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### The Encourager



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

### Dear SHIELD Family,

Your children know you very well and know how to push your buttons and take you to your wits end. When you make the choice to be with them daily through the school years, you come here more often than you might like. These are the places where the Holy Spirit wants to work to make you more like Jesus. A homeschooling parent soon realizes that in choosing to home educate their children, they are embarking on an unexpected path of refinement for themselves that they have never experienced.

Our God is faithful to work in the hearts of our children, but He hasn't forgotten us in our quest. <u>Our</u> focus may be on choosing the correct curriculum, devotional, or method of teaching for our progeny, but <u>His</u> focus is to work in the hearts and minds of <u>ALL</u> His children, which includes us, too. We sometimes tend to neglect our needs to care for our children. Perhaps that why we experience some difficulties – to force us back to the Father and Lover of our souls. He loves us so deeply and cares so much for each one of us that He won't neglect to work in our lives and hearts if we let him.

As parents, we know very well that refinement isn't usually pleasant especially when correction has to be implemented repeatedly; but we know it is necessary. We all need to grow in the image of Christ to face the days ahead of us and because we are His children, God is always training us. When a conflict between you and your child comes up in the middle of a lesson, it is sometimes hard to realize that God is doing His work in you and giving you the opportunity to seek Him or trust Him or obey Him once again. In order to do this, it is essential that you abide in Christ daily to be able to respond in a way that glorifies God. It's important on fun field trip days. And it's important on the days when tragedy strikes and all you really can get done is the Read-Aloud that draws the family together. God uses all the interruptions and power struggles and distractions to give us an opportunity to submit to Him and be conformed to His image - day by day, bit by bit.

Educating our children is important, but training them to allow God to conform them to His image is even more important. Sure, we're educating our children and it's an important endeavor. Even more important however, is showing them how to face things in life and give the reigns over to God. They are watching us being transformed as we watch them. They see when we have struggles to face and whether or not we decide to submit to God. We may want our children to submit to us so things will go more smoothly, but it's even more important that they see <u>us</u> submit to God and His purposes. We will have to explain ourselves along the way and let them know how sometimes it's hard to choose the ways of God over our own selfish desires. But most importantly, we need to allow God to change us into His image and into the disciples He created us to be.

This will make us the best teachers in the whole world.

~Linda Barnhill~

### Calendar of Events

October 6 (Wed) Field Trip: Patriot's Point in Charleston,

10:00 am (Full)

October 8 (Fri) THRILL Meeting, Harvest Church in "The

Alley", 2:00-3:00

October 12 (Tues) Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day at Studio

October 12 (Tues) Field trip: Lexington County Museum,

Weaving and Weaving Games, 10:45-12pm

October 13 (Wed) Field Trip: Vulcan Quarry (Full)

Yearbook Meeting, Harvest Church in "The October 15 (Fri)

Rock", 1:00-4:00 pm

October 22 (Fri) Fall Academic Presentation Day, 9:00 –

11:30 am

October 28 (Thurs) Mom's Night Out, San Jose's in Lexington,

7:00 pm

"Fifth Friday Park Day", Springdale Park, October 29 (Fri)

12:30 pm

November 2 (Tues) Field Trip: Lexington County Museum,

Historical Pastimes, 1:00-2:00 pm

November 9 (Tues) Field Trip: Challenger Learning Center for

Space Science Education, Richland County,

1:00 pm

November 17 (Wed) Field Trip: Lexington County Museum, The

Kitchen, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

LORD whatever December 3 (Fri) Field Trip: Harmon's Tree Farm. 1:00 pm

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Christmas Crafts, 2:00-3:00 pm

January 14 (Fri) SHIELD's Winter Formal, Hanlee Hall

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the

plans will

succeed.

Dear SHIELD Family,

We are so blessed to have multiple places that are willing to open their doors for us to use. We are graciously allowed to use their facilities for everything from club meetings to formals to mid-year meetings. As a home school group, we hope that our reputation will speak for itself.

As our group continues to grow, we need to remember to always make sure we have enough chaperones and parental involvement when going on special trips and/or attending meetings. We need to pay special attention when we use facilities on loan by a church or local business. Parents, please make sure that if you are attending a SHIELD event, like a club meeting, that you monitor all children, regardless of age. SHIELD Leadership

Team/Coordinators/Advisors, please make sure that you leave the used facility in better shape than when you got there. Ask for help if needed . . . we're all in this together.

Recently, we learned of a church that had to put special safety measures in place to protect some important & expensive equipment. Unfortunately, this involved a home school group club meeting. There is another local church that *used* to open their doors to all types of home school groups, etc. but decided to stop this practice. Why? Because the home school group(s) did not clean up behind themselves and did not respect the church's property. Now, no home school group is welcome there.

