



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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I find myself using the word "journey" frequently lately. Maybe it's because I'm seeing life that way more now than I ever have. It probably has to do with things I read and maybe even getting older and watching seasons go by. Maybe it's because I have only two more years before my homeschool adventure is complete.



At the beginning of this school year, we have prayed and planned, studied and scheduled, pondered and purchased. Now we're into the tasks at hand of accomplishing this agenda that we have purposefully put in place. I often get lost in my to-do list and forget about those less measurable things that I really want to accomplish. These are things like learning the discipline and flexibility that comes with listening to the Holy Spirit whisper what is needful to accomplish today - something that might not even be on the well-crafted plan but is very much part of the journey.

I don't want to neglect the conversations about important things I can have when I have the privilege to spend all day with my children - or even ones about unimportant things, which is the soil in which the trust is built for the deeper conversations later. I don't want to sacrifice this gift for the agenda. I don't want to neglect the opportunity to model that people are more important than the to-do list by the choices I make. I want to take time to savor moments and watch my children laugh rather than snarl or snap because the list isn't done. I mustn't forget to bask in the immense love of God for me and teach them to do the same. When the season is hard, I want to remember that this is also part of the journey... part of what can bring me closer to Jesus, and that there will be more parts to the journey... and that He promised never to leave us through it all.

Just maybe it's really true that the joy is in the journey. I'm beginning to think so. It doesn't mean we throw out the plan or the lists, but perhaps it's not as much about the reaching of the goal as it is the always reaching for the goal without giving up.

Maybe it has a lot to do with the Bible verse for our school, Lambs Academy. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."* To follow - like on a journey. It has already begun and as we continue to hear and follow, imagine how much will be accomplished in the process. It will be much more than is included on our lists and agendas when our ears are covered in the daily steps of the journey.

I want to hear, and be known, and follow. How about you?

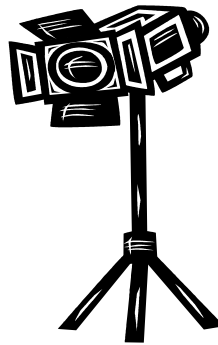
*John 10:27

~Devotion by Linda Barnhill



“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!



Jennifer Cogle is serving SHIELD as one of our Academic Presentation Day Coordinators. Jennifer and her husband Harold have two children: Keaton (1st grade) and Zoe (kindergarten). They are beginning their 2nd year of homeschooling and are also beginning their 2nd year as SHIELD members.

Q. What is your family's favorite activity?

A. *Our family loves a quick getaway to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN.*

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. *I would love to visit Scotland because a family member has traced our roots back to 14th century Scotland & to the Dunnottar Castle.*

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. *I enjoy sewing, reading, and spending time with my family.*

Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?

A. *My two favorite foods come from growing up in Texas...BBQ & Mexican food.*

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

A. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*



Calendar of Events

September 6 (Fri)	Family Field Day: Mt. Horeb Church gymnasium, 6:30-8:30 pm
Sept. 9, 10, 12, 13	Yearbook Picture Days
September 20 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting, The Rock, Harvest Church, 1:00-2:00 pm
September 24 (Tues)	Park Day, Corley Street Park, 12:30-2:30pm
September 27 (Fri)	G.I.F.T., Aimee's House, 7 – 9pm
October 18 (Fri)	Fall Academic Presentation Day, 9:00 am

Field Trip dates are listed on the Field Trip Chart. See pages 14-16.

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



Family Field Day

Don't miss Field Day coming soon!!

Who: All members of SHIELD---NEW & OLD
When: September 6, 2013 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm)
Where: Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church gymnasium

If you have school age children, then this is a fun-filled night you won't want to miss! Bring some good tennis shoes and your whole family as we kick off the 2013-14 school year with lots of fun games, relays and much more!

This event will take place at Mt. Horeb Church in the gymnasium. High schoolers are encouraged to come participate too! (Mine will be there!)

Don't let having younger kids stop you from coming either...there will be a section of the gym for preschoolers who will be able to play with balls and riding toys.

See you Friday, September 6th!

To sign up, please email Ellen Nagelvoort at enagelvoort128@gmail.com



YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook Photo Submission Deadlines for September:

**September 30 is the deadline for
Field Day and Friends/Pets photos**

Please submit your photos by emailing them to shieldpictures@gmail.com, 1 photo per email. Please include a description including names of those pictured. Feel free to send in pictures long before these deadlines. 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.

SHIELD Picture Days

**September 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th (make up day,
September 16th) at Riverbend Community Church**

In order to be featured in the 2014 SHIELD yearbook your student must be photographed on one of these days. If you have not already, please email or call for an appointment.

leah.tilghman@gmail.com 920-8475

Seniors will be photographed during these times as well this year.

