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The Encourager



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

Dear SHIELD Family,

This week I finished reading the book God's Smuggler. It detailed the life of missionary Brother Andrew who smuggled Bibles into communistic countries. This man of prayer constantly acknowledged that it was only by God's power that he was able to succeed.

This morning as I read my Bible, Exodus 17 spoke that same message to me. The Israelites, God's chosen people, were in battle with the Amalekites. The Israelites were fighting and as long as Moses' hands were held up petitioning God's help, Israel prevailed. However, as soon as Moses dropped his hands and they fought only in their own strength, they were defeated.

I'm thankful that God spoke to me reminding me how often I live life like Moses with his hands down, in my own strength. I am so quick to get caught up with the day's activities, consumed with the busyness of homeschooling, cooking, caring for our home and family. However, God calls me to stop and humbly acknowledge that my goals for myself and my children can only be achieved if He goes before me and blesses my efforts.

As God's child, I want to do my best for Him. In parenting, I want to honor Him and give my children the best that I can - a loving home, the best academic & spiritual training.

Lord, help me not to be foolish, living as though I can accomplish these things without your intervention. Help me not to get so busy with my day that I fail to stop and ask for your power and provision. Thank you that you promise to help me. In James 1:5 You say that, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that gives liberally to all men." In John 15:4 You command me, "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except that you abide in me." In Psalm 28:7 You tell me, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped." Let me not forget that the only way to succeed is by humbling myself and daily relying on You, the one from whom my strength comes.

~Jen Stallings~



Calendar of Events

November 2 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum, Historical Pastimes, 1:00-2:00 pm
November 9 (Tues)	Field Trip: Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education, Richland County, 1:00 pm
November 9 (Tues)	THRILL Meeting, Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
November 12 (Fri)	Yearbook Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm
November 13 (Sat)	THRILL project: Meals on Wheels Walk, Registration 8-8:30am
November 15-19	THRILL project: Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Week
November 16 (Tues)	Senior/Parent Training for Yearbook, 6-8 pm, Lexington Main Library
November 17 (Wed)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum, The Kitchen, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
November 22 (Mon)	THRILL project: Christmas Tree Trimming at Helping Hands, 12:30-1:45 pm
November 24 (Wed)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum, Native American Program, 9:30 am
December 2 (Thurs)	Mom's Night Out, Stephano's in Lexington, 7:00 pm
December 3 (Fri)	Field Trip: Harmon's Tree Farm. 1:00 pm
December 10 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting, Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
December 11 (Sat)	THRILL project: Wreaths Across America at Fort Jackson
December 14 (Tues)	Field Trip: Lexington County Museum, Early Christmas Crafts, 2:00-3:00 pm
January 14 (Fri)	SHIELD's Winter Formal, Hanlee Hall

*Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3*

See below for details on many of these events

STUDENT CLUBS

Still hoping to join a student club this year? Even though clubs have officially begun for this school year, it's not too late to join in on the fun!

Contact a club leader today to join a Boys/Girls Club or a Special Interest Club.

Club	Club Leader	Email Address
K-5-1 st grade girls club	April Wallace	Aprilw1982@yahoo.com
2 nd -3 rd grade girls club	Janey Goude	janeygoude@sc.rr.com
4 th -5 th grade girls club	Cindy Morris	morris333@bellsouth.net
6 th -8 th grade girls club	Wendy Mosteller	wendymosteller@gmail.com
K5 boys club	Jennifer Deason	deasonhome@windstream.net
1 st grade boys club	Leslie Ballard	Wahoolb@bellsouth.net
2 nd -3 rd grade boys club	Carolyn Jackson	imacarolyn@gmail.com
4 th -6 th grade boys club	Valerie Harris	valeriemharris@yahoo.com

Special Interest Club	Club Leader	Email Address
American Girl Club	Anne Meester	aidrry@yahoo.com
Middle School Book Club	Dahlia Jacobs	ddddjacobs@msn.com
Critter Club	Dawson Jacobs	ddddjacobs@msn.com

If you have questions about student clubs, please contact SHIELD Club Coordinator Mandy Dufries at sixdufries@gmail.com or 996-1379.

