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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

## Happy New Year!

### Calendar of Events

<b>January 8 (Fri)</b>	<b>Starlab Field Trip</b> , “Seasons”, SC State Museum, 1:00 pm
<b>January 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>THRILL Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
<b>January 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>Yearbook Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 3:00-4:30
<b>January 15 (Fri)</b>	<b>Mid-Year Meeting</b> , Lexington Main Library, 6:00-8:00 pm
<b>January 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Starlab Field Trip</b> , “Solar System”, SC State Museum, 1:00 pm
<b>January 29 (Fri)</b>	<b>Winter Formal</b> , Willow Ridge Church
<b>February 8-12</b>	<b>Yearbook Layout Week</b>
<b>March 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>Spring Academic Presentation Day</b> , 9:00 am

See below for details on many of these events

When those post holiday blues grab you, we have a solution!

Join us for the annual

## **SHIELD MID-YEAR MEETING!**

"Pressed Down and Running Over"

Alan and Valerie Harris will share with you at the mid-year meeting on January 15th their struggles and God's rewards over the past 19 years of homeschooling their six children. God's gifts are pressed down and running over (Malachi 3:10) when we seek to place Christ's kingdom first (Matthew 6:33), and He is working in us and our families far beyond anything we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Come join us as we are reminded of Who is actually in charge of our children's educations and how He works. Come relate to the Harris' struggles, be encouraged by God's faithfulness, be renewed in your vision for your family, and strengthen your courage to complete out victoriously the challenges of the rest of this academic year!

Lexington Main Library  
**Friday, January 15, 2010**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will enjoy food, fellowship, and great speakers as we encourage one another in our home school adventure!

High School Students: You're Invited To  
**“Sunset at the Beach”**  
SHIELD'S Winter Formal

Date: January 29<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Location: Willow Ridge Church  
104 Sycamore Tree Rd.  
Lexington, South Carolina

Tickets: \$20.00/person

Attire: Ladies – Modest, formal gown  
(please no plunging neck or backs, or  
exposed midriffs)

Gentlemen – Jacket or Tuxedo

**Deadline to order tickets: January 22, 2010**

The favor of a reply is requested.  
Please see the following form.

# Sunset at the Beach

## SHIELD'S Winter Formal

High school age students only. Attire is formal & modest.  
NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Deadline is January 22 ~ Tickets are \$20/person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home School Association: \_\_\_\_\_

~ Please include information about your guest(s) ~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: SHIELD YEARBOOK  
 Please mail to: SHIELD Winter Formal, Robin  
 Williamson, 865 Clay Bottom Rd., Swansea, SC 29160

## Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

<b>Date</b>	<b>Field Trip</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Jan 8 & Jan 20	Star Lab at State Museum	Tracy Taylor <a href="mailto:ttaylor@sc.rr.com">ttaylor@sc.rr.com</a>	K-6	\$3/student and adult
Feb TBD	SC Philharmonic-Young Peoples Concert	April Roebuck <a href="mailto:roebucks_5@windstream.net">roebucks_5@windstream.net</a>	All ages	\$3.50/person
Feb TBD	Tour of Bi-Lo	Rhonda Hutchinson <a href="mailto:rwhsmiles@aol.com">rwhsmiles@aol.com</a>	K-4	free
Mar TBD	Sesqui Park Nature Program	Karen Collins <a href="mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com">jk-kids@sc.rr.com</a>	K-6	TBD
Apr TBD	Eudora Farm	Karen Collins <a href="mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com">jk-kids@sc.rr.com</a>	All ages	\$5/person
May TBD	Happy Cow Creamery	April Roebuck <a href="mailto:roebucks_5@windstream.net">roebucks_5@windstream.net</a>	All ages	\$5/person

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

## Starlab Field Trip

Where: Starlab at the SC State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia 29201

When: Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, "Seasons"

OR

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, "Solar System"

Cost: \$3 per person (students and parents)

Description: An inflatable planetarium. I have requested both programs to be adjusted for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade (listed as K-4) but I feel sure that they would both be of interest to a wider age range. All are welcome. The programs are approximately 45 minutes long and seating is inside the inflatable on the floor. There is equipment inside and it will be dark, so it would not be appropriate for toddlers and would not accommodate a stroller.

