



# Learning at Home

January 2009

## *Tour of Second Chance*

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SDHSA Site

Our tour of the Second Chance Animal Rescue Center was fun and rewarding. Animals we saw included cats, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, and rats. We were able to tour the whole center -- even a couple of rooms that are off-limits to the general public; including the place where ill and injured cats recover. After the formal portion of the tour, several families spent over an hour playing with the kittens and cats.

Second chance welcomes people to visit their facility to provide company to the cats and walk and play with the dogs. Kids under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. They also welcome donations.

Their website is: [www.secondchancesiouxfalls.com](http://www.secondchancesiouxfalls.com)

## Holiday Party at Backyard Adventures

The kids had a great time playing on the indoor equipment at Backyard Adventures. Members were invited to bring in goodies to share. There was a variety of food for everyone to enjoy.

Our next Backyard Adventures will be January 27th starting at 1:30pm. Our group rate is \$4 per child age 2 and older. There is also a Rainbow Play Systems store on Carolyn Ave, so don't be confused -- Backyard Adventures is in the same mini mall as Gimme A Break daycare, not far from Century Theaters.

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This activity has been arranged by the SDHSA for families who are official members of our organization. For more information on how to join the South Dakota Home School Association, please visit:  
[http://www.sdhsa.org/SDHSA/Join\\_Us.html](http://www.sdhsa.org/SDHSA/Join_Us.html)

The next SDHSA party is scheduled to be the Valentine's Day Party. More information will be announced closer to the date.

# Outdoor Campus Activity

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The group had an outing at the Outdoor Campus and learned about bats. The guide was informative. To the left the group smelled a variety of scents and had to match them with the same smell—they learned that mother bats can tell if its their by their unique scent. The group also saw a skeleton of a bat, saw a preserved bat, saw a bat house, listened to a book Stella Luna, played some games, and made a craft.

The group had an informative and fun time at this free event! The next activity at the Outdoor Campus will be March 31st—details will be announced closer to the date.

## Craft Corner

### LP Bowls

Submitted by Gina (SDHSA Craft Coordinator)

If you need a record to try this please email [gina@sdhsa.org](mailto:gina@sdhsa.org)

An old LP or two

An oven-proof bowl (I used stainless steel mixing bowls for this project)

Oven mitts

Oven

#### The Procedure

1. Preheat your oven to 200 degrees.
2. Center your LP over the inverted bowl, as shown.
3. Carefully slide the bowl and LP into the oven.
4. Bake your record for 3 to 5 minutes.
5. Donning oven mitts, remove the ruined record from the oven and press or flute the pliable edges into a bowl shape.
6. Let your jazzy new bowl cool for about five minutes, and then finesse if from the bottom of the oven-proof bowl.

#### The Do-Over

Did your bowl turn out a little lopsided? My first attempt did, but don't worry. Just put the LP back over the oven-proof bowl and slide it back into the oven for a few minutes. When you take it out, it will be pliable enough to lift off the bowl. Then, just reposition it and chuck it back in the oven for a few more minutes. Pick up the procedure at step 5.

For different effects, try using different sized oven-proof bowls. Large ones will create a shallower LP bowl. A smaller one will produce a more fluted edge.

Great for movie night, line your new, cool LP bowl with a paper towel, and fill it with your snack of choice. And to complete the recycling circle, how about turning the album cover into cheap art?





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Please note some activities have an additional fee or may have a minimum age—please see online for full information

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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1	2 1:30PM Swimming	3
4	5	6 1:30pm Gym Time	7	8 3pm Tour of Great Plains Coffee Roasting Warehouse <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Dine, Plan, &amp; Chat</b>	9	10
11	12	13 1:30pm Gym-tastic Tuesday at All American Gymnastics	14	15 3pm Tour of Great Plains Coffee Roasting Warehouse	16	17
18	19	20 1:30pm Gym Time	21	22 1:30pm Butterfly House	23	24
25	26	27 1:30pm Open Play at Backyard Adventures	28	29	30	31

If you have any gently used craft supplies that you would like to donate to SDHSA please email [gina@sdhsa.org](mailto:gina@sdhsa.org).

Thanks.

Welcome to our new SDHSA Members:

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And thanks to the families who  
have renewed!

Did you know that there is a Kids Activities site on the secure SDHSA Members area? Simply sign in the members area on the bottom right there is a link "A Website for SDHSA Kids". While there kids can look at previous featured SDHSA kids, look at fellow kids birthdays, and check out some kid safe links/sites!

January Birthday

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Secure SDHSA  
Site

For December members were invited to bring baked items to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Becky collected items from 5 different families! Some families also delivered items directly to the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to everyone who participated. Our next volunteer activity will be in February. More information will be announced closer to the event.

If you have suggestions for a volunteer activity, for younger kids & older kids, please email [becky@sdhsa.org](mailto:becky@sdhsa.org)



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