



# Inside SDH

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## SDH Parent's Planning Meeting

Monday, May 16th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Wilmot Library

### Last Park Day

May 24th

## Spring Music Recital

by Victoria M.

All of us have probably, at one time or another, heard it said that some people are born with musical talent and others are not. This myth is analogous to saying that some people are born with the talent to walk or talk and others are not. Of course, I am thinking about those of us who are blessed with good health. All of us have the talent to be musical.

This premise was the foundation for S. Suzuki's pioneering work in music pedagogy. He believed that if a child could learn to speak Japanese (or any language) fluently by the age of five then he had an inborn ability that is truly remarkable: an amazing gift — talent. Think of our children learning to speak English as they do — it is miraculous if we stop to consider their accomplishments. Suzuki believed that the same talent exists in all of us for music as it does for language if we are

given experiences and example that encourage such growth. We must, however, desire to learn music. Unlike learning to speak, which is essential if we are able, learning music is something we do not necessarily need to do. Not all of us want to be musical. But to say that we are not musically talented is, Suzuki maintains, a misunderstanding of our God-given gifts.

In the past musicians such as Bach and Mozart were surrounded by musical families. They would have heard and seen their parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends making music. They would have enjoyed the fun, heard the mistakes, joined in on the efforts needed to become fine musicians. Many of our children today only hear music through mechanical devices (a poor substitute for a live musician); they have lessons weekly, or perhaps hear a live acoustic concert twice a year. They are called upon to work diligently and faithfully. Imagine trying to speak

and only having a "lesson" once a week! They need encouragement and one way to offer it is through living example and opportunities to hear music being made.

So, please join us for our Spring Music Recital on May 5th at 1:00 p.m. Through the generosity of violin teacher Rebecca M., we will have this recital at the PRIME (Pride Radiates In Music Education) School, 3434 E. Broadway Blvd., south of El Con Mall. There will be a \$2 donation at the door to be given to the PRIME School for scholarships.

Please call Victoria to be included on the program.

### SDH Membership Cards

by Debbie G.

I will bring SDH membership cards to distribute at the Tuesday park meetings. Please come to one of the park meetings through May 24 to pick up your family's cards - there are cards for adults and children aged three and older. If you have questions, talk with me at the park or e-mail me. Thanks!

### Open Mic

by Victoria M.

The Prime School (3434 E. Broadway across from El Con Mall) invites adults and children for fun-filled days the second Saturday of every month. Everyone will have a chance to perform for their family and friends. Ages 3 to 7, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; ages 8 to 12, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; ages 13 to 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Call Victoria or the Prime School for more information.

### May Day Festival

by Giovanna M.

The May Day Festival will be held at Ft. Lowell Park on Tuesday, May 3rd. There will be a May Pole and some flower wreath crafting again this year. Please bring flowers from your yard to contribute.

If anyone else wants to help or to contribute their special skill, please feel free to do so. You can e-mail me or call me.

### April '05 Treasurer's Report

by Claire B.

3/24/05 balance	\$ 716.49
New member X 1	+ 5.00
Pay outs	- 93.60
4/24/05 new balance	\$ 627.89

### Scholastic Books

by Sharon A.

The Scholastic book orders are due by May 3. Order forms are available at the park. Make checks payable to "Scholastic" and return them to me (combine all orders into one check).

### Tucson Folk Festival

The Tucson Folk Festival is two days of live, mostly acoustic folk music. This event will be held in downtown Tucson, April 30 to May 1 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

### Environmental Science Program

by Nancy S.

Date: Thursday, June 2nd

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Rd.

Age Group: This is targeted to 5th, 6th and 7th graders, but all are welcome.

RSVP no later than May 17th to Nancy.

There is no charge for the program.

The program includes hands-on investigations of water, soils, plants and animals in riparian and desert habitats. Student observations are recorded and made available to

students and scientists worldwide as part of the Globe Program.

There will be two sessions;

- (1) Ecology-this will include a nature walk and the history of the park
- (2) Hydrology-about water quality. Both programs together will total 2 1/2 hours.

