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San Diego Christian Homeschools' Newsletter

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6

Reflecting on Thanksgiving

The uniquely American holiday of Thanksgiving (celebrated only by the US and Canada) has a rich and spiritual tradition, and I encourage everyone who hasn't explored it to do a little research this month. I have included Abraham Lincoln's 1863 proclamation below as a starting point, for though this wasn't the first Thanksgiving in America, it was certainly the beginning of Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

Jeffrey Vaca
Newsletter Editor

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By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the Unites States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

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# San Diego Christian Homeschools

## Park Day & P.E. Schedule

### PARK DAYS

Park Days are generally scheduled for the second Friday of each school month at 2:00 pm. Unless noted otherwise, we meet at Nobel Athletic Field and Rec. Center for Park Day, which is located in the UTC area and is easily accessible from the I-805.

Some of the benefits this park has to offer are that it sits back from the street, parents have a nice over-view of the well maintained play area and it has plenty of parking and clean bathrooms. In addition, the playground is fenced off so the little ones can't easily escape. Another benefit is the nearby library which is just feet away.

#### November Park Day

Friday, November 14, 2008 at 2:00 pm  
Nobel Athletic Field and Rec Center  
8810 Judicial Drive

For November Park Day, please bring your empty shoeboxes and some small gifts for Operation Christmas Child (see page 10 for suggestions). We can work together to pack some shoeboxes and then Lisa Lopez will gather them all and take them to the official drop-off center. Please contact Lisa Vaca or Lisa Lopez for more details. For some suggested items to be placed in the boxes, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter (on page 10).

If you are unable to attend Park Day and would like to sign up for an event, please do so by calling or e-mailing the contact person listed for the event you are interested in.

Please remember that payments for field trips and events are due when you sign up

Directions: Take the Nobel exit off of I-805 North and go left. If you are on I-5 North just take the Nobel exit and go right. The park is at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

Coming from the north county you will take I-805 South and exit at La Jolla Village and Miramar Road and go east on Miramar road for one block. Turn right on Nobel and go a few more blocks to the park at the corner of Judicial and Nobel.

More information about this new rec. center, and a great map of the exact location, can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/nobel.shtml>

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*

— Romans 15:1-2

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

#### Homeschool P.E. Classes

San Diego Christian Homeschools offers a complete P.E. program that includes three very important facets of physical education:

1. Various sporting games and traditional playground activities
2. The President's Challenge physical fitness program
3. Adventure Trails, a movement coordination curriculum that aids in learning

Our P.E. classes will meet four times each month, usually on Tuesdays and/or Fridays. These classes are free to SDCH members. Feel free to come to as many (or as few) of the classes as you like, according to your family's schedule. We will give you a Physical Activity Log to aid you in keeping track of your child's daily P.E. time and to encourage him/her to stay active even on days when there is no group P.E. class. Call or e-mail Lisa Vaca with any questions you may have, or if you are able to help lead a class. Lisa can be reached at (858) 353-1439 or [lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com).

#### Tuesday P.E. classes will meet at

Mira Mesa Rec Center  
8575 New Salem Street (Mira Mesa)

#### Friday P.E. classes will meet at

Nobel Athletic Fields  
8810 Judicial Drive (UTC area)

This month we will meet for P.E. on the following dates:

**Tuesday, November 4 at 2:00** at Mira Mesa Rec Center featuring Builder-Bulldozer, Dodgeball and more

**Friday, November 14 at 12:30** at Nobel Athletic Fields featuring Relay Race Fun, Kickball and more

**Tuesday, November 18 at 2:00** at Mira Mesa Rec Center featuring Beachball Up, Volleyball and more

Next month we will meet for P.E. on the following dates:

**Friday, December 12 at 12:30** at Nobel Athletic Fields featuring Baseball, T-Ball and a game called "Pirate Ship".

NOTE: there will be no P.E. classes on Friday, November 28 (the day after Thanksgiving), on Tuesdays in December or on Friday, December 26

Please see the P.E. section of our website at **[www.sdChristianHomeschools.com](http://www.sdChristianHomeschools.com)** for a complete 2008/2009 schedule of P.E. classes and the proposed lesson plan for the school year.

