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

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A Note from Our Chairman

Howdy Fellow Homeschooling Families!

Finally! Your February Newsletter is here. Sorry it has taken me so long to get this issue finished up. I think you will all find it worth the wait, though! Your hard-working Board of Directors has just about planed out the entire rest of the school-year and it's all right here at your finger tips inside this issue of *The Chalkboard*. Indeed, we've been as busy as bees! In fact, it seems like all of the SDCH Leadership families are extra busy these days, both with SDCH business and personal or family matters as well as homeschooling our own children. It is a busy and exciting time of year for us all. Please remember to keep our group and its Leaders in prayer as we continue to serve our SDCH Members.

Here are a few things that we didn't get around to putting in the newsletter but I want to let you know about them:

Joann Craft and Fabric stores offer a great teacher discount that extends to us homeschool teachers. Go to their website www.joann.com to register and they will mail you a discount card plus a really great coupon for teacher use only. Scroll all the way to the bottom of their webpage and click on Teacher Rewards. You will need either an HSLDA membership number or PEAH membership number or other proof of homeschooling status. If you have difficulty registering for the discount card please let me know and I will help you out.

Our Six Flags Magic Mountain free admission program is coming to an end. If you registered your child or children for this program and if they completed their six-hours of reading please turn in their official reading log(s) this month at one of our Park Days or get it to Silvia Flores before the end of February. Silvia will then turn in all of the SDCH reading logs and procure our free admission tickets. For more details please contact Silvia by e-mail at smflores@gmail.com.

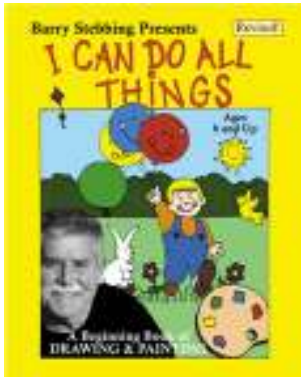
The latest revision of the SDCH Member Roster/Directory is currently being worked on and will be sent out soon to SDCH Members. In addition to listing our current SDCH Members, we will also list any of our Members' home-based businesses or family companies that desire to be included. Please e-mail me if you would like to have your business included.

I hope you all have a great February, celebrating the Love of the Lord and His call on your life to homeschool.

Sincerely,

-Lisa Vaca, SDCH Chairman, lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Volunteer Opportunities



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

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.

We are in need of a volunteer to lead or a couple of people to co-lead this class. If you are interested in finding out more about leading this class please contact Bea Host at beahost@san.rr.com or (858)780-9283.



San Diego Christian Homeschools **Librarian**

San Diego Christian Homeschools is in need of a volunteer to serve as our SDCH Librarian and host our group's great curriculum sharing program. If you are available and willing to serve your local homeschool community in this way and would like more information on this fun and rewarding volunteer position please contact either Lisa Vaca, the SDCH Chairman, or Dondra Mandak, the

SDCH Vice Chair for all the easy-peasy details. Lisa can be reached at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com or 858-689-1322 and Dondra can be reached at dondra@cox.net or 760-471-8582.



Park Days **Help Needed**

SDCH needs a homeschool mom to help us out with our Central Park Day by being the Coordinator for this location. We need someone to arrive early and help set up the table and sign-up sheets each school month. We also have a portable shade awning that is available for this Park Day to use if the Coordinator wants it and has the room to store and transport it. This is our biggest Park Day each month so it is important that we get a volunteer soon. Please contact Lisa at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com if you want to help in any way.

SDCH February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	Groundhog Day 2	3	4	5	6
		S.D. Botanic Gardens			Valentine Party and East County Park Day (Harry Griffen Park, La Mesa)	Mom's Event (Chocolate Making at Bea's) Father-Daughter Dance
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Board Meeting			Feb. Birthdays at Central Park Day (Nobel Park, San Diego)	
Valentine's Day 14	President's Day 15	16	17	18	19	20
				Los Penasquitos Canyon Hike	Old Town Field Trip Curric. Swap and North County Park Day (Kit Carson Park, Escondido)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bike the Bay with SDCH			Souplantation Field Trip		Co-op Day featuring: Preschool Activity P.E. Class Drama Club Current Events and more	
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SDCH March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	Read Across USA 2	3	4	5	6
		Teen Laser Tag	Creation Museum Field Trip Picnic at Lindo Lake Park		East County Park Day (Harry Griffen Park, La Mesa)	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		SDCH Planning Meeting			March Birthdays at Central Park Day (Nobel Park, San Diego)	
D. S. T. begins 14	15	16	St. Patrick's 17	18	19	Spring begins 20
	Riley's Farm Field Trip				Curriculum Swap and North County Park Day (Kit Carson Park, Escondido)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bike the Bay with SDCH					Berean field trip P.E. Class Girls Book Club & Tea	
Palm Sunday 28	29	Passover 30	31			