We need a minimum of 10 students.

There is a teachers guide, student workbook and map to the park available.

*Please let me know when you RSVP if you would like a copy of the materials.*

To RSVP, or if you have questions, please call me.

Agua Caliente Park is also a great place to picnic. No specific lunch is scheduled, but feel free to take advantage of the setting and the trails around the lake.

## Interlibrary Loan and Community User Library Cards

by Eileen D.

There are several ways to find books that are not available at the Tucson-Pima Public Libraries. One option is to acquire community user cards at the Pima Community College and/or the University of Arizona libraries and the other is through [Interlibrary Loan](#) at Tucson-Pima Public libraries.

### Community User Library Cards

When you do a search online at the TPPL Library, there are two buttons you might have noticed at the top of the search page. One is "Search U of A" and the other is "Search PCC." Once you have looked for a particular book and you find that TPPL does not have it, you can select one of these buttons to find out if the UA or the PCC libraries have the book. If they do have the book, once you have obtained a community user library card at either or both libraries, you can check out the book.

The [University of Arizona card](#) is \$60 initially and then \$40 each year thereafter. It provides book

check out privileges at all UA libraries as well as the databases available from the UA library computers on campus. Books can be checked out for a three week period and can be renewed indefinitely unless a hold is placed on it.

[The PCC card](#) is free and requires renewal once a year. It gives you access to all PCC libraries but not PCC databases. You may check out up to five items. You can keep them for three weeks with two renewals unless a hold has been placed on them.

### Interlibrary Loan

The TPPL Library uses a nation-wide computer system (OCLC) to locate books or other materials and then ask other libraries to loan them. Pima County residents with a valid TPPL library card and no library fines can submit an Interlibrary Loan request for up to three items. Place your Interlibrary Loan request in person at the library branch where you want to pick them up, unless you make your request at the Main Library, where you can designate a different pick-up

point. All Interlibrary Loan materials need to be returned to the branch where they were borrowed. Requests can be made at the reference desk of any branch library.

Interlibrary loan usually takes four to six weeks but the time can vary. This service is usually free, unless the library that owns the material charges a loan fee. Loaned items can be kept for two weeks with no renewals. There is no grace period for overdue Interlibrary Loan books and fines are 50 cents per day.

## Grand Canyon Girl's Club

by James and Diane A.

The Grand Canyon Girls Club meets Saturday May 14th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are a girl between the ages of 6 and 12, be sure to join us for the Grand Canyon Girls Club. This month we will take care of business and work on the website, as well as play some games. Be sure to bring your creative minds and some

snacks to share with the rest of the group.

The Grand Canyon Girls Club meets at the Clubhouse at Emily A.'s house. Questions? Call or e-mail us.

## Mother and Daughter Outing

by Celeste and Melissa W.

Come join us May 9th for the first Mother and Daughter Night Out. We will be at Golf'n Stuff, 6503 E. Tanque Verde Rd., at 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact me.

## Tohono Chul Park

by Eileen D.

[Tohono Chul Park](#) offers ten different tours each month of the year. Admission to the park is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5 to 12. The tours are included in the price of admission. For information on additional tours and directions to Tohono Chul, call 742-6455.

### Storytelling in the Garden with Children

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Traditional and original stories about the desert and its creatures streamside in the Garden for Chil-

dren.

### Who Eats Whom

4th Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Navigate a desert food web and explore the interdependencies of native plants and animals.

### A Taste of the Desert

1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Discover the edible and useful plants of the Sonoran Desert.

### Family Ed-ventures

2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00

a.m. (2:00 pm October thru April) Bring the kids and explore the Park from a child's point of view.

### Reptile Ramble

April through October, Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Learn to identify resident reptiles and find the answer to the age-old question, "Why do lizards do push ups?" Be prepared to meet a few non-poisonous snakes, perhaps a lizard or even a tortoise.

## My NHD Project

by Colin E.

