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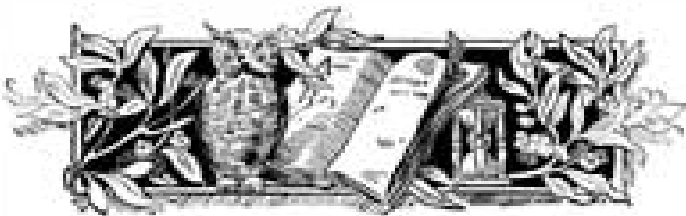
Supporting Home Instructors
Encompassing Lexington District

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

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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About Our Newsletter...

Newsletter submissions must be received by September 25 for inclusion in the October newsletter.

The SHIELD Encourager Newsletter is published monthly and e-mailed to our members at the beginning of every month (except June & July). If you have an item you would like to submit, contact Karen Collins at kscollins2@icloud.com.

Keep On

19 years ago my daughter was born. As you well know, having a baby is laborious. You never get enough sleep, your house is a mess, and you barely get a full shower. We kept on.

16 years ago she was diagnosed with a speech delay and the public school system where I sought help for her proposed their solution; an 8 hour school day, filled with speech therapy, 5 days a week, all year long for a 3 ½ year old. It was difficult to stand up to them; they made me feel like I was ruining her life by defying their suggestions. We kept on.

15 years ago we began our homeschool journey. It began with extra speech therapy activities, arts and crafts, exploring nature, and playing all the while with her baby brother in tow. There were days when I just knew I had gone crazy, days when my house was a mess, dinner was burnt or nonexistent, and my children were screaming. We kept on.

14 years ago we took a month off school while we moved 1190 miles across the country with 2 young children in tow. We barely got unpacked for Thanksgiving. That year we joined a new homeschool group that didn't offer much for my youngsters, so we started a playgroup and made new friends. Later that year my daughter graduated kindergarten. The speech delay was gone but she was a delayed reader. The days turned to months until years passed; 2 more moves, which always seemed to happen mid-school year, new places, new faces, soccer, karate, vacations, struggles with reading and curriculum discussions. We kept on.

6 years ago Grandpa had a heart attack and had to have emergency bypass surgery; we put school on hold to cross the country and be with him during his recovery. We kept on.

5 years ago we moved here. By then my daughter had caught up on her reading skills but we had new struggles: Algebra II, Chemistry, Physics, and believe it or not, getting up the nerve to go to SHIELD Kick-Off. Yes, I was scared to attend Kick-Off and meet all those new people. I actually chickened out the year before but I eventually joined, and participated. We kept on.



3 years ago my daughter took the SAT and we started visiting colleges. Which one would be the best fit for a homeschooler? Who could I entrust with my baby girl? I was proud she had made it to this point, but I was sad that this portion of our journey was coming to an end. She would be leaving. We kept on.

2 years ago my daughter began her 13th and last year of homeschooling. There were days I was sure I had ruined her life by homeschooling her. I was terrified she would resent me forever for doing this to her. Would she get into college? Would she be ready? Turns out she got accepted to multiple colleges and picked her favorite. She graduated and we stood on the stage at Riverbend in front of some of you with tears in our eyes and we told her how proud of her we were. We kept on.

1 year ago my daughter started college. She was gone and I was a wreck! Homeschooling had allowed us to spend so much time together; we weren't used to being apart this much. At least I hadn't ruined her life- she was in college and doing well. She was asked to join the honors college, won a biology award and she has returned this fall. We are keeping on.

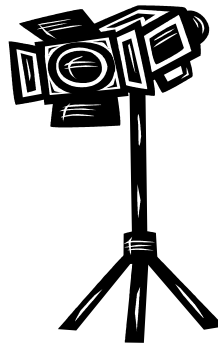
Life has a way of throwing us curveballs; sometimes it seems like it's just too much and you know you're the only one that has days, weeks, months like this. You're at your wits end, covered in poop, pee, dirt, flour; pick one or all of them, phones ringing, dinner not even close to being complete, and you have to teach subject verb agreement! It's official you have lost your marbles. We've all been to crazy town, I have a condo there. So wrangle up that toddler running naked through the house, rescue the Legos from the vacuum, and have cereal for dinner, but no matter what, keep on. Keep on and you will reap the wonderful rewards that await you.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

~Devotion by Josie Seacrist

“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!



