



Learning at Home

June 2010

SDHSA Park Day

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Join us for our weekly meet-up at the park on Tuesdays. All of the details are on the Big Tent group! The kids always seem to have a good time exploring the park or playing on the equipment. Watch the BigTent group for any cancellations due to weather—also with the warm weather coming up it might be hot enough to go to the Pioneer Spray Park!

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Never Stop Learning Picnic & Animal Encounter at the Zoo

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Several SDHSA members met up at Sherman park for a picnic. After the picnic the group was able to get up close and pet a variety of animals. There was a tortoise, a snake, a ferret, and a millipede. The zoo staff talked about each animal and answered questions that came up. When the Animal Encounter was finished, families were able to enjoy the zoo! It was a gorgeous day for an outing!

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The next SDHSA Party will be in August; the annual NOT Back to School Party. More details will be announced closer to the date!

Art Smart - Mask Class

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The kids had a lot of fun making their mask. The kids covered their mold with plaster strips and then painted them. The variety of designs were great! There are a bunch of talented SDHSA Kids!

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ART

Submitted by Gina- SDHSA Art Coordinator

<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-age/preschool-crafts/painted-glass-vase-663159/>



Recycle a jar into a pretty gift vase or pencil pot that will add some color to the recipient's desk.

Materials: Clean, empty jar, Acrylic or liquid tempera paints, Paintbrushes or cotton swabs, White glue, Clear glaze (available at craft stores)

1. To make the paints stick to the glass, first mix the colors with some glue. Keep the paint thick so it won't run.
2. Use brushes or cotton swabs to paint a design on the jar. To erase a mistake, use a paper towel to wipe off the paint before it hardens.
3. Let the paint dry, then seal the finished design with a coat of glaze.

TOUR--Wolf Bronze (Sculpting Studio)

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The group went to the studio of Darwin Wolf, a local bronze sculptor. Darwin talked about the different styles of art. Currently his main project is a statue of R. F. Pettigrew. When the statue is complete it will be 10 feet tall (15 feet tall with the base) and weigh 1500 lbs! The group learned a brief history about R. F. Pettigrew.

Darwin explained the process of making a statue/figure into bronze. He said that he reuses the clay and that in order for the bronze to set the temperature needs to be 2000 degrees!

For more information on Darwin Wolf: <http://wolfbronze.com/>



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Please note some activities have an additional fee, have a minimum age, or a respond by date—please see online for full information

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Park	2 Dine, Plan, & Chat 6:30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Park	9	10 Sculpture Walk	11	12
13	14	15 Park	16 Family Swim	17 Heartsaver CPR & 1st Aid class	18	19
20	21 MoVM Donation Day	22 Park	23	24 SDHSA Lunch Bunch	25	26
27	28	29 Park	30 Tour-KDLT Weather Family Swim			

Thanks to the SDHSA families
who have renewed!

If you have any gently
used craft supplies that
you would like to donate
to SDHSA please email
gina@sdhsa.org.

Please bring Box Tops,
Campbell's Labels, & Land O'
Lake Milk Lids in a bag with
your last name on it and

Just a reminder: Our volunteer activity for
June will be collecting items to donate to
the Museum of Visual Materials.

Donated items can be brought the day of
our volunteering to the museum. If you are
unable to attend but have some items you'd
like to donate email becky@sdhsa.org, I
would be more than happy to bring them for
you.

Just a reminder:

As of March 1, the SDHSA is using BigTent Groups
(www.bigtent.com) for online management of our group. As-
pects of our group membership that have been handled in
separate areas (between the Yahoo group and the member
area of sdhsa.org) are now combined in our BigTent group,
including tour and activity announcements and RSVPs, group-
specific conversation, photo sharing, the member directory,
the secure newsletter, new member sign-up, and yearly re-
newal. BigTent also offers some great features that are new
to our group: A buy/sell/trade board, and an area for mem-
bers to post reviews.

The SDHSA Yahoo group will remain online as a general forum
for discussing homeschooling in South Dakota, overseen by
SDHSA coordinators, but SDHSA activities will no longer be
announced there. SDHSA members can feel free to stay or
unsubscribe as they wish. Emails from the SDHSA Yahoo
group will now be labeled "South Dakota Homeschooling Dis-
cussion".

If you have any questions about the transition, please email
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