Hi, my name is Colin E. and I have been asked to write an article on National History Day. National History Day is a fun, educational competition and more Tucsonans should compete. It's been a great way to learn history.

How I picked a topic:

I took a vacation to the Petrified Forest National Park in Northern AZ. They had a boulder covered in petroglyphs called "Newspaper Rock" and it inspired me to do my poster on newspapers.

Materials for my Poster:

The title was cut out of a copy of the *Weekly Arizonian*, the 1st newspaper published in Pre-Territorial AZ., the pictures were taken by me at Newspaper Rock and at the Tubac Historical Society Museum, the copy of the weekly *Arizonian*

was bought at Tubac State Park. We also bought 2 postcards at Tubac, the poem "The Song of the Printer" was copied from a book. I chose these items to put on my poster because they had the most impact.

Research:

This was the most fun part. We got to travel to Tubac and ask questions of the historians and really learn about the newspaper and printing press. I kept all the research in a folder to help me write the Process Paper and keep track of the Bibliography. The NHD website rules tell you just how many words you can use and where.

Competition Interviews:

This was the most fun part for me because I enjoy doing interviews. There's nothing to be afraid of because you know more about your topic than they do! I always practice

what I want to say. I meet new people and learn how to communicate with others. When it's over, you feel relaxed and confident.

Next year:

I'm excited for next year because I will do a video documentary. I want to try to go to the National competition in Maryland! You start at Regionals in Tucson, and then if you are chosen to go on to State, you go to Phoenix. If you get a 1st or 2nd place at State you go on to Nationals for grades 6-12. I have to learn how to operate a video camera and editing software. I hope next year we will have a large turnout for NHD. I'd like to see you there.

## SDH Open Positions

by Erin S.

Below are positions that remain unfilled. Any questions regarding what a position entails should be directed to the person currently holding the position, or to me if that person is unavailable. Any positions that aren't filled simply don't get done. Let me know if you are willing to volunteer.

*Announcement Leader:* Currently held by Sybelle V. and Lori W. For next year the primary volunteer is Sybelle V. **Open-need 2nd volunteer.** This volunteer leads announcements at 11 a.m. at weekly park meetings. This position should only be taken by someone who plans to regularly attend park meetings.

*Geography Bee:* **Open.** This volun-

teer organizes the city-wide Geography Bee for homeschooled students. Responsibilities include registering with National Geographic Geography Bee, scheduling and organizing the event. Lisa F. organized the most recent bee and should be contacted with any questions.

*Homeschool Information Nights:*

**Open.** This volunteer organizes the twice annual information nights generally held at one of the local libraries. Responsibilities include scheduling, planning and advertising. Debbie G. has previously organized these and is willing to assist the next volunteer.

*National History Day Liaison:* **Open.** See Debbie G. for more information.

*Spelling Bee:* **Open.** This volunteer organizes the annual city-wide homeschool spelling bee. The most recent bee was organized by Bridget W. and she should be contacted with any questions.

*Ted Walker Day:* **Open.** This volunteer coordinates tickets to free day at Old Tucson.

*SDH Newcomer Committee:* **Always Open.** Meet newcomers at park, hand out newcomer packets, organize and attend SDH newcomer information nights, answer questions about SDH and homeschooling. This job is shared by many on a rotating basis. Questions? Contact Eileen D..

## Parent's Planning Meeting Agenda

by Kim B.

Date: Monday, May 16th

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd.

The purpose of the meeting is to schedule events for the upcoming year and to make sure all volunteer positions are filled. If you have planning items that are not listed below, please let me know.

*Dates to Set*

First Park Meeting: Previously set for August 16, 2005

Curriculum exchange

Fall and Spring Clothing Exchanges

Talent Show

Halloween party

November event

Fall and Spring Music Recitals

December event

Valentine's exchange

Group photo

Spring event

Last scheduled park meeting in May

Summer curriculum exchange

Group summer activity

Parent's meeting May 2006

First park meeting August 2006

*Jobs List (Erin S.)*

Go through Who's Who list to determine which jobs need filled, added, or removed.