SDCH April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	Good Friday 2	3
					Easter Celebration and East County Park Day (Harry Griffen Park, La Mesa)	
Easter 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Central Park Day (Nobel Park, San Diego)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					North County Park Day (Kit Carson Park, Escondido)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Monarch Program butterfly field trip				P.E. Class Girls Book Club & Tea	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Air & Space Museum field trip				

SDCH May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	Teacher's Day 4	5	Day of Prayer 6	7	8
			Sea World field trip		Cinco de Mayo Potluck Lunch and East County Park Day (Harry Griffen Park, La Mesa)	
Mother's Day 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Central Park Day (Nobel Park, San Diego)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Julian Mining Company Field trip N. Co. Park Day is canceled due to Julian field trip	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day				P.E. Class Girls Book Club & Tea	

SDCH June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					SDCH Fun Day at Indian Hills	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						(Possible End of Year Party)
13	Flag Day 14	15	16	17	18	19
Father's Day 20	Summer begins 21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

S.D.C.H. Park Days

Our primary get-togethers are Park Days, which meet on various Fridays, each school month at 1:00pm. This is a great time to get out and get some exercise, sign up for classes, field trips and events, and just meet up with other homeschool families and have some fun. Sometimes there are even guest speakers or other special activities at a Park Day, so come by and check it out. We are excited to offer three different Park Day opportunities to local homeschool families this school year. See below for details. As you will discover, each of our Park Days has its own unique flair. Therefore, please feel free to attend any or all of our Park Day locations according to your family's needs and availability. Also, please know that as a member of SDCH, your family is always entitled to participate in all the special activities and events being offered at any of our Park Day locations. Just keep an eye on this space in future newsletters for announcements regarding such activities. Lastly, we are currently in need of a Park Day Coordinator to help with the set-up and greetings at our Central Park Day location. If you can serve your fellow homeschoolers this way please call Lisa at 858-689-1322 or 858-353-1439

East County Park Day

Date(s): Friday, February 5th and the first Friday of every school month after that
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Harry Griffen Park, 9550 Milden Street, La Mesa, behind Grossmont High School
Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sun block, Hats, etc.
Contact: East County Park Day Coordinator, Tracy Imber, imber3@msn.com
Note: The SDCH Valentine Party begins here at noon. Bring a dish to share for lunch and your Valentines to exchange. See page 15 for all the details.

Central Park Day

Date(s): Friday, February 12th and the second Friday of every school month after that
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Nobel Athletic Fields, 8810 Judicial Drive, San Diego, at Nobel and I-805
Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sun block, Hats, etc.
Contact: SDCH Chairman, Lisa Vaca, lisa.vaca@yahoo.com
Note: We will be celebrating all the SDCH children who have February birthdays at this Park Day. If your child has a February birthday please bring some cupcakes and let Rose Chou know.

North County Park Day

Date(s): Friday, February 19th and the third Friday of every school month after that
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido (look for SDCH banner)
Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sun block, Hats, etc.
Contact: North County Park Day Coordinator, Dondra Mandak, dondra@cox.net
Note: Please bring any curriculum and/or other homeschool items you wish to give away to this park day. We will have a materials swap for those who are interested.

S.D.C.H. Homeschool Co-Op Day

A homeschool co-op day is an opportunity for several homeschool families to get together and teach their children in a small group setting once or twice per month. The classes or workshops offered may include Art, Drama, Choir, Preschool, Physical Education, Knitting, Literature Studies, Book Reports, Cooking, Geography Club, History Lessons, Science Labs or unit studies. These classes are typically free to co-op participants, the only requirement being that a parent of each family participating takes his or her turn helping to teach or lead the various classes.

