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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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## Our Way or God's Way?

Let's be honest, being homeschoolers, when it comes right down to it, we are often perceived as rebels at heart! Ask most any Christian homeschool parent and they will tell you they felt led to homeschool, but ultimately, when it comes to education and the shaping of our children's lives and worldview, we just prefer to do it our way. I guess this could be referred to as the "*Sinatra Syndrome*." Frank wanted to do it "*his way*" and for the most part we are much the same. This thought makes me wonder, do we also do this when it comes to our faith and values? Do we allow God's word to transform our lives or do we sometimes transform God's word to fit our lives as we see it and just look at our Christian walk and Christian values as just another way to do it our way?

One of the reasons we may look upon our Christian walks and values in this way could be just a lack of knowledge. At times we may just have a lack of knowledge of exactly what God's word says and how we should apply it to our lives and what we believe and teach our children. In the Old Testament, it says that the hand of the Lord was on Ezra, because he sought the word of God to help him prepare for teaching the statutes to Israel. *Ezra 7:10 (ESV) - For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.* Have we set our hearts to study the Word and live our lives as the Bible teaches, or do we just know a few Biblical concepts and ideas and play out our lives based on that somewhat limited and potential incomplete knowledge of God's Word? The fact is, you cannot obey what you do not know. So, can we honestly say we truly *know* God's Word, and are we like Ezra, basing our teaching on our personal study and knowledge of the Bible?



Some of us may even be guilty of “cherry picking” the Scriptures. That is, we select what we like while avoiding the difficult truths that force us to focus on our servanthood, suffering for the Gospel, or holiness of life, etc. As Christians, we love to hear about Peter's deliverance from prison, but often shy away from the idea that John the Baptist's faith cost him his life. Paul was careful to understand himself and give to everyone he taught the whole counsel of God, the good and the bad, the glory, and the pain. *Acts 20:27-30 (ESV) - for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.... know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.* Paul completely understood and taught the whole truth and with such complete knowledge, he fully prepared his learners for what was to come. Are we preparing our learners based on the entirety of the Word or just how we understand it?

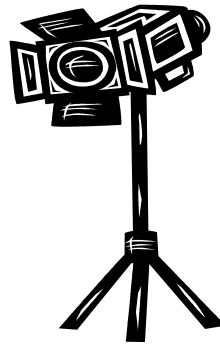
As believers, and especially as homeschoolers, we need to insure that we apply the entirety of God's Word to our lives, and our schooling, and base our understanding of it on a personal knowledge of the Scripture and not what others may say or we may think to be the truth. The Gospel of Mark makes a strong case that those with shallow roots will vacillate in their beliefs in times of trouble and fall away. *Mark 4:17 (ESV) And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; Then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.* How deep are our roots in the Gospel, our children's roots, and the roots of our families? If all of these are deeply rooted in the scriptures, we have no need to be ashamed, as it clearly illustrates in 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

Devotion by James Taylor



## “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!



[Leah Tilghman](#) is the SHIELD Yearbook Coordinator; she also coordinates the Drama Club. Leah and her husband, Mike, homeschool both of their daughters: Kayla is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade and Kari is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Q. How long have you been homeschooling?**

*A. This is our 12th year homeschooling.*

**Q. What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?**

*A. Achievement Night is my favorite, but I love so many things about SHIELD.*

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

*A. Choosing curriculum is my biggest challenge every year.*

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

A. *Spirit of America armed forces performance was our favorite field trip.*

Q. What is your favorite book? (other than the Bible!)

A. *The book that has most impacted my life recently was Boundaries by Henry Cloud.*

Q. What is a favorite scripture passage or verse?

A. *Joshua 1:9 I command you- Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*



## Calendar of Events

<b>November 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> SC Native American Lesson at Lexington Library, 9:00-11:00 am
<b>November 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>Senior Yearbook Training,</b> Lexington Library, 6-8 pm
<b>November 19 (Fri)</b>	<b>Yearbook Meeting,</b> Harvest Church, 1:00-4:00
<b>November 20 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Lexington County Museum: Colonial Home Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<b>November 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Nutcracker Ballet, Township Auditorium, 10:00 am (arrive at 9:15 am for parking and seating)
<b>December 5 (Wed)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Narrowway Productions, Fort Mill, 9:30 am
<b>December 14 (Fri)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Historic Columbia Foundation Christmas Tour, 10:30 am
<b>December 18 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Lexington County Museum: Early Christmas Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<b>January 7 (Mon)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC, 10:00 am
<b>January 14 (Mon)</b>	<b>Mid-Year Meeting:</b> Speaker: Lori Hatcher, Harvest Church
<b>January 25 (Fri)</b>	<b>Winter Formal:</b> Lexington Municipal Building
<b>January 29 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Columbia Museum of Art, 9:30-11:30 am
<b>March 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Barrier Island Eco Tour, 9:45 am
<b>April 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>Field Trip:</b> Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover

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*

## Attention Senior Families

### \*Senior Yearbook Training Date Change\*

Please note that the date for Yearbook Training has changed to Wednesday, **November 7<sup>th</sup>**; Lexington Library; 6-8 pm

Look for details in your inbox!