Make sure each calendar event has someone responsible for organizing and announcing it.

## SDH Trivia Quiz

by Erin S.

1. What great parent volunteer took on the challenge of public speaking by leading announcements this year?
2. What incredible parent volunteer had the idea to organize the Multi-cultural Festival?
3. Sybelle V. had an inspired organizational idea to tame Valentine's Exchange chaos. What was the idea?

All of the above came about because of the SDH Parent's planning meeting.

Come to the SDH Parent's Planning Meeting and help contribute to our dynamic homeschooling community.

Answers:  
1. Lori W. 2. Brandy F. 3. Put the valentine boxes in a "u" and the children walk around and drop valentines into each box.

## Father and Son Outings

by Craig S.

### Planetarium Show

Thursday, May 12 at 7:45 p.m.

I will bring Eegees for everyone to share. Meet in the grassy area in front of [Flandrau Planetarium](#) at 7:45. We will see the show *More Than Meets the Eye* at 8:30. Under 4 not permitted. Cost is \$5.50 adults and \$4 children. Flandrau Science Center is on the campus of the U of A.

### Rock Climbing

Monday, June 6, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at [Rocks and Ropes](#). Rocks and Ropes is located at 330 S. Toole Ave. Please call 882-5924 for directions. The cost is \$10/climber.

### *You must RSVP for both events.*

Please RSVP to me by phone or e-mail.

## Us

by Sequoia H.

I am Trot.

My sister is Dot

and our dog is Pot.

Our little brother's name is Spot.

Dot and Pot like to play a lot,

but Spot and Pot do not.

I like to play a lot with Dot and Pot,

but not a lot with Spot.

## Junior Rodeo

by Cody W.

I have been riding horses since I was born. My mom had horses way before I was born. I have always liked them and always wanted to be a cowboy. We would go on cattle gatherings and lots of trail rides. I watched my mom ride and learned from her. I started watching rodeos when I was really young and love the roping events and bull riding. I decided that I wanted to be a bull rider.

We finally found a place that had practice bull riding. It was the Lazy K Bar Guest Ranch. Every Friday night they had bull riding, so we started going. I got to meet the riders and learn how they got ready for a ride, what stuff they used and all. I told my mom I wanted to try it and she said not until after I turned 12. I turned 12 in January and got it all set up to do my first ride. I borrowed the equipment I needed. The day came and I was

excited and scared at the same time. I had ridden a few small steers already, but this was different. The bull I was going to ride was not all that big, but he was mean. I got my rope set, got in the chute on him and then I got really scared. I didn't ride him. The next day I went to a friend's house to ride the steers again, but something inside of me just wouldn't let me do it. I had made the decision to wait awhile and really think this through. My mom and dad were disappointed when I didn't ride, but they said it was OK because I was young and I had a lot of time to think about it.

I waited for about a month and then tried it again. I felt better about it so we went back out to the Lazy K Bar. My mom took the video camera. I rode a steer named Wilcox. It was a good ride and I rode for the 8 seconds. After that I was hooked. I had a few hard falls and stomps, but it is what I wanted to

do. A friend of mine gave me a protective vest and a rope. My mom bought my first pair of chaps, then another friend gave me his old bull riding chaps because I outgrew the ones my mom had bought.

I decided to join the Arizona Junior Rodeo Association. My first rodeo was in Wilcox in April. I was excited and nervous about it, but when we got there I was just excited. I drew a bull named J-J (J Bar J). He was a little belly rolling bull. He bucked a boy off in the first round, but I stuck to him like glue and scored a 64. The kid that won scored a 68 so I wasn't too far off. I was so excited to win a 2nd my first time out.

I rode at the ranch again the week after the rodeo and got hung up and stomped on, but it wasn't too bad after it was over. I was sore for a few days, but I am ready to ride again. My next rodeo is in Safford on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I can't wait.

## Our Children and SDH

by Debbie G.