Please plan to join us at our very first SDCH co-op day this month. It is sure to be both fun and educational for everyone. Future co-op days may be held on different days/times and at other locations but we need to hear from you, our Members, to find out what works best for the majority and what classes should be offered regularly. Please come to this first co-op day and share your opinions, ideas and suggestions afterward.

Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 2010

Time: gather at 1:45, lessons begin at 2:00 sharp

Location: Hilltop Rec. Center, 9711 Oviedo Way, San Diego, CA 92129

Ages: All ages are welcome to participate

Cost: Free for SDCH Members

Deadline: Please sign up by Feb. 23 to let us know if you plan to participate.

Contact: Lisa Vaca, SDCH Chairman at 858-353-1439 or lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

If you are able to teach a class at our co-op this month (or possibly in the future), please let us know and provide a brief description of the class you want to teach. As of now we will be able to offer the following classes for your children to participate in at this month's co-op:

- ❖ **Physical Education (ages 5 and up)**
- ❖ **Current Events (ages 5 and up)**
- ❖ **Book Clubs (ages 10 & up)**
- ❖ **Photography (age 9 and up)**
- ❖ **Pre-school (ages 4 and under)**
- ❖ **Drama (ages 7 and up)**

As more people participate and help out at our co-op day we will be able to offer more classes, making it better for everyone. So save the date and plan to come and participate in our group's very first co-op day. It'll be fun for all. Please contact Lisa Vaca with any questions or suggestions.

P.E. Class

Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 2010

Time: 1:45 p.m.

Location: Hilltop Rec Center (our co-op day)
9711 Oviedo Way, San Diego, 92129

Ages: all ages are encouraged to participate

Cost: free for SDCH Members

Contact: Lisa Vaca, 858-353-1439

Bring: Water bottle with your name on it and wear tennis shoes or other sports-type shoes (no flats, loafers, sandals, etc.)

A complete Physical Education program designed to help homeschool students of all ages meet our state requirements for P.E., it will be a fun and healthy time for all. Parents will be asked to help lead the activities.

Girl's Book Club

Trapped at the Bottom of the Sea, by F. Peretti

Leader: Grace Walker

Hosts: Mrs. Vaca and Hannah

Date: Friday, February 26, 2010

Time: 12:00 to 1:30

Location: 8661 Perseus Road, Mira Mesa

Ages: suitable for girls ages 11 and up

Cost: free for SDCH Members

Contact: Lisa or Hannah Vaca, 858-6891322

Girls, this month please join us for lunch and book club meeting at the Vaca's.

San Diego Botanic Garden

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010
Time: 11:00 a.m. (meet for lunch at 11:45)
Location: S.D. Botanic Garden
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas
Ages: All ages are welcome
Cost: Free admission (parking is \$2 per car)
Contact: Lisa Vaca
Bring: a sack lunch

Details: Rather than have a guided-tour of the gardens, SDCH will meet in the picnic area for lunch and then explore the gardens together.

SDBG features numerous exhibits, including rare bamboo groves, desert gardens, a tropical rainforest, and more. They also recently opened the Hamilton Children's Garden, the largest interactive garden on the West Coast.

Visit their website at www.SDBgarden.org for more details and driving directions.

SDCH Valentine Party

Date: Friday, Feb. 5, 2010
Time: 12:00
Location: Harry Griffin Park
9550 Milden Street, La Mesa
Ages: All ages
Cost: Free for SDCH Members
Contact: Tracy Imber or Lisa Vaca
Bring: A lawn chair and a dish to share for the lunch potluck and 18 to 24 prepared Valentine cards for the kids to exchange with each other. Each child should also bring a decorated shoe box or gift bag (with their name on it) in which to receive their Valentines.

Details: Please join us for our annual Valentine party where we will celebrate the Love our Lord has for each of us by exchanging Valentine cards at a potluck luncheon and enjoying special sweet treats and heart-healthy snacks also.

See **page 16** for details and driving directions.

