



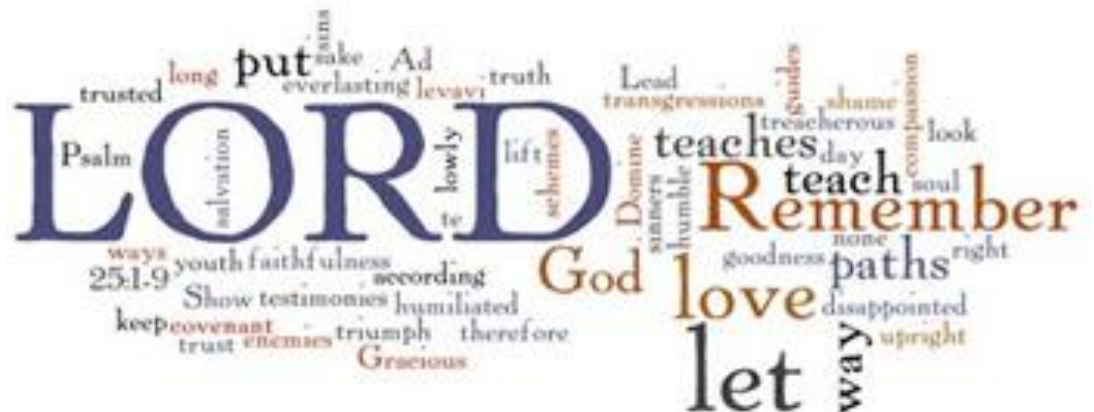
Supporting Home Instructor
Encompassing Lexington District

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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May David's humble prayer in the twenty-fifth psalm encourage us to humbly seek the Lord's direction and favor as we trust His wise and perfect path for the upcoming year. We can face all that lies ahead in the coming year with confidence in God's promises and faith in His goodness!

A Psalm for the New Year: Psalm 25

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; **2** in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. **3** No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; **5** guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. **6** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. **7** Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. **9** He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. **10** All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. **11** For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. **12** Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. **13** He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. **14** The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. **15** My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

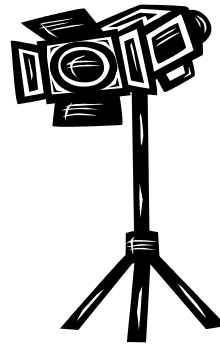
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. **17** The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. **18** Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. **19** See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me! **20** Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. **21** May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!



“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!



[April Wallace](#) serves SHIELD as a Field Trip Coordinator and is also the American Girl Club Coordinator. April and her husband Jason have been homeschooling their daughter JoJo for 3 years. JoJo is in the 3rd grade.

Q. How long have you been in SHIELD?

A. *This is my third year with SHIELD.*

Q. What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?

A. *Honestly, all of it. It is so nice to have the opportunity for my child and me to "socialize" with like-minded families.*

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

A. *This is a funny question; I feel like it would be more appropriate to ask, what isn't challenging about homeschooling? Just kidding, the most challenging for me would be to relax when we are on break; to know when it's time to put the books away. I must say I am doing better about that lately, but I still need lots of prayers.*

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. *My most favorite thing to do is READ. There is nothing better than a good book to escape the stress of the day.*

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. *The Wallace family dream vacation would be a trip to ALL of the Disney theme parks around the world. How fun would that be!*

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

A. *JoJo and I discussed this and decided this year our favorite so far was the Narroway Productions field trip. I mean, it's not every day you go on a scavenger hunt and find Jesus at the end.*

Q. What is a favorite scripture passage or verse?

A. *My favorite verse is: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. ~Joshua 24:15*



Calendar of Events

January 7 (Mon)	Field Trip: Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC, 10:00 am
January 14 (Mon)	Mid-Year Meeting: Speaker: Lori Hatcher, Harvest Church, 6:30-8:30
January 15 (Tues)	Deadline to submit yearbook photos
January 25 (Fri)	Winter Formal: Lexington Municipal Building, 6:30-10:00 pm
January 29 (Tues)	Field Trip: Columbia Museum of Art, 9:30-11:30 am
February 26 (Tues)	Field Trip: SC State Museum, 10:30 am
March 20 (Wed)	Field Trip: Barrier Island Eco Tour, 9:45 am
April 12 (Fri)	Field Trip: Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover
May 3 (Fri)	Field Trip: Battle of Columbia, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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



Plan to join us for
SHIELD's Mid Year Meeting

Monday, January 14th, 2013

6:30-8:30 pm

**Harvest Church on Hwy 378
"The Rock"
(Youth Building)**

Lori Hatcher will be the speaker for our Mid-Year Meeting. She is an author, a "retired" homeschool mom, a former leader in FACE (Forest Acres Christian Educators), and the current editor of Reach-Out Columbia.

