



# Learning at Home

November 2008

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## *Arrowhead Park Meet-Up*

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Kids from seven SDHSA families got together and fed lots of geese, a few ducks, and a couple of swans at Arrowhead park. The park is just outside of Sioux Falls. Temperatures in the upper 60's and the beautiful fall colors made this get-together particularly enjoyable.

SDHSA Site

Arrowhead Park has a variety of native grasses and plants that you can enjoy on a variety of paths around the park. Unlike some parks Arrowhead, has designated 'feeding' areas.

Thanks to Melissa & Gina who shared their corn with the group!

## Gym-tastic Tuesday at All American Gymnastics

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There were about 30 kids there and they had access to the entire gym. All American Gymnastics had 3 inflatables set up. Our first meet-up was a success!

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The cost is only \$3 for each child, walking age and up. There will be no charge for non-walking babies or parents. The next meet-up will be November 11th at 1:30pm.

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The kids will be able to play on a variety of fun inflatables as well as gymnastics equipment, in-ground trampolines, and foam safety pits.

This activity is open to all SDHSA members and their children. To join SDHSA, please visit <http://www.sdhso.org>.

Google Map: [http://www.sdhso.org/Maps/All\\_American\\_Gymnastics.html](http://www.sdhso.org/Maps/All_American_Gymnastics.html)

# Kids Corner

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!

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## Rake the Town

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It ended up being a beautiful day to volunteer and help "Rake the Town" on October 24th. Rake the town is an annual event coordinated through Workers on Wheels at the Center for Active Generations. The goal of the event is to help the elderly who are physically unable to rake themselves and cannot afford to hire someone. Five families were able to help rake the address we were assigned. The process of raking and bagging only took about 30 minutes! Thanks again to everyone for coming out!

Our next volunteer activity will be in December. We will be baking goodies for families at the Ronald McDonald House. Details will be announced closer to the event.

# Halloween Party

Photos on	The annual SDHSA Halloween Party was held on Halloween at the Bowden Youth Center. The kids frosted and decorated their own cupcake. Kids selected a tattoo. There were stars, spiders, pirates, pumpkins, and more to choose from! The gym area had a few toys and games set up. Several of the kids ran around playing basketball and tag.	Photos on
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SDHSA Site	At the end of the party the kids were sent home with 2 goodie bags.	SDHSA Site
	Our next party will be December 23rd; details will be announced later!	

## Neele's Goat Tour

The business started about 5 years ago. Tricia (16) and Karisa (11) bought their first goats for a 4H project. After the project the girls liked them so much they decided to continue with them. The girls led our group on the tour.

Karisa and Tricia take care of the goats from milking, caring for them, and they also make the soap. The soap is made from 4 cups of goats milk then they add lye, oatmeal, cocoa butter, shortening, and scents. From the 4 cups of milk they get 12-15 bars of soap. Each goat produces about 1 gallon of milk per day. There are specific milking seasons though. And when it is the season they are milked 2 times a day. The goats have a specific diet which needs to be followed to prevent sickness. There are several weeds and plants (including rhubarb) that is toxic to the goats.

The kids were able to pet some kids (baby goats) that were 6 months old. They also pet nannies and were given the opportunity to pet the billy, but he had a strong odor to him so some kids passed. The group heard about the process of how the soap is made and we also saw a mock demonstration of how they milk the goats--it isn't milking season right now.

Everyone had a great time and after the tour we were able to buy some of their soaps. If interested in purchasing their soaps they can be reached at [neelstrucking@alliancecom.net](mailto:neelstrucking@alliancecom.net) or 594-8180(local from Sioux Falls).

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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
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2	3	4 1:30pm Election Day at Bowden for SDHSA kids	5	6	7 1:30pm Swimming	8
9	10	11 1:30pm Gym-tastic Tuesday at All American Gymnas- tics	12	13 6:30pm Thursday Night Dine, Plan, & Chat	14 1:30pm Tour of The Birth Place at Sanford Hospital	15
16	17	18 1:00pm Magic Tree House Musical at the Washington Pavilion  1:30pm Gym Time	19	20 1:30pm Tour of the National Weather Service	21	22
23	24	25 1:30pm Open Play at Back- yard Adventures	26	27	28	29
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# 2008-09 Geography Bee

The Greater Sioux Falls Home School Association will be hosting the 2008-2009 Geography Bee. This bee, which is part of the National Geographic Bee, is open to children in grades 4-8 who are exclusively home schooled. The questions for the bee are provided by the National Geographic Society and the winner of each local bee has the chance to qualify for the state geography bee which will be held in Spring 2009.

The geography bee will be held on Tuesday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ronning Library conference room with Julie Christian as the moderator. Each student is asked to contribute \$5 towards the cost of the registration fee and this can be paid the day of the bee. Please contact Julie McLaughlin at [mclaughlin28@sio.midco.net](mailto:mclaughlin28@sio.midco.net) or 336-3859 to sign-up or if you have any questions. Julie needs to know the name and grade of those interested in participating.

The deadline for registration is Friday, Nov. 21.

## Top Contributors for Box Tops, Campbell Soup Points, and Land O' Lake Lids

### Box Tops

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### Soup Labels

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### Milk Tops

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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 Karin or a leader. Thanks!

## Ad Space

If you would like ad space please see the link:  
<http://www.sdhhsa.org/Misc/Ads.html>

If you have any questions please contact:  
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Welcome to our new SDHSA Members  
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And thanks to the families who  
have renewed!

If you have any gently used craft  
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