# November 2008

| Sun                               | Mon | Tue                                | Wed                            | Thu                                        | Fri                                                  | Sat                                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                   |     |                                    |                                |                                            |                                                      | 1<br>10:00 The Call<br>10:15 American Girl Club |
| 2                                 | 3   | 4<br>2:00 P.E.<br>2:00 Art II      | 5<br>9:15 Trip to Sea World    | 6<br>1:00 Mom's Bible Study<br>2:30 Art I  | 7<br>10:30 Magic Mountain<br>1:00 Hat Knitting Class | 8                                               |
| 9                                 | 10  | 11<br>Veteran's Day<br>2:00 Art II | 12<br>10:00 Outback Field Trip | 13<br>1:00 Mom's Bible Study<br>2:30 Art I | 14<br>12:30 P.E.<br>2:00 Park Day                    | 15<br>9:00 Mom's Day Out                        |
| 16                                | 17  | 18<br>2:00 P.E.<br>2:00 Art II     | 19                             | 20<br>1:00 Mom's Bible Study<br>2:30 Art I | 21<br>10:00 Veteran's Museum<br>7:00 Nutcracker      | 22<br>4:00 Nutcracker                           |
| 23<br>5:00 Men's Night - Football | 24  | 25<br>2:00 Art II                  | 26                             | 27<br>Thanksgiving                         | 28                                                   | 29                                              |
| 30                                |     |                                    |                                |                                            |                                                      |                                                 |

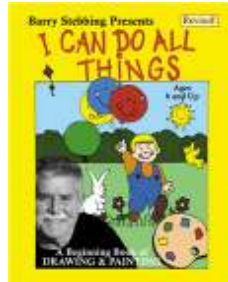
# December 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue                                | Wed | Thu             | Fri                               | Sat                                                           |
|-----|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | 1   | 2                                  | 3   | 4               | 5                                 | 6<br>10:00 Mom's Brunch & Cookies<br>10:15 American Girl Club |
| 7   | 8   | 9                                  | 10  | 11              | 12<br>12:30 P.E.<br>2:00 Park Day | 13<br>5:00 SDCH Christmas Party!!!                            |
| 14  | 15  | 16<br>9:15 Traditions of Christmas | 17  | 18              | 19                                | 20                                                            |
| 21  | 22  | 23                                 | 24  | 25<br>Christmas | 26                                | 27                                                            |
| 28  | 29  | 30                                 | 31  |                 |                                   |                                                               |

## SDCH ART CLASSES

### I Can Do All Things Art Class A How Great Thou Art Video Series

**Dates:** Thursday, November 6, 13, 20  
No class November 27  
**Time:** 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** available upon request  
Serra Mesa  
**Contact:** Sharon Meins  
sharonm@tempbreak.com  
for more information.



**The Philosophy:** ART is a learned discipline. *The purpose at How Great Thou ART is to teach students the fundamentals of drawing, painting, color theory, etc. They believe the most important quality in learning is having a good attitude; students need to believe that they can learn to draw, paint, letter and so forth. Art is not for just some, or those we call "talented." God has given all of us, to one degree or another, abilities in art that should be nurtured.*

This art class is a comprehensive beginner's art course for students 6 and up. Sections covered in this class are: Beginning Drawing, How to use colored Pencils, Blending with Watercolor Markers & Beginning Painting. This class also includes some art appreciation and art journaling.

\* *approximately 25-28 classes. No classes the month of December. No classes 11/27/09, 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/28/09*

### Feed My Sheep A How Great Thou Art Video Series

**Dates:** Tuesday, November 4, 11, 18  
and 25.  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Location:** available upon request  
Rancho Penasquitos  
**Contact:** Bea Host  
beahost@san.rr.com  
for more information or to  
sign up.



Feed My Sheep is the sequel to I Can Do All Things by Barry Stebbing with the same How Great Thou Art philosophy. Feed My Sheep is a four year program with this year's focus being on colored pencils and general drawing covering the first 71 of the 260 lessons; however, the students will set the pace for what is actually covered. The age for this class is 10 and up unless they have had prior art experience.

\* *approximately 25-28 classes. No classes the month of December. No classes 3/31/09, 4/7/09. Last day of class 5/26/09*

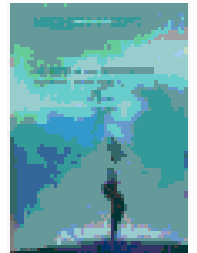
## GIRL'S BOOK AND TEA CLUB

The Girls Book Club Tea is a small interactive group of 5th – 7th grade girls who come together on a monthly basis prepared to discuss a pre-selected book while drinking tea, hot cocoa, or lemonade in a cozy atmosphere. The goal is to give the girls the opportunity to think analytically and to draw from the strengths and learn from the weakness of the characters and circumstances in the books. Each girl will take turns in facilitating and leading the meeting with the help of her mom as needed. It is up to the girl leading the meeting to decide if she wants to send out questions ahead of time for the other girls to think about as they read the book, but she should be prepared to ask questions and keep the conversations going during the meeting. This is probably going to be a stretch for some of the girls at first, but they are going to have fun being in charge of leading a meeting. The girls will also have the opportunity to briefly share their opinion on other books they have read as time allows.

