



Supporting Home Instruction
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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Ok, I admit this is the first time I've ever written a devotion. Why am I only now, after years of serving God and homeschooling, writing my first devotion? Because, I'm still growing.

My younger daughter has an interest in botany. She wanted to buy a Venus Fly Trap with some money she saved. I called around and found a local shop that sold them and we went to purchase it. Admittedly, I do not have a green thumb and have little interest in plants. I had no idea how to determine which of the Venus Fly Trap plants were healthy, so I asked. The nursery owner replied, "The ones with new growth." Seems simple enough, new growth means it's flourishing. My daughter made a choice, based on the shop owner's advice, and we took it home.

It wasn't until a few weeks later that the Holy Spirit quickened this thought to me for my spiritual walk. New growth means you're healthy. As a Christian, and a Mom I often struggle to "get it right". I try to master serving and teaching and mothering, but I realized, from the plant illustration, it isn't the greenest plant, nor the tallest, nor the fullest that determines if it's healthy. It's the **NEW** growth. How encouraging! I don't have to be the biggest or the best to be considered healthy. I think this "new growth" is overcoming little obstacles, one at a time, as the Lord brings them and then enables us. He often calls us to do things that are out of our comfort zone. When we take the challenge, with His help, we grow a new shoot.

Today, new growth for me is writing a devotion for my homeschooling family for the first time. For you, it may be beginning your homeschool journey or maybe ending it, preparing your child for their adult life. Wherever you are in the homeschool journey, or in life, keep your roots grounded in Christ and let Him produce new growth in you.



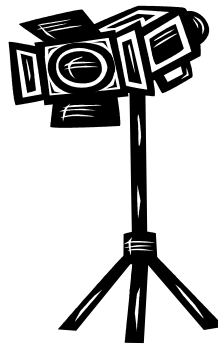
Psalm 92:14 (NIRV)

When they get old, they will still bear fruit.
Like young trees they will stay fresh and strong.

~Devotion by Leah Tilghman

“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!



[Jessica Sims](#) is serving SHIELD as one of our Yearbook Advisors. Jessica and her husband Tommy have three children: Claire (2nd grade) and Lila (1st grade) and Aidan (will be 1 year in November).

Q. How long have you been homeschooling?

A. This is our third year.

Q. What is your family's favorite activity?

A. Being outside. This time of year makes walks and camping and playing outside even sweeter. We also love playing and creating music together.

Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?

A. Chocolate (the good stuff).

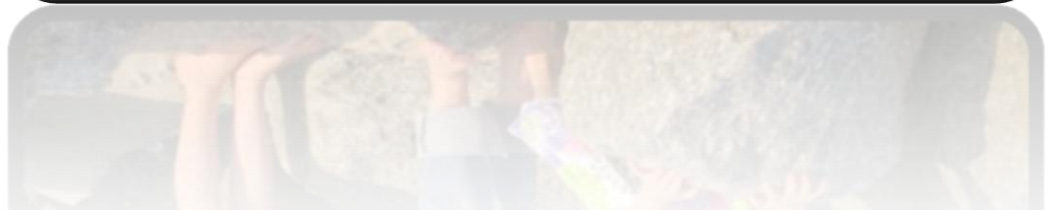
Q. What do you find the most challenging about homeschooling?

A. *Homeschooling in general has proven far more challenging than I anticipated, but for this purpose, I'll go with time management. It was never a strong point of mine, so it might be fair to say this is one of life's bigger challenges for me. :)*

Q. What is your favorite verse or passage of scripture?

A. *Isaiah 41:10*

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold onto you with My righteous right hand.



Calendar of Events

October 15 (Tues)	Box Tops Deadline
October 18 (Fri)	Fall Academic Presentation Day, Lexington Baptist Church, 9:00 am
October 18 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting, The Rock, Harvest Church, 1:00-2:00 pm
October 21 (Mon)	G.I.F.T., 7 – 9pm, location TBD
October 24 (Thurs)	Park Day, Virginia Hilton Park 12:30- 2:30pm
January 31 (Fri)	Winter Formal, Lexington Municipal Complex

Field Trip dates are listed on the Field Trip Chart. See pages 14-15.

