



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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Swirling Priorities



The Christmas season is a busy time of year. We've had plenty of time off for Christmas break, and we'll be resuming school next week. However, I feel as if I'm not ready. The busyness of everyday life and the Christmas season can drain so much of our time and energy. We've had plenty of time off. Why am I not well prepared and ready to start?

Each day I awake with a long list for my busy schedule in my head. I spend all day trying to get things done; only to feel like each task is swirling like a tornado around me and I cannot grasp one single thing to get it completed. These are the days when before I even think about pulling back the covers, I need to be sure to spend time with my Father. I need to seek His will for my day asking Him for opportunities to glorify Him and serve others. I need to ask Him to prioritize my day.

I am a list maker. My husband jokes that I have lists for all of my lists and that I probably have a list reminding myself to make another list—I resemble that remark! It does help me to sit down with a paper and pen prioritizing what needs to be done over the course of the day. I don't know if you are like me, but I won't remember to it if I don't write it down. I used to make lists for multiple days, but that was just too overwhelming. I've learned to just take one day at a time. I don't need the added pressure of seeing what I have to move to the next day's list.

On the days I don't allow satan to overwhelm me, I prioritize my day by listing the tasks I believe God wants me to tackle. Then I give the Lord control of my day. I ask Him to open my eyes, ears, and heart so I can know what He wants me to accomplish. I ask Him to work through me to complete my list. Then I ask Him to help me relinquish control of my schedule so that I don't feel disappointed in myself for not checking everything off my list. I need to trust that He knows how to handle my schedule better than I do.

This is the time of year that people make a list of resolutions. I really don't like "resolutions" in the worldly sense. I mean, we make promises to ourselves to make life changes and accomplish things, and we generally try to do it in our own power. We end up with empty promises and no victories. Rather than making the typical New Year's resolutions, why not seek the Lord on what He wants from you and for you during the upcoming year? Write it down, add an encouraging Bible verse, and put it in a pretty frame where you can see it often. Ask God for His strength and power to glorify Him during the New Year. Give Him the praise and glory when you have victory!

We have to be willing to allow the Lord to work in our lives and use us for His glory. If we are wrapped up in all the busyness of the season and life then we are allowing satan to distract us from what is really important—our relationship with our Father and glorifying Him. Remember ultimately what matters is that God is exalted and that you grow in your relationship with Him. There may be some resolutions that may not come to fruition because the Lord has a plan.

I'm praying the Lord brings you peace and rest during the calms and storms of 2014, and that you recognize opportunities all around you to grow closer to Him and others. I pray that while things seem to be swirling around you that you grasp and focus on the Lord. When you seek Him, He is the faithful One you can count on. I pray you allow Him to guide every moment, and that His blessings and favor will be upon you as you trust in Him.



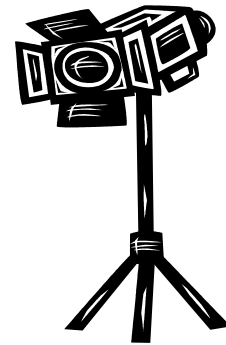
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as

well. Matthew 6:33

~Devotion by Mandy Dufries

“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!



[Karen Collins](#) serves SHIELD as Communications Team Leader and THRILL Coordinator. Karen and her husband John have four children: Kayla, a sophomore at CIU; Carter, 11th grade; Grant, 9th grade; and Tara, 6th grade. They have been homeschooling for over 12 years.

Q. How long have you been in SHIELD?

A. *I have been in SHIELD for 10 years. We joined when we moved to Lexington from Pennsylvania. Joining SHIELD at that time really helped to get connected with other homeschoolers!*

Q. What are your favorite SHIELD activities/events?

A. *This has changed over the years as my children have grown and their interests have changed. In the beginning, it was boys group, academic presentation days, and field trips. Today it is drama club, book club, THRILL, talent night and academic presentation days.*

Q. What is your favorite book (besides the Bible)?

A. *Stepping Heavenward by Elizabeth Prentiss.*

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

A. *The most challenging part of homeschooling has been dealing with the overwhelming sense of responsibility I feel for my children's education yet I try to remind myself that it is my job to do my best and trust God since He has called our family to homeschool.*