Please read and come ready to discuss:

### My side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Sam Gribley announces he's going to run away; and does so. After listening to countless stories of how Gribley's aren't made for the land, he runs away to his ancestors' farm up in the Catskill Mountains. Learning to survive with his wits and the help of the resources in a local library, he learns self-reliance as he fashions a home, catches his own food, and trains a falcon. A classic for thousands of young readers, this Newbery Honor book will enthrall all young girls and boys who've ever loved the woods.



**Pages:** 177  
**Recommended age:** 9-12  
**Available at:** CBD, Amazon

*This event is for girls in 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade and their moms.*

**Next Meeting:** Friday, November 21, 2008  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Location:** Bea Host's home  
Address available upon request  
Rancho Penasquitos  
Phone number available upon request

**Facilitator:** Olivia McFadden  
**Contact:** Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com for more information regarding the Girl's Book and Tea Club.

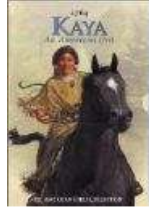


## OTHER CLASSES and CLUBS

### American Girl Club

**Date:** First Saturday of each month  
**Time:** 10:15 am  
**Location:** Berean Christian Store  
8807 Clairemont Mesa Blvd  
Kearny Mesa

**Ages:** Most appropriate for school-aged girls  
**Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** Berean Christian directly at (800)285-8121



On the first Saturday of each month come and make new friends and meet fellow fans of American Girl dolls and books at Berean's American Girl Club. Bring your American Girl doll and invite your friends for a time of sharing and crafts. This event is sponsored by Berean Christian Store. It is free and open to the general public. For details please telephone the store directly at the number above.

**This month's meeting: Saturday, November 1, 2008**



### Martial Arts Classes

SwiftKick Martial Arts offers classes to homeschool children of all ages (and even parents, too). Taught by Third Degree Black Belt and Nationally Certified Martial Arts Instructor, Brian Cowell, the program employs a traditional martial arts belt ranking system for students. In addition to learning the physical and intellectual aspects of the martial arts, SwiftKick students are taught valuable life lessons in class. SwiftKick Martial Arts recognizes that the most important aspect of our training is learning how to demonstrate positive character traits in all aspects of our life. Each trait corresponds with the respective belt rank and is reinforced in class based on age and belt rank. The character tenets taught in class include:

- Courtesy
- Attentiveness
- Perseverance
- Self-control
- Honor
- Courage
- Initiative
- Assertiveness
- Creativity
- Humility

SwiftKick also has a Demo Team that uses the martial arts as a performance venue. Students are taught how to perform to music using a variety of fun and flashy martial arts tricks to entertain and "wow!" audiences. The Demo Team consists of an elite group of students of all ages who have demonstrated outstanding perseverance, dedication, and attitudes in class.

Please visit the SwiftKick Martial Arts website at [www.SwiftKickMA.com](http://www.SwiftKickMA.com) for more details. To inquire about classes you may contact Mr. Brian Cowell directly at [cowell.swiftkickma@gmail.com](mailto:cowell.swiftkickma@gmail.com) or Mrs. Sandy Hutchinson at [shutchinson@san.rr.com](mailto:shutchinson@san.rr.com).

## Mom's Ministry Presents: Fall Bible Study

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we start a new study. We will be doing Believing God, a 10-week study by Beth Moore. From the Online Believing God Bible Study website:  
<http://www.lifeway.com/BelievingGod/>

Originating from a concept introduced in Isaiah 43:10, Believing God examines what it means to believe God rather than only believe in Him. Participants study the lives of Abraham and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of people who believed God. This study parallels a personal journey Beth took in coming to understand what it means to believe God. Here's how the study works.

### Enroll

Once you enroll for the study, you will have unlimited access to the resources in the study: streaming video/audio, downloadable homework, session notes, online Bible study tools and the interactive community. Enrollment is open for \$23.95 plus tax. LifeWay will only accept credit cards or debit cards as your payment for this study through LifeWay's online subscription service.

### Getting Started

Once logged in, begin the study by choosing to watch the streaming video or listen to the audio portion of each of the 10 sessions.