Upcoming SHIELD Field Trips

Date	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Tuesday, Nov. 2	Lexington County Museum: Historical Pastimes	Wendy Mosteller	~K4- 6 th grade	free
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Challenger Learning Center (registration closed)	Lisa Phillips	Ages 3 and up	\$7.00/person
Wednesday Nov. 17	Lexington County Museum: The Kitchen	Wendy Mosteller	~K4- 6 th grade	free
November 24	Lexington County Museum: Native American Program	Wendy Mosteller	~K4- 6 th grade	free
Friday, Dec.3	Harmon Tree Farm Christmas Educational Program	Heather Lozada	All Ages	\$11.50/person
Tuesday Dec. 14	Lexington County Museum: Early Christmas Crafts	Wendy Mosteller	~K4- 6 th grade	free

The above information is subject to adjustments & changes.

See below for details on upcoming field trips.

Field trip:
**Challenger Learning Center for Space
Science Education**
Richland County

(registration is closed)

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Time: 1:00 pm
Cost: \$7.00/person
Contact: Lisa Phillips, angelslp@sc.rr.com or
661-9647

We have a wonderful opportunity to visit the Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education. This is an educational tour to include the E-Planetarium, Mission Control, and Space Station. The tour is 1 ½ hrs., \$7.00 per person, ages 3 and older. There is no charge for 2 and younger; strollers are permitted.

NOTE to those registered

The Challenger Learning Center field trip is fast approaching! Please arrive at the center at 12:45. Here is the website address with directions:

<http://www.thechallengercenter.com/contact/Directions.htm>

If you have any problems finding the place you may call
Lisa at 587-5128 (cell).

Feel free to contact Lisa with any questions @ 661-9647 or
angelslp@sc.rr.com

All field trips planned below are for
The Lexington County Museum

website: <http://www.lex-co.com/museum/>

Field Trip Contact: Wendy Mosteller 803-234-1591

wendymosteller@gmail.com

Please note that field trips will fill up fast as there is a limit so please make your RSVP soon! All Lexington County Museum field trips are free of charge. The field trips are targeted to the K4-6th grade but all are welcome. Any children that attend are counted in the total number except for infants.

When emailing your RSVP, please include all parents, children and siblings attending. Please include age or grade for children and the best number to contact you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime! These field trips look like they are going to be a blast! I look forward to seeing you there!

November
at Lexington County Museum

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1pm-2pm *Historical Pastimes*

Replica toys, early games, stories, and songs from the 1700s and 1800s help children to learn how children of earlier times enjoyed their leisure time.

They actually see how children lived without computers, TV and video games!!!! This is a hands-on demonstration as all things are at the museum and the children will use the earlier games to see how they would have played in the 1700s and 1800s. A great learning experience!!

Wednesday, November 17th, 11am-12pm *The Kitchen*

November at Lexington County Museum

Date & Time: Rescheduled for November 24, 9:30 am
Native American Program 1 & 2

This program is a wonderfully interesting way to learn about the culture of the early Cherokee Indians in the Lexington area. The children touch various animal hides, teeth and claws from black bears, foxes, deer, raccoons and rabbits. Baskets, food, hunting, fishing, clothing, and pottery are shown and discussed. An animal-tracks game teaches children to identify the paw prints that Cherokee children saw every day. Each child will make their own clay pinch pot to take home.

The second half of the program has the guide telling the children early Cherokee stories about animals to which the guide uses music and hand puppets. A ceremonial dance takes place in which the children participate by wearing masks, dancing and playing musical instruments such as the drums, hawk bells and turtle rattles. After the dance, the children participate in various Native American games such as Lacrosse, Chunkee, and others, which test hand to eye coordination.

These two hours are sure to provide great enjoyment and give good insight into the Cherokee culture.

***** Each child will need to bring a Ziploc bag with their name on it to put their clay pot in *****

Contact Wendy Mosteller at 803-234-1591
wendymosteller@gmail.com to sign up.

December at Lexington County Museum

Tuesday, December 14th 2pm-3pm *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 gumdrop trees, which they are allowed to take home. This program is a most memorable Christmas experience! Contact Wendy Mosteller at 803-234-1591 wendymosteller@gmail.com to sign up.

