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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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Dear SHIELD Family,

framing joy...



I don't really want you to see my dining room, because it's a bit messy. But I do want you to see the wall in my dining room. It's painted a color that might be termed wheat. I have a plain wooden frame hanging there. It is stained dark brown and has no glass or matting or even a back to it. Just a simple frame. I was going to say it was empty. But it's full and overflowing. Sometimes, how we view life changes depending on how we frame it.

I've been inspired and impacted in the past few years by Ann Voskamp who shared in her book "One Thousand Gifts" about a dare that her friend gave her to write down 1000 things that she loved – 1000 gifts from God. This transformed her life and the lives of many as she shared her story. So I started writing too. I don't remember exactly when, but it was a while ago. I bought a small pretty journal to record gifts God has given. Some days I would write many things. Sometimes weeks would go by and I wouldn't write a thing. Just recently, I finally made it to 1000 and, like Ann, I won't stop.

Being thankful to God for all of the small things (and big things!) helps us stop being so greedy wanting more or so self-pitying for having little. One of the sentences Ann wrote is, "As long as thanks is possible, joy is always possible." I printed this on a piece of paper and it was the first thing that was stuck inside that 'empty' frame I was telling you about. After that, I cut up many 2x2 inch pieces of paper that almost match the wall. I bought that ticky-tack stuff that you stick things to the wall with and I added a black sharpie to the kit. I then proceeded to write things I was thankful for on the papers and stick them in the frame. I had the kids join in and our frame was no longer empty. And then I decided that I wanted everyone who came to our house to fill out at least one paper with something they were thankful for so we could put it inside our frame. And soon, the frame was too full and the papers had to overflow and are now surrounding the frame on the wall. Some students were here one day and wondered when the whole wall would be filled. I'm excited to see it.

Some things on the wall are spiritual: Jesus is Risen; the cross; the word of God; the privilege of prayer  
Some things are simple: noodles; cheese; coffee; flowers; sunshine and shade  
Some things on the papers are repeated: Friends; Food; Color; Music; Family  
Some things we take for granted: running water, air conditioning, heat  
You can even find some things that are unpleasant up there: storms-both kinds; brokenness

The thing is that when I look up there, I see all that I have. When I take out the thankful journal and try to name the gifts, I actually become thankful. The urgent and the loud and the painful and the crises all vie for our attention and usually get it. And all the thanks and the gifts fly away from our consciousness.

Savor the moments.

It's what I say often these days. I need the reminder. We get caught up in all that needs to be planned and done and scheduled and somehow we lose sight of what is most precious – being present with these gifts from God whom we love so very much. We hurry through the days and they are gone because we missed all the moments in our rush. Seize the moment, be thankful for it...hold the crying one, laugh with the silly one even if she is avoiding school. The days will be gone soon enough. Keep the moments as treasures, give thanks, and frame joy.

~Linda Barnhill

(Most of these thoughts were inspired by Ann Voskamp. To read more of her writing, check out her blog at [aholyexperience.com](http://aholyexperience.com))



## Calendar of Events

<b>August 14 (Tues)</b>	<b>Annual Kick-Off Meeting</b> , Riverbend Church, 7:00 pm
<b>August 17 (Fri)</b>	<b>Yearbook Kick-Off Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 1:00-4:00 pm
<b>August 20 (Mon)</b>	<b>THRILL Kick-Off Meeting</b> , Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00 pm
<b>August 24 (Fri)</b>	<b>"Back to School Park Day"</b> , Felton C. Benton Park, Springdale, 10:00 am -12:00 noon
<b>September 7 (Fri)</b>	<b>Family Field Day</b> : Mt. Horeb Church gymnasium, 6:30-8:30 pm
<b>September 12 (Wed)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Saluda Shoals Nature Program, 9:15 am
<b>Sept. 17, 18 &amp; 19 (M-W)</b>	<b>Yearbook Picture Days</b> at Studio G
<b>September 18 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Lexington County Museum: The Kitchen, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<b>October 1 (Mon)</b>	<b>Yearbook Picture Make-Up Day</b>
<b>October 16 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Lexington County Museum: Early Farm Life, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<b>October 19 (Fri)</b>	<b>Fall Academic Presentation Day</b> , Lexington Baptist Church Reception Room, 9:00 am
<b>October 19 (Fri)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Living History Park: Colonial Times Event, 9:00 am
<b>November 20 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Lexington County Museum: Colonial Home Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<b>December 18 (Tues)</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> : Lexington County Museum: Early Christmas Crafts, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
<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 Conference Center/Ballroom
<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