Senior Pages, Ads, and Payments are all due on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.  
The time will fly, so pull out those pictures and get busy!

If you have any questions, contact Linda Barnhill [elbeemee@gmail.com](mailto:elbeemee@gmail.com)  
803-772-3184

## SHIELD's Mid Year Meeting

Save the date for  
**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
at The Rock (Harvest Church)

We are very excited to have Lori Hatcher as the speaker for our Mid-Year Meeting this year.

Lori is an author, a “retired” homeschool mom, a former leader in FACE (Forest Acres Christian Educators), and the current editor of Reach-Out Columbia.

Learn more about Lori on her website/blog <http://www.lorihatcher.com> and be sure to save the date; you will not want to miss this evening full of encouragement and fellowship!



## 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!

If you would like to sign-up, please contact one of the Club Leaders listed below.

### 2012-2013 Student Club Leaders:

Club	Club Leader	Email Address
K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade girls club	Brannon Edmond	<a href="mailto:Brannonedmonds@gmail.com">Brannonedmonds@gmail.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade girls club	Sally Lucas	<a href="mailto:sally@sallylucashomes.com">sally@sallylucashomes.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade girls club	Melissa Bryan	<a href="mailto:smabryan@aol.com">smabryan@aol.com</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls club	Terri Mancuso	<a href="mailto:themancusos@sc.rr.com">themancusos@sc.rr.com</a>
K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade boys club	Cathy Watterson	<a href="mailto:Sonshine05@aol.com">Sonshine05@aol.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade boys club	Kathryn Graham	<a href="mailto:billinsky@sc.rr.com">billinsky@sc.rr.com</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys club	Allison Martin	<a href="mailto:Am4boysmom@sc.rr.com">Am4boysmom@sc.rr.com</a>





## Special Interest Clubs

Does your student enjoy collecting, rollerblading, scrapbooking, Frisbee, woodworking, sewing, cooking, outdoor adventures, gardening, reading, drawing, painting, animals, photography, Bible study, poetry, model building, genealogy, fishing, candle making, board games, computers, sports, cake decorating, Legos, rubberstamping, ceramics? Wouldn't it be great if your student were involved in a club that supported and developed their interests? All you need is an interest and some basic ideas to start a fulfilling club for your student. The ideas are only limited to your imagination.

If you have an idea for a club, please contact the SHIELD Club Coordinator, Mandy Dufries at [sixdufries@gmail.com](mailto:sixdufries@gmail.com) or 996-1379 to help get the club started.

Special Interest Clubs this year:

### **Mom-It-Forward Club**

(encouragement, fellowship and prayer group for moms and children)  
Coordinator: Brannon Edmonds, [brannedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:brannedmonds@gmail.com)

### **Lego Club**

Coordinator: Amanda Smith, [smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com](mailto:smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com), 518-7720, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

### **Middle School Book Club**

Coordinators: Terri and Hannah Brokaw, [timterri@juno.com](mailto:timterri@juno.com)

### **Drama Club**

Coordinator: Leah Tilghman, [leah.tilghman@gmail.com](mailto:leah.tilghman@gmail.com)

### **American Girl Club**

Coordinator: April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)



## Yearbook News

### Order your yearbook!

You may purchase a yearbook at anytime by sending a check made payable to SHIELD to Lauren Seacrist, 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, SC 29072. The current cost is \$25, after the mid-year meeting, the cost goes to \$30.

NOTE: This year we will have to give our publisher a final count in December. Therefore, supplies are limited and we may not have books available to sale in the spring.

Please order soon!!

### We need your photos....

We are especially looking for pictures featuring: Spring '12 Academic Presentation Day, '12 Talent Night, Field Day, field trips, and Kick-Off. This year we are adding, or bringing back, the following pages: SC events, friends and pets.

Please send your pictures to [shieldpictures@gmail.com](mailto:shieldpictures@gmail.com).