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.

September Meeting

Homeschooling From a Place of Rest

Please check out this website article and watch the video (especially the last 5 minutes or so) before you come and be prepared to engage in meaningful conversation! This will be a moms only meeting again this month.

<http://www.amongstlovelythings.com/2013/07/on-teaching-from-state-of-rest.html>

When: Friday, September 27th - 7 – 9pm

Where: Aimee's house – 772 Hope Ferry Rd, Lexington, SC 29072

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



FALL Academic Presentation Day

Theme: History & Science
Date: Friday, October 18, 2013
Location: TBA
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.

APD Coordinators:

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



THRILL

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

September THRILL meeting:

Friday, September 20, 1:00-2:00 -at the Rock, Harvest Church. We will be discussing upcoming service projects and the first two chapters of the book, Do Hard Things. Girls, please bring snacks; guys, please bring drinks.

September serving opportunities:

Friday, September 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 –Volunteer at Field Day at Mt Horeb Church in Lexington. Thanks to those that have signed up to volunteer with this event! It seems that we have enough signed up at this point.

Monday, September 16th from 11:00-1:00 –Serving at LICS. There is a limit of 20 people. We will be doing tasks such as sorting the donations, sorting, hanging, and tagging clothing, stocking the food pantry and thrift shop. **Please contact Laura Beth** at lollipoparuzer@gmail.com to sign up. They are really excited about having us there!

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

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

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.

September Park Day

Come and join us!

Cost: Free

When: Tuesday, September 24th, 12:30-2:30pm

Where: Corley Street Park
280 Corley St.
Lexington

Who: All SHIELD Families!

Coordinator: Amanda Smith

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

smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com



Fall 2013 SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Monthly Park Days - will be released via newsletter		Amanda Smith	ALL	Free
Justus Orchard - Hendersonville, NC	Mon, September 9 // 9:45 AM	Amanda Smith	ALL	\$10 child / adults & young siblings can do hayride for free or pay \$10 for the package
Lex Museum: One Room Schoolhouse This FT is full.	Wed, Sept 11 // 1:00-2:30	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	FREE
Biltmore Homeschool Days- Asheville, NC <i>Theme: Go Green: The Sustainability of Biltmore</i>	Thurs, Sept 19 & Fri, Sept 20 // 9:00 AM	Amanda Smith	ALL	\$22 per person ages 5 +, families register directly with Biltmore at 866-851-4661
Sesquicentennial State Park Nocturnal Nature Walk This FT is full. (extra) Camping Trip at Sesqui after the walk	Thurs, Sept 26 // 7:15 - 8:30 PM	Shelley Cannon	Ages 7 and up	\$4 per student ages 5 and up // adults and younger siblings are free Call Sesqui to reserve your camping spot.
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

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
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		
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

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
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
<p>With one exception, the field trips below are not available for sign up yet.</p>				<p>Please don't contact the coordinators until the trip is advertised. FT sign-ups will be advertised via newsletters and e-mails.</p>
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" 2) Continue field trip in Historic Brattonsville with Christmas candlelight tour	Sat, Dec 14 // Planetarium Show 1:00 PM - can also tour museum Candlelight tour // 3:00-9:00 PM	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

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

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

Name of field trip: Justus Orchard

Address of event: 187 Garren Rd. Hendersonville NC 28792

Description: The group will tour the farm on a tractor pulled wagon to view the farm, apple trees and apple varieties grown, learn about how and what they contribute to the farm and will get to pick out a small bag of apples. At the end of the tour, everyone will get to enjoy a cup of fresh apple cider and a fresh baked apple cider donut. Playground time, picnic area and additional shopping in the apple house and bakery are also available.

Date: Monday, September 9

Time of event: 10am, Please arrive by 9:45.

Grade Level: all

Cost: \$10/child includes: hay ride, apple and farm education, 1/4 peck of apples, a cup of apple cider in a take home apple cup, apple cider donut, visit with the animals and playground time. Adults and young siblings are invited to join the hayride and education for free, or enjoy the whole package at the same \$10 rate.

Payment Info: Payment due to Amanda Smith by Sept. 5. Include with the check the name of each participating member and your contact information.

Website: <http://www.justusorchard.com/>

Details: There is a printable education packet available on the Justus website.

Coordinator Info: Amanda Smith cell# 803-518-7720
smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com

Registration: This trip is open to up to 90 individuals.

***Please note that the money for this field trip is due to Amanda by September 5th. Please keep to this deadline.**

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 Amanda Smith along with your payment. Please list "Justus Orchard" in the subject line.

