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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

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## About Our 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 [kscollins2@icloud.com](mailto:kscollins2@icloud.com).

## Thankful for Thanksgiving

Several years ago, I heard a speaker say that it is impossible to be grateful and complain at the same time. Wanting to keep this in mind, I created a thankful tree. It was made of a few long twigs gathered in a vase. On the end of the branches I hung little circles of cardstock listing something I was thankful for. It resembled this:

<http://www.simplyvintagegirl.com/blog/?s=thankful+tree&x=0&y=0>

By the end of that November, my tree mirrored the season, with leaves falling everywhere, usually with help from little hands. I wanted to keep all the “notes of thanks” so I gathered my pile of paper circles, put them in a spare Mason container and created a thankful jar. I also added several blank pieces of cardstock and a pen, so that I could quickly add additional notes as I thought of them. During discouraging times, I have enjoyed reading these notes, remembering how God has been faithful to us. This has helped me to not lose heart as I struggle and wait, remembering His promise that He will be true to His word. Some notes I keep private, but many I have shared with our children. I want them to hear about the ways God has provided for and protected our family. This past month, I had to upsize to a cookie jar. Things have been crazy at our house this past year, but in the midst, I have seen God’s hand sustaining us over and over. For that, I am very thankful and I don’t want to forget it.



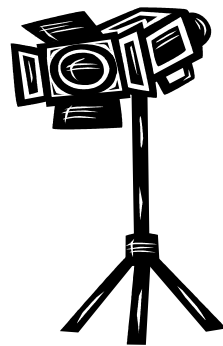
Isaiah 26:3 says “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

Being thankful helps me to keep my mind steadfast, focused more on God's faithfulness, and less on the worry of today.

~Devotion by Jenny Stallings

## “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!



**Kari Zwisle** is serving SHIELD as Park Day Coordinator. Kari Zwisle is married to Bill and has two daughters. Natalie is a 3rd grader who is an orange belt in karate. Makenzie is in kindergarten and loves to sing and dance. Kari and Bill enjoy working with the 3 and 4 year olds at church in the Awana Cubbies program. This is their second year homeschooling and their second year in SHIELD.

**Q. What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?**

**A.** *I thoroughly enjoyed the end of year celebration (Achievement Night). It is so sweet to see the children be recognized for another year completed. It was so touching to see the graduates receive such gratitude and admiration from their parents. A great little pat on the back saying we made it!*

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

**A.** *The first time we went to the Homeschool Fridays at the State Museum. It was the first time my girls remembered going and they were totally awed. I loved seeing their excitement.*

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

**A.** *When I find time to read, which isn't often anymore, I enjoy Amish stories.*

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

**A.** *Trying to figure out how my child's mind works. When they don't understand something and I am trying to grasp why they aren't seeing it. It's difficult getting there so that we can get to 'ah ha' point. But so rewarding when we get there.*

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

**A.** *Idk.. I love to plan. So anything that I can plan out is always fun for me.*

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

**A.** *Anything that involves water.*

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

**A.** *Jerusalem. Just to be in the same place that our Savior once was, how majestic that must be...*

**Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?**

**A.** *Anything chocolate!*

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

**A.** *Lamentations 3: 22-23*

*The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, Fresh as the morning, pure as the sunrise. How wonderful it is to know that His mercies are new each morning!!*



## Calendar of Events

<b>November 7 (Fri)</b>	<b>Academic Presentation Day</b> , Lexington Baptist Church Reception Room, 9:00 am
<b>November 20 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Park Day</b> , Virginia Hilton Park, 12:30-2:30 pm
<b>November 21 (Fri)</b>	<b>THRILL Meeting</b> , Harvest Church 1-2 pm
<b>November 21 (Fri)</b>	<b>Yearbook Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 2:30-4:00 pm
<b>January 30 (Fri)</b>	<b>Winter Formal</b> , Lexington Town Municipal Building
<b>February 10</b>	<b>Box Tops Spring Deadline</b>
<b>April 22-24 (Wed-Fri))</b>	<b>IOWA Standardized Testing</b>

Field Trip dates are listed on the Field Trip Chart. See pages 11-16.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*  
Colossians 3:23



## Academic Presentation Day

Signup deadline: **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Carolyn at [imacarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:imacarolyn@gmail.com) to sign up your children if they plan to present or if you just plan to attend.

Date: Friday, November 7, 2014  
Location: Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room  
Time: 9:00 am

**This is the only APD for the 2014-2015 school year.**

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.

APD Coordinator:  
Carolyn Jackson, [imacarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:imacarolyn@gmail.com), 665-5159



## November Park Day

Come and join us!

- Cost:** Free
- When:** Thursday, November 20, 12:30-2:30 pm
- Where:** Virginia Hilton Park in Lexington
- Who:** All SHIELD Families!