Learn more about Lori on her website/blog <http://www.lorihatcher.com> and be sure to save the date; you will not want to miss this evening full of encouragement and fellowship!

Light refreshments will be provided.



SHIELD Formal 2013

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SHIELD Homeschool teens
In 9th through 12th graders and their friends are invited to attend on
January 25th, 2013
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
At Lexington Municipal Conference Center
111 Maiden Lane in Lexington, South Carolina 29072
\$25 per person.

To attend, visit the SHIELD website link below for the registration form
and Dress, Behavior, and Dance Code.

www.shieldonline.org/formal.htm

Send your registration and checks made payable to SHIELD to
Josie Seacrist, 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, 29072

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 7th!



Yearbook News

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

January 14th is the final day to get your yearbook for **\$25**. After that it will be sold for \$30. Quantities are limited. The only way to guarantee your family a yearbook is to order now. Mail your check payable to SHIELD to Josie Seacrist 1149 Counts Ferry Rd. Lexington, SC 29072. If you have any questions contact Josie at pjseacrist@yahoo.com

January 15th is the last opportunity to submit pictures for the 2012-2013 SHIELD yearbook. Our goal is to feature each student at least 3 times. We need your pictures to make that possible. PLEASE send pictures to shieldpictures@gmail.com If the pictures are submitted successfully, you should receive a quick reply. If you do not, please contact a yearbook advisory member to assist you.

2013 Yearbook Advisory Panel [YAP]

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THRILL

Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives

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

THRILL students had a busy fall serving together at Field Day, Harvest Hope, Helping Hands, Deepwood Estates, Operation Christmas Child and more!

Thanks to all of you for serving our communities and making an impact on the lives of those around us in need. A very special thanks to the Andrews for opening their home for the Christmas party and to all who brought donations for Chris Meyer's Children's Place.

The THRILL leaders are 'regrouping' as we look forward to the next few months. Serving opportunities are in the works so keep an eye out for emails on upcoming opportunities.

In the meantime, please remember to log any volunteer hours.



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

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Karen Collins, kscollins1@me.com

Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

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

Date/Time	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
January 7 Monday 10 am	Discovery Place - Charlotte	Kathryn Graham	K-6	\$5 per person
January 29th Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am	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 3-8 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	\$22 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
May 3 rd Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Battle of Columbia Living History and Education Day	Leslie Ballard	All Ages	\$3 per student

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

Field trip:**Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC**

<http://www.discoveryplace.org/>

Date: Monday, January 07, 2013
Time: 10:00 am
Cost: \$5 per person (under 2 are free) for museum admission
Contact: Kathryn Graham, billinsky@sc.rr.com

Boxed lunches can be purchased for \$5.50 each if we have 15 people interested. They include choice of sandwich (turkey and provolone, ham and swiss, or organic peanut butter and jelly), side (sliced apples or Sun Chips), and drink (lemonade, apple juice box, sweet tea, unsweetened tea, or bottled water).

New information:

The IMAX movie will be "To the Arctic." You can read about it at <http://www.discoveryplace.org/imax/movie/28/To-The-Arctic> . If you want to add the IMAX movie, it will be \$5 per person if we have 15 people interested.

Please contact Kathryn Graham at billinsky@sc.rr.com for questions.

Payment was due by December 10, 2012.



Field trip:
Columbia Museum of Art
Impressionism Exhibit from Monet to Matisse
Guided tour of exhibit and classroom project time

Date: Tuesday, January 29th, 2013
Time: 9:30-11:30
Cost: \$3 per student and \$3 per parent due at time of sign up.
Children under 4 are free.
*Reservations will not be secure until payment is received.
Contact: Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com

This epic exhibition showcases 55 masterworks from important figures such as Claude-Monet, Renoir, Edgar Degas, Mary Cassatt, Paul Cezanne, and Paul Gauguin. As students travel through the galleries, they will experience the beginning of Impressionism as well as the modern shift to Post-Impressionism, plus create their own masterpiece in the studios.

Reservations for this field trip were completed in December. We are excited to have 18 families on this trip. Future details will be sent to those registered 1-2 weeks prior to the field trip.

Coordinator: Rebecca Becker
jandbbecker@aol.com



Field trip: SC State Museum

Date: Tuesday, February 26th, 2013
Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Cost: All students in grades K-12 are free.
One parent per family unit is free.
A second parent or a grandparent coming in addition to the one parent is \$6. Infants - age 2 are free.
Ages 3 and 4 are \$6.
Contact: Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com

*Field trip will include the program below, lunch together, and free time in the museum.

