

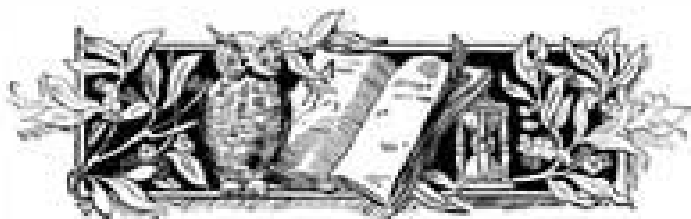


Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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The Passion of Homeschooling

What makes people invest 20 or more years of their lives to homeschool their children? Ask any homeschool parent and they'll tell you it is for the joy of seeing their children learn. Watching your child discover God's creation creates a passion that transcends any cheap shot from uninformed critics. Daily, you have the opportunity to share love, devotion, loyalty and faithfulness as you work toward educational goals and a deeper faith in Christ. This allows an intimate relationship to develop between children and parents. Perhaps the question should be, who wouldn't want to experience a life homeschooling their children? (Excerpt of a devotion by Janet Tatman from *NIV Homeschool Mom's Bible*)

Father, thank You for the calling to homeschool our children. Please fill our busy days with joy, peace and hope. Help us nurture the academic, spiritual and emotional needs of our children, and lead them in Your ways each day. Thank You for Your unmeasured grace, mercy and guidance. Please bless our SHIELD family. In Jesus name, Amen.

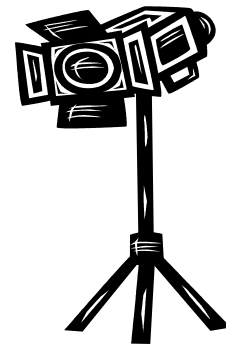
~Melissa Bryan

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."- Lamentations 3:21-24



“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!



[Sandra Kosch](#) serves SHIELD as Drama Club Coordinator. Sandra and her husband Ron have one daughter named Brianna. She is 13 years old and in 8th grade.

Q. How long have you been homeschooling?

A. *We started homeschooling when Brianna was 3. Her best friend went to pre-school twice a week and Brianna said, “I want to start my school!”*

Q. How long have you been in SHIELD?

A. *Our family joined SHIELD 3 years ago when we moved here from Tennessee.*

Q. What are your favorite SHIELD activities/events?

A. *I am partial to Drama Club but also love Book Club, Academic Presentation Day and Achievement Night.*

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

A. *Eco Tour in Charleston; the Planetarium and York County Museum; the Challenge Learning Center; and Happy Cow Creamery*

Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?

A. American Mexican—love San Jose's restaurant.

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. I would love to tour Israel without being rushed--want to take time to see the sites.

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

A. Getting school done each day and putting house cleaning and errands on the back burner.

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

A. Psalm 130:5: I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on Him. I have put my hope in His Word.



Calendar of Events

February 12 (Wed)	Box Tops Submission Deadline
February 21 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting , Harvest Church Rock Bldg, 1-2 pm
February 24 (Mon)	G.I.F.T. , Romanstine home, 7-9 pm
February 27 (Thurs)	Park Day , Gibson Rd Soccer Complex, 12:30-2:00 pm
March 14 (Fri)	Academic Presentation Day , Lexington Baptist Church, 9:00 am
March 21 (Fri)	Talent Night , New Life Church of Irmo/Ballentine, 7:00 pm
April 9-11 (Wed-Fri)	IOWA Standardized Testing
May 9 (Fri)	Drama Club Presentation , Riverbend Church, 7:00 pm
May 16 (Fri)	Achievement Night , Riverbend Church, Lexington

Field trips are listed on the field trip chart on pages 16-17.

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*



Important Dates for Seniors!

- 2/1/14 Recommended Date for ordering
Cap, Gown & Tassel
- 3/1/14 Achievement Night Registration Deadline
- 3/1/14 Senior Slide Show Pictures Deadline (6-8 pictures)
- Please include 3 adjectives that describe your graduate!
- 3/1/14 Senior Medal Engraving Specification Deadline
- 5/16/14 Senior Yearbook Distribution Gathering (tentative)
- 5/16/14 Achievement Night

If you have questions or need more information,

contact Linda Barnhill

elbeemee@gmail.com



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.