[Colleen Eubanks](#) is serving SHIELD as a Field Trip Coordinator. Colleen and her husband Gary have one child. Katie is a 5th grader this year. This is their third year homeschooling and their third year as members of SHIELD.

Q. What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?

A. *We love the field trips!*

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

A. *We really enjoyed going to the Creation Museum in Kentucky.*

Q. What is your family's favorite activity?

A. *We love spending time together. We love to travel, play games, work puzzles, and watch movies together.*

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. *I would love to go to Europe, and Italy in particular.*

Q. What do you find the most challenging about homeschooling?
A. *The most challenging thing for our family is balancing homeschooling with running a business.*

Q. What are your hobbies?
A. *I enjoy reading and photography.*

Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?
A. *Most anything chocolate.*

Q. What is your favorite verse or passage of scripture?
A. *Matthew 17:20 He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*



Calendar of Events

September 4 (Thurs)	Literacy Family Night , Richland Public Library, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 18 (Thurs)	September Park Day , Virginia Hilton Park, 12:30-2:30 pm
Sept. 15, 16, 17, 19	Yearbook Picture Days (Make-Up Day is Oct 1st)
September 19 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting , Harvest Church 1-2 pm
September 19 (Fri)	Yearbook Meeting , Harvest Church, 2:30-4:00 pm
October 14 (Tues)	Box Tops Fall Deadline
November 7 (Fri)	Academic Presentation Day , Lexington Baptist Church Reception Room, 9:00 am
January 30 (Fri)	Winter Formal , Lexington Town Municipal Building
February 10	Box Tops Spring Deadline
April 22-24 (Wed-Fri)	IOWA Standardized Testing

Field Trip dates are listed on the Field Trip Chart. See pages 9-10.

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



Literacy Family Night

Our first ever SHIELD literacy night is quickly approaching. If you didn't sign up, that's ok, you can still come! This is a family event, from tots to teens. Have your students be thinking about what book character they want to dress up as for our character parade.

Book donations are still being accepted.

We are so very excited about this event & have been busy planning & can't wait to see you there.

When: September 4, 2014

Time: 6:30-8:30

Where: Richland County Public Library (Assembly St)

Call or email with questions.

Jennifer Cogle, coglefour@gmail.com, 803-261-9593

Holly Winters, hwinters@sc.rr.com, 803-957-8810

September Park Day

Come and join us!

Cost: Free

When: Thursday, September 18, 12:30-2:30 pm

Where: Virginia Hilton Park in Lexington

Who: All SHIELD Families!

Bring the kids out to play and get to know other SHIELD families. You may bring a lunch or snack if you wish as there is a picnic shelter.

Contact Kari Zwisle at 803-556-9393 or kzwisle@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

SHIELD Field Trips

The Field Trip Team has been working on planning all kinds of field trips for the upcoming school year!

Our 2014-2015 Field Trip Team:

Rebecca Becker (Coordinator), jandbbecker@aol.com

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Jennifer Aurednik, jenniferaurednik@yahoo.com

Janey Goude, djgoude@icloud.com,

Dani Toussaint, charles0322@windstream.net,

Rachel Cambre, ecambre@sc.rr.com

Amy Hallman, kalc12345@aol.com

Heather Dickert, heatherdickert@yahoo.com

Thank you, Field Trip Team, for planning a variety of fun and educational field trips for us this year!

Below are the plans so far.
Sign-ups will be shared via e-mails and the monthly newsletters.

Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Field Trip	Date/Time	Team Member	Ages	Cost
Sign-ups with be shared via e-mails and the monthly newsletters.				
Charleston Aquarium & Turtle hospital Homeschool Explorer's Club	Wed, Sept 10	Make your own plans		\$7.50 (K-8th) \$11.50 (9-12th)
State Newspaper Facility Tour	Wed, Sept 17 // 9:30 - 12:00 PM	Rachel Cambre	ALL	FREE
Biltmore House Homeschool Festival Theme: Field to Table Asheville, NC	Thurs, Sept 18 - Friday, Sept 19 // all day	Make your own plans	ALL	\$22.00 + tax per person ages 4 and up
Woodrow Wilson Family Home Tour & gift shop Downtown Columbia	Friday, Sept 26 // 10:30 AM	Dani Toussaint	3rd - 12th grade	10 minimum - 45 max // \$3 per person
Rivers Bridge State Historic Park *Confederate and WW II graveyard Ehrhardt, SC	Thursday, Oct 9 // 10:30 AM	Dani Toussaint	3rd - HS; wheelchair & stroller ready	Unlimited participants // \$2 per student
Be an Ecologist for a Day // Savannah River Ecology Lab Conference Center Aiken	Monday, Oct 20 // 9:30 - 1:30 PM	Rachel Cambre	ages 6 and older (no children under than 6 can attend)	30 students plus chaperones and teachers // FREE

