



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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Dear SHIELD Family,

Reaping a Harvest



Do you ever get weary in doing good? Do you feel no matter how hard you fight that you just cannot win? Do you think about giving up?

There are times in our lives when we hear God calling us to do something special, something different, and something against the norm. He pulls us out of our comfort zone and begins to show us the changes that need to be made or the things that need to be done. God has really been moving in our family lately. He has been calling us to what we know are bigger and better things. However, it takes a lot of time and effort to get the end result. Not only is it a lot of work, but it can also be emotionally and spiritually draining. We feel like we will never make it to the end. We feel beat up and weary by the busyness of life. We see it as a monumental task. We feel crushed by the opposition of the world. Sometimes we feel disheartened because even our friends and loved ones don't understand our efforts to follow God's lead.

It's like tending a garden. I love the idea of planting a garden. I enjoy planning how and what we'll plant. I enjoy shopping for the seeds, mapping out the garden. It is similar to the excitement that I feel when the Lord gives me a new challenge. Then I begin digging the holes, planting the seeds, and anticipating that first sprout breaking forth from the ground, and enjoying the fruits of my labor. In the same way, I can't wait to see how things have changed in our lives and see God's glory revealed. However, there is a lot of work to be done between planting and harvesting. This is where I sometimes fall short. Sometimes I get weary of watering, fertilizing, weeding, toiling in the hot sun, and then waiting for the harvest. It seems that it just takes such a LONG time. I begin to wonder if all my work was in vain, especially when all of my hard work gets pecked and eaten by the crows and insects of this world. Sometimes, I even feel like just giving up and giving in.

It is easy to feel this way, but we must recognize that we are being attacked by the enemy. We are making progress and the enemy wants not only to destroy what we have already done, but he wants to prevent us from working further for the Lord. We cannot let him win! We must remember God's promises to us. Our Father has sacrificed so much for us. We can hold on no matter how long it takes because we have Him and His promises on which to lean:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14)

"He promises us strength: I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (Psalm 16:8)

"Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him." (Psalm 37:3-5, 7a)

"Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid." (Psalm 112: 1a, 7-8a)

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them." (Psalm 145: 18-19)

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:28-31)



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11: 28-31)

“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.” (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

Father, Please be with us as we serve you by serving our family and our communities. Give us strength to trust and obey. Help us remember to rely on You to be our source of strength and protection. Help us be persistent in our fight for You and Your kingdom. Renew our energy to do Your work. Help us be joyful as we sow seeds, tend the spiritual gardens, and await the harvest You have so graciously promised.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

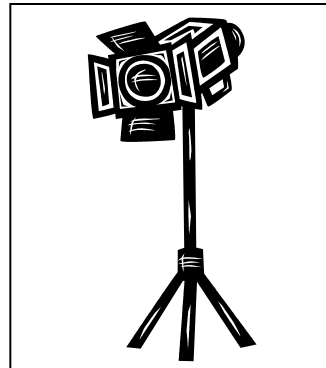
~~ Mandy Dufries





to Karen Collins
for several years of service to SHIELD as Communication Leader.
We appreciate you!

Karen will continue serving SHIELD on the
THRILL Advisory Panel.



“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!

Paula Tambling is our new Communication Leader. After prayerful consideration, God led us to ask Paula to join the Leadership Team and she has been a joy and a blessing to us in so many ways. She has worked diligently learning this position over the summer and has faithfully followed God’s calling to serve SHIELD in this role. She and her husband, Sean have been in SHIELD for 2 years and homeschool their daughter, Elisabeth who is in the 6th grade.

