



## Kick-Off 2012-2013

Welcome to SHIELD! We are so glad that you have joined, rejoined, or are considering membership in our Christian home school support group. We are looking forward to an awesome year and hope you find what you need to make your school year the best yet!

SHIELD membership runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership applications are available at our membership table or can be downloaded and printed from the SHIELD website (<http://www.shieldonline.org/>). Cost for a SHIELD only membership is \$15 per family per year. We also offer a SCHEA membership for an additional \$15 (a reduced amount for joining as a part of our group). While the SCHEA membership is no longer mandatory, we do encourage you to join if you are able. SCHEA provides a great number of services to homeschoolers in South Carolina (see <http://www.schomeeducatorsassociation.org/about.php> for more information). Although our 2012-13 year began on June 1, 2012, we allow a grace period during the summer and the previous year memberships remain active. However 2011-12 memberships that are not renewed will expire August 31, 2012. There will be a \$10 late charge for renewing after that date. On September 1<sup>st</sup> we will have our most current directory and will begin a new email group with only those who have joined or renewed at that time. If you have questions please contact one of the SHIELD Team Leaders.

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### Academic Presentation Days

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Academic Presentation Day is a time for your students in 3rd grade and above to present a 3-5 minute oral presentation on a topic of their choice relating to a given theme. Students typically develop and report on an interest sparked by something they are currently studying, such as a report on Daniel Boone or the building of log cabins when studying history, etc. This can be done in a variety of ways, including skits, display boards, drama, reciting poems, displaying art, playing instruments, etc. Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade are not required to give an oral presentation but may participate by providing a display.

Academic Presentation Day is held twice a year the fall and spring. In the fall we focus on history and science. In the spring we focus on art, literature, and music.

**October 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 & March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Lexington Baptist Church**

*~All SHIELD members are invited to attend even if not presenting~*

# Achievement Night

**Achievement Night Coordinators:**

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Each spring SHIELD celebrates the achievements of our students! Sometimes we forget what we've been doing all year in the midst of doing it and so we take a moment in the spring to recognize all the hard work of our students (and their parents!). The evening includes a Kindergarten Graduation and Special Recognition of our Seniors. We hand out Certificates of Achievement to all participants 1<sup>st</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade. The evening ends with cake and the distribution of our amazing yearbook!

**Date & Location TBD**

*If you would like to help with this event, please contact one of our coordinators!*

## Clubs

**Club Coordinator:**

Mandy Dufries

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SHIELD offers a variety of clubs, and you are sure to find one to suit your family's needs. We currently have girls'/boys' clubs for most age/grades. We also have had several hobby-specific clubs such as American Girl Club, Lego Club, and Book Clubs. SHIELD is always excited to add new clubs to our listing as interests arise. SHIELD has also had other clubs based upon different fun and challenging curriculum.

Do you have a fantastic idea for a club? Bible study? Horseback riding? Archery? Roller Skating? Bowling? Photography? Scrap booking? The ideas are only limited to your imagination.

Please contact Mandy Dufries if you are interested in starting a new club or helping with an already established group.

## Field Day

**Field Day Coordinator:**

Ellen Nagelvoort

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Family Field Day---Fun For the Whole Family! For all members of SHIELD - NEW & OLD  
Come have a blast with your own family as well as others, participating in all kinds of games and relays! There will be prizes for everyone and YES it is in AIR CONDITIONING!!!!!! Hurray!

Please sign up for this event tonight or email me to let me know how many family members are coming.

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm - Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church gymnasium**

***\*Please consider helping with this great event, at LEAST 3 helpers are needed!\****

## Field Trips

### Field Trip Coordinators:

Rebecca Becker

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Heather Schaub (Park Day Coordinator also)

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SHIELD offers a variety of interesting field trips throughout the school year. These include various learning opportunities such as science & nature classes, special exhibit museum tours, public facility tours, out-of-town trips, park days, etc. We will also plan park days at local parks for some fun fellowship time.

Check the SHIELD Encourager Newsletter and your email throughout the year for up-to-date information on field trips, sign ups, deadlines, and contact information.

