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UApresents

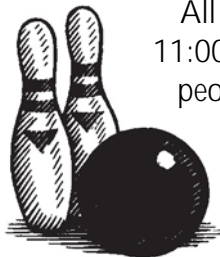
by Alica M.

The next UApresents is **Ballet Hispanico** on Friday, March 2. We will meet in front of Centennial Hall at 10:00 a.m. Please give yourself time to park. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or find me at park. I have long red hair.



BOWLING

by Sybelle V.



All who like bowling are invited to join in on Monday, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will go to Bedroxx, 4385 W.Ina Rd. If we have enough people we will try to have at least one regular lane and one bumper lane. The price per game per person is \$1.75 plus tax, with shoe rental \$2.99 plus tax.

Bedroxx also offers lots of games. I would like to request that if you want to play those that you do it after bowling is finished, since it is more fun to be together during the bowling game.

Afterwards those who want will go for lunch at Pizza Hut, where there is a buffet. Pizza Hut is located at 7665 N La Cholla Blvd, just north of Ina Rd.

GAME DAY

by Sybelle V.

I have scheduled a game day at the Main Library downtown, in the Lower Level Meeting Room. It will be on Friday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite board and card games and a snack and/or drink. Remember that parking in the garage is only free if you check something out at the library.



LADIES' LUNCH

by Celeste W.

We will try again for a ladies' lunch on Saturday, March 17 at noon at the Tohono Chul Tea Room, 7366 N. Paseo del Norte <http://www.tohonochulpark.org/tea2.html>. Map help: <http://www.mapquest.com>. Please RSVP to me by the evening of the 16th so I know I will have someone to meet there. If no one reserves, I will not be there.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT - BOWLING

by Lara B.

Bowling is all set for a mom's night out! Come one - come all, no pros necessary - it's all for fun! It will be at Fiesta Lanes, on River and Oracle on Monday, March 19. It is "Half Buck Night," with bowling from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. Bowling with shoe rental is only \$6.50. Then, if you like, pizza slices, sodas, and beers, are 50 cents per. So calling all moms: please let me know by March 14, so I can reserve lanes if necessary. No obligation, you can change your mind, I just need a rough estimate.





ART CLUB

by Laura C.

Art Club will be held on Thursday, March 29 at my home. We will be making mosaic stepping stones for the garden. Please bring any tumbled glass, glass rocks, beads, mosaic like stuff that you want to donate to this project. I will supply the forms and cement mix. Please RSVP so I can have enough supplies and food. If you haven't heard, I feed everyone pizza. There is no fee for this project, come and enjoy.

ROOTS & SHOOTS by Lara B.

Friday, March 9 from noon to 2:00 p.m. we will have a showing of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth," which is a movie on global warming. We will be at Bookman's East (Speedway & Wilmot) in the Community Room. In my opinion, the movie is appropriate for the whole family, though it is rated PG. It's a little over 1.5 hours, and we will start it at five after the hour, so we have time to clean the room for the next group scheduled to use the room. Please be on time, or even a little early to get seats! All ages are welcome (it is up to the parent to decide) though the little ones might need to sit at the back of the room and color or something else quiet if they get bored. There is also the option of quietly leaving the room and roaming around Bookman's whenever needed/wanted. We will have popcorn and juice to enjoy during the movie, and learn a little - or a lot - about global warming. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP so I know how much snacks to bring.

Date is not yet firm, but will probably be Wednesday or Thursday, March 14 or 15. One of our SDH/R&S moms has offered for our R&S group to come to her house and plant a garden. We will probably do a type of permaculture where we each will bring our own large cardboard box, bag of gardening soil (no manure), and the seeds of what we'd like to grow. Also bring shovels and gloves if you have them. We will work as a team to dig the lower area where the garden will go (that's how it catches the rain water), and set it up and plant our seeds. We can periodically come back to help tend to the garden, ultimately harvesting! I will put date and any other details on the discuss, and announce at park. If you don't/can't get them either of those ways, then email or call me for final information.

Sunday, April 1, noon to 4:00 p.m. Clean Air Fair at Reid Park, DeMeester Band Shell area. We will have a booth set up for visitors to come by and learn about our topic. Liz and I are still figuring out exactly what the hands-on topic will be, but that will be announced when decided. (If you and your kids have any two-cents about it, please let us know! We want this to come from the kids and other R&S members as much as possible!) The fair lasts four hours, plus set-up and tear-down time. Any and all of you - big or little - are invited to participate at the booth, for any amount of time! If you are interested, please contact me.

SOARing Unschoolers

submitted by Sybelle V.

SOARing Unschoolers (SOuthern ARizona Unschoolers) is a new group for unschoolers in the Tucson area and throughout Southern Arizona, with the goal of creating a community of like-minded families in the region for support, discussions, and get-togethers. We like to have fun with our kids and each other! Discussions about the joys and challenges of unschooling are welcome, as is information about interesting events. Debates about the merits of unschooling (or curricula) and hard-hitting discussions about what is and what is not unschooling are best left to other lists.

It is understood that each family is at a different point in their journey. Not everyone on this list will be a radical unschooler; some may be exploring the idea, others may be relaxed homeschoolers interested in unschooling but struggling with concerns about math or some other bugaboo. What we all share is an active desire to move toward unschooling - to eliminate required subjects, assignments, and tests, and replace those with a stimulating, enriched environment and lots of parental support for kids in pursuing their interests and passions.