The annual parent's meeting is an SDH tradition. The group uses this meeting to match volunteers to open SDH jobs, and to create a working calendar for the upcoming year. The meeting is always a busy one, with lots of decisions to make and little time to discuss matters that are not on the agenda.

Here is a matter that won't be on the agenda - how can we make SDH more responsive to the children in our group?

I have always taken on a few group jobs, but this coming year I want to try something different. My children are almost finished with homeschooling, and I would really like to work toward making SDH more useful to the children in our group.

My group project for the upcoming year is to develop ways to more closely focus SDH on our children. I will be leading roundtable discussions at park meetings through the rest of this SDH year to discuss ways to improve the group, and to encourage more parents to be involved with creative and innovative contributions. I want to hear complaints, but more importantly, I

want to help people find ways to be part of SDH.

Here are a few suggestions for discussion:

- How can park meetings better serve our children?
- How can we encourage parents to engage with the children at the park?
- How can we create an SDH culture at park day that is distinctly different from what children experience in school?
- How can SDH better recognize our children's accomplishments? For instance, many children in SDH have won awards this past year - but how many people know who these children are? How many have congratulated these children for their achievements? Right now, the main methods of passing along news of these awards is the newsletter and the e-mail discussion list. There are two problems with these methods. One is that there is no personal recognition or feedback - the news is passed along remotely. And two, neither of

these methods involve children - they are both adult-oriented.

- Is Fort Lowell Park the best setting for park days? Are there other locations that would be better suited to our group's needs? What are those needs? (Yeah, I know, not just a can, but a whole pickle barrel of worms...)
- How can we encourage the development of more cooperative learning experiences for older children like the very successful high school biology classes led by Noelle Jacobson?

What I hope will come out of these discussions is that there will be a clearer understanding of the possibilities for SDH, and that people will realize that not only are their contributions essential to making the group work, but that they also are fully equipped for taking on this challenge.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with me at the park or e-mail me. Thank you!

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## Children's Reading Groups

by Erin S. and Heidi H.

Discussions are at 10:30 a.m. the first Park Day of each month. We try to choose books for different reading abilities, but children should select the book that

interests them. Selections may also be family read-alouds so the child is able to participate in the discussions.

### May 3

Book 1: *Catwings* and *Catwings Return* by Ursula K. Le Guin

Book 2: *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Anna Lee Latham

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## Roots & Shoots Club

by Heather M.

We had a great time at the Earth Day parade on April 16. Thanks so much to Laura C. and Lara B. for the parade costumes and "kids compost bin" design. We took 2nd place in the kids division.

Last month, three families (Kate M., a family from Phoenix and myself) went camping for three days and two nights on the beach at Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point), Mexico. We had a great time. We will plan future trips so be sure to let us know if you are interested so we can coordinate dates to accommodate everyone.

**Friday, May 6, TBA.** Plans are underway, but not yet finalized. Stay tuned—an announcement will be posted on the sdh-discuss email list soon or call me for details.

**Friday, May 20, "Animal Diversity"** presentation at the [International Wildlife Museum](#). Meet at the museum at 10:20 a.m. The one hour program begins at 10:30 a.m. The cost is approximately \$5 per family. If you would like to stay to tour the museum afterwards, there will be an additional cost of \$5.50 per adult and \$2 per child (18 months and older). The International

Wildlife Museum is located on the west side of town at 4800 W. Gates Pass. Their phone (if you need directions) is 629-0100.

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

To RSVP or for questions, contact me.

## Staying Cool in the Summer Months

by Erin S.

Living in Arizona is always a challenge during the summer. Everyone wants something to do, but few want to be outside. I have listed below many local resources that have indoor activities during the summer months. Have an educational, fun summer.

### [Bookman's Used Books](#)

Each store has different events every month. Call the store nearest you, or see their website, for a schedule.

**Bowling:** Several of the bowling alleys around town have 99 cent bowling during the weekdays. Call your nearest bowling alley and see what they offer.

