



# Learning at Home

March 2008

## Our Valentine's Day Bowling Party!

For the first time we combined an outing with a party. The kids could bring a (decorated) holder and exchange valentines.. Several kids were checking their holder a few times during the event.

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Everyone brought something to share with the group.

The staff at Eastway Bowling were very nice. The kids signed a thank-you note. After the staff received the card they put an animated character on the screen that thanked the group for the card.

The kids bowled between eating. Everyone seemed to have a blast. Thanks everyone for attending and making the Valentine's Day party a success!

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**March Birthdays**

**Thanks to the families who renewed!**

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## Craft Corner

Catch Spring's cool breezes with a homemade wind sock!



### CRAFT MATERIALS:

Markers  
Paint and brushes  
Crayons  
Glitter  
Construction paper  
Glue  
Crepe paper streamers  
String

1. Use markers, paints, or crayons to decorate a 6- by 18-inch strip of construction paper. Try making stars, flowers, or birthday candles, adding glitter, or giving the wind sock a face by gluing on paper cut-outs of eyes, ears, a nose and a mouth.

2. Next, cut nine 26-inch-long crepe paper streamers and glue them to the back of the bottom edge of the paper.

3. Finally, knot a 30-inch piece of string at each end and staple the knots to the tube sides to make a handle.

Source: <http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10298>

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

Submitted by: Tamara

## Craft & Play at the YMCA

There are only a few more dates at the YMCA (230 S. Minnesota Ave). While there kids can make a craft and run off some energy. From baby to big kid—there is something for everyone.

Cost: \$2 per child 6 months and older/\$6 family maximum. This fee is good for SDHSA members, for this timeframe only. The fee is collected by a SDHSA member (Tamara) and goes to the Y for the use of the facility -- SDHSA is funding the crafts. The craft will be out for the first hour.

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The Play Space: It is designed for children 6 months to 13 years. There are infant toys, toddler cars, huge foam blocks, and a large slide (like the one at McDonalds on 26th street). There is also a kid volleyball net, soccer equipment, basketball hoop and balls, and much more. Toys will be rotated so there will be a variety of toys out.

**Rules:** All kids need to wear socks. No food or drinks allowed (water is okay). For insurance reasons, only YMCA employees can go into toy closet, so Tamara will get out toys and put them away. She will show up early and get out a lot of toys and then stay late to put them away. Parents are responsible for their own child(ren). Toys are not allowed in the area by the large slide at all. We have access to the room and restrooms right outside the area. It is not okay for kids to roam or run the halls.

Our next Craft and Play at the YMCA will be March 4th from 12:30-2:30 pm. We hope to see you at our next Craft and Play at the YMCA!

## Member Get to Know

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# Great Western Bank Tour

When we first arrived, our tour guide Angie told us some facts about Great Western Bank.

Angie explained how money has changed over the years and showed us an "old" bill compared to a new bill. Then she showed us the marker that many banks and businesses use to instantly identify a counterfeit bill. If the marking stays on the bill it is fake and if it disappears it is real.

Next we got to see their safety deposit boxes and how they work.

After that we went behind the cashier's counter. We got to see how the bill counter identifies bills by amount and even can identify counterfeit bills. We also got to see the coin counter/roller. She put \$500 worth of quarters in the machine. It is very quick.

After this we walked down the street to take a look in an old fashioned walk-in vault and got to hear a story about famous outlaw bank robbers (John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, and Homer Van Meter) robbed the former Security National Bank of \$49,500 on March 6, 1934. The old bullet holes outside are a result from the historic robbery. The day before the robbery there was a movie filmed. When bystanders heard the gunshots during the robbery they thought it was part of a movie! The vault is the largest and the oldest in South Dakota!

There are two tours for March. We will be going to the Breadsmith and the Sioux Falls Police Department. Please watch online for the details!

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# Box Tops, Land O' Lake Lids, & Campbell's Update



There are a few other ways to help SDHSA earn money. Aside from clipping the Box Tops from a variety of products you can also purchase items online through the Box Top website such as Target, Zoo Books, and Old Navy. You can also purchase books from the Box Top Book Club.

**Please see:**  
<http://www.boxtops4education.com> for a full listing of products, to sign up to see how we are doing, and see other opportunities to help SDHSA earn money for our group.

Each Box Top is worth 10 cents (there are bonus ones worth more). Every Box Top adds up! Our group so far has earned \$43.30 since February.

Our Top Contributing Families:

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Land O' Lake Lids

These can be collected off of the Land O' Lake lids from milk or juice. These are \$1 off at the local Shell Gas Stops on Mondays. It just needs to have the sticker on it that says: [www.savefiverforschools.com](http://www.savefiverforschools.com)

Each lid is worth 5 cents!

Our Top Contributing Families:

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A poll will be set up to decide what to do with the money/points earned from the variety of products. Some possibilities are: put the money towards a tour that has a fee with it (zoo), buy some craft items, purchase gym equipment, or to use the money towards a group outing.

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We currently have 600 pts. These can be taken off a variety of products. From soup labels, Prego sauce, Swanson broth, and V8 containers. When clipping these all that is needed is the UPC code. For a full listing please go to:  
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

With our points from Campbell's we can get a variety of products from art supplies to gym equipment.

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Please bring the Box Tops, Land O' Lake Lids, or Campbell's labels to any SDHSA event in a bag with your last name on it and give it to Becky or a leader. Thanks!

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If you have a suggestion for a tour or activity that the group could or if you have a skill you'd like to share with the group please let a leader know

Please send any newsletter submission to becky@sdhsa.org by March 24th so it can be included in the next newsletter

Please check online for upcoming fun events!

**Contact:**

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 All messages will be returned by an SDHSA Leader

If you forgot your online username and password please email  
 Melissa@sdhsa.org

Please note some activities have an additional fee—please

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 12:30 Craft & Play at the YMCA	5	6 1:00 or 1:45 Breadsmith Tour	7	8
9	10	11 1 pm Gym Time	12	13 6:30 pm Thursday Night Dine & Chat	14 1:30 Swimming	15
16	17	18 1pm Open Play at Backyard Adventures	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 1 pm Gym Time	26	27	28 3:15 Tour of the Police Station	29
30	31					