Interested families in the area are invited to join the Yahoo! list <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SOARingUnschoolers/> for more info and to find out when park days are.



MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK - April 3

by Laura C.

The tentatively scheduled March 6 multicultural potluck has been moved to Tuesday, April 3. I apologize for any confusion and inconvenience this may cause those of you who had reserved March 6 for this event. Due to an overwhelming work and school schedule I was not able to make the necessary preparations for a March event.



This year's multicultural event will focus on homes around the world. I would like to invite each family to put together a display about what kinds of houses children throughout the world live in. Perhaps you would like to make a model of an igloo or tell us what it is like to live in a skyscraper in Hong Kong. Pick what interests you most and have fun. Bring your display to park on Tuesday, April 3 along with a dish that goes along with the home you chose and have fun seeing how people live around the world. Here are a couple of websites to help get you started http://www.ict.mic.ul.ie/websites/2002/Imelda_Fitzgerald/index.htm and <http://www.worldhouseinfo.com/index.html>

SDH GROUP PHOTO - April 3

by Lara B.

The group photo never happened at the Valentine's party, so the new date for it is Tuesday, April 3 at the park right after announcements. That is the day of the multicultural potluck, so we can do the photo after announcements, before the potluck starts.



SPRING MUSIC RECITAL

by Victoria M.

On Thursday, May 3 we will have our Spring Music Recital at Washburn Pianos on Broadway just east of Craycroft. Homeschoolers from any group, from all over Tucson are welcome. It is always a very nice time to share what you've been practicing. I am flexible on a time so let me know what you prefer. You may call me anytime to be added to the program.

PARENTS ANNUAL SDH PLANNING MEETING

by Lara B.

Friday, May 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bookman's East (Speedway and Wilmot) in the Community Room.

Just a heads up, even though it is not until May: All parents are invited to come and help make the yearly SDH calendar, and the who's who volunteer list. I will bring copies of the itinerary for everyone to use and make notes on. You might want to bring your daily planner/calendar to help with scheduling. Also, this is where new volunteers take over jobs from people who are giving them up. You can even add a new job if you'd like. So please come and help the planning of the SDH 2007-2008 'school year.' Hope to see you there!

NORTHWEST PARK DAY - Thursdays

We meet on Thursdays at Richardson Park between Orange Grove and Ina on Cmo. De la Tierra from 10:00 to about noon. If the weather is too uncomfortable, you can find us at the Nanini Library just off Shannon.

EASTSIDE PARK DAY - Mondays and Wednesdays

We meet on Mondays and some Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at Purple Heart Park in Rita Ranch, also referred to as Rita Ranch Park, on E. Rita Road off Houghton. Usually we are by the main parking area where the blue and orange play structure is. If no one is there by about 11:30 then people can walk over to check the west end of the park by the purple play structure to see if we are there. There are days when none of us can go, so contact me by phone or email first to make sure you have someone to meet there.



SDH MONTHLY PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parents' Book Discussion Group - March 15

Held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Something Sweet, 5319 E. Speedway. (NW corner of Speedway and Beverly east of Craycroft).

- **March's book is *The Light of Day* by Jamie Saul**
- April: *Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea* by Charles Seife
- May: *Straight Man* by Richard Russo
- June: *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell

- July: *Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt

Note: Some of the above books may have a waiting list at the library. If you plan to get a selection from the library, you may want to look into putting an early hold on it.

Moms' Coffee Night - March 28

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at Something Sweet, 5319 E. Speedway (NW corner of Speedway and Beverly east of Craycroft) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (or any time in between)

Dads' Coffee Night - March 7

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders on Oracle.

PARK DAY - Every Tuesday

SDH members meet at Fort Lowell Park (Glenn and Craycroft) every Tuesday starting at 10:30 a.m. Announcements are held at 11:00 a.m.

FEATURED WEBSITES by Debbie G.

Center for Desert Archaeology Online Exhibits

<http://www.cdarc.org/pages/library/onlineex.php>

This wonderful site includes an online travel guide to archaeological sites in Arizona, New Mexico, and Southern Colorado, and offers a virtual reconstruction circa 2100 B.C. of the Clearwater Site in Tucson's Rio Nuevo district.

Folklore, Myth and Legend

From The Children's Literature Web Guide, a project of the University of Calgary

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storfolk.html> Find links to stories from around the world.

Fun and Games Directory From Kit Logan, a longtime youth worker in the UK

<http://www.funandgames.org> An online resource for all those looking for ideas, games and things to do for children and youth, or just looking for ideas in general for parties or events. Specializing in the traditional and contemporary group or playground games played by children, youth and adults, we have hundreds of games listed covering virtually all occasions: day or night, indoor and outdoor, from small quiet games through to large boisterous games and "Wide Games" for where you have "acres" to play in.

American Symphony Orchestra League <http://www.playmusic.org>

Have fun exploring this site filled with music, explanations, plus a link to Carnegie Hall's Listening Adventures.

Sonoran Desert Homeschoolers is an open, not-for-profit home education network, providing social and creative outlets for homeschooling families. We are not devoted to any one homeschooling approach, political platform, religious outlook, or philosophical ideal. Our homeschooling community supports all families, regardless of their personal lifestyle or educational choices in the area of home education. Our motto is "**hozho**," a Navajo word meaning "harmony" or "walking in beauty or friendship."

<http://tucsonhomeschoolers.org>

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