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

A. *All of Psalm 139, but especially verses 23 & 24: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*



Calendar of Events

January 21 (Tues)	Mid-Year Meeting: Harvest Church, 7:00-9:00
January TBD	G.I.F.T.
January 23 (Thurs)	Park Day, Gibson Rd Soccer Complex, 12:30-2:00 pm
January 31 (Fri)	Winter Formal: Lexington Municipal Building, 6:30-10:00 pm
February 12 (Wed)	Box Tops Deadline
April 9-11 (Wed-Fri)	IOWA Standardized Testing

Field trips are listed on the field trip chart on pages 17-18.

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



SHIELD's Annual Mid-Year Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Harvest Church in "The Rock" Youth Building

4865 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC 29072

This is a wonderful opportunity to get inspired as we launch into a new year and a new semester of teaching!

This year we will welcome a panel of homeschool graduates at various seasons of life (college, working, married, parents, etc.).

We hope that this will be a helpful time, learning from their feedback about what served them best in their experiences.

Light refreshments will be provided.

We would like to obtain desired questions from SHIELD membership now so that the panel will be able to prepare themselves for the coming event.

Please submit your questions to Tracy Taylor at ttaylor24@sc.rr.com as soon as possible, thank you!



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.

Date and time TBD...watch your emails.

Also 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.

RSVP to Linda Barnhill at elbeemee@gmail.com.

SHIELD Park Day

Come and join us!

When: Thursday, January 23
12:30 - 2:00 PM

Where: Gibson Road Soccer Complex

Info: Park includes a playground, restrooms, picnic shelter, volleyball and soccer fields. Bring a football, kickball, etc. and enjoy a game with friends.

Park Day Coordinator: Lisa Jaeger - ljaeger156@gmail.com

February 12th is the next deadline for Box Tops

**** Submission guidelines have changed. Please read. ****

In October, y'all submitted over 8900 Box Tops!! After we adjust for the expired ones, SHIELD members will receive close to \$890 to use for their families' educations! Way to go! Remember, you get to keep the money for **your** school (field trips, books, supplies, etc.)!

Unfortunately, the large volume we're receiving means we have to be more stringent with submission guidelines. Please know that we are doing this for YOUR benefit - to minimize the chance of loss.

From this point forward, **any Box Tops that do not follow the minimum guidelines below will NOT be accepted.** For this reason, we highly suggest you **NOT wait until the last minute to drop off!**

If you have any questions, just give us a call or drop Janey or April an email!

Minimum Guidelines:

1. Do NOT use rubber bands, staples, paper clips, or clips of any kind.
2. Seal each group of 50 Box Tops in a zip lock baggie.
(Note: Individual Box Tops, Bonus Box Tops, and Bonus certificates must all be inside of a sealed baggie. All baggies should contain 50 Box Tops, with one exception. One baggie may contain less than 50. For example: If you have 625 Box Tops, you will have 12 baggies, each with 50 Box Tops, and 1 baggie with 25 Box Tops.)
3. On the outside of EACH sealed zip lock baggie of 50 Box Tops, legibly write the SHIELD member's name, phone number, and the number of Box Tops. For example:
Jane Doe
803-555-1234
#50
4. Place all zip lock baggies containing Box Tops, along with the SASE, together in to one larger zip lock baggie (quart storage or larger) or envelope (6"x9" or larger).
5. On the outside of the larger zip lock baggie or envelope, legibly write the SHIELD member's name, phone number, and the TOTAL number of Box Tops. For example:
Jane Doe
803-555-1234
#625

Other Important Information to Maximize Your Earnings

Ask your church members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, & family to help.

We ask you to include a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) for the checks to be mailed to you. If one is not included with your Box Tops, the cost will be deducted from your earnings. Please double check the dates. We had close to 100 that were expired last time.

To minimize the cost of shipping, trim the Box Tops close to the lines and peel off the back of each Box Top (the Box Top you turn in should be as thin as one sheet of paper). Extra postage fees are charged to individuals whose Box Tops carry excessive weight.