- The streaming video for each session consists of 10-15 minute segments that total approximately 60 minutes in length. A high-speed connection works best for highest quality viewing, but typical dial-up modem speed (56K) should also deliver good quality.
- If you're accessing the study at less than 56K (typical dial-up modem speed), listening to the audio may be a great option for you.
- Listening Guides are provided for you to print out and follow during the sessions. These Listening Guides are designed to help you make the most of the Believing God experience.
- Check out the online tutorial for more information.

### Print Homework

After completing each video or audio session, print out the Session Homework, which provides an opportunity to go deeper in study and prepare you for the next session.

To read more about Beth, enrollment, the online tutorial, and for sample homework, please visit the website at:  
[lifeway.com/believinggod](http://lifeway.com/believinggod).

This is a very convenient way to study as once you enroll you can watch the videos as many times as you like at your leisure, have access to downloadable/printable homework, online bible study resources and a community discussion board. We will meet weekly for discussion of the videos/homework, prayer and fellowship.

We will not have childcare but we meet on the edge of a gated playground in which we can watch the kids playing in a safe environment while also being able to discuss and pray. We will meet at a home in inclement weather.

**Date:** First three Thursdays in November  
Last session November 20, 2008  
**Time:** 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Nobel Athletic Fields and Rec Center  
8810 Judicial Drive  
University City

**Contact:** Susan Brady [sfbrady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfbrady@sbcglobal.net) for questions or more information

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## FIELD TRIPS and EVENTS

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### TheCall California

November 1, 2008 --the last Saturday before the election-- from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at **San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium**. Corporate prayer and fasting for the protection of traditional marriage and the soul of our nation--through the upcoming elections and beyond. Multi-racial, multi-generational, and cross-denominational. 12 hours of prayer and worship. People registering from across the nation to come. Every California church believing in traditional marriage is encouraged to send a delegation.



TheCall is a divinely initiated, multi-racial, multi-generational, and cross-denominational gathering to corporate prayer and fasting. We believe that our nation is in desperate need of the mercy of God and a great Spiritual Awakening. TheCall is committed to mobilizing people from all across America to gather together to petition God for His undeserved mercy for our nation in 12-hour solemn assemblies. Just as in the days of Joel, we believe that now is the time to blow the trumpet across our land, to fast, to pray, and return to the Lord with all our hearts.



In the midst of an "entertainment" driven society, TheCall does not seek to entertain, but to encounter God... TheCall is a **FAST** not a festival. TheCall is a **SOLEMN ASSEMBLY** not a conference.

...We believe the hour is late and the times are urgent. Our nation is in desperate need of revival and it will be only through the corporate body of Christ uniting in the place of prayer that we will find any hope in this hour. We believe we can see our nation changed as the Lord pours out His Spirit and brings refreshing to the broken, destitute, and the weary across our land.

Please visit [www.TheCall.com](http://www.TheCall.com) for all the details.

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### Educational field trip to Sea World

**Date:** Wednesday November 5, 2008  
**Time:** 9:15 am - 1:30 pm  
**Location:** Sea World

**Cost:** \$5.75 per person over age 2, free if you are a Passport ticket holder  
**Contact:** Susan Brady at [sfbrady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfbrady@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone number available upon request.

**Parking is free with placard (provided)**

We will meet in the Sea World parking lot at the east/education gate at 9:15 am and enter as a group. Once the group has entered, we will not be able to come back and get you. We will then go to one of the arenas inside for an excellent educational show which lasts for approximately 20 minutes. Passport ticket holders enter the park through the regular front entrance at 10:00 a.m. and go to the area designated as the educational show arena and look for the rest of us.

We will receive written materials for our use in making it a great science lesson for any grade level. Once the educational show is finished, we are free to wander the park, look at the exhibitions and have lunch until 1:30 pm. There are unlocked lockers near picnic tables to store lunch bags near the education gate entrance on the way in.

### Magic Mountain Homeschool Day Private Party



On this special day the park is open from 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY** and is closed to the general public. To make this day even more special, your ticket can also include a catered picnic in the Park and a souvenir photo! Only Home School Tickets will be accepted on this date; no Season Passes or other tickets will be honored. To purchase tickets and for more information please call the Group Sales Office at (661) 255-4500.

**Date:** Friday, November 7, 2008  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Six Flags Magic Mountain, Los Angeles

**Cost:** \$23 admission for all ages (or \$30 admission plus meal & photo)  
**Contact:** Please contact Magic Mountain directly at (661) 255-4500 (or (661) 255-4100) or visit their website to pre-order your tickets (no tickets are sold on the day of the event).