And we know
that in all things
God works for
the good of those
who love him,
who have been
called according
to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



October 15th is the deadline for **Box Tops**

Important info:

Please put groups of 50 in an individual baggy with your name on it & the # 50. Along with a self addressed, stamped envelope. For the checks to be mailed to you. Also, double check the dates. We had some that 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 who to credit it to.

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 who the money should go to.
3. Box Tops does not have any record of who 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 money received with the Oct 2012 deadline will be shared by those who submit box tops with the Oct 2013 deadline.

Keep collecting them. Our next deadline will be in **Feb. 2014**. Ask your church members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, & family to help. Remember you get to keep the money for **your** school. Can be used for field trips, books, supplies, etc.

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

April Roebuck at 356-1310 329 Cedar Vale Drive, Lexington, SC 29703 (new address, same home phone #...we moved) roebucks_5@windstream.net or

Janey Goude at 951-0943, 107 Woodbay Ct., Lexington, SC 29072 djgoude@icloud.com

FALL Academic Presentation Day

Theme: History & Science
Date: Friday, October 18, 2013
Location: Lexington Baptist Church
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 are encouraged to 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.

Please contact Jennifer or Carolyn to sign up by **Friday, October 11th**.

APD Coordinators:

Jennifer Cogle, coglefour@gmail.com, 261-9593
Carolyn Jackson, imacarolyn@gmail.com, 665-5159



G.I.F.T.

Grace, Inspiration, Friendship, Training

Our goal is to be an intentional relational community having authentic conversations about real life homeschooling. We hope that everyone will contribute to help each other grow as homeschoolers and that you will come away with practical next steps in the journey.

Save the Date for our October Meeting!

Monday, October 21st - 7-9 pm

Watch your email for theme and location!

RSVP REQUIRED. Please note that if we have a large response we will contact those who have RSVP'd to notify you of a change in location. Please check your email before you come.

Aimee Kollmansberger - mikeandaimee@juno.com
Linda Barnhill – elbeemee@gmail.com



October Park Day

Come and join us!

Cost: Free

When: Thursday, October 24th, 12:30-2:30pm

Where: Virginia Hilton Park
111 Maiden Lane, Lexington
(Behind Lexington Municipal Complex)

Who: All SHIELD Families!

Coordinator: Amanda Smith

Contact Info: Amanda Smith
cell# 803-518-7720

smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com



YEARBOOK NEWS

Have you bought your 2014 SHIELD Yearbook yet?

The following is a list of the people who have purchased their yearbooks already. If you think you have paid but don't see your name, please contact Josie Seacrist pjseacrist@yahoo.com.

Ballard- 2	Kosch- 1
Barnhill- 1	Lucas- 1
Becker- 1	Maltry- 1
Cook- 2	Martin S.- 1
Clayton- 2	Morris W. -1
Collins, K.- 1	Ragsdale-1
Eubanks – 1	Scaggs – 1
Geiger-1	Seacrist-1
Harrington-1	Sims-1
Hewitt-3	Stidham-1
Howard S.- 1	Tinker-1
Janzen- 2	Watterson-1

If you would like to buy a 2014 Yearbook, now is a great time. They are just \$25 till the Mid-Year Meeting, after that they go up to \$30. If you would like to buy yours now, please make your check payable to SHIELD and mail it to Josie Seacrist 1149 Counts Ferry Road, Lexington, SC 29072.



YEARBOOK NEWS

This month we need your School Days and Club pictures.

**So please take your camera to your October meetings and take a group picture for us. As always you are welcome to send in your pictures early. Next month we need your Music/ Arts and Sports pictures.
Thank You!**

Please submit your photos by emailing them to shieldpictures@gmail.com, 1 photo per email. Please include a description including names of those pictured and what's happening in the photo. Please also keep in mind the size/quality of the photo. Be sure the photos you submit are full-sized images, and not a thumbnail preview, or a "sized for web" image. Photos taken with film cameras are always fine; just be sure the scan quality is "for print" or one of the larger options. Photos taken with digital cameras purchased in the past 7-8 years are almost always fine. Photos taken with cell phones vary widely... if you're unsure, you're welcome to send a test image our way and we'll tell you if it's large enough.