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

See below for details on many of these events

## Annual Kick-Off & Membership Info

We hope to see all of you on **Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** for the **Annual SHIELD Kick-Off Meeting!** There will be a short time for announcements and the opportunity to sign up for many SHIELD sponsored events such as Student Clubs, Girls & Boys Clubs, Field Trips, THRILL, Yearbook, Yearbook Picture Day, Field Day, Academic Presentation Day, and more! **It will be held at Riverbend Church in Lexington at 7:00 pm.** The schedule will be:

- 7:00-7:15**      **Welcome and Opening Encouragement**
- 7:15-8:00**      **Announcements: SHIELD Coordinators & other non-SHIELD Representatives**
- 8:00-8:45**      **Sign-ups and Fellowship**

Information packets regarding all areas of SHIELD will be handed out at the Kick-Off meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please ask a friend to pick one up for you or contact Tracy Taylor at [ttaylor24@sc.rr.com](mailto:ttaylor24@sc.rr.com) after the meeting to have the information sent to you electronically.

This will also be posted on the website after the Kick-Off meeting.

## SHIELD Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership if you haven't already. Please see the website ([www.shieldonline.org](http://www.shieldonline.org)) to download the current application and bring it to the Kick-Off meeting or get an application at the Kick-Off meeting. Registration is \$15/family for a SHIELD only membership. SCHEA membership is optional this year and can be purchased for an additional \$15 (This is a discounted group rate. The normal individual rate is \$25/family). Current memberships that are not renewed will expire August 31. After August 31, renewing SHIELD members will need to pay an additional \$10 fee (this does not apply to new members who join after August 31). Any membership questions can be directed to Beth Martin at 957-6005 or [bethsmartin@hotmail.com](mailto:bethsmartin@hotmail.com).

## **SHIELD Coordinator & Leadership Update**

Many 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.

We especially welcome Paula Tambling as the new Communications Team Leader! Paula joined SHIELD just over a year ago and has a heart and love for our support group. She will work side-by-side with Beth and Tracy in their leadership roles, update monthly newsletters, and maintain the SHIELD email loop. All SHIELD correspondence can be sent to Paula at [paulatambling@gmail.com](mailto:paulatambling@gmail.com).

## **Attention Senior Families!**

Please contact Linda Barnhill at [elbeemee@gmail.com](mailto:elbeemee@gmail.com) to have your name added to the email loop regarding opportunities for SHIELD seniors this year.

There are many deadlines that you need to be aware of and the first one is THIS MONTH! Due to the number of seniors this year, there is limited space in the yearbook for Senior Ads. The "SENIOR AD INTENTION" deadline is AUGUST 31st.

There will be more information available at Kick-Off regarding prices and options....but please get in the loop for Seniors by emailing Linda Barnhill at [elbeemee@gmail.com](mailto:elbeemee@gmail.com).

## SHIELD Park Day

Come and join us for some fun in the sun!

**Cost:** Free  
**When:** Friday, August, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 10am- noon  
**Where:** Felton C. Benton Park  
2915 Platt Springs Road  
Springdale, SC 29170

**What to bring:** sunscreen, clothes to get wet in, change of clothes (there is a sprinkler that should be up and running 10am till noon), a sack lunch or snack if you wish. There are bathrooms, swings, slides, covered picnic areas, basketball area (so bring a ball or frisbee), and it is fully fenced in! :o} Whole family welcome!

Here is an article on the park if you have never been to it:  
<http://www.examiner.com/article/columbia-area-of-the-week-springdale-park-is-a-safe-haven-for-children-to-play>

Please email Heather Schaub [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com) if you have any questions.

## Family Field Day

Fun For the Whole Family!!!