Penasquitos Canyon Hike

Date: Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Meet at Canyonside Rec. parking lot
12350 Black Mountain Road, San Diego
Ages: All ages are welcome
Cost: Free
Contact: Lisa Vaca
Bring: sun block, hat or visor, plenty of water

Details: Meet us in the parking lot at 10 a.m.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve attracts people with its natural beauty and resources both today and in the past. Native American history in the canyon dates back as far as 7,000 years. On our hike we will find varied natural resources and scenery that includes a waterfall, a grove of Ca. Oaks, a fresh-water marsh and more. The canyon is also home to over 500 plant species, more than 175 types of birds, and great variety of reptiles, amphibians and mammals, evidence of the rich bio-diversity of the canyon.

Mom's Chocolate-Making Day

Date: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Bea Host's Home
9090 Rotherham Avenue, San Diego
Cost: \$3.00 per person for supplies
Contact: Sherri McFadden

Details: Join us for this month's Mom's Time Out at the home of our SDCH Treasurer, Bea Host, as we make chocolates together. Yum!

The candies can either be given away as a Valentine gift or kept for you to enjoy yourself.

Please RSVP by Friday Feb 5th to Sherri McFadden at mrspeapod@yahoo.com to let us know how many are participating.

Old Town Field Trip

Date: Friday, Feb. 19, 2010
Time: 10:00 to noon
Location: Old Town State Park Visitor Center
4002 Wallace Street, San Diego
Ages: all ages are welcome
Cost: \$5 per person for ages 5 through adult
(kids 4 and under are free)
Contact: Gina Demangos
Bring: A sack lunch and money for souvenirs.

Details: This is an amazing two-hour interactive tour led by one of the knowledgeable docents at the state historic parks association. If you are studying (or teaching) California History this or next year you do not want to miss this opportunity.

Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy a picnic in the park following our tour. There are also a number of restaurants and gift shops located inside the park.

Bike the Bay with SDCH

Date: Sunday, March 21, 2010
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Mission Bay, north of visitor center
Ages: all ages are welcome to participate
Contact: Lisa Vaca
Bring: your bicycle (or tricycle, or skates, or a scooter, etc.) and helmets for the kids, of course. Also bring plenty of water.

Details: Meet us at the De Anza Cove parking lot, just north of the Mission Bay info center. We'll ride on the bike path, south, to the cove at Playa Pacifica and have our picnic dinner

Driving directions: Take I-5 to the Clairemont Drive Exit, go west. Turn right on N. Mission Bay Drive. The parking lot for De Anza Cove will be about ¼ mile down on the left.

Visit the website <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/missionbay/> for maps.

Monarch Program - Butterfly Field Trip

Date: Monday, April 19, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Monarch Program
450 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas, 92024
Ages: all ages are welcome but little ones must be constantly held onto and supervised closely, please.
Cost: \$5 per person kindergarten through adult
Deadline: Sign up and pay by March 19, please
Max: 42 participants maximum
Contact: Gina Demangos
Bring: A camera!!!

Details: First we'll spend time in the classroom learning about butterfly biology, plants that attract butterflies, environmental concerns, plant-animal relationships and more. Then we enter the live butterfly vivarium where we feed the butterflies, touch caterpillars, observe a chrysalis and let adult butterflies land on us (cute photo opportunities abound). Website for more details is: www.MonarchProgram.org

Souplantation Field Trip

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010
Time: 8:00 a.m. sharp!
Location: 8105 Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92126
Ages: all ages are welcome
Cost: Free for SDCH Members
Contact: Gina Demangos

Details: Located at the corner of Mira Mesa Blvd. and Regan Road, this store is the test facility for all of Souplantation's newest recipes and menu items. Come on our field trip and learn about healthy eating and how to make eating veggies fun and adventurous for your family.

Please sign up at a Park Day or by E-vite to let us know how many will attend.

Teen Laser Tag

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Time: 5:55 p.m.