*Please contact one of the coordinators if you have a field trip idea!*

## Iowa Standardized Testing

### Iowa Testing Coordinator:

Elizabeth Collins

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SHIELD will offer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in April of 2013. Test date and location will be available in January and will be announced in the SHIELD newsletter and e-mails. Contact Elizabeth Collins if you have any questions or would like to help with testing.

## Lending Library and Used Curriculum Sale

### Library Coordinator:

Jenny Stallings

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### Lending Library

Wouldn't you love to clean out the home school supplies that you no longer or never used?! We've got a solution that will bless both you and others! Donate them to the SHIELD library! The SHIELD Library has curriculum and educational resources that may be borrowed by SHIELD members for one month or up to a year. This is a great way to try out curriculum before you decide to purchase it or to save money by using a library item for the entire school year. A list of library items is available at [www.shieldonline.org](http://www.shieldonline.org) under the resources link. If you have items to donate, please contact Jenny Stallings.

### Used Curriculum Sale!

Do you have used curriculum that you would like to sell or buy? If so, check out our online curriculum sale! You can find it at [www.shieldonline.org](http://www.shieldonline.org) under the resources link. The sale list will include each item name and description, price, and contact info of the seller. We are always accepting items to be posted on the website. If you would like to advertise items for sale, please contact Jenny Stallings.

## Mid-Year Meeting

### Mid-Year Meeting Coordinators:

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SHIELD recognizes the need for parents to be refreshed at the halfway point in our school year. In January, we come together at our Mid-Year Meeting for an encouraging and uplifting time. We also enjoy light refreshments and a time to become reacquainted with one another. If you have never attended our Mid-Year Meeting, we encourage you to come this year. It's a great way to start off the new year and to begin a new semester of home schooling!

**Monday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at The Rock**

We are very excited to have Lori Hatcher coming to encourage us. Lori is an author, a "retired" homeschool mom, a former leader in FACE (Forest Acres Christian Educators) and 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 won't want to miss her!

## Student Talent Showcase

### Talent Night Coordinator:

*Danita Palazzolo*

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Have you seen that little girl recite Psalm 23 on GodTube? She is so cute! We know you see things like this at your house – Come and Share!

- To let Grandparents and other family see what we do as homeschoolers!
- To give your student exposure to being in front of a group
- To remember all the great things your kids did when they were in the grade school years!
- To support and encourage one another in this home schooling adventure!

**Our hope is that all we do will be to glorify our Lord, the Creator, and Giver of all good things. We want to celebrate all He has done in and through us!**

If you are interested in helping with this event in the spring please contact Danita.

**Date, time and location TBD**

## THRILL

### THRILL Advisory Panel:

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THRILL (Teen Homeschoolers Radically Impacting Lexington Lives) is a community service group for 8th-12th graders. The goal of THRILL is to provide your teen 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 meet beginning with our kick-off next week and continue until the end of March. Service opportunities include Harvest Hope, Epworth Children's Home, mini-concerts at Deepwood Estates, Operation Christmas Child and Helping Hands.

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

We encourage you to attend the **THRILL Kick-Off Meeting Monday, August 20th from 2-3 at the Harvest.**



## Yearbook

### **Yearbook Advisory Panel:**

**Yearbook Coordinator** Leah Tilghman

**Business Advisor** Josie Seacrist

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### **We Need You...**

We encourage you to participate. We will request pictures, artwork, and quotes from the membership of STUDENTS OF ALL AGES throughout the year so we can create a yearbook that reflects YOU! Please be sure to respond to requests made via newsletter and email. We are very excited about this year's book. It is the first SHIELD color yearbook and the theme is South Carolina. This book promises to be colorful, fun and educational. We are already designing a custom cover including pictures and artwork from **all** SHIELD membership.

Please send your photos to [shieldpictures@gmail.com](mailto:shieldpictures@gmail.com). We would love for everyone to be included and our cover deadline is fast approaching.