**Who:** All members of SHIELD---NEW & OLD  
**When:** Friday, September 7, 2012 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm)  
**Where:** Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church gymnasium

**Why:** To have a blast with your own family as well as others while participating in all kinds of games and relays! There will be prizes for everyone and YES it is in AIR CONDITIONING!!!!!! Hurray!

**How:** Please sign up for this event at the SHIELD Kick-Off meeting or email Ellen Nagelvoort at [adamandellen@windstream.net](mailto:adamandellen@windstream.net) to let her know how many family members are coming.





Classes for 3rd - 6th grade  
10:30 am at Sesquicentennial State Park,  
Columbia

Classes last for about 1 1/2 hours  
Monday, Sept. 10, 17, 24 & Monday, Oct. 1  
\$30 per student if we have 30 students

**Sign up at SHIELD's Kick-Off along with payment in full.**

For questions, email April Roebuck at [roebucks\\_5@windstream.net](mailto:roebucks_5@windstream.net)

The Junior Trailblazer Club consists of 4 hands-on classes, an educational day hike on a local trail, and a fitness component. Each student will receive a passport where they will collect stamps for each class and a weekly fitness activity. At the end of the program, the students who have collected all of the stamps, will receive the Junior Trailblazer pin and become official members of the club.

- **South Carolina Wildlife-** Students will learn how to identify local wildlife by studying skulls, scat, and tracks. They will learn how to identify signs, or evidence, of wildlife in the outdoors and how to use those signs to determine the species, diet, size, etc. The use of field guides will aid in identifying animal characteristics and adaptations including size, range, habitat, diet, and scientific name. The students will also learn the important characteristics of the geographic regions of South Carolina.
- **South Carolina Trees-** In this exciting class, students will learn how to identify and categorize tree leaves according to their shape, size, venation, margin, and positioning on the twig. The students will then learn how to use a dichotomous leaf key as an identification tool for leaf samples. Field guides and plant collections are also available for the students to use.
- **Outdoor First Aid-** Students will learn basic outdoor first aid by discussing possible emergency situations. They will go through the contents of a first aid kit, and discuss when and how to use each item. Each student will get a chance to practice tying splints and slings using materials that can be found in the outdoors. Poisonous spiders and snakes will also be discussed.
- **Outdoor Skills-** During this class, students will learn about the upcoming hike and items that are necessary to take on a hike. Students will learn the importance of packing in water, a nutritional snack, a first aid kit, field guides, maps, a compass, and other fun items such as a pair of binoculars. The students will get the chance to come up with some of their own ideas for good nutritional snacks. Some of these ideas can be found in the recipe section of the website. Using a compass and a map, each student will learn how to orient his position on the map as well as on the trail. The students will also learn how to read a topographical map by using contour lines to find elevation change.

<http://www.palmettoconservation.org/jrteachers.asp>



## FALL Academic Presentation Day

Theme: History & Science  
Date: Friday, October 19, 2012  
Location: Lexington Baptist Church, Reception Room  
Time: 9:00 am until 11:30-12:00

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 should 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 Coordinators:

Jennifer Cogle, [coglefour@gmail.com](mailto:coglefour@gmail.com), 261-9593  
Carolyn Jackson, [imacarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:imacarolyn@gmail.com), 665-5159





## Lego Club

Grades 1-5, limited to 30 students

For those who were part of last year's LEGO Club, this year will be a bit different. For those who did not get to attend, get ready!

This year, LEGO Club will be focusing on being "LEGO Smart."

I'm planning activities for Lego Smart Club with activities developed to help students learn science, technology, engineering, and math – and at the same time, gain the communication skills to last a lifetime. To be LEGO Smart is to excel at these things. A LEGO Smart student can build with LEGO bricks. They solve problems creatively and excel at working with others and thinking critically.

We plan on using some tips that we gleaned from last year and from various websites for organization and implementation of the lesson plans. Therefore, the hope is for it to be fun as well as instructive. We will gear it toward an elementary age that will hopefully understand and enjoy learning this way. While I don't want to exclude anyone, I want to keep it interesting for some of the "older" kids.