Winter Formal- The 2014 Winter Formal will be January 31st at Lexington Municipal Complex. The Formal is open to ALL homeschool teens, and their guests, from 9th-12th grade. Yearbook staff members in the 8th grade may also attend. Registrations are on the SHIELD website. The cost is \$25 each. Any registrations received after January 10th, will have to pay a \$10 late fee.

Publix Key Tags- Publix donates a portion of all sales to the SHIELD yearbook staff when we swipe their key tag at checkout. If you'd like to have a key tag to help support yearbook and maintain the low cost, you may pick them up at any yearbook meeting, 3rd Friday of each month at the Rock, or email Leah at Leah.Tilghman@gmail.com and she'll get them to you. If you have family or friends that shop at Publix, get some for them too.

THRILL

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

October THRILL meeting:

Friday, October 18, 1:00-2:00 - at the Rock, Harvest Church. We will be discussing upcoming service projects and chapters 3 & 4 of the book, Do Hard Things. Girls, please bring drinks; guys, please bring snacks.

October serving opportunities:

Monday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.— Performance/recital for residents at Deepwood Estates. Students are encouraged to participate by playing a musical instrument, singing, doing a dramatization, reading poetry or prose, etc. or by providing cookies or mini-muffins to share with the residents. They would love a visit from you, and the food makes an easy introduction and conversation piece. **Please contact Valerie Harris** at valeriemharris@yahoo.com by October 18 to sign up.

Friday, October 25 11:00-1:30 p.m. – Serving at Helping Hands Adult Day Care in West Columbia. We will assist the residents during their outdoor Fall Festival. Lunch will be provided. **Please contact Michelle Steyne** at mlsteyne@aol.com to sign-up.

Remember to keep logging your volunteer hours.

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

Michelle Steyne, mlsteyne@aol.com, 796-9090
Karen Collins, kscollins2@icloud.com, 445-6043

Girls' Clubs and Boys' Clubs

It's not too late for your children to join a girls' club or boys' club this school year! These are wonderful opportunities for your students to build lasting friendships with children in their own grade and gender while learning.

To sign-up, please contact our Club Coordinator, Melissa Bryan at smabryan@aol.com.

Special Interest Clubs

Lego Club

Coordinators: Amanda Smith, Grades 1-5, limit to 30 members
Lisa Jaeger ljaeger156@gmail.com for 2nd grade and under
Allison Martin am4boysmom@sc.rr.com for 6th-12 grade.

Book Club

Coordinators: Terri and Hannah Brokaw, timterri@juno.com

Drama Club (full at this time)

Coordinator: Sandra Kosch, sanbria37@gmail.com
Group 1: 4th-6th graders will meet from 1:30-2:30 two Fridays each month, Group 2: 7th-12 graders from 2:45-3:45 two Fridays each month.
Each group will be limited to 15 members.

American Girl Club (full at this time)

Coordinator: April Wallace, aprilw1982@yahoo.com

Mom-It-Forward

Coordinator: Brannon Edmonds
Mom-it-Forward is a service group, serving and volunteering throughout the community.

If you have an idea for a club, please contact the SHIELD Club Coordinator, Melissa Bryan at smabryan@aol.com, 803-292-7122, to help get the club started.