Location: Ultrazone

3146 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego

Ages: 13 and up please (12-year olds o.k. too)

Cost: \$20 per person

Deadline: Sign up and pay by Feb. 16th

Contact: Lisa Vaca

Bring: Wear closed-toe tennis shoes. Dark clothing is suggested. Equipment is provided.
Details: You will play three full games of laser tag in Southern California's best laser arena and enjoy a great Dominos pizza dinner with salad, beverages, and cake & candy (you'll need the sugar energy). You will also get to take home your individual and team stats and have photos to remember the evening by. This event will be chaperoned by Mr. & Mrs. Vaca so your parents can just drop you off if they want to, otherwise non-playing parents are welcome to stay and hang out too, if they want to. If a parent wants to play, the cost is also \$20. **See page 17 for more details!**

Creation Museum Field Trip

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Museum of Creation & Earth History

10946 Woodside Ave. North, Santee

Ages: All ages are welcome to participate

Cost: Museum is free, but please bring a few dollars to put in the donation box in the lobby

Deadline: RSVP by Mon., Mar. 1, 2010

Contact: Gina Demangos

Bring: a picnic lunch for afterward if desired

Details: Walk through the creation of our earth and also learn Bible history in this amazing museum. Our tour will last about 60 to 90 minutes. Following our tour we will gather at Lindo Lake Park to feed the ducks, play on the playground and fellowship together. There are several picnic tables to eat our lunch on as well. If you don't want to bring a sack lunch there are many drive-through restaurants in Lakeside that you can stop at on the way to the park.

Picnic Lunch at Lindo Lake

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lindo Lake Park

9841 Vine Street, Lakeside, 92040

Ages: All ages are welcome

Contact: Lisa Vaca or Gina Demangos

Bring: a picnic or sack lunch for your family to enjoy in the park and some stale bread to feed the ducks and geese if you desire.

Details: Whether or not you are able to participate in our tour of the Creation Museum, we invite you to gather with us afterward at Lindo Lake Park to feed the ducks, play on the playground and fellowship. There are several picnic tables, lots of shade trees, paved walking paths and exciting playgrounds for kids of all ages. If you don't want to bring a sack lunch there are many drive-through restaurants in Lakeside that you can stop at on your way to the park.

Living History Field Trip to Riley's Farm

Date: Monday, March 15, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 12261 South Oak Glen Road

Oak Glen, CA 92399

Ages: all ages are encouraged to participate

Cost: \$14 per person (ages 2 & under are free)

Contact: Gina Demangos

Bring: It's a long drive so bring snacks and waters for the trip. There are also a bakery and gift shop so bring spending money if you like.

Details: The battle for American independence was more than charts, trends, and academic theories. It is the story of what Patrick Henry labeled "wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty!" Relive that great struggle with us and bring the American Revolution alive! Text books come to life as students and families participate in the action.

San Diego Air & Space Museum

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: 2001 Pan American Plaza (inside
Balboa Park, San Diego, 92101)
Ages: all ages are welcome
Cost: Free
Contact: Gina Demangos

Details: We have no official tour scheduled but would like to gather with our SDCH families and explore the museum together and let our kids learn about the history of flight as a group. We hope you all can join us there.

Aviation history is truly a remarkable story, and it all unfolds at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. Your journey through the history of flight begins as you stand beneath a model of the Montgolfier brothers' hot air balloon of 1783 - the first manned vehicle in recorded history to break the bonds of gravity and lift man above the Earth.

SDCH Easter Celebration

Date: Friday, April 2, 2010
Time: 12:30
Location: Harry Griffin Park
9550 Milden Street, La Mesa
Ages: All ages
Cost: Free for SDCH Members
Contact: Tracy Imber or Lisa Vaca
Bring: A lawn chair and a dish to share for our lunch potluck. Also have your children bring their Bibles and Easter baskets, please.

Details: We will celebrate our risen Lord with a reading of the Easter story and a fun-filled "hunt" for "resurrection eggs" in the park followed by a potluck lunch in the park.

Help needed: Older kids are needed to help hide the eggs for the younger ones before the game begins. Please let Mrs. Imber or Mrs. Vaca know if your older kids would like to volunteer to help us out.

Indian Hills S.D.C.H. Picnic & Fun-Day

Date: Friday, June 4, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: 15763 Lyons Valley Road
Jamul (east San Diego), CA 91935
Ages: all ages are welcome
Cost: \$5 per person
Deadline: pay & sign up by 5/26/2010
Contact: Gina Demangos
Bring: Swimsuits, Towels, Sunblock, Picnic, etc.