There is a maximum number of 30 people for each date. I anticipate that the slots will fill quickly so your payment will hold your spot on the list. Please contact Tracy Taylor to see if spots are still available.

Tracy Taylor  
274 Winterberry Loop  
Lexington, SC 29072

? Questions ? [ttaylor24@sc.rr.com](mailto:ttaylor24@sc.rr.com) / 834-0316

## YEARBOOK NEWS

### Buy Your Yearbook Now!!!

Our \$25 yearbooks are now DISCOUNTED to \$20! You will save FIVE DOLLARS per yearbook! This limited time offer ends the day of the midyear meeting so buy your yearbook NOW! The yearbook, created by our staff of teens, is a great way to commemorate this year's school memories. The yearbook includes grades K-4 through seniors. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

To order, contact Susan Liva at [srliva@juno.com](mailto:srliva@juno.com)

### YEARBOOK STAFF NEWS:

#### January Meeting Time:

- Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, **3pm – 4:30 pm** at the Harvest Church on Hwy 378 Lexington Church.  
*If you can't come, please let Linda Barnhill know!*

#### Yearbook Layout Week:

February 8-12

Please prepare to be as available as possible this week for yearbook layout!

## More Yearbook News: We're Ready for Photos!

You can now submit photos that can be included in the yearbook!

To submit photos, go to

<https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400003710&pw=SHIELD>

If you have any questions about uploading, you can contact Linda Barnhill [elbeemee@bellsouth.net](mailto:elbeemee@bellsouth.net) or call 772-3184.

**ATTENTION:** If you would be interested in attending an “Uploading Session” that shows you how or helps you get started, please contact Linda Barnhill – [elbeemee@bellsouth.net](mailto:elbeemee@bellsouth.net) - We will offer this if there is enough interest! We want your photos in the book and we need them now!

- We are looking for original artwork, poetry, and quotes from our very own students! If you have any that we can include in the yearbook, drop me a line! Watch for more details via email soon!
- Also, we plan to have a “Student Superlative” page again this year, so if your students have won any awards this year, let us know and we’ll include in on our yearbook. Include student’s name and grade and what the award was for.



## THRILL

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting  
Lexington County Lives)

### January Meeting Time:

- Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, **2pm – 3:00 pm** at the Harvest Church on Hwy 378 Lexington Church.

If you have any questions, you can call:

Michelle Steyne, [mlsteyne@aol.com](mailto:mlsteyne@aol.com), 796-9090

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Angela Norman, [angelanorman@bellsouth.net](mailto:angelanorman@bellsouth.net), 955-9185



## SHIELD'S Lending Library & Used Curriculum

Donations are being accepted for our Lending Library! The Lending Library is available to all SHIELD members. Contact Jenny Stallings at [jen9874@msn.com](mailto:jen9874@msn.com) or 803-808-5365 for more information.

If you have used curriculum to sell, please contact Jenny Stallings at [jen9874@msn.com](mailto:jen9874@msn.com) or 803-808-5365 to list it on the SHIELD website.



## Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? Send the information to Karen Collins at [jk-kids@sc.rr.com](mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com).

### Babysitters:

Elizabeth Barney, 312-4100 (cell)

Ashlynn Janzen, 957-0432

Kayla Collins, 358-0378

### Music Lessons:

Chris Gaylord, guitar lessons in Lexington, 957-3458

Anne Meester, violin lessons, 422-3215

### Other:

Katherine Shealy, Votre Vu Skin Care Consultant,  
[www.votre.com/duette](http://www.votre.com/duette), [katshealy@pbtcomm.net](mailto:katshealy@pbtcomm.net)

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Richard Barney, Roofing, 351-6078

Tommy & Linda Barnhill, Honda Specialist, 772-5144

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians  
5:17

## SHIELD 2009-2010 Leadership Team

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### About Our Newsletter...

***Newsletter submissions must be received by Jan. 25 for inclusion in the February 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 [jk-kids@sc.rr.com](mailto:jk-kids@sc.rr.com).