Next Meeting!

Monday, February 24th - 7-9 pm

Laurie Romanstine has graciously offered to host our meeting in February!
406 Carter Lane
Lexington, SC 29073

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, February 27
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.

Spring Academic Presentation Day

Friday, March 14, 2014

9:00 a.m. until 11:30-12:00

Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room

Theme: **Art, Literature & Music**

Spring Academic Presentation day is a wonderful morning of 3-5 minute speeches by our students on a subject relating to literature, art, or music. Presentations of authors, artists, composers, or specific pieces of work are all appropriate, as well as anything else relating to those subjects. Children in grades 1 and 2 may just do a presentation board. Many of our older students do both a speech with a presentation board illustrating their topic. We will meet in the reception room (on the west side of the building--there will be a sign out front of the door) of the Lexington Baptist Church.

All SHIELD members are invited to attend even if not presenting. Please contact Jennifer or Carolyn if you plan to attend so that they can have enough snacks prepared for everyone.

To sign-up, please contact Jennifer or Carolyn.

APD Coordinators:

Jennifer Cogle, coglefour@gmail.com, 261-9593

Carolyn Jackson, imacarolyn@gmail.com, 665-5159



SHIELD's Talent Night

Friday, March 21, 2014

New Life Community Church
10809 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063
7:00 pm

It's that time of year again! Time to polish up your instrument, warm up your voice, dust off those dancing shoes, stretch your drama muscles, practice those karate moves or anything else that must be done to prepare for SHIELD's annual Talent Night.

This year promises to be an exciting one! The New Life Church of Irmo/Ballentine will once again be the setting for one of the most anticipated nights of the year!

It will be held Friday evening, March 21st. Get ready to shine to the glory of God, kids!

To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Danita Palazzolo at ddzolo@sc.rr.com.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 7.

Talent Night Coordinators:
Danita Palazzolo, ddzolo@sc.rr.com
Tina Hewitt, tinarhewitt@gmail.com



STANDARDIZED TESTING

IOWA Test of Basic Skills

April 9-11, 2014

(April 9th is an extra day for third graders only; High Schoolers test only on April 11th)

First Baptist Church of Lexington on Barr Rd.

The test is open to 3rd through 12th graders whose families are members of SHIELD. Because of logistics, we cannot offer any special needs testing. The test is given by homeschool parents from within SHIELD who meet the requirement of BJU and have a four-year degree. Other parents assist by helping with the children during breaks and lunch.

Not everyone is required to test – check with your accountability group to find out what your individual situation is. For those who are required or simply choose to test, this service started because some parents have found that some children test better in a more formal environment with limited distractions. Others needed an option to test away from the ‘joyful noise’ of younger siblings.

For more information or to receive the forms needed to register, please contact Elizabeth Collins, SHIELD’s Testing Coordinator, at 356-5858 or aikosmom@sc.rr.com.

The deadline for registration is FEBRUARY 21st.

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

Drama Club Play

Our SHIELD DRAMA CLUB will present their Spring Play 2014 entitled, "No Matter What" on **Friday, May 9th** at 7 p.m at Riverbend Community Church.

The teachable themes involve Science and God's Faithfulness. This would be a great night for Families to learn together! The Actors and Actresses will be encouraging the Audience to sing-a-long during the Play. There is NO COST for this Performance.

Everyone is invited to the "Dessert and Fellowship Time" immediately afterwards.

Please Mark Your Calendars Now!



Achievement Night Save the Date!

SHIELD's Achievement Night has been confirmed for the evening of **Friday, May 16th** at Riverbend Community Church.

YEARBOOK NEWS

Buy a 2014 book

Have you bought your 2014 SHIELD Yearbook yet?

We have a limited number of books.
If you haven't bought yours yet, don't wait! They are going fast!

Be sure you get one by pre-ordering.
The yearbooks are \$30.

