan 3	Turner, W1	

The number behind your name is the quantity you bought.

### **2013 Yearbook Advisory Panel [YAP]**

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 Josie Seacrist, business advisor, [pjseacrist@yahoo.com](mailto:pjseacrist@yahoo.com)  
 Jessica Sims, training advisor, [jess.sims@gmail.com](mailto:jess.sims@gmail.com)

**Field trip:**  
**Cromer's Factory**

**Date:** Thursday, February 14, 2013  
**Time:** Times available 10:00am and 12:00pm.  
Space is limited to 30 per time slot. This includes parents.  
**Cost:** \$2.50 per person and YES everyone has to pay.  
**Ages:** No children under 4 allowed; this is their company policy.  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

Tours include:

- \* Seeing Cromer's through our retail store back into food processing where all of our snacks are made!
  - \* Meeting the people who make Cromer's so great!
- \* A small bag of popcorn for each child to snack on during their visit!
- \* A taste of cotton candy while they watch it being spun in person!
- \* A 2 oz. bag of our delicious, creamy, double-coated caramel corn!
  - A Fun Facts Activity Page to color and learn!

Also...as a reminder: The store and food manufacturing area are, plain and simple, full of peanuts. They are what our company was built on! So, if you have anyone in your party who is allergic to peanuts or tree nuts, please take the proper precautions; you WILL come in contact with peanuts.

**Payment is due February 10, 2013** so that I can confirm final numbers with the company. Please respond with the following information if you and your family plan to attend. Please add Cromer's Trip in your subject line.

Number of Participants

Preferred Time Slot (I will do my best to accommodate, no promises)

Checks can be made out to:

April Wallace  
193 Mill House Lane  
Lexington, SC 29072

If you have any questions, call or email April Wallace:  
[\(803\)727-0887](tel:8037270887) [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

**Field trip:**  
**Saluda Shoals Nature Center**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2013  
**Time:** 9:15 am – 11:00 am  
**Cost:** \$2.50/student  
**Contact:** Amanda Smith, 518-7720  
[smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com](mailto:smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com)

The class for grades K-3 will be "Wetlands"  
The class for grades 4-8 will be "Ornithology" (includes owl pellet dissection)

There is a limit of 25 students in each group. If you need to send your children to different groups, just let me know and we will arrange for a parent from one group to "watch out for" your child(ren).

To register for the class, please email me with your child's name and grade. Payment may be made via PayPal to [smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com](mailto:smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com) or you may mail a check for \$2.50/participating student payable to Amanda Smith at 221 Creek Branch Drive, Lexington, SC 29072.

Directions to Saluda Shoals: 5605 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212. From Lexington, go up North Lake (6) over the dam, then turn right on Bush River Rd. The entrance will be on your right in 2 - 2 1/2 miles, very clearly marked, large entryway. Tell them at the gate that you are attending a class with SHIELD in the Environmental Education Center. The seating area inside is where we will meet.

If you are going to be late that morning, call me at 518-7720 to let me know. The instructors like to begin promptly to ensure maximum instructional time.

Looking forward to a great educational experience together!





**Field trip:**  
**Barrier Island Eco Tours**  
Isle of Palms, SC

**Date:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
**Time:** Check in at 9:45 am, est. time 4.5 hours  
**Cost:** \$22/person (all ages)  
**Ages:** 5 and up  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

Venture to Capers Island, one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands. We will cruise through winding tidal creeks to find diverse wildlife living in this salt marsh environment. Common sightings include bottlenose dolphin, osprey, pelicans, herons, egrets, and more. Along the way we'll employ various nets and traps for an up-close look at some of the creatures that thrive below the surface.

Payment for this trip will be broken up into two payments. First one of \$10 per person is due at sign up. NO EXCEPTIONS. **Final payment was due on January 17, 2013.**

Bring Bag Lunch

Contact April Wallace with any questions or concerns you may have, 803-727-0887 or [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com).



**Field trip:**  
**Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover**  
Myrtle Beach, SC



**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2013  
**Time:** Check in at 7:45 pm, check out at 7:30 am  
**Cost:** \$55/person (all ages are same price)  
**Ages:** 4 and up  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

I am so excited to share this opportunity with fellow homeschoolers! We will need at least 15 people to go (including adults) and as many as 100 can attend. I realize the price point is high and to make it more "affordable" for large families, a payment plan will be offered. It will be broken down into two payments of \$27.50 per person. First payment will be due when registering. NO EXCEPTIONS. Second will be due Friday March 1, 2013. The payments are NON-Refundable. I have paid the original deposit to hold the date and will not be refunded in the event of a cancellation. If you see that you won't be able to attend you can get someone else to fill in for you.

Payments can be made to April Wallace via check or cash. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ 803-727-0887. If you would like to mail your deposit, email me and I will send over my address.

**Count sharks instead of sheep** while drifting off to sleep in our Dangerous Reef Tunnel in this exciting overnight adventure! Unlock the mysteries of the aquarium at night through learning activities designed to meet the needs any age group from 3 to 103!

**Sample Sleepover Schedule**

- An aquarium scavenger hunt
- A craft activity
- An educational presentation
- A late night snack (chips and drink) and a continental breakfast (cereal, mini muffins, juice)
- A self-guided aquarium tour
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- **What to bring:**
- A white t-shirt to "Fish print" on
- A sleeping bag
- A pillow and if desired, a pad or air mattress.

**Field trip:****Battle of Columbia Living History and Education Day**

**Date:** Friday, May 3, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Cost:** Students \$3 each, parents are free  
Plan to bring a packed lunch.  
**Contact:** Leslie Ballard, [wahoolb@bellsouth.net](mailto:wahoolb@bellsouth.net)

There are 15 educational stations that run 15 to 20 mins. each. Here is a list of the educational stations:

- \*Naval Submarine-HL Hunley-the full size replica will be on site for the class
- \*Infantry Campsite- learn how the troops lived
- \*Infantry Drill- re-enactors explaining weapons and accoutrements
- \*Cavalry-re-enactors demonstrating maneuvers
- \*Artillery-re-enactors discussing artillery pieces and showing shells used during the war
- \*Blacksmith and Forging Operations
- \*19th Century Military Engineering
- \*Medical and Surgical presentation
- \*SC Confederate Relic Room and Artifacts
- \*1860's Carpentry
- \*1860's Cooking
- \*Ladies Fashions
- \*Post Office
- \*First person impression of Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Jeb Stuart
- \*Entertaining drama about a soldier returning home from war

**The deadline to register has passed.** For those of you who signed up, I will be emailing you the teachers guide and letting you know when I need the payments for the trip.

See <http://www.wadehamptoncamp.org/bfc-index.html> to learn more about the Battle of Columbia Living History and Educational Day.

## Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? If so, please send the information to Karen Collins at [kscollins2@icloud.com](mailto:kscollins2@icloud.com).

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Fantastic opportunities for year-round "field trip vacations"! Contact Laura at 477-1667 or email [glebs4@windstream.net](mailto:glebs4@windstream.net) or Sherrie at [msmo5@hotmail.com](mailto:msmo5@hotmail.com)

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