



The Chalkboard



San Diego Christian Homeschools' Monthly Newsletter

A Note from the Board of Directors

SDCH needs You...

1) We are looking for nominations for open positions on our Board and for the Nomination Committee. If you are interested in serving or nominating someone for the Board or serving on our Nominations Committee, please contact Cheryl Jachlewski for the details at

Cheryl_jach@yahoo.com or 619-795-8556 by March 31.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:11

2) The End of the Year Party is quickly approaching. There will be a planning meeting at

the Sykes' home for the annual event. Please contact Cora Sykes (858-248-9008/

cora_sykes@yahoo.com) or Lisa Vaca (858-353-1439 or lisa.vaca@yahoo.com) if you are planning to attend and help with the fun.

Reserve Saturday, June 25, 2011. It'll be a great day!



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



Volunteer

New Members-Only Website

If you have not yet done so, please log on and register at our fancy new SDCH Members-Only website. The web address is: <https://www.homeschool-life.com/ca/sdch/> and it must be entered exactly like that, with no caps, or it will not work. On

this new members-only website you will be able to create your own family homeschool webpage as well as sign up for field trips and view our monthly calendars. We hope you enjoy it. If you have any questions about it please

contact Lisa Vaca or any other SDCH Board Member. We will be implementing this site with membership sign-ups and will be the only way to sign-up for field trips next year.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Fundraiser dinner at Pat and Oscar's on March 15
- ☺ Fundraiser dinner at Panda Express on April 12
- ☺ Date Change for Veterans' Museum—April 27th

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How to Reach Us...

Please remember to mail your class or field trip payments by the deadlines listed in each write up or you will not be

Website: www.sdChristianHomeschools.com

Mail: 8661 Perseus Road, San Diego, CA 92126

E-mail: SDCHgroup@yahoo.com

Phone: 858-353-1439

Payments and other SDCH mail should now be sent to the SDCH Chairman at the address here. Checks should be payable to SDCH.

SDCH Board of Directors, 2010-2011 School Year:

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Field Trips	Christen Bennison	californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com

Planning Meeting:

A planning meeting for the End of the Year Party will be held in March. All are welcome to attend. Snacks will be served. If you are in leadership in any capacity with SDCH, your presence is **strongly encouraged**.

Date: Tues., March 22, 2011

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Sykes' home, 3654 Budd Street, San Diego, CA 92111

Please contact Lisa Vaca for more details at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com or 858-353-1439

Good Search

Thank you to everyone who uses GoodSearch for SDCH. In November of 2010, SDCH received a check for \$125 from GoodSearch.

One of the easiest ways you can help support SDCH is by using the search engine GoodSearch. Log on to www.GoodSearch.com and select "San Diego Christian Homeschools" as the charity of your choice. Then,

each time you need to "search" the internet for something (and what homeschool family does not need to search the internet each day?) you will generate a penny for SDCH.

Think one penny is not much money to make for SDCH??? Think again...

Some months, our members perform over 600 or 700 searches and that means an easy \$6 or \$7 donation goes to our group from GoodSearch in that month. It all adds up! So, what are you waiting for? Log-on and start searching!



Box Tops for Education

Remember to bring us 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. 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 our Christmas parties, P.E. equipment, Year-End celebration, Park Day supplies, and other expenses. Please contact our "Box Top Mom" Chris Thomas at cthomas1415@att.net or talk to her at Park Day if you have any questions about our Box Tops program. In the meantime, just look through your pantry to see what items you already have that show the little pink BOX TOP\$ emblem on them,

clip them all out, and bring them to Park Day or give them to Chris. For a complete list of the products that contain these coupon emblems please go to www.boxtops4education.com and click on the "clip" button.

Box Tops for Education is ending soon!

Get those box tops turned in to help support SDCH!

Scholastic Books 4/8/11

Our next Scholastic Book Clubs order will go in on 4/8/11. If you haven't yet registered, visit www.scholastic.com and enter the "parents" area. You can register under "book clubs" using our class activation code "GZYMB" to shop online.

If you aren't familiar with Scholastic, it is a great place to order books for your children at a dis-

counted rate. There is no added shipping cost nor is there a minimum order size. Every time you order books from Scholastic using our SDCH activation code, "GZYMB", you will be helping SDCH to earn free books and resources! These free books can be used at our co-op or given away in raffles at Park Days and other events.