- Q.** How long have you been homeschooling?
A. *We began our homeschool journey 1 1/2 years ago.*
- Q.** What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?
A. *Academic Presentation Days & Talent Night*
- Q.** What do you find the most challenging about homeschooling?
A. *Scheduling my days. I really appreciate the encouragement that the Lord sent my way at Kick Off. Mandy's devotion really encouraged me to look to Him more regarding this issue.*
- Q.** What is a favorite field trip your family has gone on?
A. *My favorite field trip was also our first field trip. We went to the Battle of Aiken. I would highly recommend it to anyone that hasn't had a chance to go!*
- Q.** What is your favorite food?
A. *CHOCOLATE!*
- Q.** What are your hobbies?
A. *Singing and playing games!*
- Q.** What is your family's favorite activity?
A. *Church and anything involving snow!*
- Q.** What is your favorite book?
A. *The Bible!*
- Q.** What is a favorite scripture passage or verse?
A. *Isaiah 40:28-31, ...31 says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*



Calendar of Events

September 7 (Fri)	Family Field Day: Mt. Horeb Church gymnasium, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 12 (Wed)	Field Trip: Saluda Shoals Nature Program, 9:15 am registration is closed
September 14 (Fri)	Field Trip: Bee City, Cottageville, SC, 10:00 am
Sept. 17, 18 & 19 (M-W)	Yearbook Picture Days at Studio G
September 18 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum: The Kitchen, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
September 21 (Fri)	Yearbook Meeting, Harvest Church, 1:00-4:00
September 21 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting/Harvest Hope, Meeting next door to Harvest Hope @ Calvary Chapel Church in W. Columbia on 12 th St., 1:00-3:00 pm
October 1 (Mon)	Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day
October 16 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum: Early Farm Life, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
October 19 (Fri)	Fall Academic Presentation Day, Lexington Baptist Church Reception Room, 9:00 am
October 19 (Fri)	Field Trip: Living History Park: Colonial Times Event, 9:00 am, registration is closed
November 20 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum: Colonial Home Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
December 5 (Wed)	Field Trip: Narroway Productions, Fort Mill, 9:30 am, registration is closed
December 18 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum: Early Christmas Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
January 14 (Mon)	Mid-Year Meeting: Speaker: Lori Hatcher, Harvest Church
January 25 (Fri)	Winter Formal: Lexington Conference Center/Ballroom
March 20 (Wed)	Field Trip: Barrier Island Eco Tour, 9:45 am
April 12 (Fri)	Field Trip: Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover

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*

SHIELD Membership

As of August 31, the open membership period for renewing members for the 2012-13 year has ended. We will be e-mailing a SHIELD Directory to all member families very soon. We do our best to ensure that the data is accurate, but it is inevitable that there will be mistakes. Please send any changes to Beth Martin at SHIELDMembershipTeamLeader@gmail.com.

If you would like to join SHIELD, you may still do that by going to www.shieldonline.org and downloading the application. The cost for new members is still \$15 for SHIELD only, or \$30 for SHIELD *plus* SCHEA. Returning members who join after September 1, 2012 will be asked to pay a \$10 late fee in addition to the cost of membership.

Please contact Beth Martin at SHIELDMembershipTeamLeader@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning membership.

SHIELD Coordinator & Leadership Update

Many new Coordinators have joined the SHIELD Coordinator Team this year! We are so thankful for each and every one that has committed their time, gifts, and abilities to serving SHIELD for the upcoming school year. Please see the last page of the newsletter for contact information for all SHIELD Coordinators. Please feel free to contact them with any questions you may have.

Attention Senior Families!

Please contact Linda Barnhill at SHIELDSeniorsCoordinator@gmail.com to have your name added to the email loop regarding opportunities for SHIELD seniors this year.



Family Field Day

Fun For the Whole Family!!!

Who: All members of SHIELD---NEW & OLD

When: Friday, September 7, 2012 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm)

Where: Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church gymnasium

Why: To have a blast with your own family as well as others while participating in all kinds of games and relays! There will be prizes for everyone and YES it is in AIR CONDITIONING!!!!!! Hurray!

How: Please sign up for this event by emailing Ellen Nagelvoort at SHIELDFieldDayCoordinator@gmail.com to let her know how many family members are coming.

Contact: Ellen Nagelvoort 960-8312 if you are interested in helping out. (I need at least three other helpers)



Classes for 3rd - 6th grade
10:30 am at Sesquicentennial State Park,
Columbia

Classes last for about 1 1/2 hours
Monday, Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Monday, Oct. 1
\$30 per student if we have 30 students

Registration is now closed.

