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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

Dear SHIELD Family,

Of all the sermons I've heard over the years, one message spoken from my pastor in Pennsylvania is replayed in my head over and over more than any other. It is this: "Don't doubt in the darkness what God has made clear in the light."

It seems as though the beginning of every school year always has unique "storms" that bring in dark clouds, strong winds, maybe some thunder, and even a little lightening. It is at such times that I need to be reminded not to forget the sunlight that is sure to appear once the storm ceases. I'm learning that weathering through storms together with my children can bring the greatest blessing and teachable moments! Rather than trying to escape the storm or even abandoning the vision that God made clear in the light, I'm learning to consider the storms as opportunities to learn and grow together, whether it is spiritual, relational, educational, or in our character.

I find that frustration comes when I try to isolate the challenges and difficulties and view them apart from the harvest of the future. I need to keep things in perspective and remind myself of the big picture, looking past difficulties and hardship to the reward and harvest beyond.

During a time when you are not dealing with any major “storm”, I encourage you to take some time to thoughtfully consider why you homeschool. Write down your reasons. Write down your hopes, goals, and vision for your family. When you are faced with life’s challenges and difficulties, and you are tempted to “doubt in the darkness what God has made clear in the light”, pull it out, read it, and enjoy a glimpse of the sunshine awaiting you at the end of your “storm”.

Trials are temporary but the rewards and fruit will last a lifetime.

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16

Devotion by Karen Collins

Calendar of Events

October 8 (Thurs)	Field Trip: Nivens Apple Farm, 9:45am
October 9 (Fri)	THRILL Meeting, Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
October 9 (Fri)	Yearbook Meeting, Harvest Church, 3:00-4:00
October 13 (Tues)	Makeup Yearbook Picture Day
October 20 (Tues)	HS Social Club, SC State Fair Day
October 23 (Fri)	Fall Academic Presentation Day, 9:00am
October 29 (Thurs)	HS Social Club, Sease Farms Corn Maze, 7:00 pm
October 29 (Thurs)	Mom's Night Out, 6:30 pm, Moe's in Lexington
November 10 (Tues)	THRILL Meeting, Harvest Church, 2:00-3:00
November 10 (Tues)	Yearbook Meeting, Harvest Church, 3:00-4:00
November 12 (Thurs)	Field Trip, Lexington Museum: Native American Program, 1:00- 3:00

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

See below for details on many of these events

Mom's Night Out

Last month's Mom's Night Out was a great success, and the food at Fusion Bowl was superb! Once again, we closed the restaurant down!

Please join us next time at Moe's on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm. You will have a wonderful meal, and a fantastic time sharing and getting to know other homeschooling moms! Hope to see you there!

Moe's in Lexington
Thursday, October 29th
6:30pm

Lending Library & Used Curriculum

Donations are being accepted for our Lending Library! The Lending Library is available to all SHIELD members. Contact Jenny Stallings at jen9874@msn.com or 803-808-5365 for more information.

If you have used curriculum to sell, please contact Jenny Stallings at jen9874@msn.com or 803-808-5365 to list it on the SHIELD website.

STUDENT CLUBS

Student Clubs for the 2009-2010 school year are now formed. Thank you to all of you who plan to be a Club Leader this year! One group still needs a Club Leader to step forward in order to get it going. Please contact our Club Coordinator, Mandy Dufries, at sixdufries@gmail.com if you are interested in leading the 6th-8th grade girls' club.

If you would like your child to join a group, please contact Mandy Dufries or the Club Leader!

Club	Club Leader	Email Address
K-5-1 st grade girls club	Tracy Taylor	ttaylor24@sc.rr.com
2 nd -3 rd grade girls club	Janey Goude	janeygoude@sc.rr.com
4 th grade girls club	Cindy Morris	morris333@bellsouth.net
5 th grade girls club	Angela Norman	angelanorman@bellsouth.net
6 th -8 th grade girls club	TBA	
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4 th grade boys club	Mari Fontana	salnmari@hotmail.com
5 th grade boys club	Sheila Johnson	Psjohnson5@windstream.net
6 th -8 th grade boys club	Stephanie Addison	kaddison@sc.rr.com

Special Interest STUDENT CLUBS

American Girl Club

We're very excited to be offering an **American Girl Club** this year! The club will be open to girls 6-12 (with some flexibility if needed), and we would like to meet once a month to talk about each American Girl and their time periods, along with enjoying related snacks and activities. The girls will be encouraged to bring along their dolls, but owning an American Girl is NOT NECESSARY. Any girl who enjoys the American Girl collection in any way is absolutely welcome to join! Please email Anne Meester at aidrry@yahoo.com for more details.

Lego Club

LEGO club will be meeting the third Thursday of each month from 2-4. We are waiting to hear back from a church to finalize our location plans. This club is open to any age group & we are organizing different ways to incorporate the children to work in teams & build selected items at the different meetings. For our first meeting, we are asking that any children that would like to bring something that they have put together either simple or very complicated with their LEGOs. We will have them talk a little about it & display it while we get into our building time. Again, this is for everyone. We will have separate areas for the different levels of "difficulty". Please feel free to contact Dawson Jacobs, LEGO Coordinator or his mother Donya at 732-4627 or through e-mail at ddddjacobs@msn.com. A reminder e-mail will be sent out soon including the selected location.