Fall 2013 SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Monthly Park Days - will be released via newsletter		Amanda Smith	ALL	Free
State Museum: King Tutankhamun Exhibit Eat lunch together in Congaree Room at 12:30 PM	Thurs, October 3 // 9:45 AM Second Group: 10:45 AM 2nd group has openings	Rebecca Becker	ALL	\$5 guided tour, ages 3 and up/ limit 50 total *Bring homeschool card for free museum entrance
Saluda Shoals Park - How Plants and Animals Survive This FT is full.	Mon, Oct 7 //10:45 AM	Amanda Smith	K-3	\$2.50 per student
Saluda Shoals Park - Effects of Rainfall on Land	Mon, Oct 7 //10:45 AM	Amanda Smith	4-6	\$2.50 per student
Saluda Shoals Park - How Plants and Animals Survive	Tues, Oct 8 //9:30-11:00	Amanda Smith	K - 3	\$2.50 per student
Challenge Learning Center - tour/silly space stuff/straw rocket competition This FT is full.	Wed, October 9 // 9:30-12:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	2 & under free, 3 yrs-4K \$7, 5K-HS \$14, parents \$7
State Museum: Beneath Your Feet (rocks program)	Thurs, October 10 // 10:30 AM	Kathryn Graham	5K-5th	FREE for students + 1 parent with HS card, \$6 for extra adults
Renaissance Fair - Charlotte, NC Educator Day	Tues, Oct 15 // 9:00-2:30	Christine Bingler	geared to Elem-MS / HS are welcome	\$9.00 students, parents, siblings / Children under 5 are free
Lex Museum: Life in the Big House This FT is full.	Wed, Oct 16 //1:00-2:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	FREE
Congaree National Park	Oct 21-25 potentially - TBD	Kathryn Graham		

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
NC Transportation Museum Homeschool Day Spencer, NC	Monday, Oct 28	Leslie Ballard	3rd - 8th	\$12 per student and adult, ages 2 and under free *Includes train ride & museum
Sonoco Recycling Center Bluff Road	Thurs, Oct 31 // 10:15 AM	Christine Bingler	K4 - 3rd grade	FREE
Lex Museum: Native American History This FT is full.	Wed, November 6 // 1:00-3:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	FREE
Sonoco Recycling Center Bluff Road	Friday, Nov 8 // 10:15 AM	Christine Bingler	4th and UP	FREE
Happy Cow Creamery - hayride, tour This FT is full.	Friday, Nov 15 // 1:00 - 3:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	\$6 for every person / 20 person minimum
Nutcracker Ballet - Township Auditorium	Wed, Nov 27 // 10:00 AM	Christine Bingler	ALL	\$7.50 per person-no discount for any age
Battle at Congaree Creek - Education Day / Civil War	Fri, Dec 6th // time TBD	Leslie Ballard	3rd- HS	\$5 per person / free admission to Battle re-enactments for either Sat or Sun events
Krispy Kreme - Lexington	Wed, Dec 11 // 9:30-10:30 AM	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	FREE
Lex Museum: Christmas Crafts	Wed, Dec 11 // 1:00-2:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	FREE
State Museum: The Bethlehem Star Gervais Street, Columbia This FT is full.	Fri, Dec. 13 // 10:00 - 11:00 AM *Arrive by 9:50	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	\$3 each for students, \$3 for first parent. Additional parents in same household are \$9 each.
Historic Brattonsville - McConnells, SC • Museum of York County Planetarium / Show "Seasons of Light"	Sat, Dec 14 // Planetarium Show 1:00 PM - can also tour museum	Rebecca Becker	ALL	\$5 per person for Planetarium show (limit 50 people) Candlelight: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 ages 4-17, 3 and under are free // If have 25 register, price is reduced by \$1 a person, if 50 people, \$2 a person off
2) Continue field trip in Historic Brattonsville with Christmas candlelight tour	Candlelight tour // 3:00-9:00 PM			

Please see the website, shieldonline.org, for the complete Field Trip Chart through May 2014.

Field trip: Beneath Your Feet at the State Museum

Address of event: 301 Gervais Street, Columbia SC 29201

Description: This is an hour-long class on rocks and minerals. Bring a bagged lunch and explore the museum at your leisure afterwards.