As a non-profit, volunteer group, we have to rely upon the charity of other businesses, churches, etc. to have our meetings, especially since we have grown. Growth is wonderful because so many opportunities come with having a larger group; however, with size increase also comes a greater responsibility. We are counting on your help to maintain our reputation as one of the best in the area.

Thank you so much for being such a wonderful, conscientious support group. We felt we needed to encourage and congratulate you for being one of the best . . . let's work together as we continue to do all things for His glory.

As with everything, if you have questions or comments, please call one of us.

Blessings,
SHIELD Leadership Team
Debbie Barney, Team Leader (<a href="mailto:dddbarney@gmail.com">dddbarney@gmail.com</a>)
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Beth Martin, Financial/Members Leader (<a href="mailto:bethsmartin@hotmail.com">bethsmartin@hotmail.com</a>)

### **FALL Academic Presentation Day**

**Theme: History & Science** 

Date: Friday, October 22, 2010

Location: Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room

Time: 9:00-11:30 am

It is time once again to begin preparing for Fall Academic Presentation Day. This is a time for your students in 3rd grade and above to present a 3-5 minute oral presentation on a topic of their choice relating to what they are studying in science or history. Students can use a variety of ways to present their topics, including skits, display boards, drama, reciting poems, displaying art, playing musical instruments, etc. Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade are not required to give an oral presentation but may participate by providing a display.

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

Please contact Jennifer Aurednik at <a href="mitchandjen@windstream.net">mitchandjen@windstream.net</a> or 803-269-6020 to sign your kids up even if you signed up at the kick-off meeting.

Please provide child's name and grade who will be participating and indicate if they will only have a display if younger.

### STUDENT CLUBS

### Girls' & Boys' Clubs

The Girls' Clubs and Boys' Clubs are divided by age & gender. During club meetings, the students will build lasting friendships, laugh, play games, make crafts, attend field trips & theme parties--fun, fun, fun! Add more learning & fun to your school year and build friendships that will last a lifetime!

Contact a club leader today to join the Boys/Girls Clubs.

Club	Club Leader	Email Address
K-5-1 <sup>st</sup> grade girls club	April Wallace	Aprilw1982@yahoo.com
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade girls club	Janey Goude	janeygoude@sc.rr.com
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade girls club	Cindy Morris	morris333@bellsouth.net
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls club	Wendy Mosteller	wendymosteller@gmail.com
K5 boys club	Jennifer Deason	deasonhome@windstream.net
1 <sup>st</sup> grade boys club	Leslie Ballard	Wahoolb@bellsouth.net
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade boys club	Carolyn Jackson	imacarolyn@gmail.com
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys club	Valerie Harris	valeriemharris@yahoo.com

If you have questions about student clubs, please contact SHIELD Club Coordinator Mandy Dufries at sixdufries@gmail.com or 996-1379.

### **Special Interest Clubs:**

## Middle School Book Club of the Classics!

For more information, please contact **Dahlia Jacobs, Club Coordinator** ddddjacobs@msn.com

## Critter Club for all ages

For more information, please contact Dawson Jacobs, Club Coordinator ddddjacobs@msn.com

### **American Girl Club**

For information, please contact Anne Meester aidrry@yahoo.com 422-3215

# Just added! Lexington County Museum Field Trips

Date	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Tuesday,	Weaving and Weaving	Wendy	~K4-	free
October 12	Games	Mosteller	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
TBA	Native American	Wendy	~K4-	free
	Program	Mosteller	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
Tuesday,	Historical Pastimes	Wendy	~K4-	free
Nov. 2		Mosteller	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
Wednesday	The Kitchen	Wendy	~K4-	free
Nov. 17		Mosteller	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	
Tuesday	Early Christmas Crafts	Wendy	~K4-	free
Dec. 14	-	Mosteller	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	

### **Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips**

Date	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Wednesday	Patriot's Point, Mt.	Tracy Taylor	All Ages	\$13/person
Oct. 6	Pleasant (Charleston)			
	(Full)			
Wednesday	Vulcan Quarry	Heather Lozada	All Ages	free
October 13	(Full)			
Friday,	Fifth Friday Park Day	Tracy Taylor	All Ages	free
Oct 29				
Tuesday,	Challenger Learning	Lisa Phillips	Ages 3	\$7.00/person
Nov. 9	Center		and up	
Friday,	Harmon Tree Farm	Heather Lozada	All Ages	\$11.50/person
Dec.3	Christmas Educational			
	Program			

The above information is subject to adjustments & changes.

See below for details on upcoming field trips.