For questions, email April Roebuck at roebucks_5@windstream.net

The Junior Trailblazer Club consists of 4 hands-on classes, an educational day hike on a local trail, and a fitness component. Each student will receive a passport where they will collect stamps for each class and a weekly fitness activity. At the end of the program, the students who have collected all of the stamps, will receive the Junior Trailblazer pin and become official members of the club.

- **South Carolina Wildlife-** Students will learn how to identify local wildlife by studying skulls, scat, and tracks. They will learn how to identify signs, or evidence, of wildlife in the outdoors and how to use those signs to determine the species, diet, size, etc. The use of field guides will aid in identifying animal characteristics and adaptations including size, range, habitat, diet, and scientific name. The students will also learn the important characteristics of the geographic regions of South Carolina.
- **South Carolina Trees-** In this exciting class, students will learn how to identify and categorize tree leaves according to their shape, size, venation, margin, and positioning on the twig. The students will then learn how to use a dichotomous leaf key as an identification tool for leaf samples. Field guides and plant collections are also available for the students to use.
- **Outdoor First Aid-** Students will learn basic outdoor first aid by discussing possible emergency situations. They will go through the contents of a first aid kit, and discuss when and how to use each item. Each student will get a chance to practice tying splints and slings using materials that can be found in the outdoors. Poisonous spiders and snakes will also be discussed.
- **Outdoor Skills-** During this class, students will learn about the upcoming hike and items that are necessary to take on a hike. Students will learn the importance of packing in water, a nutritional snack, a first aid kit, field guides, maps, a compass, and other fun items such as a pair of binoculars. The students will get the chance to come up with some of their own ideas for good nutritional snacks. Some of these ideas can be found in the recipe section of the website. Using a compass and a map, each student will learn how to orient his position on the map as well as on the trail. The students will also learn how to read a topographical map by using contour lines to find elevation change.

<http://www.palmettoconservation.org/jrteachers.asp>

FALL Academic Presentation Day

Theme: History & Science
Date: Friday, October 19, 2012
Location: Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room
Time: 9:00 am until 11:30-12:00

Let your children come and share with others the exciting things they have been learning in science or history. Any age can bring a display, but 3rd grade and up should prepare a 3-5 minute oral presentation about a famous person, event, discovery, etc. in science or history. Use your imagination to create an interesting board, perform a skit, or illustrate an experiment. This is always a wonderful time for all and gives our children the opportunity to learn from others.

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

APD Coordinators:

Jennifer Cogle, SHIELDAcadPrstDayCoordinator@gmail.com, 261-9593
Carolyn Jackson, SHIELDAcadPrstDay.CJ@gmail.com, 665-5159



Student Clubs

The Girls' Clubs and Boys' Clubs are a wonderful opportunity for your students to build lasting friendships with children in their own grade and gender while learning. All parents are involved with creating the meeting schedule and take turns hosting activities for the students. Parents can host by organizing field trips, play dates, sports, crafts, homemaking activities, Bible study, etc. Each club is lead by a participating parent volunteer. Responsibilities of the club leader are simply to hold one initial meeting with all of the parents to plan the schedule & to distribute the list of participating students & contact information. Please consider volunteering to lead your student's group. Join the Boys/Girls Club to add more learning & fun to your school year and friendships that last a lifetime!

If you would like to sign-up, please contact our Club Coordinator, Mandy Dufries, at SHIELDStudentClubCoordinator@gmail.com.



Special Interest Clubs

Does your student enjoy collecting, rollerblading, scrapbooking, Frisbee, woodworking, sewing, cooking, outdoor adventures, gardening, reading, drawing, painting, animals, photography, Bible study, poetry, model building, genealogy, fishing, candle making, board games, computers, sports, cake decorating, Legos, rubberstamping, ceramics? Wouldn't it be great if your student were involved in a club that supported and developed their interests? All you need is an interest and some basic ideas to start a fulfilling club for your student. The ideas are only limited to your imagination.

If you have an idea for a club, please contact the SHIELD Club Coordinator, Mandy Dufries at SHIELDStudentClubCoordinator@gmail.com or 996-1379 to help get the club started.