Indian Hills Christian Camp holds a special place in the hearts of San Diego homeschool families. There's not a better place for us to have our final field trip of the 2009-2010 school year. We'll get full use of the camp including the swimming pools, giant playground, picnic area, and petting farm for practically the entire day. It'll be a nice time for the moms (and dads) to fellowship and it'll give the kids a special opportunity to play and unwind after a great year of homeschooling.

Julian Mining Company Field Trip

Date: Friday, May 21, 2010
Time: 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: 4444 Highway 78
Julian (northeast San Diego), CA 92036
Ages: best for school-ages but all are welcome
Cost: \$12 per child / \$6 per adult
Deadline: please sign up & pay by 5/7/2010
Contact: Gina Demangos
Bring: a sack lunch for each attendee

This tour is performed from a 1st person perspective which means that our group will live a day in the life of an early Californian gold miner. After being greeted by costumed guides as fresh arrivals to the diggins', our group will quickly be persuaded to spend the day working the claim for a percentage of the gold finds

Following our field trip be sure to explore the beautiful town of Julian and enjoy some pie.

Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Date: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
Time: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Mission Valley YMCA
5505 Friars Road, San Diego
Ages: girls age 2 to 12 and their dads
Cost: \$32 per couple (\$15 for sibling)
Deadline: \$5 late fee added beginning 2/4/10
Contact: www.MissionValley.ymca.org

Details: Hey Dads! Valentine's Day is right around the corner and the Mission Valley YMCA is having a Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 6th from 5 - 8 pm. Some of us guys took our "little sweethearts" last year and had a great time dancing the night away. Sign up directly at the Mission Valley YMCA. Space is limited so sign up soon.

Note: This is a YMCA event that is open to the public. **This is not an SDCH event** but several SDCHers will be there.

Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Date: Friday, May 7, 2010
Time: 12:00
Location: Harry Griffin Park
9550 Milden Street, La Mesa
Ages: All ages
Cost: Free for SDCH Members
Contact: Tracy Imber or Lisa Vaca
Bring: A lawn chair and a dish of your family's favorite Mexican food to share at our potluck.

Sea World Field Trip

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Time: 9:45 a.m. sharp!
Location: 500 Sea World Drive
Ages: all ages
Cost: \$5.75 per person (ages 2 & under free)
Deadline: sign up & pay before 4/30/2010
Contact: Gina Demangos
Bring: a sack lunch if you want to picnic there.

Join SDCH for a fun morning at the dolphin show followed by adventures in the park.

Berean Christian Store Field Trip

Date: Friday, March 26, 2010
Time: (to be announced)
Location: 8807 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego
Ages: all ages are welcome
Cost: Free for SDCH Members
Contact: Gina Demangos

Details: Come and see what goes on behind the scenes at a Christian bookstore.

Curriculum Swap

Date: Friday, March 19, 2010
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Kit Carson Park
3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido

Contact: Dondra Mandak or Lisa Vaca

Details: Come to March Park Day in North County and you may find some used curriculum to take home with you. We're going to have another Curriculum Swap, so bring any used and unwanted books, curriculum or other homeschool materials to our North County Park Day in March to give away to other families who may be able to use them. If your items do not find someone else to go home with that afternoon, please remember to take them back with you when you leave the park.

If you have items that you wish to sell rather than give away please post them on our Yahoo Board rather than bring them to the Curriculum Swap. Contact Lisa Vaca with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Watch your SDCH newsletters for more field trips, including Amtrak, and the End of Year Party, Pool Days, Beach Days, and Swim Lessons coming this summer!

Hi San Diego Christian Homeschool Families!

My name is Felicia Alvarez and I am the founder and teacher of the home school program at San Diego Civic Youth Ballet. I actually am a homeschool graduate myself (and wrote a book about my experience www.floatingleafpress.com). I started the homeschool program a few years ago and I love working with homeschooling families. We have classes for kids aged 4-18, beginning through intermediate/advanced levels and the children have the opportunity to perform at the Casa Del Prado Theater in Balboa Park.

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet Home School Program
Beginning through Intermediate & Advanced Levels
Ages 4 through 18
Performance Opportunities Available
For more information visit www.sdcyb.org
or call us at (619)233-3060 or email sdcyb@sdcyb.org

Blessings,
Felicia Alvarez, SDCYB

Calling all homeschool sport lovers...