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. See special notice below.

You may drop them by either April or Janey's house:

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

3 Important things everyone needs know about Box Tops earned through the computer or grocery store:

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.
4. 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 Tops 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.

SHIELD IOWA Standardized Testing April 9-11, 2014

SHIELD offers standardized testing (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) as a service to members by members.

Location: First Baptist Church of Lexington on Barr Road.

Registration is coming soon.

Wed. 4/9	Thurs. 4/10	Fri. 4/11
3rd grade	3rd - 8th grades	3rd - 12th grades

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Collins, SHIELD's Testing Coordinator, at 356-5858 or aikosmom@sc.rr.com.

**** Testing Administrators Needed! ****

If you hold a four-year degree and would be interested in helping to administer the tests, please contact Elizabeth Collins at aikosmom@sc.rr.com.



YEARBOOK NEWS

Formal

The SHIELD 2014 Winter Formal is fast approaching!! Don't forget to register your highschooler and send it in before January 10th.

When: Friday, January 31st, 2014

Where: Lexington Municipal Complex, Lexington

Time: 6:30-10pm

Cost: \$25 per student before January 10th, \$35 per person after January 10th

To register: fill out the forms on www.shieldonline.org and mail them to Josie Seacrist, 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, SC 29072.

Buy a 2014 book

There are a limited number of yearbooks and a growing membership. Be sure you get one by pre-ordering. The books will be \$25 until the mid year meeting on January 21st then they go to \$30. To order; send a check made payable to SHIELD to Josie Seacrist, 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, SC 29072

Want to join the team?

If you have an interest in joining the adult yearbook team for 2014-2015 school year, please contact Leah at leah.tilghman@gmail.com

THRILL

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

October THRILL meeting:

Friday, January 17, 1:00-2:00 - at the Rock, Harvest Church.
We will be discussing upcoming service projects and chapters 7 & 8 of the book, *Do Hard Things*. Girls, please bring drinks; guys, please bring snacks.

Thanks to all our families that have organized serving opportunities so far this year! Please continue to pray and think about more ways that our students can impact our community!

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



Field Trips

Important Message:

New Registration and Payment Guidelines

Our field trips for this year are now being completed on-line. Each field trip has a link for registration and payment via Constant Contact. This site will help us streamline the process of field trip registration and make it much more user friendly for everyone.

We will follow these steps to register and pay for our trips.

- 1) Event information will be released via SHIELD newsletters and SHIELD e-mails.
- 2) A link will be shared for each trip to direct SHIELD families to the on-line registration via Constant Contact. (Only registered SHIELD families may attend our field trips.)
- 3) The Constant Contact site will generate an e-mail confirmation for your tickets when you register. It will also keep track of how many slots are available for each trip.
- 4) If there is a fee for the field trip, you will pay the fees when you register for the trip using a debit or credit card. The payment process is secure and is processed via propay.com. You will not be able to hold your spot without payment. Please double-check your registration details before finalizing your payment.
- 5) There will be a small fee for each ticket to process the payment. The fees are slightly more than the cost of a stamp, but provide much more convenience and efficiency. All fees are included with the price of the ticket.

6) If you are unable to attend the trip, you can contact Rebecca Becker, SHIELD field trip coordinator. If we have not already paid the venue for the trip, you will be able to receive a credit to your original card used for payment for the ticket price. This will be done on a case-by-case basis depending on the guidelines for each field trip. (Some venues require us to pay weeks or months in advance of an event.) We will not be able to provide refunds for cancellations the day of, or the day before, the event.

7) If you have questions regarding the field trip, please contact the team member as listed in the write-up. If you have questions or problems registering or need to cancel a registration, please contact Rebecca. Please allow 2 days for a response.

We welcome additional help with field trip planning for the winter/spring semester. Team members are responsible to research trip details and share the sign-up information with our coordinator. If you would like to coordinate a field trip for our group, please contact Rebecca.

Rebecca Becker
SHIELD Field trip Coordinator
Please contact via e-mail: jandbbecker@aol.com



Field Trip Volunteers Needed!