Lego Club

Grades 1-5, limited to 30 students

There is now a waiting list for this club. We ask that if you have signed up and have decided to drop this club from your activities, please notify us by email to allow others the opportunity to attend.

For those who were part of last year's LEGO Club, this year will be a bit different. For those who did not get to attend, get ready!

This year, LEGO Club will be focusing on being "LEGO Smart."

I'm planning activities for Lego Smart Club with activities developed to help students learn science, technology, engineering, and math – and at the same time, gain the communication skills to last a lifetime. To be LEGO Smart is to excel at these things. A LEGO Smart student can build with LEGO bricks. They solve problems creatively and excel at working with others and thinking critically.

We plan on using some tips that we gleaned from last year and from various websites for organization and implementation of the lesson plans. Therefore, the hope is for it to be fun as well as instructive. We will gear it toward an elementary age that will hopefully understand and enjoy learning this way. While I don't want to exclude anyone, I want to keep it interesting for some of the "older" kids.

Some of the activities are modeled after the Storybuilders program that the Lexington Main Library did this summer. We were unable to attend, but really liked the idea of having a story and then a related build or project.

The group will be led by Amanda Smith, Leslie Ballard, and Karen Agerton.

We will meet at Lexington Baptist Church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm.

Thanks,
Amanda Smith, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.AS@gmail.com, 808-0725

Middle School Book Club

If you are interested in joining a Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8) for the 2012-2013 school year, please e-mail Terri or Hannah Brokaw at timterri@juno.com.

We will meet monthly at the Lexington Main Library. Our first Book Club Gathering will be **Friday, September 7, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Other Special Interest Clubs this year:

Drama Club (Coordinator: Leah Tilghman) and
American Girl Club (Coordinator April Wallace)

SHIELD Field Trips

The Field Trip Team has been working on planning a variety of field trips for the upcoming school year! Below are the plans to date. Emails will be sent out throughout the year as details are confirmed.

You may continue to register for some of these trips by contacting the coordinators. Please pay special attention to sign-up deadlines.

Our 2012-2013 Field Trip Team: Rebecca Becker, April Wallace, Heather Schaub, Amanda Smith, Kathryn Graham & Leslie Ballard.

Thank you, Field Trip Team, for planning a variety of educational field trips for us this year!

2012-2013 SHIELD Field Trips

Date/Time	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
September 12th Wednesday 9:30	Saluda Shoals	Amanda Smith	K-3 4-8	\$2.50 per student
September 14 th Friday	Bee City	Amy Hallman	All	\$5 per person
September 18th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum- The Kitchen	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
October 16th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum- Early Farm Life	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
October 19th Friday 8:30-1:30	Living History Park- North Augusta	Rebecca Becker	All	\$5 per student (4 and under free)
November 20th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum Colonial Home Crafts	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
November 21st Wednesday 10am	Nutcracker- Township Auditorium	April Wallace	All	tbd
December 5th Wednesday	Narrowway Productions	Rebecca Becker	All	\$7.13 per person \$10.87 includes lunch (1-12 months free)
December 14th Friday 10:30-12:30	Columbia Christmas Tour	Kathryn Graham	All	\$6 per person
December 18th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum Christmas Crafts	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
January 7 Monday 10 am	Discovery Place - Charlotte	Kathryn Graham	K-6	\$5 per person
January 29th Tuesday 9:30	Columbia Museum of Art	Rebecca Becker	K-5th 6th-12th	\$3 per person (under 4 free)
February 26th Tuesday 10:30	SC State Museum	Rebecca Becker	K-2 3-5 6-8 HS too if desired	free for students and 1 parent per family (\$6 addition)
March 20th Wednesday 10-2	Caper's Island/ Barrier Reef - Charleston	April Wallace	5 years old and up	\$20 per person
April 10th Wednesday 10-11:30	Sesqui State Park - Insectigations	Amanda Smith	K-3	\$2 per student
April 12th Friday 8pm-7:30am	Ripley's Aquarium - Sleep with the Sharks	April Wallace	Ages 4 and up only	\$55 per person

**The above information is subject to adjustments & changes.
See below for details on upcoming field trips.**

Field trip:
Saluda Shoals Nature Center

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Time: 9:15 am – 11:00 am
Cost: \$2.50/student
Contact: Amanda Smith, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.AS@gmail.com

The class for K-3 will be “Animal Life Cycles”
The class for 4-8 will be “Biodiversity”

The maximum number of students is 25 for each group. There is now a waiting list for this field trip. If you have signed up and have decided that you will be unable to attend, please let Amanda know ASAP.