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### Hat Knitting Class

**Date:** Friday, November 7, 2008  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** The Vaca home  
Address available upon request  
Mira Mesa

**Ages:** 7 and 8 will require parent help  
9 and up may not need parent help  
**Cost:** \$12 for yarn, optional \$8 for loom (that you get to keep)\*  
**Contact:** Lisa Vaca at [lisa@starbasejeff.com](mailto:lisa@starbasejeff.com)

Knit an old fashioned Santa-style hat just in time for Christmas, or knit a Chargers blue-and-gold cap complete with lightening bolt. We will be using the green (med-sized) Knifty Knitter loom to make these warm and attractive hats with special "quick yarn" for super soft comfort. The completed hats will fit a child or med. sized adult head and are great for gift giving. This project is fun for both boys and girls of about age nine and up, however younger children can easily learn this type of knitting too if accompanied by a parent assisting them. Some students may require more than one day to finish their hat. We will offer a second optional knitting day to finish up the hats as a group if necessary. If you don't already own the green (large-size) Knifty Knitter then you must purchase one for this project. Mrs Vaca has a couple that can be loaned out if you just want to borrow one, but we suggest buying one so that you can make more hats on your own.

*And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

*— Isaiah 54:13*

## Field Trip to Outback Steakhouse

Join your SDCH friends for an AWESOME free field trip to the Outback Restaurant in Poway, near the Target. On this field trip everyone gets a tour of the dining room, which includes an explanation of each of the many Australian artifacts adorning the walls. Then we will get to tour the kitchen where each child will don an apron and choose a special giant potato, which will be named, washed, sliced and made into a surprise for later. We'll also get to watch their top-secret method for making the Bloomin' Onions and have all of our questions answered regarding industrial kitchens and restaurant cooking. This field trip is completely FREE! It is put on as a community service by Outback Restaurants. Please remember to thank them for this wonderful gift to our group. Visit [www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com) for more details.



**Date:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008  
**Time:** 9:45 am  
**Location:** Outback Steakhouse - Poway  
14701 Pomerado Road  
Poway CA

**Cost:** Free  
**Register:** By contacting Sherri McFadden at [mrspeapod@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspeapod@yahoo.com) or  
Phone number available upon request

**Please arrive by 9:15 am**

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## Mom's Day Out

**Date:** Saturday, November 15, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** We'll start at Starbucks in Vons  
7544 Gerard Avenue  
La Jolla

**Contact:** Susan Brady at [sfbrady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfbrady@sbcglobal.net) or  
Number available upon request (put phone number in  
your cell phone in case we get separated)

If you've never tried thrift store shopping, this is the day out for you. Seasoned bargain shoppers will be on hand to assist you on the ins-and-outs of getting a great deal in consignment shops and thrift stores.

Also, if no matter how hard you try to talk yourself into it you just don't want learn those bargain techniques, you can meet the rest of us at The Olive Garden for lunch at 1:00.

We will start our expedition at 9:00 am at Starbucks in Vons at 7544 Gerard Ave in La Jolla. From there we will walk over to our first lovely store, a consignment shop in La Jolla. After that we will head to Point Loma to the Goodwill distribution center for the county (they keep all the best stuff for their store) before we head for lunch at Olive Garden at 3215 Sports Arena in Point Loma, where they have a great soup/salad lunch special.

A prize for the best bargain of the day will be awarded at lunch, determined by majority vote. For the really avid shoppers, there is a thrift store across the street from Olive Garden that is known for great shoe bargains.

We hope you can join us for some sweet fellowship among the racks.

## Veteran's Museum and Memorial Center



**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** 2115 Park Boulevard  
across the street from Balboa Park

**Cost:** Free, \$3 suggested donation can be made at the door\*  
**Sign-Up:** Please sign up at November Park Day and pick up a brochure with a map to the museum.

November is the month in which Americans honor their veterans. Join SDCH on Friday November 21 as we present a large "thank you card" to the brave men and women who have served our country and now volunteer at the Veteran's Museum here in San Diego. Please have your children sign this card at Park Day even if you do not plan to attend this field trip.

The San Diego Veterans Museum and Memorial Center is one of the very few places that covers all branches of service and is indeed a home for all veteran groups. Don't miss this history-rich tour by the very special docents who have actually been "over there!" Enjoy the museum's unique collections of memorabilia and artwork dating from our civil war to the present. Our field trip will also feature a fun scavenger hunt game for all ages. This is the place to see and hear history! [www.veteransmuseum.org](http://www.veteransmuseum.org)

\* **This museum operates on the donations of their daily visitors like us.** The suggested donation is \$3 per person or \$10 per family of four or more. We will not be collecting payments as you sign-up for this but will allow each person or family to give what they feel is appropriate at the door of the museum as we enter. Since the museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization your donation is tax deductible.