Some of the activities are modeled after the Storybuilders program that the Lexington Main Library did this summer. We were unable to attend, but really liked the idea of having a story and then a related build or project.

The group will be led by Amanda Smith, Leslie Ballard, and Karen Agerton.

We will meet at Lexington Baptist Church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm.

I will have a table at the Kick-Off meeting for sign-up and questions.

Thanks,  
Amanda Smith, [smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com](mailto:smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com), 808-0725

## Middle School Book Club

If you are interested in joining a Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8) for the 2012-2013 school year, please e-mail Terri or Hannah Brokaw at [timterri@juno.com](mailto:timterri@juno.com).

We will meet monthly at the Lexington Main Library. Our first Book Club Gathering will be **Friday, September 7, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Other Special Interest Clubs this year:

**Drama Club** (Coordinator: Leah Tilghman) and  
**American Girl Club** (Coordinator April Wallace)

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## 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 plans to date. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Kick-Off meeting for upcoming trips and emails will be sent out throughout the year as details are confirmed.

Please pay special attention to sign-up deadlines.

Our 2012-2013 Field Trip Team: Rebecca Becker, April Wallace, Heather Schaub, Amanda Smith, Kathryn Graham & Leslie Ballard.

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

## 2012-2013 SHIELD Field Trips

Date/Time	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
September 12th Wednesday 9:30	Saluda Shoals	Amanda Smith	K-3 4-8	\$2.50 per student
September 18th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum- The Kitchen	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
October 16th Tuesday	Lexington County Museum- Early Farm Life	Heather Schaub	K-6	free
October 19th Friday 8:30-1:30	Living History Park- North Augusta	Rebecca Becker	All	\$5 per student (4 and under 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	tbd
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	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:**  
**Saluda Shoals Nature Center**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
**Time:** 9:15 am – 11:00 am  
**Cost:** \$2.50/student  
**Contact:** Amanda Smith, smithfamilyfrogs@yahoo.com

The class for K-3 will be “Animal Life Cycles”  
The class for 4-8 will be “Biodiversity”

**The maximum number of students is 25 for each group.**

Sign-up will begin at the Kick-Off meeting.

Saluda Shoals: 5605 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212. From Lexington go up North Lake (6) over the dam, then turn right on Bush River Rd. The entrance will be on your right in 2 - 2 1/2 miles, very clearly marked, large entryway.



**Field trip:****Lexington Museum: The Kitchen**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

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

**The Kitchen** - Everyone loves the kitchen, especially the John Fox kitchen from the nineteenth century. After seeing the kitchen and learning how certain items were used, they proceed out into the kitchen yard and inspect all of the outbuildings used for preparing a meal. Children even get to see a historic privy. The activities in the yard include butter-churning, corncob shucking, using a coffee grinder, and much more.

**Field trip:****Lexington Museum: Early Farm Life**

231 Fox Street, Lexington, SC 29072

**Date:** Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
**Time:** 1:00-2:00 pm  
**Cost:** free  
**Ages:** K-6  
**Contact:** Heather Schaub, [theschaubs@juno.com](mailto:theschaubs@juno.com)

**Farm Life** - Children enter the world of a nineteenth century farm child in this program. Using authentic tools, children plow, rake, hoe, plant seeds, and build a scarecrow in our picturesque farm setting. Sorry, there are no animals, however.



**Field trip:****Living History Park: Colonial Times Event**

North Augusta, South Carolina

**Date:** Friday, October 19, 2012  
**Time:** 9:00 am - afternoon  
**Cost:** \$5/student (4 and under free)  
**Contact:** Rebecca Becker, [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com)

Living History Park is a recreation of a southern 18th century village. Interpreters will educate and demonstrate the life skills of the 18th century.

Students will visit:

- a brick tavern with outdoor bake oven
  - a Meeting House
  - a blacksmith shop
- an early log cabin academy
  - a log backwoods cabin
  - a smoke house
- a reproduction slave cabin
  - livestock corral
  - a kitchen herb garden
- an active flowing spring
  - a sensory garden
- Village Mercantile
- New Windsor Shop
  - walking trail

There is no limit to the number of students or the age as to who can attend. But in order to reserve our spot, all money has to be submitted to secure our reservation.