Bring the kids out to play and get to know other SHIELD families. You may bring a lunch or snack if you wish as there is a picnic shelter.

Contact Kari Zwisle at 803-556-9393 or [kzwise@yahoo.com](mailto:kzwise@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



## YEARBOOK NEWS



Send us your pictures from last spring's events, summer, friends and pets, first day of school.... Please submit your photos by emailing them to

[shieldpictures@gmail.com](mailto:shieldpictures@gmail.com)

1 photo per email. Please include a description including names of those SHIELD members in the picture. Please keep in mind the size and quality of the photo. Be sure the photos you submit are full-sized images and not thumbnail previews, or "sized for web" images, as these are unusable in the yearbook. They come out pixel and are often too small to use. Photos taken with digital cameras purchased in the last 7-8 years are almost always fine. Photos taken with cell phones vary widely... if you are unsure, you are welcome to send a test image our way and we will tell you if its large enough. Please note that in your email.



**Purchase your 2015 SHIELD Yearbook** for \$25. Send a check payable to SHIELD to: Leslie Buzzell, 269 Vista Springs Rd, Lexington, SC 29072.

After the Mid-Year meeting, the price goes up to \$30, so order now.



## HELP WANTED!

### We need your help with Winter Formal!

Anyone in SHIELD can help with formal, not just parents of formal-age students.

Normally, Yearbook has a larger advisory team, and much of the planning/executing of formal is shared by 5+ SHIELD parents. Unfortunately, we have seen a drop in parental participation. We can manage the yearbook, but we **REALLY** need help with formal! We need help with **donations, food pick-up, shopping, kitchen help the night of, chaperoning, running coat check, and decorating**. If you are interested in helping, please call or email Josie asap. She would like to set up a planning meeting with all our helpers sometime in November, so please prayerfully consider helping.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Josie Seacrist Yearbook Coordinator  
[pjseacrist@yahoo.com](mailto:pjseacrist@yahoo.com) 803-529-9503 cell

**Winter Formal** will be **January 30, 2015** and is open to all **9th-12th** grade homeschoolers and their guests. It will be held again this year at the Lexington Town Municipal Building. The cost is \$25 before January 16. Any registrations received after January 16 will be charged a \$10 late fee through Jan 27 when registration is closed.



## THRILL

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

November THRILL meeting:

Friday, November 21, 1:00-2:00 -at the Rock, Harvest Church.  
Girls, please bring snacks; guys, please bring drinks.

**We have many service opportunities lined up, especially during  
the month of November.  
Keep checking your emails!**

Remember, keep logging your volunteer hours.  
(beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014).



For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact:  
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## Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Team Member	Ages	Cost
<b>Sign-ups with be shared via e-mails and the monthly newsletters.</b>				
Castra-Romana Reenactment "Remembering Pompeii" Gibbons Ferry State Park - Summerville	Sat, Nov 8 // 10:00 - 4:00 PM	Make your own plans	ALL	\$2.00  <a href="http://legvi.tripod.com/castroromani/">http://legvi.tripod.com/castroromani/</a>
WLTX TV Station Tour Columbia <i>*This field trip is full.</i>	Wed, Nov 12 // 11:15-12:30 PM	Rachel Cambre	age 8 and older	FREE
Lake Murray Visitors Center & Lorick Plantation House decorated for Christmas *2184 North Lake Drive by Lake Murray	Thurs, Dec 4 // 11:00 AM	Dani Toussaint	ALL	FREE
Battle at Congaree Creek Gaston, SC	Friday, Dec 5 // 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Rachel Cambre	Best for 3rd grade and up - younger students are welcome	\$5.00 per student - includes free admission to Battle re-enactments on Saturday or Sunday
Lexington Museum Annual Christmas Open House	Sunday, Dec 14	Make your own plans	ALL	FREE
SC Military Museum & Confederate Relic Room	Thur, Jan 8 // 10:30-11:45 AM	Dani Toussaint	Middle and High School	FREE with our group
Young People's Orchestra Koger Center <i>*Registration online by November 3.</i>	Wed, Feb 11 // 11:15 AM	Jennifer Aurednik	ALL	\$5.00 each
Bee Trail Farm Lexington	March or April	Shelley Cannon	ALL	FREE

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Name of field trip: **Castra Romana XIII –  
Remembering Pompeii**

Address of event: Givhans Ferry State Park  
104 Hunters Wood Drive, Summerville, SC 29485

Date: **Saturday, November 8, 2013**

Time of event: Begins at 7:30 AM and continues throughout the day

Description of field trip: For the 13th Castra Romana, we will remember, honor, and celebrate the city that was Pompeii. The event will feature Roman soldiers, gladiators, civilians, barbarians, period craftsman, and even a real eruption from a volcano. It is sure to be a thrill for all, spectator and re-enactor alike. More information about the various activities and food is available on the website.