Please send one photo per email and label it with the names of the people in the picture and a brief explanation of what the picture is about. Remember to take your cameras with you, snap pictures and send them in to help us make an awesome yearbook.

### December is Family Portrait month

Please take a family picture and send it to us by the end of December to be included in the family pages of the yearbook.

**Remember to take your cameras with you, snap pictures, and send them in to help us make an awesome yearbook.**

### Formal-Yearbook Fundraiser

This year SHIELD's formal is January 25th at the Lexington Municipal Building. This is for grades 9-12. The cost is \$25 per student. Keep a look out in your email for the invitation and registration form. Registration forms are also available on-line at [shieldonline.org](http://shieldonline.org).

### 2013 Yearbook Advisory Panel [YAP]

Leah Tilghman, coordinator, [leah.tilghman@gmail.com](mailto:leah.tilghman@gmail.com)  
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Wilenda Turner, photography advisor, [wilendasemail@gmail.com](mailto:wilendasemail@gmail.com)  
Josie Seacrist, business advisor, [pjseacrist@yahoo.com](mailto:pjseacrist@yahoo.com)  
Jessica Sims, training advisor, [jess.sims@gmail.com](mailto:jess.sims@gmail.com)

## THRILL

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

### November Volunteer Opportunities:

The dates and times for helping with Operation Christmas Child at Lexington Baptist Church are:

Mon - Nov 12: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tues - Nov 13: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wed - Nov 14: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thur - Nov 15: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Fri - Nov 16: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (THRILL meeting with pizza to follow)

We need students to sign-up! Please let Elizabeth Collins know if and when you can be there. The Friday session will follow with pizza for all THRILL students. Please plan to attend!

For more information or if you have any questions, you can contact:

Michelle Steyne, [mlsteyne@aol.com](mailto:mlsteyne@aol.com)

Elizabeth Collins, [aikosmom@sc.rr.com](mailto:aikosmom@sc.rr.com)

Karen Collins, [kscollins1@me.com](mailto:kscollins1@me.com)



A group of THRILL students serving at Helping Hands Adult Day Care on October 26, 2012

## SHIELD Field Trips

The Field Trip Team has been working on planning a variety of field trips for the upcoming school year! Below are the upcoming plans. Emails will be sent throughout the year as details are confirmed. You may continue to register for some of these trips by contacting the Coordinators. Please pay special attention to sign-up deadlines.

Date/Time	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
November 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am	SC Native American Lesson at Lexington Library	Leslie Ballard	All	free
November 20th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum Colonial Home Crafts	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
November 21st Wednesday 10am	Nutcracker-Township Auditorium	April Wallace	All	\$6.50 per person
December 5th Wednesday	Narroway Productions	Rebecca Becker	All	\$7.13 per person \$10.87 includes lunch (1-12 months free)
December 14th Friday 10:30-12:30	Columbia Christmas Tour	Kathryn Graham	All	\$6 per person
December 18th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum Christmas Crafts	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
January 7 Monday 10 am	Discovery Place - Charlotte	Kathryn Graham	K-6	\$5 per person
January 29th Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am	Columbia Museum of Art	Rebecca Becker	K-5th 6th-12th	\$3 per person (under 4 free)
February 26th Tuesday 10:30	SC State Museum	Rebecca Becker	K-2 3-5 6-8 HS too if desired	free for students and 1 parent per family (\$6 addition)
March 20th Wednesday 10-2	Caper's Island/ Barrier Reef - Charleston	April Wallace	5 years old and up	\$20 per person
April 10th Wednesday 10-11:30	Sesqui State Park - Insectigations	Amanda Smith	K-3	\$2 per student
April 12th Friday 8pm-7:30am	Ripley's Aquarium - Sleep with the Sharks	April Wallace	Ages 4 and up only	\$55 per person

The above information is subject to adjustments & changes.  
See below for details on upcoming field trips.

**Field trip:****South Carolina Native American Lesson  
with Chief Louie Chavis of the  
SC Beaver Creek Pee Dee Indians**

**Date:** Monday, November 5, 2012  
**Time:** 9:00-11:00 am  
**Cost:** Free  
**Location:** Lexington Library  
**Contact:** Leslie Ballard, [wahoolb@bellsouth.net](mailto:wahoolb@bellsouth.net)

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month this November, we would like to invite you to join us Monday, November 5th at the Lexington Library, 9am to 11 am, for a lesson on the SC Beaver Creek Pee Dee Indians with Chief Louie Chavis. Chief Chavis will be providing an oral history of the tribe, will have items from the tribe and answers for many questions! He frequently visits public and private schools in the state and will be giving us the same lesson he provides for them.