Special Interest STUDENT CLUBS

Converse Club

CONVERSE Club had its first meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 16th**. This is for all ages who simply love wearing their Chuck Taylors. If you would like more info., please contact **Club Leader: Dahlia Jacobs** or her mother, Donya, by e-mail ddddjacobs@msn.com or by phone at 732-4627.

Chess Club

We have had a great response to the Chess Club! At this time, the chess club is closed because it is filled to capacity. You can contact Amanda Padgett, our Chess Club Leader, at amandapadgett@myubah.com if you have any questions or would like to inquire about a waiting list.

Outdoor Adventure Club

The Outdoor Adventure Club is currently being formed. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kristine Fairchild at allbygrace@sc.rr.com or Christy Ihrle at cihrle@sc.rr.com.

If you have an interest in starting a student club,
please contact Mandy Dufries at
sixdufries@gmail.com.

2009-2010 SHIELD Field Trips

Date	Field Trip	Coordinator	Ages	Cost
Sept 9	Saluda Shoals Nature Program	Tracy Taylor ttaylor@sc.rr.com	K-8	\$2.50/student
Sept 18	Seewee Education Program & Barrier Island Eco-Tour	Jennifer Aurednik mitchandjen@windstream.net	All ages	\$18/person for the boat tour
Oct 2	Biltmore Estate: Homeschool Day	Karen Collins jk-kids@sc.rr.com	All ages	\$20/person (ages 5 and up)
Oct 8	Nivens Apple Farm, Moore SC	Rhonda Hutchinson rwhsmiles@aol.com	All ages	\$5-\$10 (see below)
Nov 12	Lexington Museum: Native American Program	Rhonda Hutchinson rwhsmiles@aol.com	K-6	free
Dec TBD	Nursing Home Visit	April Roebuck roebucks_5@windstream.net	All ages	free
Jan 8	Star Lab at State Museum	Tracy Taylor ttaylor@sc.rr.com	K-6	\$3/student and adult
Feb TBD	SC Philharmonic-Young Peoples Concert	April Roebuck roebucks_5@windstream.net	All ages	\$3.50/person
Feb TBD	Tour of Bi-Lo	Rhonda Hutchinson rwhsmiles@aol.com	K-4	free
Mar TBD	Sesqui Park Nature Program	Karen Collins jk-kids@sc.rr.com	K-6	TBD
Apr TBD	Eudora Farm	Karen Collins jk-kids@sc.rr.com	All ages	\$5/person
May TBD	Happy Cow Creamery	April Roebuck roebucks_5@windstream.net	All ages	\$5/person

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

Field trip:
Nivens Apple Farm
130 Orchard Dr. Moore, SC 29369
(near Spartanburg, SC)
(864) 574-8889

Date: Thursday, October 8
Time: 10:00am (must arrive at 9:45 am)
Cost: See below
Contact: Rhonda Hutchinson, rwhsmiles@aol.com

“A LIVING CLASSROOM ON A REAL WORKING FARM”

Pick apples and pumpkins and take a hay ride around the nearly 40-acre farm. Nivens Apple Farm has farm animals, an observation bee hive, and a corn maze.

Cost Options:

\$8 per child for hayride, corn maze, playground, petting zoo,
& a bag of apples or a small pumpkin.

- or -

\$10 per child for hayride, corn maze, playground, petting
zoo, & a bag of apples and a small pumpkin.

\$5 per ADULT for hayride, corn maze, playground, petting
zoo.

Pack a PICNIC lunch and eat lunch together... The farm has a nice picnic shelter and the children can play on the playground, visit the petting zoo, and go through the corn maze after lunch.

Field trip:
Native American Classes
Lexington County Museum

Date: Thursday, November 12
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00 pm
Cost: Free
Contact: Rhonda Hutchinson, rwhsmiles@aol.com

The students will learn facts, make pinch pots, view & touch Native American artifacts, discuss animal tracks, listen to storytelling, participate in a ceremonial dance and play some Native American games.

Please arrive at 12:45 P.M. with one large zip-lock bag for each child, labeled with his/her name on it.)

More detailed description:

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 gets to 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!

Update: This field trip is currently filled to capacity. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please contact Rhonda Hutchinson at rwhsmiles@aol.com.

FALL Academic Presentation Day

Theme: History & Science

Date: October 23, 2009

Location: TBD (we will let you know very soon!)

Time: 9:00-11:30

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 a fantastic board, perform a skit, play an instrument, 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.

Contact: Jennifer Aurednik

mitchandjen@windstream.net, 808-0667

YEARBOOK NEWS

At our last meeting we chose the cover for our upcoming yearbook and discussed themes for this year's formal. We also let staff members know that we can now upload photos to the yearbook website!