Scholastic catalogs will be available at Central Park Day, but you can always view the entire selection online. If you have any questions about our Scholastic Book Club, please email Sommer Cunningham at cunninghamchristi-anacademy@yahoo.com.

Prayer Support

The number one most important way to support your SDCH group is prayer. The Lord has done so many great things in our group through the prayers of the families here. Thank you so much for praying. Please pray for us, as the Lord calls us to your mind, when you each pray for your own individual homeschools every day. Please remember to also pray for your fellow SDCHers.

Got Prayer Requests?

Do you have a need you wish us to pray for? Please use the prayer request form at Park Day or Co-op Day and put it in the Prayer Box, or simply e-mail your prayer requests to Amy Skinner,

our Mom's In Touch Representative, at amyskinner1@cox.net and please write "Prayer Request" in the subject line. All prayer requests will remain **confidential** unless you specify on the form or in your e-mail to Amy that she may share your prayer request with our group. All "shared" prayer requests will remain **anonymous** unless you specify on the form or in your e-mail to Amy that she may use your name(s) when sharing the prayer request.

If you do not wish to e-mail your prayer request, these prayer request forms will be available at Park Days and Co-op Days, but please feel free to just write it on a note, if you prefer, and put it in the Prayer Box or give it to Amy.

Prayer Request Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Ph. #: _____

Include your ph. # only if you would like to be contacted.

- Please feel free to share my prayer request & my name.
- Please keep my prayer request **confidential**, and do not share it with the group. But you may share my name.
- Please keep my prayer request **anonymous**. Do not share my name, but you may share my prayer request.

Prayer Request:

Did you know...? The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of San Diego Christian Homeschools are available for any Member or potential Member of SDCH to view. Please contact Lisa Vaca or another Board Member for details.

San Diego Christian Homeschools is a federally recognized 501-C-3 organization, incorporated in the State of California. For information about our non-profit status please contact our Board of Directors.

Scholarship Report

Thanks to the donations that have been made to our SDCH Scholarship Fund, we are able to continue to offer free or reduced membership in our organization to homeschool families that are facing a particularly tough financial hardship.

As you all know membership in SDCH is only \$25 per family for the whole school-year. But to some financially struggling homeschool families, even a \$25 membership fee is an expense they simply cannot afford. If you

would like to contribute to the SDCH scholarship fund please let us know. You can even remain anonymous if you wish. Any amount, even as little as \$4 or \$5 would greatly help.

Because SDCH is a 501-C-3 organization, your donations are tax deductible. Receipts can be issued for any donations. Please contact Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com for more details or to make a donation.

Volunteer

SDCH is an organization run entirely by volunteers. None of our Board Members or other leaders are paid anything or compensated in any way for their work here.

Without the help of selfless volunteers like you, SDCH does not exist.

We are always in need of volunteers. Currently we are in need of people to serve on our Board of Directors and to assist with our End of the Year party.

If you can help contact a Board Member or let us know by e-mailing: lisa.vaca@yahoo.com. Thanks!

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Park</i>	5 <i>Expo</i>
6 <i>Expo</i>	7	8 <i>Trip</i>	9	10	11 <i>Park</i> <i>Dad's Night</i>	12
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Schedule of Events

- ☉ March 4—East County Park Day
 - ☉ March 5 & 6—Work at Home Business Expo
 - ☉ March 8—San Diego History Center (Historical Society Museum)
 - ☉ March 11—Central Park Day
 - ☉ March 11—Dad's Game Night
 - ☉ March 15—Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve
 - ☉ March 15—Pat & Oscar's Fundraiser Night
 - ☉ March 18—North County Park Day
 - ☉ March 21—Co-Op classes
 - ☉ March 22—Planning Meeting
 - ☉ March 23—Carlsbad Flower Fields
 - ☉ March 30—Blue Heron Farm
- ☉ See following pages for more information

Field Trip Guidelines

PAYMENTS

Please pay for your field trip(s) as soon as, or before, you email your sign up, otherwise your sign-up will not be counted. You are not considered "signed-up" to attend a field trip until the SDCH Treasurer has received and processed your payment. You may mail your payment to the SDCH Chairman's address easily found on the 2nd page or the last page of this newsletter. Or you may bring your payment to a Park Day and give it to any Board Member. Late payments and post dated checks cannot be accepted as payment for an SDCH field trip. All field trip payments are due at the time of sign up and are generally non-refundable. Please understand that we must pre-pay our field trip locations. Therefore we must have all payments turned in to SDCH in by or before the deadline.