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Field Trip	Date/Time	Team Member	Ages	Cost
Sign-ups with be shared via e-mails and the monthly newsletters.				
Castra-Romana Reenactment "Remembering Pompeii" Gibbons Ferry State Park - Summerville	Sat, Nov 8 // 10:00 - 4:00 PM	Make your own plans	ALL	\$2.00 http://legvi.tripod.com/castroromani
Lake Murray Visitors Center & Lorick Plantation House decorated for Christmas *2184 North Lake Drive by Lake Murray	Thurs, Dec 4 // 11:00 AM	Dani Toussaint	ALL	FREE
Lexington Museum Annual Christmas Open House	Sunday, Dec 14	Make your own plans	ALL	FREE
SC Military Museum & Confederate Relic Room	Thur, Jan 8 // 10:30-11:45	Dani Toussaint	Middle and High School	FREE with our group
Young People's Orchestra Koger Center	Wed, Feb 11 // Time TBA	Jennifer Aurednik	ALL	\$5.00 each
Bee Trail Farm Lexington	March or April	Shelley Cannon	ALL	FREE

Field trip information is subject to adjustments & changes.

Name of field trip: Tour of The State Newspaper facility

Address of event: The State Newspaper, 1401 Shop Road, Columbia SC 29201

Description of field trip: Opportunity to tour The State newspaper's news room and advertising departments. Attendees will have the opportunity to sit in on a newsroom budget meeting, meet with editors and reporters, and learn about the online production of the paper's website. The trip will wrap up with Q&A Session.

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Time of event: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grade level: Open to all ages

Cost: FREE

Payment Info:

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

Coordinator: Rachel Cambre (803)269-6756 or rcambre@sc.rr.com

Registration: Register online by Friday, September 11

To register

online: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e9pzd3xj7960ffa8>



Name of field trip: Woodrow Wilson Family Home Tour

Address of event: 1705 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Date: Fri. Sept. 26, 2014

Time of event: 10:30 am

Description of field trip: A tour of the boyhood home of our 28th President & see how life was in Columbia in the Reconstruction Era. Free parking at the Robert Mills House & Gardens & gift shop at 1616 Blanding Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Grade Level: 3rd- 12th grade

Cost: \$3.10 each person who tours the home.

Payment Info: "Payment is due online via the link below." Need payment in by Thurs. Sept. 18, 2014

Website: <http://www.historiccolumbia.org/woodrow-wilson-family-home>

Coordinator: Dani Toussaint, charles0322@windstream.net
cell-237-1832

Registration: Registration close on Thurs. 18. \$30 deposit due on Sept. 19 with balance in full by tour date on Sept. 26. Must have 10 min / 45 max

To register on

line: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e9pzh6mw62b92f13>

Name of field trip: Rivers Bridge State Historic Park

Address of event: 325 State Park Rd, Ehrhardt, SC 29081

Date: Thur. Oct. 9, 2014

Time of event: 10:30 am until you want to leave

Description of field trip: Home to one of only three in the country & the only one in SC, this is a preserved Civil War battlefield. Get a Ranger lead tour of the earthen barricades built by the Confederacy as one of the last stands against Sherman to save Columbia. The paths are all easy & stroller accessible. Also on the grounds is a Confederate & a WWII graveyard. There will be a Civil War exhibit set up for us as well as a special speaker. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the brick pavilion. Follow the signs to the Memorial Grounds. Bring Insect repellent & bottled water.

*If participating in the Jr Ranger program, please let me know so that they can have what they need on hand. If you want information about the free Jr Ranger program email me. There is also a small gift shop with t-shirts, books & other items.

Grade Level: 3rd – high school. The grounds are stroller accessible

Cost: \$2.10 for each student participating.

Payment Info: "Payment is due online via the link below."