Please e-mail Rebecca at [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com) and then mail your payment by **Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**. (checks made out to Rebecca Becker)

Please include in your e-mail:

1-Parent's name

2-Your preferred e-mail and contact phone #

3-Names of school-aged students and upcoming grade level

4-Mail \$5 per school age child to Rebecca Becker

(242 Southberry Lane, Lexington, SC 29072)

\*I will confirm your reservation when I receive both your e-mail and payment

\*See [www.colonialtimes.us/events.html](http://www.colonialtimes.us/events.html)

\*Time will be built in for a picnic lunch before the afternoon tours begin

\*Families can return for the free family days on Saturday and Sunday

**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:** TBD (either Nov 29 or Dec 6)  
**Time:** Arrive at 9:30 am, Show 10:00-11:00 am  
**Cost:** \$7.13/person of any age  
\$10.87 for show + lunch  
**Contact:** Rebecca Becker, [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com)

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.

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 can be paid for at the event.

**Full payment will be collected at SHIELD'S Kick-Off meeting.**

**Checks payable to Rebecca Becker or exact cash amount please.**

**\*We must have 40 people register and pay to schedule the show.**

\*If you cannot attend SHIELD's Kick-Off meeting, please mail your payment to Rebecca Becker by August 22<sup>nd</sup>: 242 Southberry Lane, Lexington, SC 29072.

Please include the following information:

\*parent's name

\*e-mail

\*phone #

\*number of tickets needed

\*type of ticket purchased (show alone or show + lunch)

**Money is due to Rebecca by Wednesday, August 22nd.**

**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:**  
**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.

I will be at the Kickoff Meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to sign up there. 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.

# THRILL

Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives

Those who serve, lead; and those who lead, serve.

The goal of THRILL is to provide teens (8th-12th graders) with an opportunity to experience community service in ways that might not be possible outside of a group. THRILL's desire is to give students the opportunity to understand the concept of showing Christ's love by serving others.

We will be working at Harvest Hope from 1-3 pm every Wednesday through the end of August. **We need 10 workers each week**, so please sign up with Ms. Elizabeth at aikosmom@sc.rr.com.

## THRILL's Kick-Off meeting:

**Monday, August 20, 2:00-3:00** at the Harvest Church on Hwy 378 in Lexington.

Parents are encouraged to come to this meeting.

Service opportunities this year include Harvest Hope, Epworth Children's Home, mini-concerts at Deepwood Estates, Operation Christmas Child and Helping Hands. Michelle Steyne, Elizabeth Collins and Karen Collins will be serving as the leaders for this academic year.

Membership fees are \$10 per student for the year.

Remember to keep up with your own hours (beginning May 1st).

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

Michelle Steyne, mlsteyne@aol.com, 796-9090  
Elizabeth Collins, aikosmom@sc.rr.com, 356-5858  
Karen Collins, kscollins1@me.com, 445-6043

## YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2013 Yearbook staff is excited about this year's book. It is SHIELD's first **COLOR** book!

Attention all 8th-12th graders interested in joining the yearbook staff...

Please contact Leah Tilghman at [leah.tilghman@gmail.com](mailto:leah.tilghman@gmail.com) if you wish to join the team!

The first staff meeting will be **August 17th from 1-4 at the Rock** at the Harvest church.

We request parents to come to the first 1/2 hour of this meeting. Also, the students will be trained at this meeting so please try to make it, if possible. If your student has a laptop computer, it would be very helpful to bring it.

## SHIELD Picture Days

Picture days for having your student's portraits made for the yearbook are **September 17-19**. Make-up day is **October 1st**. Please sign up at Kick-Off or contact Wilenda Turner at [wilendasemail@gmail.com](mailto:wilendasemail@gmail.com) for an appointment time.

The sitting fee is \$2 per child. Seniors need to contact Studio G directly to set up an appt. 796-0697

**\*\*\*STUDIO G HAS MOVED TO 805 MEETING STREET, WEST COLUMBIA\*\*\***

**(across the street from What-A-Burger)**



## **More YEARBOOK NEWS**

### **We need your pictures!**

The yearbook doesn't exist without your submissions. Please send your pictures to [shieldpictures@gmail.com](mailto:shieldpictures@gmail.com). Please send one per email and list who is in the picture and what they are doing.