### [Rocks and Ropes](#)

330 S. Toole Ave., 882-5924

An indoor rock climbing gym that offers fun for the whole family.

Give them a call, or refer to their website, for specials—family climb, ladies night, kids only.

### [Tucson-Pima Public Library](#)

In addition to their regular story times, the library offers a summer reading program and a variety of fun events at each branch throughout the summer months.

### [Polar Ice](#)

An indoor ice-skating ring offering public skate times, classes and ice sports.

### Roller Skating

[Arizona Skate Center](#), 3970 W. Ina Rd., 572-7258

Skate Country East, 7980 E. 22nd St., 298-0698

### [The Loft Cinema](#)

3233 E. Speedway, 795-7777 As part of their Reel Film series the loft often shows old films for chil-

dren during the summer.

### [Colossal Cave Mountain Park](#)

16721 E. Old Spanish Tr., 647-7121

This park features a dry cave with a unique history. The park also offers a different events the first Sunday of each month.

### [International Wildlife Museum](#)

4800 W. Gates Pass, 629-0100

Features examples of wildlife from around the world.

[Michael's Arts and Crafts](#) stores all offer a variety of children's activities during the summer. There are stores convenient to both sides of town, so call you nearest store for details.

### SDH P.E. Classes

by Eileen D.  
Athletes in Training (AIT) offers SDH P.E. classes on Tuesdays in May, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Ft. Lowell park. The activity for this month is "Wacky Water Games."

A typical class starts with stretching. Then the instructors teach the skills for the game, the children practice and then play a game. The program is for ages 5 and up and the cost is \$15 per month for one child with discounts for additional children. Discounts are

also given for paying in annual or quarterly payments. Typically a new sport is started each month, so you can start class any month you choose. Or, you may participate all year. These classes run from September to May each year.

In August AIT will have a free trial day at Ft. Lowell Park so you can meet the instructor, your children can try out a class and you can get information about the schedule and prices for the year.

Classes will resume in September at Ft. Lowell Park.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail.

### SDH Memory Book

by Lara B.  
I will be putting together an SDH memory book. This will be something simple and basic—mostly black-and-white with maybe a few color pages. I'm not going to try to copy school yearbooks. The memory book will be casual and in paperback. Those of you that take pictures at the different SDH activities, please pass them my way. You can e-mail digital photos to me, or give me prints. It is very important that I have the name of the person(s) and the activity they are doing, so

please write on the back of the photo or include with any e-mailed photos. If you give me prints, and you want them back, please put your name on the envelope so I can easily return them to you. I won't be able to use all of the photos I receive, but I hope to use enough to provide a good representation of all that SDH does. I won't know the exact cost until I have something going, but my guess is that the cost will be about \$5.

I need help brainstorming ideas, and I may need a little bit of hands-on

help. If you'd like to do this with me, please let me know. If you do not want your, or your child(ren)'s, picture in the SDH memory book let me know so I can be sure to omit them. Please contact me with any ideas, and/or if you'd like to help out.

### Game Day

by Sybelle V.  
Date: Friday, May 20  
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Location: St. Francis UMC (northwest corner of River and Swan), Room 50.  
All ages welcome. Bring any sort of game to share.

### Show and Tell

by Erin S.  
On May 17th, after announcements, I will lead a year-end show and tell. Children may bring anything they'd like to share with the group. If the Ramada isn't flooded, we'll meet there. Questions? Contact me.

### Calvin

by Connor S.  
  
Calvin  
Naughty six  
Jumping duplicate, transmogrifying  
Incredible funny entertained  
Hobbes

## This Month's Featured Web Sites

by Debbie G.

Visit the [SDH Featured Web Sites](#), and check out [past collections](#).

### [The Maypole of Merry Mount, by Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)

from ClassicReader.com

Complete text of Hawthorne's classic short story

### [Cinco de mayo de 1862 - La Batalla de Puebla](#)

History of Cinco de Mayo, written in both Spanish and English, created by Sinclair (Ohio) Community College students.