Gaelic football (also known as Irish Football) is a fast and exciting field game native to Ireland. It can be described as a mixture of SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL and a bit of BASKETBALL. It appeals to those of all skill sets, ages 5-16. Because it is a non-contact sport, boys and girls will play together and have lots of fun. This is great for families with multiple children.

Practices will be weekly, either on Monday or Thursday evenings, beginning in February at Lake Murray Park, 7061 Murray Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92119. The season is from Feb. to Aug.

Please contact Stephen Cashman at Stephen.cashman@cox.net for more details or to register your children.

SDCH, you are invited to The San Diego Museum of Art for
Homeschool Day at The Museum of Art

Saturday, February 6, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

James S. Copley Auditorium at The San Diego Museum of Art

Free Admission!

Parents, children, and educators are invited to visit The San Diego Museum of Art to learn about resources for homeschooling families and educators available at the Museum. Activities will include hands-on art making, museum program information, and presentations by museum education staff. Light refreshments will be served.

To attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, February 3rd
Amy Briere, Coordinator of Educator and Student Programs
Call (619) 696-1952 or e-mail abriere@sdmart.org

San Diego Christian Homeschools Valentine Party

We love because He first loved us!

Friday, February 5th, 2010

12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Harry Griffin Park

9550 Milden Street , La Mesa

(very easy to get to - see driving directions below)



Parents, please bring: a lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on, and please bring a lunch dish (salad, pasta, casserole, etc.) or some goodies (cookies, brownies, chips, crackers, veggies & dip, etc.) to share at the Valentine party.

Kids, please bring: 18 to 24 signed Valentine cards to exchange, and an empty decorated shoe box or gift bag with your name on it (in which to receive Valentines). You can buy boxed Valentines at the grocery stores or Target or Walmart or Berean for only a few dollars. Before the party, sign your Valentines. If you are too young to write, have mom or dad help you sign your name on all your Valentine cards so that the other kids will know who their cards came from (printed name stickers can also be used). Bring your decorated shoe box or gift bag and all of your signed Valentines to the party. Make sure your Valentines are brought to the party in a separate grocery sack or paper lunch bag or other container.

Driving Directions to Harry Griffin Park:

From La Jolla, Poway, Mira Mesa, Escondido, Scripps Ranch and points north:

Take 52 east to 125 south to the Fletcher Parkway exit.

At the stop light at the end of the exit ramp, go straight. This is Amaya Drive.

Continue straight on Amaya and turn right on Water Street.

Turn left on Milden and follow it to the Park Entrance. Look for the SDCH banner.

Or...

From Clairemont, Mission Bay, North Park, Tierrasanta, Point Loma and those areas:

Take I-8 towards La Mesa and exit at Severin Drive.

Go north on Severin

Turn right on Amaya Drive.

Turn right on Water Street.

Turn left on Milden and follow it to the Park Entrance. Look for the SDCH banner.

Attention valiant homeschooled teenagers...

Teen Laser Tag Night

...is approaching!!!

Your help is needed in our crusade against enemy laser droids and other strangely glowing creatures in "The Zone" this March. Stand bravely alongside (or *against?*) your fellow homeschoolers and enjoy three full games of laser tag in Southern California's best laser arena. Plus we'll have a delicious pizza dinner, drinks, dessert, and award ceremony following the battle.

DEADLINE to sign up and pay is FEB. 16th, 2010.

Classified Mission Information:

Date: Our battle will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Time: Combat begins at 5:55 p.m. sharp! Cease-fire at 8:00 p.m

Place: Meet us on the frontline of the battlefield at Ultra Zone San Diego

Location: Warzone is situated at 3146 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, 92110

Ages: Warriors must be of mature combatant age (that's 13 or older, please)*

Cost: \$20 per person for dinner, drinks, dessert celebration and three games of laser tag.

All equipment and game gear will be provided. All players must wear closed-toe tennis shoes. Dark clothing is suggested.

Please get your payment turned in by February 16

You may use the form below to sign up and pay or you may sign up and pay at Park Day

Yes! Please sign me up for the laser battle of the century! I will participate in the homeschooled Teen Laser Tag Night on 3/2/2010. **Payment deadline is Feb. 16th**

Yes! My payment of \$20, payable to SDCH is enclosed (a receipt will be e-mailed)

Teen's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

E-mail (required for receipt): _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Please make your check payable to "SDCH" and mail it along with this form to the treasurer, Bea Host at 9090 Rotherham Ave, San Diego, CA 92129. Please call 858-353-1439 with any questions you have.