FREE FIELD TRIPS

Only sign up for a free field trip if you are 100% committed to attending! Arrangements are made according to numbers. We set a poor example if our field trip is arranged for 30 participants but only 20 people show up. Please remember not to sign-up to attend a free field trip unless you are positive that you will be able to attend. This applies to non-free field trips as well. Signing up for any field trip is not a tentative reservation - it is your commitment to attend.

BEHAVIOR

Please remember to control your own children on every SDCH field trip you attend. They should be instructed not to shout or run or shove. They

should be instructed to raise their hands to ask or answer a question. They should be instructed to pay respectful attention to the speaker and to any SDCH Leadership giving them instructions. Parents are also asked to pay attention and not chat or "visit" with other parents while a presentation is going on.

Please immediately remove your child(ren) from our field trip if they cause a distraction.



Work At Home Business Expo

For two days we will be given the opportunity to host our "Home-school Info Booth" and present homeschooling as a viable education option at this popular family event.

We would like to give you and your family the opportunity to help us man our booth and attend the event for free. Yes, well-behaved children may accompany you. We will need folks to volunteer to man the booth for either three- or four-hour shifts. Please con-

tact me, Lisa Vaca, at 858-353-1439 or lisa.vaca@yahoo.com to let me know if you are available and interested in helping us out like this. Visit www.wahbexpo.com for more information. Parking is \$9.

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6, 2011

Time: 10AM-5PM

Location: Del Mar Fair Grounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA

Ages: all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: Free admission for workers. \$10 per person at gate (12 and under free). \$9 for parking.

Sign-up: by email to lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Deadline: ASAP

Contact: Lisa Vaca 858-353-1439

San Diego History Center (Historical Society Museum)

Here you will find a unique collection of exhibits that chronicle San Diego's diverse history. This museum is a treat for both long-time residents and those new to living in San Diego. Meet your SDCH friends inside and we'll tour it together

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: 1649 El Prado (in Balboa Park) San Diego, CA 92101

Ages: all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: Free admission for City or County residents and Military today.

Sign-up: with Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or on the homeschool-life website

Deadline: No deadline. This is a meet-up.

Contact: Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

The Reserve consists of 8,300 acres and protects unique ecosystems like Engelmann oak woodlands, riparian wetlands, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, bunchgrass prairie and vernal pools. The visitor center just finished a site renovation that includes interpretive activities geared toward children and the field trip will be led by a great interpretive specialist that will provide an outdoor learning experience including geology, plant communities, history and animals. The wildflowers should also be in full bloom this time of year.

Bring a sack lunch to eat between 12:00-12:30.

You may also come early (allow at least 2 extra hours to hike) and visit the oldest standing structures in Riverside County that once served as bunkhouses for cowboys dating back to 1846. These two adobe structures remain shaded by a 400 year old Oak tree.

You may also come early (allow at least 1 extra hour) to see the vernal pools (seasonal ponds) that should be thriving with life at this time of year including the endangered fairy shrimp as well as other species such as bright orange California Newts.

Go to www.santarosaplateau.org for more details about the reserve and a map of the trails and location.

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Time: 12:00PM-2:45PM

Location: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, 39400 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta, CA 92562

Ages: targeted for 2nd-5th grades but all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: \$3 each person at the door

Sign-up: by email to Tim Jachlewski and homeschool-life website

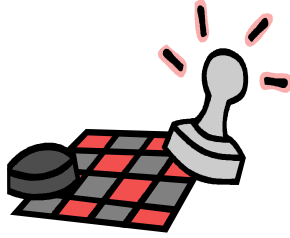
Deadline: 3/12/11

Contact: Tim Jachlewski @ tim@inistelandarch.com or 619-795-8556

One of our very own SDCH Dads, Mr. Tim Jachlewski, designed the visitor center here. It was recently completed and is now open for visitors. We hope you all can join us for this special field trip.