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## The Nutcracker

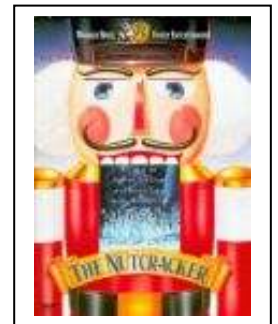
**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

or  
**Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2008  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 pre-ordered or \$15 at the door  
**Location:** Jackson Theater, 1775  
Chatsworth Blvd in Point Loma

**Contact:** Nanette Walker at Park Day for more details or e-mail her at [garynan95@yahoo.com](mailto:garynan95@yahoo.com) for more information or to pre-order tickets.

Details: One of our SDCH students, Grace Walker, is performing in this delightful ballet classic. Please wish her luck and congratulations when you next see her. It is going to be a GREAT performance and there are some families from SDCH that are planning to attend. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please speak to Nanette. If anyone is interested in carpooling or attending as a group please contact Lisa Vaca.



## Men's Night – November

### Charger's vs. Indianapolis Sunday Night Football

Hey guys! Since we had such a great time last men's football night. Let's do it again! This time it's Chargers against the Indianapolis Colts. It should be another great win for us.



We'll do pizza this time. Bring a side dish or snack and/or just chip in a couple bucks for pizza. Call me (858) 541-0967 or email me [BarryKenny@san.rr.com](mailto:BarryKenny@san.rr.com)

**Date:** Sunday, November 23, 2008  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** The Kenny Home  
Address available upon request  
Clairemont

**RSVP:** Barry Kenny at (858) 541-0967 or  
[BarryKenny@san.rr.com](mailto:BarryKenny@san.rr.com)

**Game starts at 5:15pm**

### Mom's Christmas Brunch and Cookie Exchange



**Date:** Saturday, December 6, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** The home of Bea Host  
9090 Rotherham Avenue  
Rancho Penasquitos

**Contact:** Bea Host at [beahost@san.rr.com](mailto:beahost@san.rr.com) or  
Number available upon request

Take a break from the holiday rush and share the Christmas spirit with old and new friends. Back by popular demand we will be hosting our Mom's Christmas Brunch and Cookie Exchange again this year.

What to bring:

A breakfast/brunch dish  
6 dozen homemade cookies to exchange  
(12 packages of 6 cookies each)

**Please RSVP by December 3rd**

### SDCH Christmas Party

**Date:** Saturday, December 13, 2008  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Horizon North Clairemont  
on Pocahontas Avenue

**Cost:** Free! (members only)  
**Contact:** Bea Host  
[Beahost@san.rr.com](mailto:Beahost@san.rr.com)

**Save the date!**

Christmas is just around the corner and with it comes the very popular Annual Christmas Party. This year the party will be held at Horizon North Clairemont (the Pocahontas campus). More details are to follow, but keeping in mind what a busy time of year this becomes, we wanted to give as much notice as possible so that all families can plan to attend! Anyone wishing to help with the event can contact Bea Host or Lisa Vaca (numbers available upon request)

## Traditions of Christmas

Join us for Christian Youth Theatre's Special School-Day presentation of the...



"It was one of the very best gifts we received..." "Rarely have I ever seen such a beautiful and enchanting collection of wonderful masterworks on one stage..." is what people are saying about Traditions of Christmas. Using a wide variety of music, dance, drama and color Christmas traditions come to life. CCT presents a variety of production numbers ranging from high-stepping, Rockette-style precision kick-line dancers to child-sized elves singing and dancing in Santa's workshop. An inspiring Living Nativity pageant, complete with live donkey, sheep and majestic camel concludes the show.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008  
**Time:** 9:15 am  
**Location:** East County Performing Arts Center  
210 E. Main Street  
El Cajon

**Cost:** \$11 per person  
**Contact:** Bea Host at [Beahost@san.rr.com](mailto:Beahost@san.rr.com)

**Deadline to sign up and pay: November 7th**

### "To Train Up A Child" Seminar

featuring  
Michael and Debi Pearl of No Greater Joy Ministries

Don't miss this FREE seminar and rare opportunity to meet the founders of No Greater Joy Ministries and learn some wonderful and encouraging parenting truths from Scripture. Everyone who has ever met with the Pearls (or read their books) agrees that it is a life-changing experience. Please see the flier at Park Day for a detailed description of what topics will be covered at this free seminar. Visit the website above for childcare details. If you are interested in carpooling to this seminar contact Lisa Vaca at [lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com).