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2013

Time of event: 10:30 AM

Grade Level: elementary (aligned with SC standards for first and third grades)

Cost: free for students and one chaperone with homeschool card, \$6 for additional chaperones

Payment Info: pay at desk upon arrival

Website: <http://www.museum.state.sc.us/>

Details: Earth's crust is a complex structure of rocks and minerals. In the Dynamic Earth Gallery, students study the rock cycle, learn about the formation of South Carolina's geology and operate a tectonic plate model. Students break into teams and classify igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock samples by physical appearance. The class then moves to the mining gallery where students observe a model of a rock quarry, handle various rocks and note the practical uses of mined materials.

Coordinator Info: Kathryn Graham billinsky@sc.rr.com

Registration: Class is open to 30 students.

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list "Beneath Your Feet at the State Museum" in the subject line.

Field trip: Sonoco Recycling Center, PreK-3rd grade

Address of event: 1132 Idlewilde Blvd, Columbia, SC 29201 (off Bluff Rd. between the stadium and I-77)

Description of field trip: (from the website) Education Centers feature closed circuit television systems depicting the workings of a modern recycling plant. Visitors learn how paper, metal and plastic are separated, processed and prepared for market. Products made by Sonoco with recovered materials from our recycling facilities are displayed, demonstrating Sonoco Recycling's "cradle-to-cradle" approach to recycling.

Date: Thursday, October 31

Time of event: 10:15 am

Grade level: PreK-3rd grade

Cost per student and per parent: Free for everyone

Payment Info: N/A

Website:

<http://www.sonoco.com/productsservices/sonocorecycling/education.aspx>

Other details: Parking is limited to 10 vehicles. If we have more than that, we will need to carpool. If that is the case, I will make arrangements to meet at a central location and consolidate vehicles.

Coordinator's Information: Christine Bingler-
bingler.christine@gmail.com; cell phone (803)553-5301 (I have unlimited minutes and texts, so please! Feel free to call, and please leave a message if I don't answer!)

Registration: The number of students is not limited; just the parking.

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list "Sonoco Recycling Center" in the subject line.

Field trip: Sonoco Recycling Center, 4th grade and up

Address of event: 1132 Idlewilde Blvd, Columbia, SC 29201 (off Bluff Rd. between the stadium and I-77)

Description of field trip: (from the website) Education Centers feature closed circuit television systems depicting the workings of a modern recycling plant. Visitors learn how paper, metal and plastic are separated, processed and prepared for market. Products made by Sonoco with recovered materials from our recycling facilities are displayed, demonstrating Sonoco Recycling's "cradle-to-cradle" approach to recycling.

Date: Friday, November 8

Time of event: 10:15 am

Grade level: 4th grade and up

Cost per student and per parent: Free for everyone

Payment Info: N/A

Website:

<http://www.sonoco.com/productservices/sonocorecycling/education.aspx>

Other details: Parking is limited to 10 vehicles. If we have more than that, we will need to carpool. If that is the case, I will make arrangements to meet at a central location and consolidate vehicles.

Coordinator's Information: Christine Bingler-bingler.christine@gmail.com; cell phone (803)553-5301 (I have unlimited minutes and texts, so please! Feel free to call, and please leave a message if I don't answer!)

Registration: The number of students is not limited, just the parking.

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list "Sonoco Recycling" in the subject line.

Field trip: Nutcracker Ballet

Address of event: Township Auditorium, 1703 Taylor St, Columbia

Description: From the press release: "Ann Brodie's CAROLINA BALLET will present "The Nutcracker," Thanksgiving week only at The Township Auditorium. This spectacular holiday classic features international guest artists, a company of over 100 performers together with full orchestra and chorus.... This is the only full-length production of this holiday classic in Columbia that uses a full orchestra and chorus. Again, this season the Columbia Festival Orchestra is conducted by Neil Casey. He is the assistant director of orchestras at the University of South Carolina as well as the conductor of the Armstrong Atlantic Youth orchestra in Savannah Georgia. He is also the conductor for Opera at USC. He has been guest conductor for orchestras throughout the United States and with the Karelian Philharmonic Orchestra in Petrazovodsk, Russia. The children's choir for the production is the Capella Pueri of St. Peter's Catholic School. The choir is under the direction of Mark Husey, formerly a scholarship student at Westminster Choir College and Yale."