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.



Field trip:
Bee City

Date: Friday, September 14, 2012
Time: 10am
Cost: \$5 per person
Contact: Amy Hallman, kalc12345@aol.com

At Bee City we will learn about bees, plus a lot of other animals. The petting zoo here contains a wonderful group of exotic animals, including monkeys, lemurs, birds, goats, llamas, and alpacas.

They have picnic tables so you can bring lunch with you if you would like.

The address is: 1066 Holly Ridge Ln., Cottageville, SC 29435.
You may visit their website at www.beecity.net

There is a minimum of 15 people required for a program.

You can send a check to:

Amy Hallman
2204 Spring Hill Road
Gilbert, SC 29054



Field trip:**Lexington Museum: The Kitchen**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Cost: free
Ages: K-6
Contact: Heather Schaub, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.HS@gmail.com

The Kitchen - Everyone loves the kitchen, especially the John Fox kitchen from the nineteenth century. After seeing the kitchen and learning how certain items were used, they proceed out into the kitchen yard and inspect all of the outbuildings used for preparing a meal. Children even get to see a historic privy. The activities in the yard include butter-churning, corncob shucking, using a coffee grinder, and much more.

Field trip:**Lexington Museum: Early Farm Life**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Cost: free
Ages: K-6
Contact: Heather Schaub, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.HS@gmail.com

Farm Life - Children enter the world of a nineteenth century farm child in this program. Using authentic tools, children plow, rake, hoe, plant seeds, and build a scarecrow in our picturesque farm setting. Sorry, there are no animals, however.

Field trip:**Living History Park: Colonial Times Event**
North Augusta, South Carolina

Date: Friday, October 19, 2012
Time: 9:00 am - afternoon
Cost: **Registration is closed @ this time.**
Contact: Rebecca Becker, SHIELDFieldTripCoordinator@gmail.com

Living History Park is a recreation of a southern 18th century village. Interpreters will educate and demonstrate the life skills of the 18th century.

Students will visit:

- a brick tavern with outdoor bake oven
 - a Meeting House
 - a blacksmith shop
- an early log cabin academy
 - a log backwoods cabin
 - a smoke house
- a reproduction slave cabin
 - livestock corral
 - a kitchen herb garden
- an active flowing spring
 - a sensory garden
 - Village Mercantile
 - New Windsor Shop
 - walking trail

There is no limit to the number of students or the age as to who can attend. But in order to reserve our spot, all money has to be submitted to secure our reservation.

*See www.colonialtimes.us/events.html

*Time will be built in for a picnic lunch before the afternoon tours begin

*Families can return for the free family days on Saturday and Sunday

Field trip:**Narrowway Productions****"The Broadway of Christian Entertainment"**Biblical Field Trip, www.narrowway.net

3327 Hwy 51 N, Fort Mill, SC, 29715 (location is 15 minutes from Charlotte)

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Time: Arrive at 9:30 am, Show 10:00-11:00 am
Cost: **Registration is closed @ this time.**
Contact: Rebecca Becker, SHIELDFieldTripCoordinator@gmail.com

Step back in time to an ancient world in an inspiring search for Jesus! Live animals and hands-on fun make this field trip experience both educational and entertaining. Meet Firecracker the Donkey, Sheba the Camel and all their friends! Special effects, dramatic lighting and sound, and authentic costumes bring this incredible encounter to life.

Add on events after the show:

*camel rides (\$5 per person)

*petting zoo for 50 minutes (\$5 per person)

 Petting zoo includes a donkey, camel, horse, goat, pigs, sheep, etc.