Field trip: Biltmore Homeschool Festival

Address of event: One Lodge Street, Asheville, NC 28803

Description The theme for this year's event is **Go Green: The Sustainability of Biltmore** centering our studies on forestry, solar energy and our carbon footprint. This two-day event is filled with hands-on activities, crafts, demonstrations and fun. Also included in your day is a visit inside America's Largest Home. Activities include learning about the Biltmore Stick, tree cookies, erosion, visiting our solar fields, how to reduce our carbon footprint and much more.

Date: **September 19-20**

Time of event: begins at 9am both days

Grade level: all

Cost: \$22/person ages 5+

Payment Info: Payment due at time of reservation. Families must register with Biltmore at 866-851-4661.

Website: <http://www.biltmore.com/>

Details: Families will register individually with Biltmore Group Sales and mention that you are with the SHIELD group. You will schedule your own time to view the house if you choose to do so. You can choose to attend both days or just one, whatever suits your family.

Coordinator's Information: Amanda Smith 803-518-7720 smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com

Registration: Call [866-851-4661](tel:866-851-4661) to register for Homeschool Festival.

Name of field trip: State Museum: King Tutankhamun Exhibit

Address of event: 301 Gervais Street

Description: Experience the life and death of one of history's most legendary kings through 124 replicas of King Tut's sacred and personal possessions. Then follow the story of archaeologist Howard Carter, who discovered the nearly intact treasure filled tomb in 1922.

Date: Thursday, October 3

Time of event: 11 am, Please arrive by 10:45 (This is for the second group)

First group: 9:45 for the 10:00 event.

Grade Level: all

Cost: \$5 guided tour of exhibit ages 3 and up, 2 and younger are free

*Please bring your homeschool card for free museum entrance.

Payment Info: Payment due to Rebecca Becker by Sept. 25.

Please make checks payable to Rebecca Becker.

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

Details: Check the museum website for updated parking information due to ongoing construction projects at the museum.

*Families may bring their lunch (or purchase there) and eat altogether in the Congaree Room at 12:30. Families may tour the museum after lunch.

Coordinator Info: Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com, 803-528-6492

242 Southberry Lane, Lexington, 29072

Registration: This trip is open to up to 50 individuals. *17 openings remain

***Please note that the money for this field trip is due to Rebecca by September 25th. Please keep to this deadline.**

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 "King Tut" in the subject line.

**Name of field trip: Saluda Shoals –
How Plants and Animals Survive (K-3)
Effects of Rainfall on Land (4-6)**

Address of event: 5605 Bush River Road Columbia, SC 29212

Description:

****Plants/Animals Trip:** The purpose of this class is to teach students how animals survive in their environment and how plants and animals are dependent upon each other. The students will learn the components of a habitat, adaptations that animals have for survival, to identify predator and prey animals, and the levels in a typical food cycle.

****Rainfall Trip:** The purpose of this class is to teach students about the effects of rainfall on land, the water cycle and weathering on the earth's surface. The students will be able to explain about the processes of condensation, evaporation, precipitation and runoff using a model or diagram and infer the effects of water on weathering of the earth's surface in terms of solubility.

Date: Monday, October 7 // Tuesday, October 8

Time of event: 11am, please arrive at 10:45am

Grade Level: October 7: K-3 (This group is full) / 4-6 (Openings for this group only)

October 8th: 9:30 - 11:00 K-3 – openings available

Cost: \$2.50/ participating student

Payment Info: Payment due to Amanda Smith by October 1. Include the name of each student and your contact information.

Details: At the gatehouse, tell them that you are with SHIELD and you will not need to pay for entry. We will meet at the Education Building which is to your right after leaving the gatehouse.

Coordinator Info: Amanda Smith 803-518-7720 smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com 221 Creek Branch Drive Lexington, SC 29072

Registration: This class is open to 25 students.

Please note that this field trip has 2 dates. Openings for: 4-6th grade on October 7th or K-3 on October 8th. 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 Amanda Smith along with your payment. Please list "Saluda Shoals" in the subject line.

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: **Charlotte Renaissance Festival**

Address of event: 16445 Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

Phone: (704)896-5544 or (877)896-5544

Description of field trip: (from the website) “The Carolina Renaissance Festival is a cornucopia of sights, sounds and experiences, bringing to life the ambiance of an early European village celebration. The Festival will open on three special weekdays to accommodate students and teachers who wish to enjoy a very distinctive field trip opportunity.

Costumed characters delight audiences with staged presentations, village artisans provide craft demonstrations and living history troops, such as The Queen's Court, bring the 16th Century to life. 11 stages are scheduled with music, dance and comedy acts every half hour. Craft demonstrations are on-going throughout the day. A major Festival feature is the re-creation of jousting tournaments with knights in armor performing on horseback in the King's Tournament Arena. Our Student Days Program was created to highlight the educational aspects of the Festival and to give school groups a chance to join the fun!!!”