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 (the day before Thanksgiving)

Time of event: 10:00 AM

Grade Level: All ages

Cost: \$7.50 per person (no discounts for infants or toddlers for this performance, as the tickets are already greatly discounted)

Payment Info: Mail a check and family information (names of students and the number of total people attending) to me (Christine Bingler- info below)

Website: <http://www.carolinaballet.net/SEASON.aspx> (may not be updated for the 2013-2014 season yet)

Coordinator Info: Christine Bingler- bingler.christine@gmail.com; cell phone (803)553-5301 (I have unlimited minutes and texts, so please! Feel free to call, and please leave a message if I don't answer!); address to mail payments: 118 Weston Watch Rd., Irmo, SC 29063

Details: Registration closes November 15.

Registration: Minimum of 10 to get the group discount, no maximum

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list "Nutcracker" in the subject line.

Field trip: Battle at Congaree Creek Education Day

Address of event: 1215 Valley Ridge Road , Gaston, SC 29053

Description: **Join us for The Living History Education Day of the Battle of Congaree Creek during the Civil War.** The day will consist of Education Stations.(from website) “Stations will last about 20 minutes each. Teachers, please note the time at the beginning of a station. If the instructor goes past twenty minutes, feel free to let them know, or ask the event marshal with your group to inform the instructor that it is time for your group to move to the next station. It’s okay, the instructor will understand. All the stations listed are excellent and we assure you that you will not be disappointed with any of them. As you arrive, teachers will be given an event flyer, which shows the location of each educational station. Teachers may choose which stations they would like for their group to attend, so it would therefore be helpful if you had a good idea which stations were of interest. Obviously, due to time, it will not be possible for groups to attend every educational station but it will be useful to acquaint yourself ahead of time with the different subjects available for instruction.”

Date: Friday December 6th (you can leave as your schedule allows once you have attended all the stations you were interested in)

Time of event: 9:00 - 2:00 PM

Grade Level: 3rd grade and up

Cost: \$5 per person // Each person attending will be given a free pass to one of the weekend battle re-enactments. The Battles are Saturday 3pm and Sunday 2pm.

*Cost for younger children is coming soon.

Payment Info: We will be paying at the gate as a group. Please bring exact cash for the number of persons attending as Leslie will be paying with one payment at the gate.

You must sign up by sending Leslie an e-mail by November 26th.

Website: <http://battleatcongarerecreek.com/schedule.htm>

<http://battleatcongarerecreek.com/packet.pdf> = Education packet

Details: Free parking // Bring a picnic lunch or buy from the vendors. There are port-a-johns and handwashing facilities on site. This is the same place they hold the Mud Run.

Coordinator Info: Leslie Ballard. Please email me at wahoolb@bellsouth.net and place Battle at Congaree Creek in the Subject line or call 803-606-8629.

Registration: Unlimited number may attend.

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent’s name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list “Battle at Congaree Creek” in the subject line.

**Name of field trip: Early Christmas Crafts
(Lexington Museum)**

Address of event: 231 Fox St Lexington, SC 29072

Do not park here, see instructions below.

Description: 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 home. This program is a most memorable Christmas experience!

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Time of event: 1 pm-2:30 pm, Please arrive by 12:50 pm.

Grade Level: All

Cost: Free

Payment Info: N/A

Website: <http://www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/DeptIQ/museum/Pages/GroupPrograms.aspx>

Details: Please park in the lot at the entrance on Hwy. 378 by the cotton gin (near Sherwin Williams, drive through the chain link gates). Wait here until the museum guide meets the group for the program.

Each child will need to bring a gallon sized zip lock bag labeled with his or her name.

Coordinator Info: Colleen Eubanks cell# 803-260-3202 colleen@palmettoehs.com

Registration: This trip is open to up to 25 students.

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents and siblings attending. Please list "Early Christmas Crafts" in the subject line.