Dad's Game Night

Get together with the other dads of SDCH to fellowship and play unique board games from all over the world. Whether you like strategy games, dexterity games, trivia games, or even card and dice games, we've got them all. So, come on over and play some games with the guys. There



will also be a delicious spaghetti and salad dinner served. Although this event is called "Dad's Game Night", we would like to extend this invitation to the teenage guys in SDCH as well. Please RSVP by 3/8/2011 so we will know how many to expect.

Date: Friday, March 11, 2011

Time: 6:30PM till ???

Place: Jeff Vaca's House & "Boardgame Museum," 8661 Perseus Road, San Diego, CA 92126

Cost: free

RSVP: before 3/8/2011 to Jeff & Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Pat & Oscar's Fundraiser Dinner

Join SDCH at Pat & Oscar's in Mira Mesa for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Twenty percent of your purchase will be donated towards our organization for funding our annual End of the Year Party. Come join us! Flyers are located on page 13 of the newsletter. You must have a flyer for our group to receive credit.

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Time: anytime between 4Pm and 9PM

Location: Pat & Oscar's—Mira Mesa, 10673 Westview Parkway, San Diego, CA 92126

Ages: All ages

Cost: Depends on your order

Sign-up: not needed

Contact: John and Cheri Fisher at john.cheri@dslextreme.com with any questions.



Homeschool Stuff Swap

Homeschool families have a ton of stuff that they have either outgrown or just don't use any longer. This month, right before we meet for our north county park day, we will feature our homeschool stuff swap. You may bring your old books, used curriculum, manipulatives, flashcards, or anything else that you feel will be useful to another homeschool family. You may even bring gently used clothing or toys or other small household items you wish to giveaway. Please note that you are responsible for every item you bring to the park and you must remove

anything belonging to you that doesn't get "adopted" by another family. We are not allowed to dump our used books and clothing in the park's garbage cans. Also, we are not allowed to actually "sell" items at the park. This event is generally for items you wish to give away for free. However, if you have anything you wish to sell rather than give away, you may post the details on our group's Yahoo board, and make arrangements to deliver it to the purchaser at the park or other location if you wish. If your kids plan to participate in this event by bringing some of

their toys to give away, please remind them that, by the end of Park Day, they must remove all of their items that do not get "adopted" by another person.

Date: Friday, March 18, 2011

Time: 11:30AM

Location: Kit Carson Park, Escondido (where we have our North Park Day—look for our banner)

Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com or Elisabeth Yeruldelger at thefriz76@hotmail.com

Carlsbad Flower Fields

Our Education Seed and Bulb Growing Program for preschool through 2nd grade offers an in-class on the growing process of either a ranunculus bulb or sunflower, hands-on planting and growing, and an optional field trip to The Flower Fields for a guided tour of a working ranunculus farm. Craft, music, composting, and wagon ride are included in the trip. Our Investigative Program for 3rd-5th grades offers an on-site program of dissecting flowers, learning about pollination and the relationship between water and energy. Art, music, composting, a wagon ride, and sweet pea maze are included along with a picnic area for lunch.

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2011

Time: 9:15AM

Location: 5704 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Ages: all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: \$10 per child (K+); \$10 per adult; toddlers and infants are free

Sign-up: with Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or on the homeschool-life website

Deadline: March 14, 2011

Contact: Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com

Bring: sunblock, hat or visor, camera



Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Blue Heron Farm

Come experience the daily operations of this organic farm. This guided tour lets us experience where our food comes from and proper harvesting techniques. The farms main crops include over 20 varieties of fresh, certified organic baby lettuce, wild honey and other seasonal fruits. You will also get a chance to sample some of the fresh strawberries, snap peas, and lettuce picked that morning. The tour will conclude at 11:30am. The farmers said there is a nice picnic area for anyone who wants to bring a packed lunch.

Directions: Zip code is considered Fallbrook but is closer to Oceanside.

Warning: *Mapquest and GPS systems have a flaw in this area!* Use the directions given here -

Directions from I-15:

Exit to the west on Hwy 76. Continue on for about 5 miles through the little town of Bonsall. Right on North River Road about a mile

past Bonsall. There is a light at the intersection. Go about 2 miles.

Right on Sleeping Indian Road. Go about 3 miles.

Left on Wilshire. Go 1/2 mile.

Right on Indian View.

Right again on Camino Baja Cerro, which is a cul-de-sac. We are the last driveway.

Directions from I-5:

GO EAST ON HWY 76 AT OCEAN-SIDE. GO ROUGHLY 6 MILES.