This is a free event, all ages and can host only 50 people. Please email me at [wahoolb@bellsouth.net](mailto:wahoolb@bellsouth.net) if you would like to attend and how many will be in your group. Please place SHIELD Beaver Creek in the subject line of your email.

The SC Beaver Creek Pee Dee Indians are looking forward to sharing their heritage with you!





**Field trip:**  
**Nutcracker Ballet**  
**Carolina Ballet Company**

Township Auditorium  
1703 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29201

**Date:** Wednesday, November 21, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am (Please arrive around 45 min. early to allow time for parking and seating)  
**Cost:** \$6.50/person (all ages)  
**Ages:** 5 and up  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

**Payment info:**  
Please make checks out to April Wallace.  
Send with a self-addressed STAMPED envelope to:  
193 Mill House Lane  
Lexington SC, 29072

**The deadline to order tickets is  
Friday, November 2, 2012**

April will mail the tickets to your home address the following week.



**Field trip:**  
**Narrowway Productions**  
**"The Broadway of Christian Entertainment"**

Biblical Field Trip, [www.narrowway.net](http://www.narrowway.net)  
3327 Hwy 51 N, Fort Mill, SC, 29715 (location is 15 minutes from Charlotte)

**Date:** Wednesday, December 5, 2012  
**Time:** Arrive at 9:30 am, Show 10:00-11:00 am  
**Cost:** **See below**  
**Contact:** Rebecca Becker, [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com), 803-528-6492

\*Registration via SHIELD is closed for this event. However, families and friends can still join us by calling Narrowway Productions directly at 803-802-2300. Please ask to join the SHIELD group on December 5th.

\*If you do join our group, please e-mail Rebecca to let her know you will be joining our group.

\*A detailed e-mail with directions and additional information will be sent to families who have registered 2 weeks before the field trip.

Step back in time to an ancient world in an inspiring search for Jesus! Live animals and hands-on fun make this field trip experience both educational and entertaining. Meet Firecracker the Donkey, Sheba the Camel and all their friends! Special effects, dramatic lighting and sound, and authentic costumes bring this incredible encounter to life.

Tickets for show: \$7.13 per person of any age (children 1-12 months are free). Show + Lunch: \$10.87. Lunch includes corndog, carrot sticks, chips, sugar cookies, and lemonade

Add-on events after the show: \*camel rides (\$5 per person) \*petting zoo for 50 minutes (\$5 per person). Petting zoo includes a donkey, camel, horse, goat, pigs, sheep, etc.

\*These add-on events will be paid for at the event.



**Field trip:****Lexington Museum: Colonial Home Crafts**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

**Date:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012  
**Time:** 1:00-2:00 pm  
**Cost:** free  
**Ages:** K-6  
**Contact:** Heather Schaub, [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com)

**Colonial Home Crafts** - Within the historic Lawrence Corley Log House, built around 1774, children learn about life in the Colonial era in the backcountry by seeing furniture, quilts, dishes, and eating utensils. They see a spinning demonstration, use cotton cards, and a “knitty-knoddy,” after which they dip candles and take home the finished product.

**Field trip:****Lexington Museum: Early Christmas Crafts**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

**Date:** Tuesday, December 18, 2012  
**Time:** 1:00-2:00 pm  
**Cost:** free  
**Ages:** K-6  
**Contact:** Heather Schaub, [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com)

**Early Christmas Crafts** - This tour is given for only a few weeks in December. The John Fox House circa 1832 is decorated with period decorations which the children are shown as they look through the house. After the tour, the children make these same early decorations such as popcorn strings, pomanders, and gum drop trees which they are allowed to take back to the classroom. This program is a most memorable Christmas experience!

**Field trip:**  
**Christmas Tour with Historic Columbia Foundation**

**Date:** Friday, December 14, 2012  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Cost:** \$6 per participating child  
**Ages:** All ages  
**Contact:** Kathryn Graham, [billinsky@sc.rr.com](mailto:billinsky@sc.rr.com)

This trip will cover the Robert Mills House, the Hampton Preston Mansion and will include a cottonboll angel craft. Cost is \$6 per participating child. We are to meet in the museum shop.