One of the best parts about homeschooling is the opportunity to learn with your children on field trips. We have over 150 SHIELD families this year. We have only 6 members that plan our trips. We need more volunteers to serve on our team for the remainder of the year. If you can plan only one trip this spring, we welcome your help.

The process for planning a trip can take less than 30 minutes of your time. Our team members contact the venue, make the arrangements for our group by gathering all of the necessary details, and relay the information to our field trip coordinator. Registrations and payment are now being done on-line. You will not need to keep track of registrations and payment as a team member. On the day of the trip, you will welcome our SHIELD families and enjoy a day of learning together.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Rebecca as soon as possible to receive more information. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

Please contact:
Rebecca Becker
Field Trip Coordinator
jandbbecker@aol.com
803-528-6492



Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Columbia Art Museum 1515 Main Street, Columbia Tour + art project	Wed, Jan 15 // 10:00-12:00 PM	Colleen Eubanks	Elem: "Language of Art" MS/HS: "Art of the Renaissance"	\$5 per child age 4 and up; \$10 per adult - ages 3 and under are free // Limit 30 total people per group.
Columbia City Ballet: Sleeping Beauty *register & pay online	Friday, Jan. 31 // 11:15 AM *Arrive by 11:00	Rebecca Becker	ALL	\$5 per person/ seat *Babies or toddlers that don't need their own seat are free.
Discovery Place: 101 Inventions that Changed the World: special exhibit // IMAX Movie: Jerusalem *Register online / pay Colleen by check	Friday, February 7th // 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	\$17 parents, additional adults, child tickets age 2 and up // children under age 2 are free - 15 student tickets are needed to receive these rates
WIS Tour	February / TBD	Leslie Ballard		FREE
Columbia Airport	February - TBD / 10:30- 11:15 AM	Shelley Cannon	ALL	FREE
Pioneers, Pirates, & Patriots - Charleston, SC *register and pay online	Friday, March 7 / 9:00 - 12:00 PM	Colleen Eubanks	ALL - best for 3rd - 12th grade	\$6 adults, \$12 age 3-18, free age 3 and under
Middleton Place Summerville, SC	TBD	Rebecca Becker		www.middletonplace.org
Saluda Shoals	March / April			TBD

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

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Fort Sumter Charleston, SC	March / TBD	Leslie Ballard	ALL	
Saluda Shoals Park - Ropes Course (team building challenge course)	Saturday in Spring - TBD - event is 3 hours long	Christine Bingler	5th grade & older (great for HS kids)	\$15 per person
Sesquicentennial State Park - Mammal walk	Wed, April 2 // 10:00-11:30 AM	Shelley Cannon	K5 and older	\$4 per student, parents & siblings free
Hollywild Animal Park - Wellford, SC (near Spartanburg)	April - date will be determined in January	Christine Bingler	ALL	\$6.80 students, \$10.20 adults under 2 are free
JAARS - Mission complex Waxhaw, NC	April // TBD	Rebecca Becker	ALL	
Celebrations Skating Rink Leesville, SC	Sat, April 26 // 10:00-12:00 PM	Colleen Eubanks	ALL	\$7 per skater if have 25 skaters attend
Battle for Columbia - Education Day	First weekend in May / TBD	Leslie Ballard	3rd - HS	\$3 per student, parents free
Roper Mountain Science Center // Homeschool day No registration needed.	Friday, May 23 // 9:00 - 1:30 PM	Colleen Eubanks	K5-12th grade	TBD // Payment due at the science center. Cash or check only.
Oconee Park Camping Trip: family activities + camping in the great outdoors	May 22-26 Memorial Day weekend	Christine Bingler	ALL	per night prices: \$19 campsite, \$70 cabin / families will be given info to make their reservations

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Name of Field Trip: Columbia Museum of Art: Language of Art

Address of event: 1515 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201

Description: Students discover the visual language of color, line, shape, texture and space, while learning key concepts and terms such as portrait, landscape, still life and sculpture. An exploration of the materials that artists have used through the ages is followed by a hands-on project in the studios.

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Time of event: 10 am - 12pm

Grade Level: K4-5th grade (kids older than 5th grade must attend the MS/HS trip on the same day at the same time.)