Website: www.southcarolinaparks.com/riversbridge/

Coordinator: Dani Toussaint, charles0322@windstream.net
cell-237-1832

Registration: Close on Sat. Oct 4, 2014. Need to call in with number attending & payment in full on Mon. Oct 6, 2014

To register on line:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkchtoab&oeidk=a07e9pzjc3g0cba43b1>

Name of field trip: Be An Ecologist for a Day

Address of event: Savannah River Ecology Laboratory Conference Center, Aiken County SC (see map on website)

Description of field trip: The Outreach Program at the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory launched its popular "Ecologist for a Day" in the fall of 1995. Groups of elementary, middle and high school students visit the **SREL Conference Center** near Aiken, S.C., during the school year for a day-long program of hands-on environmental education activities, both outside and in. The goal of "Ecologist for a Day" is to enhance environmental awareness and appreciation for elementary, middle, and high school age students and encourage them to consider careers in the sciences.

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

Time of event: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grade level: Ages 6 and up (**ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE AT LEAST 6 YEARS OLD)

Cost: FREE

Payment Info:

Website: <http://srel.uga.edu/outreach/ecoday.html>

Coordinator: Rachel Cambre (803)269-6756 or rcambre@sc.rr.com

Registration: Register online by Monday, October 13, 2014

To register:

- Age limit: Group limit: 30 students, plus chaperones and teacher(s)
- Wear clothing and footwear suitable for walking on trails in woods.
- Consider the weather forecast, in case a coat or rain jacket is needed.
- Participants will need to bring a sack lunch.

To register on

line: http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lbkcht_oab&oeidk=a07e9qsfk631ca38c28

YEARBOOK NEWS

Picture days... This year Leigh Essig, our photographer from formal will be doing yearbook portraits against a dark grey background. Picture Days will be held at **Lexington Baptist Church's** worship center foyer, (*In the event of a funeral, we will be moved to the gym, look for our signs on the day of*)

Monday, Sept 15 1pm-4pm, Opt 1 or 2 available

Tuesday, Sept 16 9am-12pm, Opt 1 or 2 available

Wednesday, Sept 17 1pm-4pm, only Opt 1 available

Friday, Sept 19 9am-12pm, only Opt 1 available

Makeup Day Wednesday, Oct 1 from 11am-1pm, only Opt 1 available

IN ORDER TO BE ON FEATURED IN YOUR GRADES SPREAD YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HEADSHOT TAKEN BY LEIGH ESSIG DURING PICTURE DAYS!

SENIORS TOO!

Picture days... We have 2 picture options this year!

Opt 1: Just the headshot for yearbook- with a sitting fee of \$2 per student, with \$6 max per family

Opt 2: Is the Headshot AND Full body shots to express more of your personality... bring prop etc...Sitting fee is \$15 for 1-2 students, \$20 for 3-4 students, and \$25 for 5+ students. THIS OPTION IS ONLY AVAIABLE MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

SIGN UP NOW! SLOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST!

To sign up for a time slot email pjseacrist@yahoo.com or call Josie at 803-957-8707. I will need to know what day and about what time, what option you want, the names of your students, what grade they are in this year , and a contact telephone number.

For SHIELD members wanting a family session, Leigh Essig will offer a 20% discount on all full (hour and a half on location) family sessions booked through December on her current prices. My current price is \$225 so the fee will be \$180 and it will include 20 of their top images.

More YEARBOOK NEWS

Send us your pictures from last spring's events, summer, friends and pets, first day of school.... Please submit your photos by emailing them to shieldpictures@gmail.com, 1 photo per email. Please include a description including names of those SHIELD members in the picture. Please keep in mind the size and quality of the photo. Be sure the photos you submit are full-sized images and not thumbnail previews, or "sized for web" images, as these are unusable in the yearbook. They come out pixel and are often too small to use. Photos taken with digital cameras purchased in the last 7-8 years are almost always fine. Photos taken with cell phones vary widely... if you are unsure, you are welcome to send a test image our way and we will tell you if its large enough. Please note that in your email.

Join the Yearbook Staff: The **deadline to join the staff** is the **September 19** meeting, as that will be the last opportunity for training. SHIELD students in **8th -12th grades can help create the yearbook**. This is an opportunity for students to express creativity, learn to work with others and develop leadership skills by working on a project from start to finish. After the first year on staff, students are eligible to hold leadership positions. We hold monthly meetings the 3rd Friday of the month with additional training sessions. A laptop is helpful but not required, but a home computer with reliable internet is a must. Staff **MUST** work on their yearbook assignments at home, as there is not enough time at meetings.