All field trips planned below are for

## The Lexington County Museum

website: <a href="http://www.lex-co.com/museum/">http://www.lex-co.com/museum/</a>
Field Trip Contact: Wendy Mosteller 803-234-1591
wendymosteller@gmail.com

Please note that field trips will fill up fast as there is a limit so please make your RSVP soon! All Lexington County Museum field trips are free of charge. The field trips are targeted to the K4-6<sup>th</sup> grade but all are welcome. Any children that attend are counted in the total number except for infants.

When emailing your RSVP, please include all parents, children and siblings attending. Please include age or grade for children and the best number to contact you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime! These field trips look like they are going to be a blast! I look forward to seeing you there!

# October at Lexington County Museum

Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am-12pm Weaving and Weaving Games

This is a fiber arts program for younger children. The loom is explained and demonstrated in the museum loom house, after which the children engage in paper weaving, potholder weaving, and Daisey loom weaving according to their abilities. They end the program by playing related games to the sound of early weaving songs.

# October at Lexington County Museum

Date & Time: TBA
Native American Program 1 & 2

This program is a wonderfully interesting way to learn about the culture of the early Cherokee Indians in the Lexington area. The children touch various animal hides, teeth and claws from black bears, foxes, deer, raccoons and rabbits. Baskets, food, hunting, fishing, clothing, and pottery are shown and discussed. An animal-tracks game teaches children to identify the paw prints that Cherokee children saw every day. Each child will make their own clay pinch pot to take home.

The second half of the program has the guide telling the children early Cherokee stories about animals to which the guide uses music and hand puppets. A ceremonial dance takes place in which the children participate by wearing masks, dancing and playing musical instruments such as the drums, hawk bells and turtle rattles. After the dance, the children participate in various Native American games such as Lacrosse, Chunkee, and others, which test hand to eye coordination.

These two hours are sure to provide great enjoyment and give good insight into the Cherokee culture.

\*\*\*\*\* Each child will need to bring a Ziploc bag with their name on it to put their clay pot in \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# November at Lexington County Museum

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm-2pm Historical Pastimes

Replica toys, early games, stories, and songs from the 1700s and 1800s help children to learn how children of earlier times enjoyed their leisure time.

They actually see how children lived without computers, TV and video games!!!! This is a hands-on demonstration as all things are at the museum and the children will use the earlier games to see how they would have played in the 1700s and 1800s. A great learning experience!!

Wednesday, November 17th, 11am-12pm The Kitchen

# December at Lexington County Museum

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm-3pm Early Christmas Crafts

This tour is given for only a few weeks in December. The John Fox House circa 1832 is decorated with period decorations which the children are shown as they look through the house. After the tour, the children make these same early decorations such as popcorn strings, pomanders, and gumdrop trees, which they are allowed to take home. This program is a most memorable Christmas experience!

### Field trip:

## Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education

**Richland County** 

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$7.00/person, ages 3 and up including adults

Contact: Lisa Phillips, angelslp@sc.rr.com or

661-9647

We have a wonderful opportunity to visit the Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education. This is an educational tour to include the E-Planetarium, Mission Control, and Space Station. The tour is 1 ½ hrs., \$7.00 per person, ages 3 and older. There is no charge for 2 and younger; strollers are permitted.

#### \*\*\*NOTF\*\*\*

There has been a change to the payment deadline. It has been moved up one week so that the staff can plan appropriately.

Deadline for payment is Friday, October 15, 2010.

You may send your payment to: Lisa Phillips 218 17<sup>th</sup> St. West Cola, S.C. 29169

Feel free to contact Lisa with any questions @ 661-9647 or angelslp@sc.rr.com

# Field trip: Harmon's Tree Farm

Lexington, SC

Date: Friday December 3rd

Time: 1:00 pm

Cost: \$11.50 pp (with at least 16 people)

Contact: Heather Lozada, pajamaschool@yahoo.com,

708-6704

Get in the Christmas spirit with a trip to Harmon's Tree Farm in Gilbert! Tour will include a hayride with educational tour of the Christmas trees, small tree seedling, playground, barn tour, petting zoo, hot chocolate & cookie, coloring book, and a teacher's packet on Forestry. Tour will last approximately 2 hours. Appropriate for all ages.

Contact Heather Lozada with any questions.

Sign up by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **MOM'S NIGHT OUT**

Mom's Night Out is an awesome opportunity to enjoy a relaxing meal with like-minded moms that home school in our community. We meet once a month at a local restaurant for a few hours to chat and share. Please join us for some fun! We always have a great time! :)

Thursday, October 28th, 7:00 pm San Jose's in Lexington

### "Fifth Friday Fun Park Day"

Friday, October 29<sup>th,</sup> 12:30 pm Springdale Park (Felton C. Benton Park) West Columbia 2915 Platt Springs Rd., Springdale 29170

Can you feel the cooler weather yet?
Let's spend the afternoon fellowshipping and enjoying the fall weather.

Plenty of time for schoolwork in the morning and then pack a lunch and head to the park.