Date: **Tuesday, October 15**

Time of event: 9AM-2:30 PM (gates close at 2:30)

Grade level: This specific day is geared toward elementary/middle school, but all students are welcome to come.

Cost per student and per parent: \$9 per person (students and parents). Under 5 are free. (If signing up on the SHIELD kick-off night, add \$.50 to your order total. If paying by mail, include a SASE instead of the \$.50. That way, I will mail your tickets to your house.)

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

Field trip: Charlotte Renaissance Festival (con't)

Website: <http://www.royalfaires.com/carolina/>

***Please include a self addressed stamped envelope.**

Other details: Registration closes September 20. I MUST have payment by September 20. To avoid chaos on the morning of the trip distributing tickets and such, I will order tickets with plenty of time to mail tickets to each family individually. That way each family will not need to find me on the morning of the trip or worry that they left a half hour late, etc. Also, the ticket cost is for entry (parking is free), but there are many vendors, games, rides, etc. that cost extra money.

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!); address to mail payments: 118 Weston Watch Rd., Irmo, SC 29063

Registration: We can take as many people as we want on this trip, so there is no limit.

***Please note that the money for this field trip is due to Christine by September 20th. Please keep to this deadline.**

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 "Charlotte Renaissance Festival" in the subject line.

Name of field trip: NC Transportation Museum Home School Day**Address of event:** 411 S Salisbury Avenue, Spencer, NC 28159**Description:** The theme for this fall home school day is STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). There will be 4 workshops : Dug Out Canoe (live demonstration of how the American Indians burned out trees for canoes), Measurements, Steam, Diesel and Electric and an experiment with steam boats. The day also includes a train ride, ride on the turntable, scavenger hunt and access to the entire museum following the classes. Teacher guides will be given out with quizzes and additional information at registration.**Date: Monday October 28th****Time of event:** check in 8 am to 9am, classes are 9am to noon, lunch break (bring your own packed lunch) train ride at 1pm followed by scavenger hunt that you can do on your own and access to the rest of the museum that were not covered in the classes.**Grade Levels:** 3rd through 8th**Cost:** \$12 per student and adult, ages 2 and under free**Payment:** We have to schedule as a group and will be going to the classes as a group. I will need the full payment for those attending by Sept. 18th. Please make checks payable to Leslie Ballard.**Website:** <http://www.nctrans.org/>**Details:** Once we have checked in, we will meet up as a group and will be assigned a volunteer guide to take us to the classes Bring note pads for notes. The hand outs they give at check in have great reviews of the information on the classes with worksheets and quizzes. Once lunch time comes, you will have access to go to your vehicle to get your lunch. They have picnic areas for lunch. I will have a list of area hotels available soon if you are interested. It is a 2.12 hour drive to the museum from Columbia.**Coordinator Info:** Leslie Ballard 803-606-8629 or wahoolb@bellsouth.net***Please note that the money for this field trip is due to Leslie by September 18th. Please keep to this deadline.**

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 "NC Museum" in the subject line.

Field trip: Sonoco Recycling Center (Pre-K-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>

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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: Oconee Camping Trip

Address of event: Oconee State Park, 624 State Park Rd, Mountain Rest, SC 29664

Description: Family camping trip! Families are invited to join our families in camping Memorial Day Weekend. Stay any or all of the dates listed, but these are the dates the Binglers will be there. There are many things to do in the area, including boating on their lake (no motorized boats allowed, but they rent canoes and pedal boats), swimming, hiking to nearby waterfalls, visits to mountain towns in NC, and such. (Plus, the campground itself has hiking trails, a playground for the kids, and a great family atmosphere!)

Date: **May 22-May 26, 2014**

Time of event: Regular camp sites- Check in after 2, check out by 12 noon. Cabins- Check-in after 4, check out by 10 am.

Grade Level: All ages

Cost: \$19/night for camp sites (regular camper or RV sites or tent sites- all have electric hook-ups); cabins begin at \$70/night for one that sleeps 4

Payment Info: Book directly through Reserve America (<http://southcarolinaparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/Oconee/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=SC&parkId=10321&topTabIndex=CampingSpot>)

Website: <http://southcarolinaparks.com/oconee/camping.aspx>

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!)

Details: If you do book a site, please e-mail me and let me know, and I'll put together a list of things that your family can do throughout the weekend. I'm not really putting together a set schedule, as my family just likes to do things spontaneously; I will, however, send out a list of who is going and where they are camping so that you can hook up with your friends while we are there! (I have not booked my site yet, but I am hoping to book either site 38 or 42, if you want to book one close to us!)

Registration: Registration is closed when the campground is booked! Since it's Memorial Day weekend, I would suggest you book now to be sure you get a site.

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.

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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 memo5@hotmail.com

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