Purchase your 2015 SHIELD Yearbook for \$25, send a check payable to SHIELD to Leslie Buzzell 269 Vista Springs Rd Lexington SC 29072. After the Mid-Year meeting the price goes up to \$30, so order now.

Winter Formal will be January 30, 2015 and is open to all 9th-12th grade homeschoolers and their guests. It will be held again this year at the Lexington Town Municipal Building. The cost is \$25 before January 16. Any registrations received after January 16 will be charged a \$10 late fee through Jan 27 when registration is closed. **We really need help to plan this year's formal. If you are interested in helping plan or chaperone please contact me now as we plan on putting together a group of SHIELD parents to throw this event.**



If you have any questions about yearbook/formal please contact
Josie Seacrist pjseacrist@yahoo.com (803) 957-8707

Student Clubs

The **Girls' Clubs and Boys' Clubs** are a wonderful opportunity for your students to build lasting friendships with children in their own grade and gender while learning. All parents are involved with creating the meeting schedule and take turns hosting activities for the students. Parents can host by organizing field trips, play dates, sports, crafts, homemaking activities, Bible study, etc. Each club is lead by a participating parent volunteer. Responsibilities of the club leader are simply to hold one initial meeting with all of the parents to plan the schedule & to distribute the list of participating students & contact information. **Please consider volunteering to lead your student's group.** Join the Boys/Girls Club to add more learning & fun to your school year and friendships that last a lifetime!

For more information, please contact SHIELD's Club Coordinator Melissa Bryan at smabryan@aol.com.



**** New: Middle School Club! ****

This year we will combine Middle School students into one club! This will be a great place for middle school students to participate in activities that both boys and girls will enjoy together...service projects, ultimate Frisbee, bowling, scavengers hunts, movies, campfires, etc. This club will be organized as other student clubs with parents taking turns hosting activities for the students. This club will be lead by a participating parent volunteer.

A leader is still needed for the Middle School Club.

SHIELD Clubs Update

Update: The Drama Club, Lego Club, and Archery Club are full. We still need leaders for the 4th-5th grade boys' club, the 2nd-3rd grade girls' club, the 4th-5th grade girls' club, and middle school club. Please contact Melissa Bryan, SHIELD Club Coordinator, at smabryan@aol.com, 803-292-7122 if you are willing to lead a group.

Membership is still open for the following special interest clubs:

American Girl Club (K5-2nd grade)

Jessica Smith is the coordinator and may be contacted at jessica.smith.nutrition@gmail.com or 803-996-3631.

American Girl Club (3rd-6th grade)

Michelle Stidom is the coordinator and may be contacted at michellestidom@yahoo.com or 803-600-1866.

Siblings Club (K5-2nd grade)

Misty Taylor is the coordinator and may be contacted at mlbslp@scrr.com.

Book Club (6th-12th grade)

Terri and Hannah Brokaw lead this group and may be contacted at timterri@juno.com.

Middle School Club (6th-8th grade)

A coordinator is needed for this group. Please contact Melissa Bryan at smabryan@aol.com if you would like information about leading this club.

Membership is still open for **Boys' and Girls' Clubs**.

If you have an idea for a new club, please contact the SHIELD Club Coordinator, Melissa Bryan at smabryan@aol.com, 803-292-7122, to help get the club started.

Academic Presentation Day

Date: Friday, November 7, 2014
Location: Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room
Time: 9:00 am

Don't let this opportunity pass you by this year!
This is the only APD for the 2014-2015 school year.

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



THRILL

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

Any students in grades 8-12 who are planning to join THRILL this year but haven't yet, please contact Karen or Michelle ASAP. T-shirts will be ordered within the next week and we can only place one order.

September THRILL meeting:

Friday, September 19, 1:00-2:00 -at the Rock, Harvest Church.
Girls, please bring snacks; guys, please bring drinks.

Students and parents are asked to plan and organize one service project sometime throughout the school year. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting and we will organize the calendar.

Our regular monthly meetings will be held the 3rd Friday of each month (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar) from 1-2 in the Rock Bldg at the Harvest Church.

Membership fees are \$10 per student for the year.
Remember to keep up with your volunteer hours!
(beginning May 1st, 2014).

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

Box Tops

Please note: the incorrect due dates for **Box Tops** appeared in the SHIELD Kick-Off packet.