To order: send a \$30 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.
(8th-12th grade)

February THRILL meeting:

Friday, February 21, 1:00-2:00 - at the Rock, Harvest Church. We will be discussing upcoming service projects and chapters 9 & 10 of the book, *Do Hard Things*. Girls, please bring snacks; guys, please bring drinks.

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Friday, February 7, 11:00-1:00, LICs, Lexington, 216 Harmon St., Lexington (<http://www.licssc.org>). We will work in the warehouse sorting clothing to go into the thrift store, preparing food packages, and helping with any other projects. **Please email Karen Collins at kscollins2@icloud.com to sign up.**

Friday, March 7, 11:00-12:30, Deepwood Estates, Retirement Home, 203 Old Chapin Rd., Lexington. We will divide students into two groups. Some will assist residents with a craft project and some will help with cleaning projects. When the craft project is finished, those students will help with the cleaning. **Please email Karen Collins at kscollins2@icloud.com to sign up. Please indicate which you prefer: craft with residents or cleaning only.**

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

Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
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
Krispy Kreme Tour Cayce	Tuesday, Feb 11 // 8:45-9:30	Sonja Sharpe	ALL	free
SC Philharmonic Young People's Concert: Koger Center	Thursday, Feb 20 // 9:45 AM (concert begins) *arrive 9:15-9:30 AM	Jennifer Aurednik	ALL	\$5.00 per person / lap children free
WIS Tour	TBD	Leslie Ballard		FREE
Columbia Airport *register online	March 4 - 10:30-11:45 AM	Shelley Cannon	1st grade and older	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
Jeffery Archery *register and pay online	Wed, March 19 / 9:00-10:30 AM	Amy Hallman	Ages 8 and up	\$7.56 per child // Maximum 24, parents free
Saluda Shoals Wetlands *register and pay online	Thursday, March 27/ 9:30 - 11:00 AM	Sonja Sharpe	Elem & MS groups	Cost \$2.59 per student / Parents are free

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

More Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Fort Sumter Charleston, SC	March / TBD	Leslie Ballard	ALL	
Middleton Place Summerville, SC	TBD	Rebecca Becker		www.middletonplace.org
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	
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.
Saluda Shoals Park - Canoe Trip	Thurs, May 29	Sonja Sharpe	MS/HS - grades 6- 12	
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

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Name of field trip: **Columbia Metropolitan Airport**

Address of event: 3250 Airport Blvd, West Columbia

Description of field trip: We will have a guided tour of the airport as a passenger. We will go through check-in, the lobby, security and watch planes as they take off and land.

Date: **Tuesday, March 4th**

Time of event: 10:30 AM - approx. 11:45 AM

Grade level: This is geared toward 1st grade and up; however, all are welcome

Cost: FREE

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

Details: Please arrive by 10:20. The tour will start at 10:30. You can park in the garage. Make sure you pull a ticket AND BRING IT WITH YOU. Our guide will sign your ticket so there will not be a cost for parking. We will meet in the departure area in the front of the airport at the USO info desk. Since we are going through security, everyone is asked to leave all sharp objects (besides the obvious knives and such this includes things like tweezers, needles, etc.) You may bring cameras and bags. Also, if you need a bottle for a baby, that is ok, too.

Coordinator: Shelley Cannon // Email:

shelley@csculptures.com

Registration: Maximum number 40 people including parents and non-school age children. Registration will close on-line February 26th.

To register and pay for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&eidk=a07e8uy7oe6a2d97ddc>

Name of field trip: 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.

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



Name of field trip: **Jeffery Archery**

Address of event: 3129 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29209

Description of field trip: We will have the opportunity to try the sport of archery with exciting activities that will have the kids aiming and hitting the target in no time.

Date: **March 19, 2014**

Time of event: 9am - 10:30 AM

Grade level: Best suited for ages 8 and up. Younger kids can participate but MUST have a parent to help them.

Cost: \$7.56 per child if we have 24 children registered. Parents are free

Payment Info: Pay on-line via registration page.