### [Cinco de Mayo WebQuest](#)

Web-based unit created by New Mexico teacher Cheryl Cox

Bienvenidos! Welcome! Cinco de Mayo or the Fifth of May commemorates the 1862 victory by Mexican forces, including ordinary citizens, over French soldiers. The battle known as La Batalla de Puebla or The Battle of Puebla took place on May 5th. It is a day marked by many Mexicans and those with Mexican ties as an important cultural event. Everyone likes a party or fiesta - so put on your party clothes and get ready to explore the roots of Hispanic culture by learning more about this day in the history of Mexico.

### [America's Story, from The Library of Congress](#)

Terrific interactive site with games, sound and video clips, photographs

### [Women in American History](#)

From Encyclopedia Britannica

Listen to Dorothy Parker read one of her poems; watch a video of Marian Andersen singing; read an excerpt from Rose O'Neal Greenhow's Diary of a Confederate Spy. The web pages include a recommended reading list, a study guide, and a collection of web resources.

### [Historical Text Archive](#)

The HTA publishes high quality articles, books, essays, documents, historical photos, and links, screened for content, for a broad range of historical subjects. The site is divided into three sections: [articles](#), [e-books](#), and [links](#). The article section contains the articles, documents, essays, and photographs. You can reach any of these by using the navigation table on the left of the screen or by using the breadcrumbs.

### [Uchronia - The Alternate History List](#)

Uchronia: The Alternate History List is an annotated bibliography of over 2600 novels, stories, essays and other printed material involving the "what ifs" of history. The genre has a variety of names, but it's best known as alternate history. In an alternate history, one or more past events are changed and the subsequent effects on history somehow described. This description may comprise the entire plotline of a novel, or it may just provide a brief background to a short story. Perhaps the most common themes in alternate history are "What if the Nazis won World War II?" and "What if the Confederacy won the American Civil War?"

## May 2005

For more information about the events listed in this calendar, see the newsletter articles.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		9:15 a.m. AIT P.E. 10:30 a.m. Park Day 10:30 a.m. Children's Book Discussion Groups 11:00 a.m. Announcements Scholastic book orders due May Day Festival after Announcements	7:30 p.m. Mer's Coffee Night, Borders on Oracle	1:00 p.m. Music Recital at PRIME School	1:00 p.m. Homeschool Roller Skating, Arizona Skate Center Roots and Shoots TBA	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	7:00 p.m. Mother and Daughter Night Out at Golf'n Stuff	9:15 a.m. AIT P.E. 10:30 a.m. Park Day 11:00 a.m. Announcements		7:45 Father and Son Outing, Flandrau Planetarium		3:00 p.m. Grand Canyon Girls Club
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7:00 p.m. SDH Parent's Planning Meeting, Willmot Library	9:15 a.m. AIT P.E. 10:30 a.m. Park Day 11:00 a.m. Announcements 11:15 a.m. Show and Tell at Ramada		7 p.m. Parent's Book Discussion, Something Sweet	10:20 a.m. Roots and Shoots, International Wildlife Museum 1:00 p.m. Game Day, St. Francis UMC Rm. 50	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		9:15 a.m. AIT P.E. 10:30 a.m. Last Park Day 11:00 a.m. Last Announcements	7:30 p.m. Mom's Coffee Night, Something Sweet			
29	30	31	1			
		9:15 a.m. Last AIT P.E. class	Deadline for June <i>Inside SDH</i>			

## Monthly Parent Opportunities

Every month of the year SDH has opportunities for parents to meet, talk and get to know each other better.

### Mom's Coffee Night

Currently Mom's Coffee Night is held on the last Wednesday of every month at Something Sweet located at 5319 E. Speedway. That's at the NE corner of Speedway and Beverly (the Office Depot store is on the intersection's NW corner and Live Theater Workshop is in the same plaza). We get together at 7:30 p.m. but don't worry if you can't make it at 7:30 - many of us stay until midnight! We chat, laugh, and generally have a great time. It is a great way to get

to know others better and there is always a mix of parents with younger or older children so you can ask lots of questions. Contact Kim B. if you'd like more information.