*These add on events can be paid for at the event.

Money is due to Rebecca by Wednesday, August 31st

Families will need to contact Narrowway Productions if they want to be added onto our group.

Field trip:**Lexington Museum: Colonial Home Crafts**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Cost: free
Ages: K-6
Contact: Heather Schaub, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.HS@gmail.com

Colonial Home Crafts - Within the historic Lawrence Corley Log House, built around 1774, children learn about life in the Colonial era in the backcountry by seeing furniture, quilts, dishes, and eating utensils. They see a spinning demonstration, use cotton cards, and a “knitty-knoddy,” after which they dip candles and take home the finished product.

Field trip:**Lexington Museum: Early Christmas Crafts**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Cost: free
Ages: K-6
Contact: Heather Schaub, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.HS@gmail.com

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 gum drop trees which they are allowed to take back to the classroom. This program is a most memorable Christmas experience!

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: \$20/person (all ages)
Ages: 5 and up
Contact: April Wallace, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.AW@gmail.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 will be due on January 17, 2013.

Bring Bag Lunch

Contact April Wallace with any questions or concerns you may have, 803-727-0887 or SHIELDFieldTripPanel.AW@gmail.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, SHIELDFieldTripPanel.AW@gmail.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.

THRILL

Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives
Those who serve, lead; and those who lead, serve.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Peanut Butter & Jelly food drive for Harvest Hope!

It's not too late to sign up for THRILL! If you were not able to make the THRILL Kick-Off meeting, please contact Elizabeth Collins at SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanel.EC@gmail.com today. We will soon be placing t-shirt orders and need to know size information as soon as possible.

The originally scheduled September 14 THRILL meeting has been rescheduled for September 21 due to conflicts with Harvest Hope. See below.

September/October Volunteer Opportunities:

Friday, September 7 at SHIELD's Field Day, Mt. Horeb Church, 6:30-8:30, contact Ellen at SHIELDFieldDayCoordinator@gmail.com to sign up.

Friday, September 21 THRILL Meeting/Harvest Hope, 1-3. This will be a combined meeting/serving opportunity as we rotate students to serve at Harvest Hope. Meeting will be next door to Harvest Hope at Calvary Chapel Church in West Columbia on 12th Street.

Friday, October 5 Harvest Hope, 1-3, contact Elizabeth Collins at SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanel.EC@gmail.com to sign up (max 10).

Monday, October 8 Recital at Deepwood Estates, 1:45-2:45, contact Karen Collins at SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanel.KC@gmail.com to sign-up.

Friday, October 26 Helping Hands Adult Day Care Fall Festival, 11-2, contact Michelle Steyne at SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanelCoord@gmail.com to sign up.

We are excited that THRILL has been approved to 'adopt' a girl's cottage, ages 4-8, at Epworth Children's Home! This is still in the planning stages so watch your THRILL emails for upcoming opportunities to pour into the lives of these precious young girls.

For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact:
Michelle Steyne, SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanelCoord@gmail.com
Elizabeth Collins, SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanel.EC@gmail.com
Karen Collins, SHIELDThrillAdvisoryPanel.KC@gmail.com

YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2013 Yearbook staff is excited about this year's book. It is SHIELD's first **COLOR** book!

Attention all 8th-12th graders interested in joining the yearbook staff...

Please contact Leah Tilghman at SHIELDYearbookCoordinator@gmail.com if you wish to join the team! Applications and consent forms may be found on the SHIELD website.

The yearbook staff meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 1:00-4:00 at the "Rock" at Harvest church on hwy 378. Next meeting is September 21st.

SHIELD Picture Days

Picture days for having your student's portraits made for the yearbook are **September 17-19**. Make-up day is **October 1st**. Please sign up by contacting Wilenda Turner at 608-8005 or SHIELDYearbookPhotoAdvisor@gmail.com for an appointment time.

The sitting fee is \$2 per child. Seniors need to contact Studio G directly (see senior packet info.) to set up an appt. 796-0697

*****STUDIO G HAS MOVED TO 805 MEETING STREET, WEST COLUMBIA*****

**(across the street from What-A-Burger)
The sign reads "Canvass to Go".**

More YEARBOOK NEWS

We need your pictures!