Field trip: **Harmon's Tree Farm** Lexington, SC

Date: Friday December 3rd
Time: 1:00 pm
Cost: \$11.50 pp (with at least 16 people)
Contact: Heather Lozada, pajamaschool@yahoo.com,
708-6704

Get in the Christmas spirit with a trip to Harmon's Tree Farm in Gilbert! Tour will include a hayride with educational tour of the Christmas trees, small tree seedling, playground, barn tour, petting zoo, hot chocolate & cookie, coloring book, and a teacher's packet on Forestry. Tour will last approximately 2 hours. Appropriate for all ages.

Contact Heather Lozada with any questions.

Sign up by November 5th.

Mom's Night Out

Please join us for some fun! We always have a great time! :)
We will combine Nov/Dec since the holidays get a little tight
with schedules!

Thursday, December 2nd, 7:00 pm
Stephano's in Lexington

Box Tops Update

SHIELD families collected 1,872 box tops for a total earning of \$200.70. Way to Go!!

Keep collecting them. Our next deadline is Feb. 10, 2011.
Ask your church members, neighbors, co-workers, friends, &
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.

If you have any questions, please contact:

April Roebuck at 356-1310 roebucks_5@windstream.net or
Janey Goude at 951-0943 janeygoude@sc.rr.com

THRILL

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives)

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

November is full of THRILL Activities:

THRILL's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th, 2-3 at The Harvest Church.

Meals on Wheels March: Saturday, November 13 at 8:30. You can register at 8 am day of walk. This year the walk will begin at Flight Deck Restaurant, 109-A Old Chapin Rd in Lexington. Registration fee is \$15.00.

Operation Christmas Child: Monday, Nov. 15-19. Monday 8:30-1:00, Tuesday 4-7, Wednesday 10:30-1, Thursday 4-7, Friday 10:30-1. Please contact Elizabeth Collin for more info Aikosmom@sc.rr.com

Christmas Tree Trimming at Helping Hands: Monday, November 22, 12:30-1:45

If you have any questions you can contact:

Michelle Steyne, mlsteyne@aol.com, 796-9090
Elizabeth Collins, aikosmom@sc.rr.com, 356-5858
Angela Norman, angelanorman@bellsouth.net,
955-9185

YEARBOOK NEWS

Check the website for instruction on how to upload photos! Please choose the best photos and include as many different SHIELD members as possible. Please do not send multiples of virtually the same pictures of the same students. Our goal is to feature each student in the book 3 times, so we don't need 150 pictures of each student :) But it is good to have a picture of the student in several different settings so that we can find something to fit the different type of pages!

Senior/Parent Training

Tuesday, November 16th, 6-8, Lexington Main Library
If you have a senior and have not been contacted by a Yearbook Staff Member, please let us know!
We need information for the yearbook.

Deadline for Senior Pages and Ads - Dec. 3rd if we design it and Dec. 10th if you do!

YEARBOOK STAFF NEWS

At our last meeting we started assigning pages and starting layout ideas! In November we will continue to do this, so if an event has passed, please send us your photos!

Next staff meeting: Friday, November 12, 1-4 pm.
Layout Continues!

Yearbook Staff Photos will be taken - so come prepared!

If you have any questions, please email Linda Barnhill
elbeemee@bellsouth.net

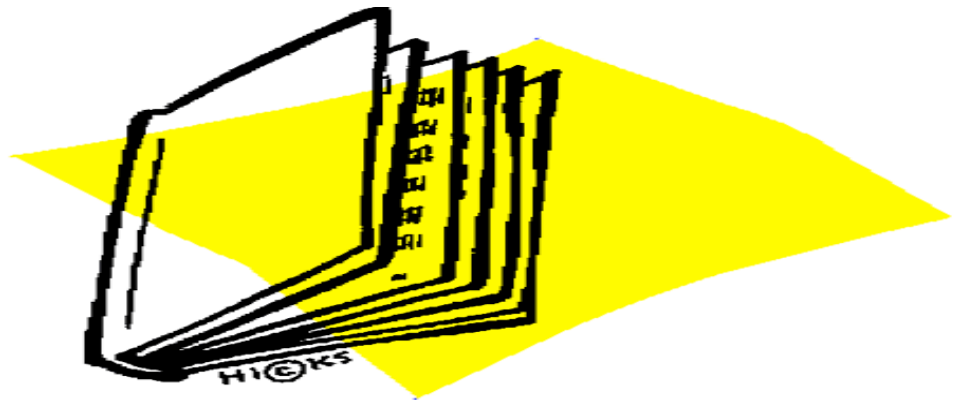
Buy your 2010-2011 SHIELD Yearbook

Cost - \$25.00

(The cost will be \$30.00 after the mid-year meeting in January)

