



# SHIELD

Supporting Home Instruction  
Encompassing Lexington District

More than 10 years ago, a friend shared a book with me that was such a blessing during the elementary years and continues to be even now in the high school years. "The Power of Teachable Moments". Interestingly, one selling feature of the book was that our time with our children is so limited each day (once they get home from school and extracurricular activities, do homework, etc.) that we need to engage with them and take advantage of those moments.

As homeschoolers, we have the joy and blessing to engage with our children all day long! Admittedly, it is so easy to fall into the groove of checking off what needs to be done each day and considering our "job" done when the boxes are checked. Math, History.... Laundry, Dinner... It is tiring, we wear lots of hats every day.

Are you taking advantage of the "teachable moments"? Maybe you are without realizing it or putting a label on it. We have countless opportunities every day. The 3 "components" defined are: an open relationship with your child, a catalyst, and a Biblical truth.

We have the opportunity every day to have open conversations and time with our children. It might take an effort to have individual time with each of them for a few minutes each day but that effort will be well worth it.

The catalysts are everywhere. It could be a question your child asks, a movie your family watched, witnessing an act of kindness, learning of a crisis someone is in, or just as simple as seeing a butterfly emerge from its cocoon.

The Biblical truths are endless. Just as we have to reinforce math concepts and grammar rules, we need to reinforce Biblical truths over and over. There could never be too much emphasis on them; those truths will shape and mold our children and continue to mold us right along with them.

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

What a joy it is to have the opportunity to homeschool and be a part of this support group!

Tracy Taylor

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October's **Park Day** will be held at [Guignard Park](#) in Cayce on **Friday, October 19th** from **1–3 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact Park Day Coordinator, [Haley Clayton](#) (803-319-3305).

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If anyone has signed up for **THRILL** this year but has not been receiving our emails, please contact [Karen Collins](#) asap. Several important emails regarding upcoming service opportunities have gone out and we don't want anyone to miss out!

Upcoming opportunities for October include serving at Mission Lexington, the Federation for the Blind, and Hope Bridge for the Hollies's fall festival.

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We hope you've been saving and sorting your **Box Tops!**

**Please be sure to have all your Box Tops to Dana or Sarah by 9 p.m. THIS FRIDAY, October 5!**

You will find [written instructions](#) and [video instructions](#) on the Shield website on how SHIELD needs Box Tops turned in so there are no delays in receiving your check.

**Reminders:**

- The deadline to submit Box Tops is 9 p.m., Friday, October 5. If you mail them, they must ARRIVE at the drop-off location by October 5.
- Double check expiration dates, and throw out anything earlier than November 1, 2018.

- Make sure to include a SASE with your bag of Box Tops.
- Unfortunately, Box Tops that aren't submitted according to the guidelines cannot be processed for payment.

There are two drop off locations this year:

**Sarah Burggraaf** - 803-394-6770 - 122 S Chateau Dr, West Columbia, SC 29170

**Dana Engdahl** - 803-397-6630 - 169 Carey Rd. Pelion, SC 29123

You may mail your Box Tops or contact one of the coordinators to arrange a drop-off. If you will be at a SHIELD event or club with Dana or Sarah, that's a great time to pass them off as well!

If you are willing to serve as a counter for Box Tops this year, please let one of our coordinators know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements for all the Box Tops to be counted and sent to the processing center in a timely fashion.

We are so excited for this opportunity to help you earn a little money for your homeschooling adventures! Still have questions? Contact one of the coordinators: [Terrie](#), [Dana](#), or [Sarah](#).

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Box Tops Submission Deadline

9 p.m. **October 5**

### SHIELD Day at Firefly Toys and Games

12–2 p.m. **October 5**

12–2 p.m. **October 26**

Contact [Melody Lown](#) (803-743-6705) with questions.

### Park Day

1–3 p.m. **October 19** at [Guignard Park](#)



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