**Dates:** Friday, January 16, and  
Saturday, January 17, 2009  
**Times:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday  
and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday  
**Location:** Knott Avenue Christian Church,  
315 S. Knott Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92804

**Cost:** Free! (a love offering will be taken during  
the seminar for the Pearl family)  
**Ages:** All ages are welcome to attend or childcare is available  
for a small fee.

**Contact:** Exploring Homeschooling at (714) 686-3353 or  
[info@exploringhomeschooling.com](mailto:info@exploringhomeschooling.com)  
**RSVP:** Please contact Mong-Tham Khuzadi at number  
or e-mail above to RSVP.

## Oasis Camel Dairy

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2008  
**Time:** 9:45 am  
**Location:** Highway 78 in Ramona

**Ages:** All ages are welcome to attend  
**Cost:** \$5 for children, \$8 for adults  
**Contact:** Lisa Vaca at [lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com)

SDCH families are invited to meet the camels of Oasis Camel Dairy. Yep folks, that's right, America's first and only camel dairy is located right here in San Diego's own backyard. School tours of the camel dairy are educational, interactive, and lots of fun. We'll get to meet some camels and learn all about their "miracle milk" used in making soap, and as supplemental nourishment for other animals, and even used in helping kids with milk allergies.

We will need at least 24 children and 10 adults to make this field trip to the Camel dairy possible so we are going to go ahead and open up this particular event to non-members as well. Please feel free to invite all your homeschool friends to participate with us in this unique field trip. And, as usual, please remember that the grandparents in your family are always welcome to come on our field trips, too.

For more details about Oasis Camel Dairy please visit the website, [www.cameldairy.com](http://www.cameldairy.com)

**This field trip requires a minimum of  
24 children and 10 adults**

## Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

**Date:** Monday March 9, 2009  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** 1875 El Prado  
(in Balboa Park on Park Blvd.)

**Cost:** \$6 per person, student or adult  
**Ages:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up only, please.  
**Contact:** Lisa Vaca at  
[lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com)

Join your SDCH friends for a special IMAX presentation of "Wild California" in the dome-shaped theater and then tour the Science Center for hands-on educational activities and fun.

About the film: Celebrate California's natural wonders and unique culture. From the Gold Rush to snow board fever, from the interior of massive Sequoias to the hidden workers on the Golden Gate Bridge, heart-pounding imagery recreates experiences few will ever have imagined. [40 min]

**Please sign up and pay before January Park Day**

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you are interested in organizing a homeschool event or activity then please let us know. Just plan the event and e-mail all the information about it to our Activities Director, Lisa Vaca at [lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com) Thanks!

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about our group, feel free to contact our Chairman, Bea Host at [beahost@san.rr.com](mailto:beahost@san.rr.com)

or visit our website at <http://www.sdchristianhomeschools.com>

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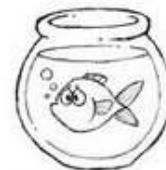
### H.S.L.D.A. Discount

Home School Legal Defense Association is a national organization that exists to protect the rights of parents to homeschool their children, and they also serve the homeschooling community in many other ways.

Please visit their website at [www.HSLDA.org](http://www.HSLDA.org) to take advantage of all that they offer homeschool families.

Members of San Diego Christian Homeschools are now able to join HSLDA at a discounted rate. For more information please contact our SDCH chairman, Bea Host at (858) 780-9283 or [beahost@san.rr.com](mailto:beahost@san.rr.com)

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### SDCH Lending Library

Your San Diego Christian Homeschools group has recently launched a free Homeschool Lending Library to benefit our group members. Please take a look at the list of available materials, which will be placed on the website soon and be sure to stop by the "Library Table" at Park Day to see what we have to offer. All of the items have been donated by several of our wonderful SDCH families.

How can you help? We need a volunteer "Librarian" to handle the materials in our lending library and to "loosely" keep track of what has been borrowed and returned. This would be a great opportunity for a family with a high school aged child who would like to encourage their high schooler to be a part of blessing the homeschool community by organizing and tracking our library items.

For more information, please contact Jeff and Lisa Vaca at (858) 689-1322 or [lisa.vaca@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.vaca@yahoo.com).

## SDCH Community Project: O.C.C. Shoeboxes



**Operation  
Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Invite your children to participate in this simple hands-on way of giving to others by joining with SDCH as we prepare shoeboxes to be sent to needy children around the world. For more details, please visit [www.SamaritansPurse.org](http://www.SamaritansPurse.org).