Questions? Tracy Taylor <a href="mailto:ttaylor24@sc.rr.com">ttaylor24@sc.rr.com</a>

### **THRILL**

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives)

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

October's THRILL Meeting will be on Friday the 8th, 2-3 @ The Harvest Church (we will be meeting at the Alley)

The Service Project for this month will be the Fall Carnival at Helping Hands in West Columbia on October 29th. Our duties will be to help run the fair game booths, assist those who need help, and help with refreshments. The time is 11:45-1:45.

Also mark your calendars for the Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commissions' Meals on Wheels Walk. This year the Walk will be on Saturday, November 13 at 8am. Pre-registration is 10/8; however you may register after that date and up to the day of the event. I will have registration forms with me at our next meeting. Registration fee is \$15, which includes a T-Shirt. I will also have "Mealraiser" cards with me if anyone wants to raise money for their walk.

We had a great THRILL Meeting in September; looking forward to see you at our next meeting!

If you have any questions you can contact:

Michelle Steyne, <u>mlsteyne@aol.com</u>, 796-9090 Elizabeth Collins, <u>aikosmom@sc.rr.com</u>, 356-5858 Angela Norman, <u>angelanorman@bellsouth.net</u>, 955-9185

### YEARBOOK NEWS

YEARBOOK STAFF NEWS - We had a great time at our staff meeting in September. We selected our Winter Formal theme, which is "Fantasy". Check out our invitation on the website to see more about what that means.

We also spent time brainstorming about our yearbook theme and getting insights from Mr. David Patrick, our Josten's representative, about how to make our yearbook even better! He had some super ideas and we now have to figure out which ones we can implement this year!

Next staff meeting: Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm at "The Rock" at Harvest Church, Hwy 378 in Lexington. Our regular meeting will be from 1-2 and then we will begin laying out our book.

### Studio G Make-Up Picture Day: Tuesday, October 12.

If you were unable to make it to Studio G last week, please call Donya Jacobs, Photography Advisor, at 732-4627 or by e-mail at ddddjacobs@msn.com to schedule an appointment for picture make-up day.

All seniors will need to contact Studio G directly for appointments. Studio G's phone number is 796-0697.

### BUY YOUR 2011 SHIELD YEARBOOK COST - \$25.00

(The cost will be \$30.00 after the mid-year meeting in January)

To purchase - send a check made payable to SHIELD to: Jonathan Liva, 270 Browning Court, Lexington, SC 29073

Contact info – 359-3415 or srliva@juno.com

If you have yearbook questions, please contact one of our Yearbook Advisory Panel Members:

Linda Barnhill – Yearbook Coordinator, Layout Advisor –
elbeemee@bellsouth.net – 772-3184
Susan Liva – Business Advisor, Formal Coordinator –
srliva@juno.com – 359-3415
Donya Jacobs – Photography Advisor –
ddddjacobs@msn.com – 732-4627

### **SHIELD's Winter Formal**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDER!

January 14, 2011

This January is SHIELD's 10th Winter Formal (the yearbook fundraiser). Mark **January 14, 2011** on your calendar as a day of fellowship and fun with your teenage home school community.

We are changing things up this year! This year's Winter Formal will be held at *Hanlee Hall* to celebrate our *tenth* formal and we will be adding *Kendall's Katering* service.

Please go to the SHIELD website at <a href="https://www.shieldonline.org/formal.htm">www.shieldonline.org/formal.htm</a> to download an Invitation, a Registration Form, the Dress, Behavior & Dance Code, and the Essig Photography price list.

The deadline for getting in your registration form is:

**DECEMBER 15th!** 

### **Members' Services**

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? Send the information to Karen Collins at <u>jk-kids@sc.rr.com</u>.

### **Babysitters**:

Elizabeth Barney, 312-4100 (cell)

Ashlynne Janzen, 957-0432

### **Lawn Service:**

Jonathan Liva, Landscaping Services, 359-3415, jliva360@gmail.com

#### **Music Lessons:**

Chris Gaylord, guitar lessons in Lexington, 957-3458

Anne Meester, violin lessons, 422-3215

### Other:

Joel Weeks, Licensed Builder, Home Repairs and Additions, 606-4759

Mike Kollmansberger, Computer Repair, 246-5616

Richard Barney, Roofing, 351-6078

Tommy & Linda Barnhill, Barnhill Automotive-Honda Car Service and Repair, 772-5144

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#### About Our Newsletter...

## Newsletter submissions must be received by October 25 for inclusion in the November newsletter.

The SHIELD Encourager Newsletter is published monthly and e-mailed to our members at the beginning of every month (except June & July). If you have an item you would like to submit, contact Karen Collins at <u>jk-kids@sc.rr.com</u>or\_shieldhomeschool@gmail.com.