Group One: Readin', Ritin' and Responsibilities: What was it like to attend a one-room schoolhouse? Students will attend class at the Berry School and learn about daily household chores. Grades: Kindergarten - Second Grade *There is a 30 person limit for this section including siblings and parents.

Group Two: Lights and Lasers: While in the Science Theatre, students will be introduced to laser technology, see how lasers work, and learn how lasers impact our lives. Explore how the tools on satellites orbiting planetary bodies use all wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum. Find out what scientists hope to learn about the moon's shadowy areas using ultraviolet wavelengths. Grades: 3rd - 8th grade. *80 person limit for this section.

*For families with a K-2 student and 3-8, it will be fine to pair your child with another family. Make sure to designate when signing up which group you want each child to attend and where the parent wants to attend.

To sign up for this trip, please follow these instructions as shown below. Availability will be on first come basis.

- 1) Send an e-mail to Rebecca at jandbbecker@aol.com expressing your interest with the subject line "State Museum Field Trip." (Don't reply to the SHIELD e-mail.)
- 2) Include in the e-mail the name and grade level of students in kindergarten (age 5) through 12th grade. Please also include parent's name and any children also attending ages 4 and younger as they will be counted in totals.
- 3) Rebecca will respond to your e-mail with availability and information for sending payment information if needed.

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: \$22/person (all ages)
Ages: 5 and up
Contact: April Wallace, aprilw1982@yahoo.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 aprilw1982@yahoo.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, aprilw1982@yahoo.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.

Field trip:**Battle of Columbia Living History and Education Day**

Date: Friday, May 3, 2013
Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Cost: Students \$3 each, parents are free
Plan to bring a packed lunch.
Contact: Leslie Ballard, wahoolb@bellsouth.net

There are 15 educational stations that run 15 to 20 mins. each. Here is a list of the educational stations:

- *Naval Submarine-HL Hunley-the full size replica will be on site for the class
- *Infantry Campsite- learn how the troops lived
- *Infantry Drill- re-enactors explaining weapons and accoutrements
- *Cavalry-re-enactors demonstrating maneuvers
- *Artillery-re-enactors discussing artillery pieces and showing shells used during the war
- *Blacksmith and Forging Operations
- *19th Century Military Engineering
- *Medical and Surgical presentation
- *SC Confederate Relic Room and Artifacts
- *1860's Carpentry
- *1860's Cooking
- *Ladies Fashions
- *Post Office
- *First person impression of Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Jeb Stuart
- *Entertaining drama about a soldier returning home from war

If you would like to attend, please email Leslie Ballard at wahoolb@bellsouth.net and title your email Battle of Columbia. **The deadline to register has been extended to January 11th!** For those of you who sign up, I will be emailing you the teachers guide and letting you know when I need the payments for the trip. Right now we need to send in the exact number of students so we can get our reservation in since this is also opened to area schools.

See <http://www.wadehamptoncamp.org/bfc-index.html> to learn more about the Battle of Columbia Living History and Educational Day.

non-SHIELD sponsored opportunity

Classical Conversations of Lexington ***OPEN HOUSE EVENTS!***

Starting January 24th we will have 3 weekly opportunities for SHIELD families to come and see what is happening at Classical Conversations in Lexington. This is a free opportunity for the parents and children to come to one of our weekly classes (Thursdays from 9-12) and **take part** in Classical Conversations for the day. We have space for rising K4-7th graders and would love to have you come and have fun while learning with us. Please contact me (Jennifer McEnulty) if you would like to come and participate January 24th, February 7th, or February 14th. During these weeks we will be going over history, art, science (to include some fun experiments), geography, Latin, and math. If any of these dates do not work for you, then please contact me to schedule another time. Our registration for the fall will open up to the public in February, so this is a great opportunity to come with your children and see if Classical Conversations might be a good fit for your family! What a fun way to have school for your day....please come check us out if you are curious to know what Classical Conversations is all about!

Thanks!

Jennifer McEnulty

[psc8ive@hotmail.com](mailto:pscn8ive@hotmail.com)

351-0679



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 kscollins1@me.com.

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John B. Lane, C.P.A., Tax services, Financial accounting, Payroll services, Business consulting, www.johnblane.com, [877-408-0200](tel:877-408-0200). Office is in Elgin, but John can meet clients throughout the Lexington/Columbia area.

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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 glebs4@windstream.net or Sherrie at msmo5@hotmail.com

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About Our Newsletter...

Newsletter submissions must be received by January 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 kscollins1@me.com.