### Men's Coffee Night

Men's Coffee Night is the first Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity for fathers to discuss homeschooling issues, as well as other topics. Please join us at Borders on Oracle, for coffee, tea, good company and conversation. This casual meeting starts around 7:30 p.m. Contact Jeff O. for more information.

### Parent's Book Discussion Group

A Parent's Book Discussion is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at

Something Sweet, 5319 E. Speedway at 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Erin S.

May 19: *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth

June 16: *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

July 21: *Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson

August 18: *Living History* by Hillary Rodham Clinton

Note: Each of the above books is in high demand at the library. If you plan to get a selection from the library you may want to put an early hold on it.

## Upcoming Events

### June

*Men's Coffee Night*, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Borders on Oracle  
*Environmental Science Program*, June 2, 9:00 a.m., Agua Caliente Park  
*Father and Son Outing*, June 6, 5:00 p.m. at Rocks and Ropes  
*Parent's Book Discussion*, June 16, 7 p.m. at Something Sweet  
*Mom's Coffee Night*, June 29, 7:30 p. m., Something Sweet

### July

*Men's Coffee Night*, July 6, 7:30 p.m., Borders on Oracle  
*Parent's Book Discussion*, July 21, 7 p.m. at Something Sweet  
*Mom's Coffee Night*, July 27, 7:30 p. m., Something Sweet

### August

*Men's Coffee Night*, August 3, 7:30 p.m., Borders on Oracle  
*First SDH Park Day for 2005-2006*, August 16, 10:30 a.m., Ft. Lowell Park  
*Parent's Book Discussion*, August 18, 7 p.m. at Something Sweet  
*Mom's Coffee Night*, August 31, 7:30 p.m., Something Sweet

## SDH Membership Form

To Join SDH, return this form and \$10 cash (\$5 after January 1st) to either a Newcomer Committee member in a yellow SDH t-shirt or SDH's treasurers Claire B. or Teresa B.

Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you provide an e-mail address your SDH newsletter will be delivered via e-mail. Please check the box if you wish to have your e-mail listed for contact purposes but wish to receive a printed, snail-mailed newsletter

Child(ren) Name(s) and Birthdate(s) (MM/YY) If provided, this information will be included on the SDH roster. The roster is available only to SDH members and is never sold or used for any solicitation purposes.

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## Sonoran Desert Homeschoolers FAQs

### About SDH

SDH is a home education network serving homeschoolers throughout Tucson and Southern Arizona.

- SDH was founded in January 1999.
- Over the years, an average of 95 families are SDH members, with children from infants through teenagers.
- SDH meets on Tuesdays at Ft. Lowell park, from mid-August through mid-May at 10:30 a.m.

### What are the benefits of joining?

Every month, Sonoran Desert Homeschoolers Newsletter will be sent to you either electronically or by mail.

- Get the SDH membership roster, plus regular updates.
- Participate in SDH-discuss, an e-mail list restricted to current members of SDH.
- Participate in and help organize SDH group activities for your children and children of all ages.

### What does it cost?

\$10.00 per year (after January, the fee is reduced to \$5 for the remainder of the year—SDH years run August through July)

### How do I join SDH?

To join, come to the Tuesday park meeting—you can submit the above form plus the fee to a newcomer committee member in a yellow SDH t-shirt or to Treasurers Claire B. or Teresa B.

### [Questions](#)

## From the Editors

This edition of *Inside SDH* will be our last. As of June the new editor will be Jackie S. Jackie will be publishing the newsletter through the summer months, so please continue to send articles, information and kid's submissions. The [e-mail](#) to

send things to will remain the same. For the June newsletter the deadline will be June 1 rather than the usual 25th.

Eileen and I have enjoyed editing the newsletter for the past year. We've discovered great things in

SDH and it's people, we enjoyed making new friends, working more closely with old friends, and learning more about the wonderful world of homeschooling.

*Erin S. and Eileen D.*

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