This year we are going to ask each club and/or field trip coordinator to submit a group picture. We are designating October as club picture month. Please have someone in your club to take and submit a group picture in October. Please name each child pictured in the group. If you do not have anyone to take the picture for you, let us know and we will send someone to your meeting.

### **Pre-order your yearbook!**

You may pre-order your yearbook for only \$25.00 at Kick-Off or at any time by mailing a check to Lauren Seacrist (made out to SHIELD) at 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, 29072. After the Mid-Year meeting the price will increase to \$30.00 and supplies will be limited this year.

We still have some 2012 yearbooks available for purchase. We will have them at the yearbook table at Kick-Off or you may contact Josie Seacrist.

### **2013 Yearbook Advisory Panel**

Leah Tilghman, Coordinator

Teresa Andrews, Layout Advisor

Josie Seacrist, Business Advisor

Wilenda Turner, Photography Advisor

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SHIELD has joined up with Box Tops for Education! Start collecting now. Ask family, friends, church members, & neighbors to help collect them for you. **Your** home school will earn \$0.10 for each box top collected. Yes, you read that right.... **your** home school. The money can be used for your curriculum, field trips, school supplies, etc.

Clip the box tops (trim as close as possible to help save on shipping), make sure the expiration date has not expired, and put them in groups of 50 – make sure your name is on them. You may either use a rubber band or a plastic baggie.

**The first deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

For participating products, check out this website:  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=3760>.

If any questions, contact April Roebuck at  
[roebucks\\_5@windstream.net](mailto:roebucks_5@windstream.net).

\*This is not a scheduled SHIELD field trip. We are making the information available. Each family needs to order their own tickets and make their plans for this event.

## Biltmore Estates: Fall Home School Festival

1 Approach Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803  
[www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com)

11th Annual Fall Homeschool Festival  
September 20 & 21

Theme: The Biltmore Legacy: How the Vanderbilts Traveled and Their Time at Home

Festival includes:

- \* Self-guided tour to Biltmore House, Gardens, and Conservatory
- \* Hands-on activities, demonstrations, crafts, games, and fun

Ticket Cost: \$22.00 per person per day (\$44 per person for two days)  
Ages 4 and under are free

\*Must purchase tickets in advance / tickets purchased before July 31 are \$20 per ticket

Ticket office: 866-851-4661

\*See attached flyer for more specific details and options for lodging  
[www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com)

Any questions...  
Please contact Rebecca Becker  
SHIELD field trip coordinator

[jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com)  
528-6492

## Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? If so, please send the information to Paula Tambling at [paulatambling@gmail.com](mailto:paulatambling@gmail.com).

### Babysitters:

Hannah Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR  
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. [janeygoude@sc.rr.com](mailto:janeygoude@sc.rr.com)

### Lawn Service:

### Music Lessons:

### Other:

Jake Bingler, The Improvement Company, home remodeling and repairs,  
(803) 553-5302, [wbingler@sc.rr.com](mailto:wbingler@sc.rr.com).

Mandy Dufries, BC Spa Consultant, (803)996-1379 or (803)917-8012,  
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Tommy Barnhill, Barnhill Automotive-Honda Car Service and Repair, 772-5144

Todd & Katherine Shealy, SheBees Honey Farm, (803) 532-8444.

Laura Scaggs and Sherrie Morrison (Laura's mom): Bluegreen Resort rentals ([www.bluegreenonline.com](http://www.bluegreenonline.com)) : Fantastic opportunities for year-round "field trip vacations"! Contact Laura at 477-1667 or email [glebs4@windstream.net](mailto:glebs4@windstream.net) or Sherrie at [msmo5@hotmail.com](mailto:msmo5@hotmail.com)

## SHIELD Leadership & Coordinator Panel 2012-2013

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### About Our Newsletter...

***Newsletter submissions must be received by August 25 for inclusion in the September 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 Paula Tambling at [paulatambling@gmail.com](mailto:paulatambling@gmail.com).