Do you Yahoo?

San Diego Christian Homeschools has a Yahoo board for our group members. Tracy Imber is in charge of this project and can answer any questions you may have about it.

This Yahoo board is a great way for our Members to stay in touch with each other in between Park Days. All of our SDCH Members will be able to post things on the Yahoo board such as field trips or classes they are planning, homeschooling news, community events, prayer requests, play day invitations, items for sale or for trade or for free, etc. as well have discussions on topics like curriculum, schooling methods, best homeschool websites, or even favorite recipes. You can also set up a poll or answer poll questions and read the opinions shared by others in the poll.

Please contact Tracy Imber at imber3@msn.com to get information on how you can be added to our Yahoo Board. It's simple and free.



SDCH Lending Library

Your San Diego Christian Homeschools group has a free Homeschool Lending Library to benefit our group members. Please take a look at the database on our Yahoo Board for the list of available curriculum and other materials that can be loaned out. Currently we are in need of a volunteer to serve as Librarian. If you are available to serve the homeschool community in this way please contact either Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com or 858-689-1322, or contact Dondra Mandak at dondra@cox.net or 760-471-8582. Thanks.



Box Tops for Education

Remember to bring in your box tops, please! SDCH is eligible to earn cash donations from the General Mills Company when our members cut out and submit their box tops to us at our Park Days. By clipping those ten-cent box top coupons from hundreds of General Mills products and other partnering brands like Betty Crocker, Hefty, Juicy-Juice, Ziploc, Kleenex, and many more, you can help our little homeschool group earn money for Christmas parties, P.E. equipment, Year-End Celebrations, Park Day supplies, and more. Contact Chris Thomas at cthomas1415@att.net or talk to her at Park Day if you have any questions about our Box Tops program.

SDCH Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m. sharp!

Place: Kevin & Bea Host's home at 9090 Rotherham Avenue, San Diego

Contact: SDCH Chairman, Lisa Vaca, 858-689-1322 or 858-353-1439 or lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Details: The Host family has graciously offered to have this quarter's Board Meeting at their home. If you are interested in how the SDCH group is run we warmly invite you to attend this meeting. We will be discussing things such as future field trips, E.O.Y. Party, upcoming co-op days, summer plans, budget report, website updates, teen activities, and more. If you plan to be there we ask that you please let us know by calling or e-mailing any Board Member (contact information is located on next page of this newsletter) so that we can arrange enough chairs for everyone.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about our group or any of the items in this newsletter, feel free to contact our Chairman, Lisa Vaca at SDCHgroup@yahoo.com or you may contact any of our Board Members listed below. More details can also be found on our website at www.sdChristianHomeschools.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: _____

Is your family a current member of SDCH? **Yes** ***No** (if not please include contact information below):

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names (and ages) of children: _____

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Using the SDCH Newsletter, Website, and E-mail updates, determine the items you wish to participate in.
2. At the SDCH Park Days 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 participants, and total cost.
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 it in the red box at Park Day or mail to the Treasurer.

	Name or description of class, trip or event:	Date/Time:	Adults	Kids	Total
			# of @ cost per:	# of @ cost per:	
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			____ @ ____	____ @ ____	
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I have enclosed cash or check (check # _____) 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 to Bea Host, SDCH Treasurer, 9090 Rotherham Avenue, San Diego, CA 92129. You will receive an itemized receipt via e-mail. Please watch you e-mail for announcements regarding the items you have signed up for. If you have any questions about a specific activity please call or e-mail the person listed in the newsletter as the contact for that item. Thank you.

*The majority of our Field Trips, Classes and Special Events are for SDCH Members only. Some of our activities that may be open to non-members may include an additional fee. Please see the current newsletter or the sign up sheets for details regarding the item you are interested in. Note: Membership in SDCH is only \$25 per family for the entire school year and it includes the grandparents. You may contact the SDCH Secretary, Roxanne Kenny at roxannekenny@san.rr.com to register your family or receive further details.