Grade Level: all

Cost: \$2 park entry / \$5 donation to Castra Romana / \$10 Centurio's Convivium

Payment Info: Pay at the event

Website: <http://legvi.tripod.com/castroromani/index.html>

Coordinator: We are making this information available to families who would like to go on their own.



**Name of field trip: Lake Murray Visitors Center & Museum**

**Address of event:** 2184 North Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29212 (Irmo side of dam)

**Date:** **Thurs. Dec. 4, 2014**

**Time of event:** 11 am – until they want to leave

**Description of field trip:** A museum celebrating the history of the building of Lake Murray Dam. See actual footage from the construction of the dam in the 1920s & artifacts from the lake's history. Tour the Lorick Plantation House (1840) decorated for Christmas.

**Grade Level:** K5-12th // unlimited number may attend

**Cost:** Free

**Coordinator:** Dani Toussaint, [charles0322@windstream.net](mailto:charles0322@windstream.net), cell - 237-1832

**Registration:** close registration on Mon. Dec 1, 2014

**To register on**

**line:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07ea1wppmd5b424c0d>

**Name of field trip: Battle at Congaree Creek**

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

**Date: Friday, December 5, 2014**

**Time of event:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Description of field trip:** The Battle at Congaree Creek /Civil War. This will be a Living History and Educational event that the whole family -young and old alike - will enjoy. Friday will kick off a three day event with demonstrations drawn straight from the year 1865 of infantry, cavalry, and artillery including civilians, music, food, shopping, and clean, wholesome fun for all ages. You may pack your own lunch, or eat on site. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a water bottle.

**Grade Level:** Best suited for 3rd grade and up; however, younger siblings welcome

**Cost:** \$5/student // unlimited number may attend

\*Fee includes free readmission to Battle reenactments either Saturday or Sunday

**Payment Info:** Payment is due online via the link below

**Website:** <http://www.battleatcongarerecreek.com/>

**Coordinator:** Rachel Cambre, [rcambre@sc.rr.com](mailto:rcambre@sc.rr.com);  
803.269.6756

**Registration:** Registration closes November 24, 2014

**To register**

**online:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07ea1wtpqh63e3622f>

**Name of field trip: SC Military Museum & Confederate Relic Room**

**Address of event:** 301 Gervais Street in Columbia (State Museum building)

**Date: Thur. Jan. 8, 2014**

**Time of event:** 10:30-11:45

**Description of field trip:** Get a curator lead tour of the oldest museum in Columbia. See incredible artifacts from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War & the War on Terror. Park at the State Museum. Go through the front doors & instead of going into the State Museum, just keep walking straight back in the building & you will see the Museum in front of you. Gift shop with a wide variety of books & items will be open.

**Grade Level:** Middle & High school

**Cost:** Free- as long as enter with the tour

**Payment Info:**

**Website:** [www.crr.sc.gov](http://www.crr.sc.gov)

**Coordinator:** Dani Toussaint, [charles0322@windstream.net](mailto:charles0322@windstream.net) cell-237-1832

**Registration:** Close registration on Mon. Jan 5, 2014

**To register on**

**line:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07ea1ws1p4e6e2b982>

Name of field trip: **SC Philharmonic Youth  
Orchestra Performance  
“The Orchestra Rocks”**

Address of event: Koger Center - 1051 Greene Street,  
Columbia, 29201

Description: The ***Orchestra Rocks*** is an interactive, hands-on curriculum for students developed by Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute presented by professional orchestras across the United States. Students will be able to participate with the SC Philharmonic Orchestra in an interactive concert. Students can bring a recorder or tin whistle from home, or purchase one from the SC Philharmonic for a discounted rate of \$2.25 each.

Date: **Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

Time of event: 11:15 AM

Grade Level: any

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Payment Info: Since this event sells out quickly, please register and pay online by Monday, November 3rd.

Website: <http://www.carnegiehall.org/ORC/Link-Up--The-Orchestra-Rocks-Resources/>

Coordinator Info: Jennifer Aurednik /  
[jenniferaurednik@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferaurednik@yahoo.com),

Registration: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07ea05zny45c2fec61>



## Members' Services

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

### Babysitters:

**Mackenzie Dufries** 803-996-1379, Red Cross certificate

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### Other:

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**Valerie Harris** teaches beginning folk harp in her home. Lap harps with a cardboard soundbox are available for \$140, and lessons are \$20/hour for individuals. Moms take the class free with their children. Please contact 553-2630 or [valeriemharris@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriemharris@yahoo.com).

**Starla Stidham**, Pink Diamond Photo Booth, use us for your next birthday party, wedding, or event. We'll offer 10% off to SHIELD members. 803-463-6090 or [info@thepinkdiamond.net](mailto:info@thepinkdiamond.net).

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