### **Don't Miss Out...**

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK AT KICK-OFF FOR ONLY \$25.**

You may order a yearbook at any time during the school year by mailing a check payable to SHIELD

Mail to 1149 Counts Ferry Rd, Lexington, SC 29072

**AFTER MID-YEAR MEETING PRICE WILL INCREASE TO \$30. LIMITED SUPPLY**

### **Join the team...**

We also encourage your 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate on the Yearbook Staff. This as an opportunity for students to express their creativity, learn to work with others, and to develop leadership skills by working on a project from start to finish. After the first year on staff, students may be eligible to hold leadership positions on the staff. Your student can also earn high school credit for the time spent working on the yearbook. Ask a panel member for more information. We hold monthly meetings and layout sessions, along with periodic training and photo assignments. Be sure to pick up an application to join! After joining, you may buy a staff t-shirt for \$10, while supplies last.

### **First meeting...**

**YEARBOOK KICK-OFF AND TRAINING MEETING – 8/17/12 1-4pm** at THE ROCK at THE HARVEST CHURCH on 378 in LEXINGTON. PARENTS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THE BEGINNING OF THIS 1st MEETING.

If you have other questions, or want to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting please contact one of our Yearbook Advisory Panel Members.

### **Formal...**

The Winter Formal is open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade homeschoolers in the Columbia area and their guests. Yearbook Staff Members that are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade may also attend. This event is one that most teens do not like to miss. The formal is well-chaperoned and conservative in nature. The date is **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013** and it will be held at the Lexington Town Municipal Building. The cost is \$25 and the registration deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Please stop by and see us at the yearbook table!!**

# Website

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Check out our website! [www.shieldonline.org](http://www.shieldonline.org)

It is a great way to stay current with upcoming events. You can get contact information, read the newsletter and access any forms you may need.

## **We need YOU!**

SHIELD has some great things planned for the coming year! Some awesome ideas have been talked about by our members, and we try to implement as many of them as possible. One big hurdle that many support groups face, however, is the willingness of people to sacrifice their time to lead in an area. Each of the areas listed above need assistants or people just willing to give a hand in setting up/cleaning up.

Too many times we have great ideas for clubs, teen groups, field trips, etc., but we don't have enough workers to lead. If you see an area of need within SHIELD, then please be part of the solution. God has placed different gifts/talents within each of us . . . Share them with your SHIELD family!

We also want you to know that the SHIELD Leadership Team is always available to discuss new ideas or concerns you may have about SHIELD or any of its groups, any decisions made . . . ANYTHING! Remember, that we try to do all things to glorify our Heavenly Father and prayerfully consider everything before making decisions on anything . . . from what clubs to who leads in various areas. We want you, the SHIELD members, to know that we are volunteers here to serve this awesome Christian support group in the best way we know how. Please always come to us if you have any questions or concerns. We will make every effort to meet with you, email you, call you, etc . . . We are here for you!

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**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED SCHOOL YEAR!**

## **Non-SHIELD Opportunities**

**Ages of Arts**- Amy Reynolds - amy@agesofarts.com - 351-0133

**All Star Gymnastics** – Randall Russell - asgtumblers@yahoo.com - 803-561-9682

**Brigance & Woodcock Johnson Testing** - Susan Blackwell- newcreature@juno.com - 803-794-6908 or 803-429-3899

**Classical Conversations, Lexington**- Jennifer McEnulty- pscn8ive@hotmail.com - 803-351-0679

**HS Aquatics** – Mark & Karen Porter - maport@earthlink.net

**Michelle Watt** - Michelle Watt - kmichellewatt@gmail.com – 542-4670 – michellewatt.org

**Midlands HS Band** - Leila Nyikos - leilamnyikos@gmail.com

**No Apologies, No Regrets** – Kimberly Poovey - DaybreakYouth@gmail.com

**On Stage** – Robert Harrelson - onstagecityprod@aol.com - 407-319-2596

**PAC Panthers** – Jennifer Aurednik - pacpanthers@windstream.net

**RightConnection** – Russell and Kathy Thompson - russell@rightconnection.us

**South Carolina Christian Dance Theater** – Cynthia Dewar - cynthia@scchristiandance.com - 803-609-4777

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