Left on College

Right on North River Rd

Right again on North River Rd.

Go 2 miles (You will pass a Wilshire Rd. but don't take it. It doesn't go through.)

Left on Sleeping Indian Road. Go 3 miles.

Left on Wilshire. Go 1/2 mile.

Right on Indian View

Right on Camino Baja Cerro. It's a cul-de-sac and we're the last driveway.

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Time: 10:00AM

Location: 5910 Camino Baja Cerro, Fallbrook, CA 92028 (please see direction information included)

Ages: all ages are welcome to attend (Limited stroller access)

Cost: \$5 per person ages 3 and up (2 & under are free).

Sign-up: with Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or on the homeschool-life website

Deadline: March 21, 2011

Website:

www.blueheronfarmbandb.com/

Contact: Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com

Bring: sunblock, hat or visor, camera

SDCH Co-op, Semester 2

Dates: Third Monday of every month continuing through June 20, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (there will be three 55-minute sessions with brief transition periods in between each session)

Location: E. Clairemont Baptist Church, 4633 Doliva Drive, San Diego, CA 92117

Ages: all school aged and preschool aged (3-5 year-olds) children are welcome and encouraged to participate in co-op. *Children two and under may stay with their mothers throughout our co-op day.*

Cost: \$10 per family per semester plus a small class fees for each class chosen (see Co-op Registration Packet)

Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Bring: Each class may require your child(ren) to bring different items such as pencils, journal, folder, etc. You may also like to bring a picnic or sack lunches to

enjoy. Following each co-op day a time of fellowship and free play will be offered.

Requirement: every family participating in SDCH co-op classes is required to have one parent volunteering to teach or to help teach at each co-op day.

Classes: The following classes will be offered at our SDCH Co-op for

Semester 2:

- Moms In Touch Prayer Gathering
- Preschool Class (preschool ages)
- Wigglers (preschool, K, 1st)
- Projects with a Purpose (all ages)
- Move to the Music (pre-K to early elementary)
- Spanish (K-3rd)
- Girls Book Club (ages 7-12)
- Cooking (2nd-6th)
- Gardening (K+)
- Quilting (2nd through teens)

Gracefully Growing God's Way for Teens (Girls)

Godly Living: Character Building for Boys (3rd - 6th)

Art & Artists (all ages)

Success for Teens (7th and up)

Drama (5th and up)

Cake Decorating (ages 7 through teens)

Incredible Creatures (5th -10th grades)

Creative Writing (6th-9th, including teens)

Co-op Second Semester Dates

Mondays

February 28, 2011

March 21, 2011

April 18, 2011

May 16, 2011

June 20, 2011

Park Days

East Park Day

First Fridays

Dates: Friday, March 4, 2011, and the first Friday of each school month.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Harry Griffen Park, 9550 Mildred Street, La Mesa (behind Grossmont High School)

Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sunblock, Hats or Visors, etc.

Contact: East Park Day Co-ordinators, Sharon Jones at djonesfamily@cox.net or Dorothy Walter at

re.da.walter@gmail.com

Details:



Zephaniah 3:17—The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.



Central Park Day

Second Fridays

Dates: Friday, March 11, 2011, and the second Friday of each school month.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Nobel Athletic Fields, 8810 Judicial Drive, San Diego, near Nobel and I-805

Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sunblock, Hats or Visors, and goodies to share if your child has a birthday this month

Contact: Central Park Day Coordinator, Sommer Cunningham, cunninghamchristianacademy@yahoo.com

Details: Central Park Day is where we celebrate the SDCH birthdays each month, so if your child has a birthday in March please contact Sommer at cunninghamchristianacademy@yahoo.com to let her know that you will come to Central Park Day and celebrate with us. Also, we ask that the parents of each birthday child please bring goodies to share with the group if possible.

North Park Day

Third Fridays

Dates: Friday, March 18, 2011, and the third Friday of each school month.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido (south most end of park)

Bring: Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket, Waters, Sunblock, and Hats or Visors"

Contact: North County Park Day Coordinator, Elisabeth Veruuldelger, thefriz76@hotmail.com, 858-703-7202.

Details: See page 7 for detailed write-up.