Website: <http://jefferyarchery.com/main/home.html>

Coordinator: Amy Hallman, kalc12345@aol.com, 892-5895 (home), 741-4207 (cell)

Registration: We have space for 24 students. Register on-line by March 14.

To register and pay for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e8uyb6940df6b390>



Name of field trip: Saluda Shoals // Middle School Wetlands Class

Address of event: Saluda Shoals Park, Environmental Center Classroom 1-2, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia SC 29212

Description of field trip: The program will focus on different aspects of life in a wetland for middle school age, consisting of a discussion period where a Ranger talks to the class about Wetlands and why they are important. After that the class will go on a Ranger led walk around our Wetland Preserve Boardwalk where we will talk about the flora and fauna of our wetland and forested areas. After the walk the group will get the opportunity to net dip in our pond where they will collect animals that live in the pond for further examination. After net dipping we will take all animals back to the shelter where we examine the specimen and discuss why they are adapted to living in our pond. If there is time left over after that we will look at Biofacts which are parts of animals such as skulls, pelts, wings, and shells.

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time of event: Arrive at 9:15am to check-in, Class will last 1.5 hrs from 9:30-11am

Grade level: 6th - 8th grade

Cost: \$2.59 per student

Payment Info: Pay on-line by March 14.

Website: <http://www.icrc.net/field-trips>

Coordinator: Sonja Sharpe 803-466-3897, scsharp@sc.rr.com

Registration: Minimum of 15 students to reserve the group at above cost. Maximum of 25. Registration will close on-line on March 14.

To register and pay for this field trip, please go to:
http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoa_b&oeidk=a07e8uyfrm5f282ff2b

**Name of field trip: Saluda Shoals // Elementary
Wetlands Class**

Address of event: Saluda Shoals Park, Environmental Center Classroom 1-2, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia SC 29212

Description of field trip: The program will focus on different aspects of life in a wetland for middle school age, consisting of a discussion period where a Ranger talks to the class about Wetlands and why they are important. After that the class will go on a Ranger led walk around our Wetland Preserve Boardwalk where we will talk about the flora and fauna of our wetland and forested areas. After the walk the group will get the opportunity to net dip in our pond where they will collect animals that live in the pond for further examination. After net dipping we will take all animals back to the shelter where we examine the specimen and discuss why they are adapted to living in our pond. If there is time left over after that we will look at Biofacts which are parts of animals such as skulls, pelts, wings, and shells.

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time of event: Arrive at 9:15am to check-in, Class will last 1.5 hrs from 9:30-11am

Grade level: Kindergarten - 5th grade

Cost: \$2.59 per student

Payment Info: Pay on-line by March 14.

Website: <http://www.icrc.net/field-trips>

Coordinator: Sonja Sharpe 803-466-3897, scsharp@sc.rr.com

Registration: Minimum of 15 students to reserve the group at above cost. Maximum of 25. Registration will close on-line on March 14.

To register and pay for this field trip, please go to:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oei=dk=a07e8uyio7c20e2c61a>

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.

Babysitters:

Hannah Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. djgoude@icloud.com

Lauren Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. djgoude@icloud.com

Other:

New Listing Valerie Harris--individual and group harp lessons. 957-5388 or 553-2630.

Trinity Tutoring: Evaluations and tutoring for elementary level reading concerns by a certified teacher and a trained Reading Specialists. Contact Lisa Jaeger at ljaeger156@gmail.com.

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Starla Stidham, Usborne representative -- Host a party and get double the free books (limited offer)! A great way to build your home library. Order online at <https://x3024.myubam.com/>, or contact me at starlastidham@gmail.com or (803) 463-6090.

Jessica Smith, 803-260-2473, Independent Distributor of Herbalife. Call for a free Health Evaluation and Body Scan. jessica.smith.nutrition@gmail.com. (803) 996-3631

Shannon Steen: PartyLite Consultant: (843)412-9264
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Sherri Almeida, Owner of Palmetto Children's Music, LLC (Locations in Columbia and Lexington)

We offer music classes for children birth to age five and the adults who love them.
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