Historic Columbia Foundation maintains a website of education resources where you can download education packets for the Robert Mills House and Hampton-Preston Mansion for elementary-aged students at <http://historiccolumbia.org/site/education/resources/>

When asked about resources for middle/high school level, this was the reply: "While we do not have the in-depth guides like we do for elementary age students, high school teachers tend to have their students read passages from a book they've selected prior to visiting the site. One book that I would definitely recommend assigning passages from is Mary Boykin Chesnut's *A Diary From Dixie*. Here is a link to the digital version: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/chesnut/maryches.html>. The book's chapters are organized by location and time period so I'd recommend them reading the chapters of her in Charleston, Columbia, and maybe even Richmond at the end of the Civil War. Her diary is one of the best-known diaries of the antebellum South and the Civil War. She was very good friends with the Hampton's and the Hampton-Preston Mansion is mentioned in numerous entries."

If you are interested in this field trip and have not yet signed up, please email Kathryn Graham at [billinsky@sc.rr.com](mailto:billinsky@sc.rr.com) with the names of the children who will be participating and I will give you my address for payment. **Payment should be received by December 7, 2012.**

**Field trip:****Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC**

<http://www.discoveryplace.org/>

**Date:** Monday, January 07, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Cost:** \$5 per person (under 2 are free) for museum admission  
**Contact:** Kathryn Graham, [billinsky@sc.rr.com](mailto:billinsky@sc.rr.com)

Boxed lunches can be purchased for \$5.50 each. They include choice of sandwich (turkey and provolone, ham and swiss, or organic peanut butter and jelly), side (sliced apples or Sun Chips), and drink (lemonade, apple juice box, sweet tea, unsweetened tea, or bottled water).

An IMAX movie can be added for \$5 each. The IMAX schedule for January has not yet been released but I will let people know as soon as it is.

We need 15 participants to get these prices.

Please contact Kathryn Graham at [billinsky@sc.rr.com](mailto:billinsky@sc.rr.com) for more information or to sign up. **Payment will be due by December 10, 2012.**

**Field trip:****Columbia Museum of Art  
Impressionism Exhibit from Monet to Matisse**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 9:30-11:30 Guided tour of exhibit/classroom project t  
**Cost:** \$3 per student and \$3 per parent, Children under 4 are free  
**Contact:** Rebecca Becker, [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com)

The SHIELD December newsletter will have all of the sign-up information for this field trip. There is a limited number who can attend so plan to respond quickly if you are interested in attending. In addition, please only sign up if you are committed to attend.

**Field trip:**  
**Barrier Island Eco Tours**  
Isle of Palms, SC

**Date:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013  
**Time:** Check in at 9:45 am, est. time 4.5 hours  
**Cost:** \$20/person (all ages)  
**Ages:** 5 and up  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

Venture to Capers Island, one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands. We will cruise through winding tidal creeks to find diverse wildlife living in this salt marsh environment. Common sightings include bottlenose dolphin, osprey, pelicans, herons, egrets, and more. Along the way we'll employ various nets and traps for an up-close look at some of the creatures that thrive below the surface.

Payment for this trip will be broken up into two payments. First one of \$10 per person is due at sign up. NO EXCEPTIONS. Final payment will be due on January 17, 2013.

Bring Bag Lunch

Contact April Wallace with any questions or concerns you may have, 803-727-0887 or [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com).



**Field trip:**  
**Ripley's Aquarium Sleepover**  
Myrtle Beach, SC



**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2013  
**Time:** Check in at 7:45 pm, check out at 7:30 am  
**Cost:** \$55/person (all ages are same price)  
**Ages:** 4 and up  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

I am so excited to share this opportunity with fellow homeschoolers! We will need at least 15 people to go (including adults) and as many as 100 can attend. I realize the price point is high and to make it more "affordable" for large families, a payment plan will be offered. It will be broken down into two payments of \$27.50 per person. First payment will be due when registering. NO EXCEPTIONS. Second will be due Friday March 1, 2013. The payments are NON-Refundable. I have paid the original deposit to hold the date and will not be refunded in the event of a cancellation. If you see that you won't be able to attend you can get someone else to fill in for you.

Payments can be made to April Wallace via check or cash. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me @ 803-727-0887. If you would like to mail your deposit, email me and I will send over my address.

**Count sharks instead of sheep** while drifting off to sleep in our Dangerous Reef Tunnel in this exciting overnight adventure! Unlock the mysteries of the aquarium at night through learning activities designed to meet the needs any age group from 3 to 103!

**Sample Sleepover Schedule**

- An aquarium scavenger hunt
- A craft activity
- An educational presentation
- A late night snack (chips and drink) and a continental breakfast (cereal, mini muffins, juice)
- A self-guided aquarium tour
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- **What to bring:**
- A white t-shirt to "Fish print" on
- A sleeping bag
- A pillow and if desired, a pad or air mattress.

## Members' Services

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