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Park</i>	2
3	4	5 <i>Trip</i>	6	7	8 <i>Park</i>	9 <i>Moms' Event</i>
10	11	12 <i>Planning Fundraiser</i>	13	14	15 <i>Park</i>	16
17	18 <i>Co-op</i>	19 <i>Trip</i>	20	21	22 <i>Trip</i>	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Trip</i>	28	29	30

Schedule of Events

- ☺ April 1—East County Park Day
- ☺ April 5—SD Botanical Gardens
- ☺ April 8—Central Park Day & Scholastic Book Orders Due
- ☺ April 9—Mom's Event: Curriculum Show and Tell
- ☺ April 12—Planning Meeting
- ☺ April 12—Fundraiser at Panda Express
- ☺ April 15—North County Park Day
- ☺ April 18—Co-op classes
- ☺ April 19—Rueben H. Fleet Center
- ☺ April 22—Butterfly Hidden Jungle
- ☺ April 27—Veterans' Museum Trip

S.D. Botanic Gardens (formerly Quail Botanical)

In addition to a large children's play area, SDBG features diverse topography providing a variety of microclimates which give visitors a sensation of going from a desert environment to a tropical rainforest, all within 35 acres. Meet SDCH there for a picnic lunch and then we'll explore and play together.

[There is a parking fee of \\$2 per car](#)

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

Ages: all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: Free admission for City or County

residents and Military today

Sign-up: with Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or on the homeschool-life website

Deadline: No deadline. This is a meet-up

Contact: Christen Bennison

Bring: Picnic lunch, camera, sunblock, hat, stroller, good walking shoes, etc.

Mom's Event—Curriculum Show and Tell

Leave the kiddies at home with dad for this special evening and get together with the SDCH moms to explore the topic on everyone's talk-list these days... curriculum!!! Bring some of your favorite homeschool curriculum to show and talk about and you will be entered in our gift card raffles (Starbucks, Panera, ColdStone, Panda Express, and more). We will also be having a salad bar for dinner. Bring your favorite

salad dressing or salad topping to share, if you like, but please don't feel like you have to. There will be plenty for all. Although we encourage you to leave your children home with dad for this special evening out, we welcome you to bring your babies that are still too young to be away from mom.

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Time: 6:30PM—8:30PM

Location: Lisa Vaca's House, 8661 Perseus Road, San Diego, CA 92126

Cost: free

Sign-up: by e-mail to lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Deadline: Please sign up by 4/6/2011

Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com



Panda Express Fundraiser

Join SDCH at Panda Express for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

Twenty percent of your purchase will be donated towards our organization for funding our annual End of the Year Party. Come join us! Flyers are located on page 13 of the newsletter. You must have a flyer for our group to receive credit.

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Time: anytime between 10AM and 9:30PM

Location: Panda Express-Overland and Clairmont, 2811 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego

Ages: All ages

Cost: Depends on your order

Sign-up: not needed

Contact: John and Cheri Fisher at john.cheri@dslextreme.com with any questions.



Rueben H. Fleet Science Center

The \$7 is for both the IMAX film and entrance to the Museum. Come join us for the IMAX film "Amazing Journeys". "Amazing Journeys" is for grades K-12th. Witness the most mysterious, spectacular and amusing migrations on the planet, from zebras in Africa to monarch butterflies in Mexico. We will enter together and see the IMAX film first. Afterwards you can enjoy the Reuben H Fleet Science Center. The Science Center features more

than 100 interactive science exhibits in five galleries, and a Kid City for the younger children. Visit www.rhfleet.org for more information. If you would like to pack a lunch, there are lots of great picnic areas outside.

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Time: 10:15AM

Location: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado (in Balboa Park), San Diego, CA 92101

Ages: All ages

Cost: \$7 per person ages 3 and up

Sign-Up: email Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or on the homeschool-life website

Deadline: March 21, 2011

Contact: Christen Bennison

Butterfly Hidden Jungle (Safari Park)

We will meet as a group inside the entrance of the Safari Park (next to the bridge/waterfall and first shop after you get through the gate). As a group we will go to the Butterfly Hidden Jungle first. Afterwards there is an animal encounter at the discover station amphitheater at 11am. The discover station itself is open with many things to touch, create, and explore. At noon, they have a "Robert the Zebra" digital effects show where kids can ask "Robert" different questions that they have about the animals. As this is a meet-up, you are free to join us for all

or just part of this. The Safari Park is open from 9am to 7pm.