The yearbook doesn't exist without your submissions. Please send your pictures to shieldpictures@gmail.com. Please send one per email and list who is in the picture and what they are doing.

This year we are going to ask each club and/or field trip coordinator to submit a group picture. We are designating October as club picture month. Please have someone in your club to take and submit a group picture in October. Please name each child pictured in the group. If you do not have anyone to take the picture for you, let us know and we will send someone to your meeting.

Pre-order your yearbook!

You may pre-order your yearbook for only \$25.00 at any time by mailing a check to Lauren Seacrist (made out to SHIELD) at 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, 29072. After the Mid-Year meeting the price will increase to \$30.00 and supplies will be limited this year.

2013 Yearbook Advisory Panel

Leah Tilghman, Coordinator
Teresa Andrews, Layout Advisor
Josie Seacrist, Business Advisor
Wilenda Turner, Photography Advisor

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SHIELD has joined up with Box Tops for Education! Start collecting now. Ask family, friends, church members, & neighbors to help collect them for you. **Your** home school will earn \$0.10 for each box top collected. Yes, you read that right.... **your** home school. The money can be used for your curriculum, field trips, school supplies, etc.

Clip the box tops (trim as close as possible to help save on shipping), make sure the expiration date has not expired, and put them in groups of 50 – make sure your name is on them. You may either use a rubber band or a plastic baggie.

The first deadline is October 18th.

For participating products, check out this website:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=3760>.

If any questions, contact April Roebuck at roebucks_5@windstream.net.

*This is not a scheduled SHIELD field trip. We are making the information available. Each family needs to order their own tickets and make their plans for this event.

Biltmore Estates: Fall Home School Festival

1 Approach Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803
www.biltmore.com

11th Annual Fall Homeschool Festival
September 20 & 21

Theme: The Biltmore Legacy: How the Vanderbilts Traveled and Their Time at Home

Festival includes:

- * Self-guided tour to Biltmore House, Gardens, and Conservatory
- * Hands-on activities, demonstrations, crafts, games, and fun

Ticket Cost: \$22.00 per person per day (\$44 per person for two days)
Ages 4 and under are free

*Must purchase tickets in advance / tickets purchased before July 31 are \$20 per ticket

Ticket office: 866-851-4661

*See attached flyer for more specific details and options for lodging
www.biltmore.com

Any questions...

Please contact Rebecca Becker
SHIELD Field Trip Coordinator

SHIELDFieldTripCoordinator@gmail.com
528-6492

Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? If so, please send the information to Paula Tambling at SHIELDCommunicationsTeamLeader@gmail.com.

Babysitters:

Hannah Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. janeygoude@sc.rr.com

Lauren Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. janeygoude@sc.rr.com

Lawn Service:

Music Lessons:

Other:

Jake Bingler, The Improvement Company, home remodeling and repairs,
(803) 553-5302, wbingler@sc.rr.com.

Mandy Dufries, BC Spa Consultant, (803)996-1379 or (803)917-8012,
mdufriesbcspa@gmail.com, www.beautipage.com/mandydufries

Rebecca Becker, Thirty-One Gifts Consultant,
www.mythirtyone.com/rbecker, jandbbecker@aol.com, 785-2237

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

Todd & Katherine Shealy, SheBees Honey Farm, (803) 532-8444.

Laura Scaggs and Sherrie Morrison (Laura's mom): Bluegreen Resort rentals (www.bluegreenonline.com) : Fantastic opportunities for year-round "field trip vacations"! Contact Laura at 477-1667 or email globs4@windstream.net or Sherrie at msmo5@hotmail.com

SHIELD Leadership & Coordinator Panel 2012-2013

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	Wilenda Turner (Photography Advisor)	SHIELDYearbookPhotoAdvisor@gmail.com	608-8005
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About Our Newsletter...

Newsletter submissions must be received by September 25 for inclusion in the October 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 Paula Tambling at SHIELDCommunicationsTeamLeader@gmail.com.