To purchase - send a check made payable to SHIELD to:
Jonathan Liva, 270 Browning Court, Lexington, SC 29073

Contact info – 359-3415 or srliva@juno.com



If you have yearbook questions, please contact one of our Yearbook Advisory Panel Members:

Linda Barnhill – Yearbook Coordinator, Layout Advisor –
elbeemee@bellsouth.net – 772-3184

Susan Liva – Business Advisor, Formal Coordinator –
srliva@juno.com – 359-3415

Donya Jacobs – Photography Advisor –
ddddjacobs@msn.com – 732-4627

SHIELD's Winter Formal

MARK YOUR CALENDER!

January 14, 2011

This January is SHIELD's 10th Winter Formal (the yearbook fundraiser). Mark **January 14, 2011** on your calendar as a day of fellowship and fun with your teenage home school community.

We are changing things up this year! This year's Winter Formal will be held at *Hanlee Hall* to celebrate our *tenth* formal and we will be adding *Kendall's Katering* service.

Please go to the SHIELD website at www.shieldonline.org/formal.htm to download an Invitation, a Registration Form, the Dress, Behavior & Dance Code, and the Essig Photography price list.

The deadline for getting in your registration form is:

DECEMBER 15th!

Other Opportunities outside of SHIELD

Please use your own discretion when considering these opportunities

From Tommy Collier, father of SHIELD member Jessica Bennett:

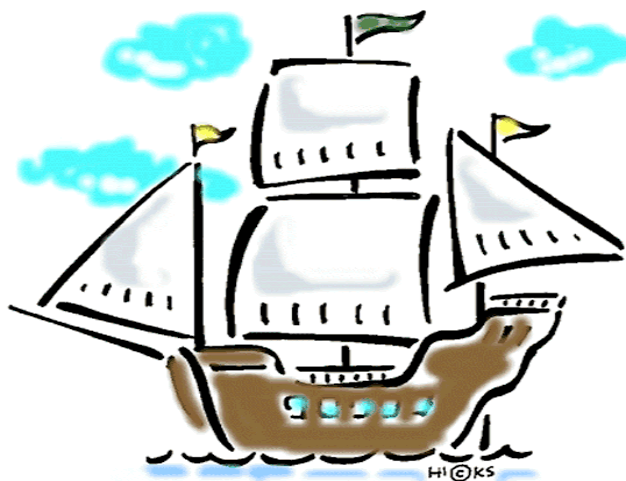
I have been a U.S. History for 35 years (20 teaching Advanced Placement) and have recently retired from Irmo High School.

I am available for tutoring in AP US history:
for individual content testing,
DBQ's,
free-response essay writing, &
AP Exam prep;

I am also available for regular U.S. History content understanding or End-of-Course Test Prep.

My hours are flexible at a rate of \$40/hour with a maximum of 5 per hour in a group setting.

For more information, you may contact me at 803-781-0104 or e-mail collier142@hotmail.com.



Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? Send the information to Karen Collins at jk-kids@sc.rr.com.

Babysitters:

Elizabeth Barney, 312-4100 (cell)

Ashlynn Janzen, 957-0432

Lawn Service:

Jonathan Liva, Landscaping Services, 359-3415, jliva360@gmail.com

Music Lessons:

Chris Gaylord, guitar lessons in Lexington, 957-3458

Anne Meester, violin lessons, 422-3215

Other:

Jason Wallace, Dick Smith Nissan Sales & Leasing Consultant, 803-542-6245

Sheila Johnson, Inspiranza Designs Consultant, psjohnson5@windstream.net, myinspiranza.com/sheilajohnson

Joel Weeks, Licensed Builder, Home Repairs and Additions, 606-4759

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Heather Lozada, Usborne Books Consultant, openusborne.com, pajamaschool@yahoo.com

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	Darby Reeves (Decorations & Food)	preeves1@sc.rr.com	951-8489
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About Our Newsletter...

Newsletter submissions must be received by November 25 for inclusion in the December newsletter.

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