Note: Parking is \$7 per vehicle for members (Diamond members get free parking), \$10 for non-members.

Date: Friday, April 22, 2011

Time: 9:30AM

Location: 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027

Cost: The hidden jungle is a special exhibit inside the Safari Park. It is free with a paid entrance to the park or with a San Diego Zoo membership. Each fam-

ily is responsible for getting themselves into the park (if we have more than 15 non-members we can meet outside the park and get a group discount but this must be planned at least one week in advance).

Sign-Up: Email Christen Bennison at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com

Deadline: no deadline—this is a meet-up

Website: the San Diego Zoo has a butterfly work packet available at www.sandiegozoo.org/teachers/images/Butterfly.pdf

Veterans' Museum

We will present a "thank you" poster to some real live heroes, our veterans. We will also get to have a special guided tour of their museum.

Even if you are not able to attend the field trip, please sign our "thank you" poster for the Veterans and have your children sign too. The poster and markers will be available at Park Days after the first of the year.

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Time: 10:00AM SHARP!

Location: 2115 Park Boulevard (in Balboa Park), San Diego, CA 92101

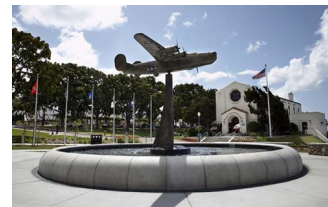
Ages: all ages are welcome to attend

Cost: \$5 per adult, \$2 for students, preschoolers are free

Sign-up: by e-mail to lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Deadline: Please sign up by 4/13/2011

Contact: Lisa Vaca at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com



Up-Coming Field Trips



- ✍ Amtrak Train Trip
- ✍ Dad's Night Out—Laser Tag

June 2011

- ✍ Maritime Museum

Water Park

And many more...

More details will be available soon.

If you are able to help plan a field trip for us please contact Christen at californiasgirl2000@yahoo.com or Lisa at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com

Sea World—Wednesday, May 4, 2011; 9:15AM; \$5.75 per person (ages 3+); Deadline—April 21, 2011

Men's Laser Tag—Thursday, May 19, 2011; 6PM-8PM; Ultrazone; \$22 per person for 3 games, pizza dinner, dessert, sodas, and return pass; fathers and sons ages 12+

Watch for more details!!

Be sure to look for these additional SDCH field trips being planned now...

May 2011

- ✍ Sea World
- ✍ Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation and Aviation Museum

SDCH YEARBOOKS

This year we are collecting pictures for an SDCH yearbook! Please email your photos to sdchyearbook@gmail.com. The account is open so everyone can start sending in their stories, quotes, and pictures for the yearbook!

If you have any questions about our yearbook, contact Shawn McCowan at shawnmccowan@gmail.com.



Supporting San Diego Christian Homeschools (SDCH) has never tasted so good!

Tuesday, March 15th
4:00pm - 9:00pm

Pat & Oscar's - Mira Mesa
10673 Westview Parkway
San Diego, CA 92126
858.621.6100

20% of all the proceeds will be donated to San Diego Christian Homeschools (SDCH)
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"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." – Proverbs 3:6

Event Registration Form

for all Field Trips, Activities, Non-Co-op Classes and Special Events

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

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

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names (and ages) of children: _____

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Using the SDCH Newsletter, Website, and E-mail updates, determine the items you wish to participate in.
- Contact the person(s) listed as the organizer(s) of the item(s) you wish to sign-up for by email or phone.
- Fill out this form indicating each item you have signed up for, number of participants, and total cost.
- Add all items together, enter the sum at the bottom, and make your check payable to "SDCH" for that amount.
- Place your form and check in an envelope and deposit it in the red box at Park Day or mail it to the Treasurer.

	Name or description of field trip or event:	Date/Time:	Adults # of @ cost per:	Kids # of @ cost per:	Total
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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 **SDCH Chairman, 8661 Perseus Road, San Diego, CA 92126**. You will receive an itemized receipt via e-mail. Please watch your 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. *Please do not contact Treasurer regarding field trip details.* 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 our current newsletter or contact the SDCH Chairman to see if non-members may participate in the activity you are interested in. **Note: Membership in SDCH is only \$25 per family** for the entire school year and it includes the grandparents, too. You may contact the SDCH Chairman, Lisa Vaca, by e-mail at lisa.vaca@yahoo.com to register your family or receive more details