Cost: \$5 per child age 4 and up; \$10 per adult (there's no charge for kids under 4, but they must be registered because they count in our maximum of 30 people.)

**The museum has recently increased their fees for adult tickets for field trips.*

Payment Info: Payment is due to Colleen Eubanks upon registration to hold your place. The last date payment can be accepted is January 1st.

Coordinator: Colleen Eubanks: 803-260-3202, colleen@palmettoehs.com

Website: <http://www.columbiamuseum.org/learn/school>

Details: There is a limit of 30 people for this field trip.

The Columbia Museum of Art is located on the corner of Main and Hampton Streets in the City Center of Downtown Columbia. Metered parking is available on all of the surrounding streets. Parking meters accept coins, parking tokens and Smart Cards. Parking tokens and Smart Cards are available for purchase at the Museum admissions desk. Garage parking: Located at 1227 Taylor Street, this garage features a beautified pedestrian path to Main street.

Registration: *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 attending to the coordinator at her e-mail listed above. Please include names of additional parents attending. Please list "Art Museum field trip" in the subject line. Please make checks payable to Colleen Eubanks, and include Art Museum in the memo line on your check. Mail checks to 204 Settlers Ct. Lexington, SC 29072.*

Name of Field Trip: Columbia Museum of Art: Art of the Renaissance

Address of event: 1515 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201

Description: Students discuss the Italian Renaissance and its effect on Western art. The primary focus is on European paintings in the Museum's collection, but works from special exhibitions are included when appropriate.

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Time of event: 10 am - 12pm

Grade Level: 6th-12th grade (kids younger than 6th grade must attend the elementary trip on the same day at the same time.)

Cost: \$5 per child age 4 and up; \$10 per adult (there's no charge for kids under 4, but they must be registered because they count in our maximum of 30 people.)

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To register for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e8q9i4fqc47db374>

Name of field trip: Columbia City Ballet: Sleeping Beauty

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

Description: Come enjoy the wonderful ballet Sleeping Beauty featuring the professional dancers of the Columbia City Ballet.

Date: Friday, January 31

Time of event: 11:15 AM Show begins // arrive 10:50-11:05 AM for check-in

Grade Level: all

Cost: \$5.17 per person (all ages) // Babies or toddlers able to sit on mom's lap are free.

Payment Info: Pay on-line via registration page.

Website: www.columbiacityballet.com

Details: Enjoy this wonderful ballet with your family through Columbia City Ballet's Educational Outreach Series. Shows are narrated and performed especially for students. Most performances last 45-60 minutes.

Coordinator Info: Rebecca Becker, jandbbecker@aol.com

Registration: This trip is unlimited. Since shows sell out early, please register by January 18th via the following link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e8q9i4fqc47db374>



To register for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e8o56pkx9ef0a8e9>

****Money is due for this field trip, payable by check, to Colleen by January 14. Registration will close on-line January 10.**

Name: 101 Inventions that Changed the World & Jerusalem IMAX Movie at Discovery Place Charlotte

Address of event: 301 N Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202

Date: Friday, February 7, 2014

Description:

101 Inventions: Driven by necessity or accident, inventions act as historical punctuation points in our story. This revolutionary exhibition explores not only the inventions themselves, but also suggests the reasoning behind their development and their consequent effect humankind. Using 40 high definition projectors, multi-channel motion graphics and cinema quality surround sound, take an extraordinary journey through turning points in humankind's history in one of the most exciting multi-screen environments in the world. Huge crystal clear images, so real you want to touch them, illuminate a vast array of screens and surfaces specially tailored to the exhibition space. The experience – programmed to be dynamic, informative and visually spectacular – flows through the mass of projectors and merges with digital surround sound, saturating the space in a breathtaking immersive display.