Name of field trip: Krispy Kreme

Address of event: 1200 Knox Abbott Drive Cayce, SC 29033

Description: Want to come see how doughnuts are made? Join us on December 11 at 9:30 at the Knox Abbott Drive location of Krispy Kreme. You'll also enjoy a free doughnut and soft drink after the tour.

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Time of event: 9:30-10:30 am, Please arrive by 9:20 am.

Grade Level: All

Cost: Free

Payment Info: N/A

Coordinator Info: Colleen Eubanks cell# 803-260-3202 colleen@palmettoehs.com

Registration: This trip is open to up to 25 people total (parents and kids).

To sign up for this field trip, send the parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents and siblings attending. Please list "Krispy Kreme" in the subject line.



Name of field trip: Museum of York County - Planetarium

Address of event: 4621 Mount Gallant Rd, Rock Hill, 29732

Description: Seasons of Light Program

This presentation traces the history and development of many of the world's most endearing holiday customs, all of which involve lighting up the winter season — from the burning Yule log, sparkling Christmas tree lights and candles in windows, to the lighting of luminarias in the American Southwest and the traditional ritual of the Hanukkah Menorah. The show also recounts the historical religious and cultural rituals practiced during the time of winter solstice — not only Christian and Jewish, but also Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi. It also takes a look at some of our more light-hearted seasonal traditions: from gift-giving and kissing under the mistletoe, to songs about lords a-leaping and ladies dancing, and the custom of decking the halls with greenery and candles. St. Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, and Santa Claus all drop by as well. Naturally, there is some astronomy in **Season of Light**. Audiences learn a selection of Northern hemisphere winter constellations, and find out why we even have seasons, as we demonstrate the Sun's path across the sky throughout the year, and the Earth's tilt and orbit around the Sun. And of course, the program explores the possible astronomical explanations for a "Star over Bethlehem" in the last quarter of the show: comets, meteors, novae and supernovae, and planetary conjunctions.

Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2013

Time of event: 1:00 PM, Please arrive by 12:40 PM

Grade Level: all

Cost: \$5 per person

Payment Info: Payment due to Rebecca Becker by October 15th. Please make checks payable to Rebecca Becker.

Website: <http://chmuseums.org/myco/>

Details: Families may tour the museum after the program.

Coordinator Info: [Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com, 803-528-6492](mailto:Rebecca.Becker@aol.com)

242 Southberry Lane, Lexington, 29072

Registration: This trip is open to up to 50 individuals of all ages. If you attend this field trip, take a short drive and join us in Historic Brattonsville to make a wonderful 2-event field trip for your family.

To sign up for this field trip, please send parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to Rebecca Becker along with your payment. Please list "Planetarium" in the subject line.

Name of field trip: Historic Brattonsville

Address of event: 1444 Brattonsville Rd, McConnells, 29726

Description: Christmas Candlelight Tour

Walk the candlelit paths of Historic Brattonsville and experience a Southern-style Christmas in the Carolina backcountry.

Costumed interpreters tell the stories of people who lived here long ago. Meet the new settlers, plantation owners and enslaved African Americans as they bring to life the holiday seasons of the 18th and 19th centuries. The Historic Brattonsville Gift Shop will feature period-style items for sale. Hot drinks, seasonal foods, and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Date: Saturday, December 14th, 2013

Time of event: 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM; Come and go as you desire

Grade Level: all

Cost: Candlelight: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 ages 4-17, 3 and under are free // If have 25 register, price is reduced by \$1 a person, if 50 people, \$2 a person off

Payment Info: Rebecca will contact families that have signed up via e-mail with final payment information once we determine the number of tickets we have. Please don't mail payment at this time.

Website: <http://chmuseums.org/myco/>

Details: Check the website for information about Historic Brattonsville.

Coordinator Info: [Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com, 803-528-6492](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com)

242 Southberry Lane, Lexington, 29072

Registration: This trip is unlimited. Please register by November 5th via e-mail. Payment will be due November 7th - 15th once you have received payment information via e-mail.

To sign up for this field trip, please send parent's name, e-mail, cell phone, names and ages (or grade level) of all children to Rebecca Becker. Please list "Historic Brattonsville" in the subject line.

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