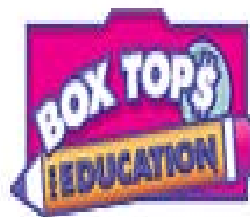
Box Tops Deadlines for the 2014-15 School Year are as follows...

Fall: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Spring: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Box Tops Counters Needed: We now have so many SHIELD families participating in Box Tops for two people to do all of the counting. Counters are always welcome! This is an easy way to meet your service to SHIELD that offers flexibility. After the group instructional meeting, counters will count their portion of Box Tops at their home. The more hands we have counting, the lighter the work! One instructional meeting will be held on either October 17 or 18, 2014 (Friday/Saturday) and another meeting will take place on either February 13 or 14, 2015 (Friday/Saturday). Counters will have a few weekend days as well as a few days during the week to complete the counting. You can choose this area of service when you complete your SHIELD application or you can contact Janey Goude at djgoude@icloud.com.

If you have any questions, contact
April Roebuck at roebuckapril@gmail.com or
Janey Goude at djgoude@icloud.com



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i can make.

Please put Box Tops into groups of 50 (you may have 1 group with less than 50) in an individual baggy with your name on it & the number amount. (i.e. 50) Along with a self - addressed, stamped envelope. This is for the checks to be mailed to you. Double check the dates. We can NOT take expired dates. Please peel off the back of each box top if they have a cardboard backing. This will help lower the cost of shipping. **If you have earned Box Tops through the computer or grocery stores, please let us know. If you do not, we have no way of knowing who to credit it to.**

Three Important things to know:

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 sent 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. 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 top recipients of that reward period. For example, unclaimed monies received with the Oct. 2014 will be shared by those who submit Box Tops with the Oct. 2015 deadline.**

Keep collecting them. Our next deadline will be Oct. 14th. Ask your church members, neighbors, co-workers, friends and family to help. We have found that people love to help us out & I’m sure that will be the case for you as well. Remember, you get to keep the money for your school. It can be used for field trips, books, supplies, etc.

You may drop them by either April or Janey’s house if you have any questions, please contact:

April Roebuck at 206-0092 329 Cedar Vale Drive, Lexington
29073 roebuckapril@gmail.com

Janey Goude at 951-0943 107 Woodbay Ct., Lexington 29072
janeygoude@ss.rr.com

We need people to help count the Box Tops.

Where to Serve?

SHIELD is a volunteer support group that has enjoyed many years of wonderful opportunities to help enrich our home schools. We believe each member is important and has something to offer the group. As we all work together to serve as leaders, coordinators, team members, and volunteers in many areas, please take some time to prayerfully consider where you can serve this year! We especially need volunteers for Box Tops Counters, Winter Formal, Student Club Leaders, Yearbook, Field Trips, and Achievement Night, but anywhere you can serve will be greatly appreciated! It is also a great way get connected other SHIELD families!

If you have a new opportunity that you would like to offer the group, please feel free to let leadership know about it. We are always open to new ideas and are willing to help you in any way we can.



SHIELD Coordinator Update

Several new Coordinators have joined the SHIELD Coordinator Team this year! We are so thankful for each and every one that has committed their time, gifts, and abilities to serving SHIELD for the upcoming school year. Please see the last page of the newsletter for contact information for all SHIELD Coordinators. Please feel free to contact them with any questions you may have or to offer your help.

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:

Mackenzie Dufries 803-996-1379, Red Cross certificate

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Other:

New Listing Jenn Lott, Orton-Gillingham Tutor, 843-701-6266, jlott584@gmail.com

Irene and Ed Albritton (aiah5951@hotmail.com; edseditions@sc.rr.com) own Ed's Editions LLC Quality Used and Collectible Books, 406 Meeting Street, West Columbia 29169. We offer a 20% discount for homeschool families. Open Tuesday - Saturdays 11am - 5:30pm. [803-791-8002](tel:803-791-8002).

Valerie Harris teaches beginning folk harp in her home. Lap harps with a cardboard soundbox are available for \$140, and lessons are \$20/hour for individuals. Moms take the class free with their children. Please contact 553-2630 or valeriemharris@yahoo.com.

Starla Stidham, Pink Diamond Photo Booth, use us for your next birthday party, wedding, or event. We'll offer 10% off to SHIELD members. 803-463-6090 or info@thepinkdiamond.net.

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

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