Jerusalem IMAX Movie: Take an inspiring and eye-opening tour of one of the world's oldest and most enigmatic cities. Destroyed and rebuilt countless times over 5000 years, Jerusalem's enduring appeal remains a mystery. What made it so important to so many different cultures? How did it become the center of the world for three major religions? Why does it still matter to us? JERUSALEM attempts to answer these questions by following three young Jerusalemites and their families - Jewish, Christian and Muslim. Through their eyes, audiences will learn what it means to call Jerusalem home and experience celebrations and events that mark the high points of a year in the life of the city. JERUSALEM also follows archaeologist Dr. Jodi Magness as she explores some of the most extraordinary historical sites in the region in order to better understand this crossroads of civilization.

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Time of event: 9:15 am - 1 pm, Arrive by 9 am (You may stay until museum closing if you like, but group activities end at 1pm when lunch is complete.)

Grade Level: All

Cost: \$17 per person age 2 and up for 101 Inventions and IMAX, museum is included at no additional cost, and you may stay until closing. (There's no charge for kids under 2.)

We must have a minimum of 15 students to get this student group rate.

Lunch: Bring your own lunch. The museum will hold our lunches in the lunchroom until our assigned time of 12:15 when we will eat together.

Payment Info: Mail check payable to Colleen Eubanks: 204 Settlers Court, Lexington, 29072 by **January 14, 2014**. Refunds and cancellations will not be possible after January 14th since we must pay Discovery Place at this time.

Coordinator: Colleen Eubanks: 803-260-3202, colleen@palmettoehs.com

Website: <http://101inventions.discoveryplace.org>

Details: Register online to hold your place by January 10. Payment is due by January 14th or you will be unable to attend.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoa&oeidk=a07e8056pkx9ef0a8e9>

Car/Van Riders: Park in the Discovery Place Parking Garage located at the corner of sixth and Church Street. Bring your family (and lunches) into Discovery Place's sixth street lobby. The museum will hold our lunches until we eat at 12:15. There is a \$8 per vehicle charge to park. Please go to "Group Check In" to receive your armband.

To register and pay for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oei=dk=a07e8p3wp9pa7068199>

Name: Pioneers, Pirates, and Patriots (The Powder Magazine, Heyward-Washington House, and Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon in Charleston, SC)

Address of event: Old Exchange at 122 E Bay St, Charleston

Description:

Start at the Old Exchange, exploring the British provost (dungeon) where American Patriots were kept during the Revolution. Learn about the Charleston Tea Party, George Washington's visit, and see where South Carolina ratified the U.S. Constitution. Next, your group will engage in a colonial/American Revolution themed scavenger hunt through Charleston's historic district discovering locations and objects relevant to the early history of this city, state, and nation. Along the hunt, students will experience a tour of the Heyward-Washington House where they will learn of Declaration of Independence signer Thomas Heyward Jr.'s role during the Revolution, as well as the stories of other patriots such as Christopher Gadsden and Francis Marion. The scavenger hunt continues to the Carolinas' oldest public building, The Powder Magazine. With the help of a colonial costumed interpreter, students will learn of "Charles Towne's" earliest geography and inhabitants and why this colonial town's powder magazine was an essential part of its survival.

Date of event: Friday, March 7, 2014

Time of event: 9:00 am - 12 pm, Arrive by 8:45 am

Grade Level: All may attend but the program is geared for 3rd-12th grade. Little ones are welcome, but there will be a good bit of walking from one location to another so you may want to bring a stroller.

Cost: \$12.42 per child age 3 and up and \$6.21 per adult. (There's no charge for kids under 3.) Your fee includes entrance to each of the three sites. We must have a minimum of 10 students to do the program.

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Lunch: Lunch is not included. We will start and end the day at the Old Exchange, which is near Waterfront Park. You can bring a picnic and eat there, or find a restaurant in Charleston.

Payment Info: Online payment via the Constant Contact registration page.

Coordinator: For questions regarding the field trip logistics, please contact Colleen Eubanks: [803-260-3202](tel:803-260-3202), colleen@palmettoehs.com // For questions regarding field trip payment or on-line registration, please contact Rebecca Becker at jandbbecker@aol.com

Website: <http://www.charlestonmuseum.org/kids-educational-programs.asp>

Details: Register and pay online to hold your place. We need a minimum of 10 paying children to do the field trip.
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e8p3wp9pa7068199>



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