Please bring your empty shoeboxes and some small gifts (see below for suggestions) to our November Park Day meeting. We can work together to pack some shoeboxes and then Lisa Lopez will gather them all and take them to the official drop-off center. Please contact Lisa Vaca or Lisa Lopez for more details. Below are some suggested items to be placed in the boxes:

### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

### A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

**Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans**

Here are some other things to keep in mind:

#### 1. SHOEBOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

#### 2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label to the top of your box.

#### 3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided above or as suggested at [www.SamaritansPurse.org](http://www.SamaritansPurse.org).

#### 4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. If you are not able to donate the \$7, you can still help out by donating some items to be placed in the boxes.

#### 5. DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and leave it on the table at Park Day. Lisa Lopez will deliver these boxes to the official drop off location for us.

**For more information about SDCH's help with Operation Christmas Child, please contact Lisa Vaca or Lisa Lopez.**

## Circus Classes



### Four-Week Homeschool Circus Class

This fun four-week class is a great way to introduce your child to the exciting and physically challenging skills used by circus performers, both modern and traditional. This class is tailored to all ages and abilities and meets state P.E. requirements.

Dates: Tuesdays, starting on November 24, ending on December 15, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, 4241 Park Blvd.

Ages: All homeschool children are welcome to participate.

Cost: \$45 per student (for four weeks)

Contact: SIACA for registration information at 619-543-0911 or 619-301-1207 or by e-mail at [lindleylopez@cox.net](mailto:lindleylopez@cox.net) or visit their website at [www.sdCircus.com](http://www.sdCircus.com)

### "Mini" Winter Circus Day Camp

Three days of flipping, flying fun and an opportunity to perform in the mini camp show at the end of the session to show parents and friends what you've learned.

Dates: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 22, 23, and 24

Times: half days are 9:00 a.m. to noon, or full days are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, 4241 Park Blvd.

Ages: All school-age children are welcome to participate.

Cost: \$60 for the half-day camp, or \$120 for the full-day camp (for three days).

Contact: SIACA for registration information at 619-543-0911 or 619-301-1207 or by e-mail at [lindleylopez@cox.net](mailto:lindleylopez@cox.net) or visit their website at [www.sdCircus.com](http://www.sdCircus.com)

### 2009 Winter Session Circus Classes

There are several awesome classes to choose from in this new 12-week session offered at SIACA, including Hanging Perch & Tightwire, Contortion, Stunt Falls and Tumbling, Juggling, Aerial Arts, and the always-popular Intro to Circus Skills. At less than \$11 per class, this is one of the best deals in town and a great way to meet state P.E. requirements.

Dates: All classes begin week of January 5, and end March 29, 2009

Times: Times vary – please contact the academy for a schedule

Location: Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, 4241 Park Blvd.

Ages: All ages (children and adults) are welcome to participate.

Cost: Each class is \$130 per person (for 12 weeks)

Contact: SIACA for registration information at 619-543-0911 or 619-301-1207 or by e-mail at [lindleylopez@cox.net](mailto:lindleylopez@cox.net) or visit their website at [www.sdCircus.com](http://www.sdCircus.com)

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# San Diego Christian Homeschools

*"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:6*

## Event Registration Form for all Field Trips, Classes, and Special Events

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FORM DIRECTIONS:

1. Using the SDCH Newsletter, Website, and E-mail Updates, determine the items you wish to participate in.
2. At Park Days or other occasions place your name(s) on the sign up list of each item you are interested in.
3. Fill out this form indicating each item you have signed up for, number of family members, and total costs.
4. Add all items together, enter the sum at the bottom, and make your check payable to SDCH for that amount.
5. Place your form and check in an envelope and deposit in the box at Park Day or mail to the Activities Director.

| ✓ | Name or Description of Class, Trip, Event: | Date/Time: | Adults    | Kids      | Total |
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I have enclosed cash \_\_\_ or check \_\_\_ ( ck # \_\_\_\_\_ ) in the **TOTAL AMOUNT** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit this form and your payment, made payable to SDCH, in the red box at Park Day (envelopes are available) or you may send it by mail it to Sherri McFadden, SDCH Treasurer, (address available upon request). You will receive an itemized receipt via e-mail. Please watch for e-mail announcements regarding items you have signed up for. If you have any questions regarding events please e-mail us at [SDCHgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:SDCHgroup@yahoo.com) or call the contact person listed in the write-up. Thank you.

Please see the Newsletter or the sign up sheets for details regarding the item(s) you are interested in. Note: Membership in SDCH is only \$25 per school-year for the entire family (grandparents too). You may contact the SDCH Secretary, Roxanne Kenny [roxannekenny@san.rr.com](mailto:roxannekenny@san.rr.com) to register your family or receive further details.