



# Learning at Home

## Fire Station #10 Tour

May 2008

In October of 2006, we toured the oldest fire station in Sioux Falls, and Spring of 2008 found us touring the newest one. We watched a fire safety video, were given all kinds of information about the fire trucks (and the fire boat), and got to walk through the station and see where the firefighters sleep, relax, exercise, and eat. The firefighter said "Its basically like your house, the only difference is that we have a huge fire truck in our garage!"

During the tour one of the firefighters put on all of the gear. They showed the group what they look like with all of the equipment on and talked through their mask. The kids each were able to walk through the fire truck. At 2 different points in the tour the kids covered their ears. Once when they turned on the sirens and once when they showed how their fire suit has an alarm if they don't move for so many seconds.

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At the end of the tour, the group posed for photos in front of the truck, then the fire fighters assisted each child in shooting water from one of the fire hoses!

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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!

We are in need of a  
Craft Coordinator!  
Please email:  
[tamara@sdhsa.org](mailto:tamara@sdhsa.org) for  
more information.

With the Box Top money we are going to the zoo! Watch the yahoo group for all of the exciting details! This is for SDHSA Members only.

# Landfill Tour

In observance of Earth Day, SDHSA chartered a bus and took a tour of the city landfill. The view from the bus was an interesting one! We got to see how the different types of trash are dealt with, and our tour guide, Pearl, shared all kinds of facts about processing trash. The message there is definitely a pro-recycling one -- one of many great reasons is extension of the life of the landfill.

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In 2009 they will be using methane from the garbage to power their facilities and selling the rest to an ethanol plant; currently they burn it.

The public can get free compost--it does go fast.

Wood chips from the landfill are converted into ethanol.

## Chess Club



Looking for a summer activity that is fun and educational?  
GREATER SIOUX FALLS HOME SCHOOL CHESS CLUB  
Starting MAY 9th and every FRIDAY thereafter  
From 3:00 - 5:30PM at the RONNING LIBRARY

## Tuesday Park Day

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Guests from public and private schools are welcome! All levels of play will be included. Home schooling coaches including National Master Nels Truelson and other guest coaches will teach fundamental skill & strategy.

Chess improves discipline, memory, logic, observation and analysis skills in school-aged children. Chess improves thinking, social and organizational skills in Learning Disabled Students. Playing chess now will reap benefits later!

Nels Truelson and other guest coaches (including SDHSA mom Rebecca Larsen) will teach.

Please contact [Becca.larsen2002r@aol.com](mailto:Becca.larsen2002r@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Starting on May 20th, our Summer Park Day officially begins, with a start time of 2 p.m. We will observe the 2 p.m. start time until Labor Day.

Park meet-ups occur every Tuesday at McKennan Park weather permitting. If the weather seems questionable please check out the temperature at our group homepage ([sdhsa.org](http://sdhsa.org)) during the noon hour and watch the yahoo group to participate in discussion to see if fellow members are planning to attend.

In the past, on the warmer days, we have gone to the Pioneer Spray Park instead of McKennan Park—more details to come later!

## May Birthdays

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## Member Get to Know

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## Kid Get to Know

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Welcome:  
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And Thanks to the families who renewed!



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All messages will be returned by an SDHSA Leader

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To submit something for the newsletter such as: a recipe, artwork, poems, or accomplishments for your kid(s) please contact: becky@sdhsa.org

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

Please check online for upcoming fun events!

Please note some activities have an additional fee—please see online for full information

## May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 1pm Archery Activity	3
4	5	6 1:00pm Fly Musical	7	8 6:30pm Thursday Night Dine, Plan, & Chat	9 3pm Home School Chess Club	10
11	12	13 1:00pm Open Play at Backyard Adventures	14	15	16 1:30pm Swimming 3pm Home School Chess Club	17
18	19	20 2pm Park Day	21	22 2pm Group Zoo Visit	23 3pm Home School Chess Club	24
25	26	27 2pm Park Day	28	29 2pm Geological Tour of Palisades Park	30 3pm Home School Chess Club	31



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*Info Below*

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## Ad Space

There has been interest in having ad space in our monthly newsletter. We decided to pursue this. The revenue from the ads will go towards SDHSA operating cost.

Ads will be placed on the last page. If members are giving an item away they can receive free ad space--space permitting. The cost will be Non-Members \$3 per month or \$30 per year. For SDHSA Members the cost will be \$2 per month or \$20 per year. The ad space will be at least 3x3 (maybe bigger based on layout).

**\*\*All ads are subject to approval\*\***

**\*\*No religious, political, or controversial ads will be permitted\*\***

**\*\*Deadlines for ads will be the 20th of the month\*\***

If you have any questions please contact:

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