We're Ready for Photos!

You can now upload photos to Josten's website that can be included in the yearbook!

We're looking for photos of families, awards, activities, daily school life, vacations, field trips, field days, and any other exciting or fun photo that would make the yearbook great! Please be sure to label all students (and adults and pets) in the photo and give some description of where they are and what is happening so we know where to include it in the yearbook. Unlabelled photos will not be used.

To upload photos, go to

<https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400003710&pw=SHIELD>

If you have any questions about uploading, you can contact Linda Barnhill elbeemee@bellsouth.net or call 772-3184.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

We're still taking yearbook orders!

The price for the yearbook this year has gone up to \$25 each. Those who order before January can get the discounted price of \$20!

To order, contact Susan Liva at srliva@juno.com

More Yearbook News:

Make-Up Picture Day

Tuesday 10/13/09 9:30 - 3:00

Remember to schedule an appointment so your student's portrait is included in the yearbook. Sitting fee is nominal and portrait packages are available. Contact Donya Jacobs ddddjacobs@msn.com to schedule your children's photo shoot.

***Note:** Seniors should schedule their own appointments with Studio G by calling 796-0697.

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK DATES:

Friday 10/9/09 3:00-4:00 **Staff Meeting** @ "The Rock" at Harvest Church on Hwy 378

****If you are a staff member and can't come, please let Linda Barnhill know via email or Facebook.****

Tuesday 11/10/09 3:00-4:00 **Staff Meeting** @ "The Rock" at Harvest Church on Hwy 378

THRILL

(Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington County Lives)

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

Next **THRILL** meeting: Friday, October 9, 2:00-3:00 at the Harvest Church on Hwy 378.

We will discuss Chapter 1 in our book,
The Greatest Among You.

If you have any questions, you can call:

Michelle Steyne, mlsteyne@aol.com, 796-9090

Elizabeth Collins, aikosmom@sc.rr.com, 356-5858

Angela Norman, angelanorman@bellsouth.net, 955-9185

SHIELD'S HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB (HSSC)

The outings that are on schedule right now are as follows:

SC State Fair Day – Tuesday, October 20th - This will include participation in the USC Physics department state fair day. Participants will receive free admission to the fair and the USC Physics professors will be on hand to help high school students experience "the physics of the midway". Sounds like a fun way to learn about physics. Expect more info from Lia Maltry or contact her at: liabeea@yahoo.com.

SHIELD'S HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL CLUB (HSSC) con't.

Corn Maze - Thursday, October 29th at 7:00pm - At Sease Farms - If we can get 25 to sign up we can do a hayride and campfire with s'mores after the maze. The group rate for this package would be around \$12 per person. For more info or to volunteer as a chaperone contact : Lia Maltry at liabeea@yahoo.com.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful year full of great opportunities for our highschoolers to fellowship with one another in a safe environment. But we need all the parents' help to make this work!

If you see an outing that you can lead or chaperone please contact one of our HSSC Coordinators:

Tami O'Brien at tamiobrien@sc.rr.com,
Robin Knechtel at robin.knechtel@gmail.com, or
Tina Hewitt at tinarhewitt@gmail.com

Other Opportunities:

PIANO and VOICE Lessons

A new resident of Lexington, I have been privileged to teach piano and voice for over 20 years. It would be a wonderful blessing to have the opportunity to enrich your lives musically! Lessons are 30 minutes once per week and the cost is \$70 per month regardless of whether there are 4 weeks or 5. I teach these lessons in my home in Prescott Glen (off of Barr Road) and you would have your choice of either a Tuesday or Thursday lesson. Feel free to contact me for questions - Melodie Griffin 753-8029 or melodie@melodiegriffin.com.

VIOLIN Lessons

As a reminder, I will be offering violin lessons this fall. I would like to begin offering beginner-level violin lessons for students 6 and up (I will consider younger students on an individual basis). I have played the violin for 23 years (11 years as a student myself, thereafter both for my personal enjoyment as well as for paid solo, duet, and chamber gigs occasionally) and am currently teaching my almost 7 year-old son. We are using *The Violin Book* with success, and I plan to use the same for other students, possibly incorporating other books on occasion. I am charging \$10 per weekly half-hour lesson if students come to my house (or TBD neutral location), \$15 to travel to the student's home (within 10 miles of my home).

If you know that you are interested or for more information, please email me, Anne Meester, at aidrry@yahoo.com or call me at (803) 422-3215 so we can work out lesson days and times.

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

Kayla Collins, 358-0378

Odd Jobs/Yardwork:

Music Lessons:

Chris Gaylord, guitar lessons in Lexington, 957-3458

Anne Meester, violin lessons, 422-3215

Other:

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

Mike Kollmansberger, Computer Repair, 246-5616

Richard Barney, Roofing, 351-6078

Tommy & Linda Barnhill, Honda Specialist, 772-5144

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians
4:6

SHIELD 2009-2010 Leadership Team

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