

Greater San Diego Academy Homeschool

Where every moment is a learning opportunity!

Our vision is to help every child develop the knowledge, talents and abilities to become a successful, contributing member of society by supporting families through personalized learning.

The GSDA Staff would like to say



Welcome to another wonderful year of learning together at GSDA. Our staff has been working hard to ensure that you are provided with the highest degree of support for your family's goals and we have some new gear in our educational tool kit. Two exciting opportunities for parent/teachers are the Discovery Education's Fifth Annual *streamathon* and Fall 2010 Virtual Conference. You can learn many new ways to incorporate technology and our subscription to Discovery Education into your lesson plans. To find out more, visit their website at <http://community.discoveryeducation.com/>.

Click on DEN (Discovery Educator Network) and browse the upcoming webinars on the left side of the screen.

Enrichment schedules are posted and everyone is excited to have the students return to their on-site activities. Each site has sign-up sheets available for you to see and determine how to make the best use of your time. Enrichment funds are available for those classes with a fee. Please ask your site admin for request to reserve enrichment units forms.

There are many field trips and other opportunities for students and families to get together this fall. If you have not already signed up for the Meet-Up group, please visit www.meetup.com and search for GSDA. As a precaution, there is a password required for verification that is available from your consultant or your site admin. There are already many great ideas posted and more people are adding ideas regularly.

Each year at this time, I think our school and our families are better than the year before. This year is no different; as we continually strive for ways to help our students reach their goals. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year working with all of you at GSDA.

Again, welcome.

See you around the campuses,

Gail Levine



**September
2010**

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Monday

Sept 6th, 2010

Have a safe Labor Day





Legoland and Sea Life Aquarium



Description:

Come and experience hands-on learning activities at Legoland and enjoy embarking on an interactive journey through fantastic ocean habitats at SEA LIFE™ Aquarium (SLA). During your voyage at SLA there are amazing creatures to touch, discover, and admire along with interactive play zones, engaging shows and feedings. What will your amazing discoveries be on this field trip? Learn more at [SLA](#) and [Legoland](#). Since we will be doing a self-guided tour through both parks, you will be able to proceed at your own pace.

When:

Friday, October 8, 2010

Check in at **9:45 a.m.**; field trip begins at 10:00 a.m.

We must enter as a group

Where:

[LEGOLAND](#)- Group Sales Window

One Legoland Dr, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Who:

This field trip is set up for students in grades K-6, but is appropriate for all ages.

Cost:

\$12 for each GSDA student

\$24 for each adult and siblings 3+

Parking is \$12 at the gate

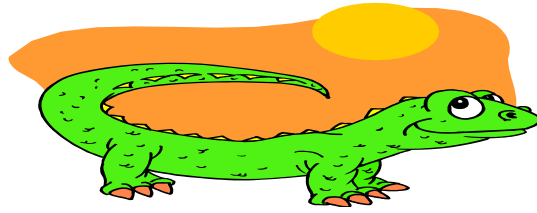
Free Parking Passes for the **first 15 families** that sign up

Food is allowed into the parks but no coolers.

For questions: contact Beci Patin at 858-536-7930

Attending Consultant: Kelly Aquino and Rachael Coughlin

***Send your field trip request form with payment to your resource center by
September 8, 2010***



Mission Trails Regional Park Nature Adventures

Leaping Lizards, Slithering Snakes!

How are they alike & different from us?

Learn about their good work in the park!

Description: This 90 minute program includes fun songs to sing, amazing animal facts, pictures, puppets, specimens from SDNHM & MTRP exhibits; an easy hike and a great take-home CRAFT!

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the park after the class.

For comfort & safety:

wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes

bring sunscreen, hats and dress in layers

pack water bottles and snacks

When: Monday, September 13 from 9:45 – 11:30

We will check-in and enter as a group at 9:45

Where: [Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor's Center](#) Classrooms A & B

One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119, 619-668-3281

Who: This field trip is appropriate for K-6 (maximum of 25 students and a total of 40 participants)

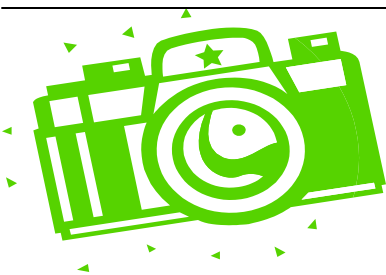
Cost: \$5 per student. Adults and younger siblings (age 2 & up) are free.

For questions, contact Marnie Girard at 760-752-7100

Attending Consultant: Sarah Damianos

Send your field trip request form with payment and a [liability release](#) (see reverse side of flyer on our website) for each student to your resource center by

September 7, 2010



Smile! It's GSDA Picture Day!

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 – All Sites

Arrive anytime between 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Photo sitting (for yearbook photo and student ID) is free of charge! Picture packages will also be available on this date.

Students who have their picture taken will receive a [school photo I.D. card](#).

Questions? Please contact your GSDA Resource Center.



The Civil War Adventure at Riley's Farm

Description: Experience a sojourn into America's past, exploring the great conflict that divided state from state and brother from brother. The vast fields and orchards of Riley's Farm, in concert with Riley's Farm skilled staff of Civil War living historians, help students and families imagine the contours of Civil War life in a way that motivates ongoing study.

The day will start with a rousing town meeting in which our group will debate the war and decide whether to succeed, join the union or stay neutral. All sides will get a chance to argue their point and then spend time with Confederate and Union soldiers as they teach about their home states and the issues they face. Students will end the day by participating in a large mock battle!

When: Monday, October 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We will check-in and enter as a group at 9:30 a.m.

Where: [Riley's Farm](#)

12261 S. Oak Glen Road
Oak Glen, California 92399
909-797-7534

Who: This field trip is appropriate for all students.

Cost: \$14 per person attending (3 & under free)

For questions, contact Marnie Girard at 760-752-7100

Attending Consultant: Dave Nuoffer

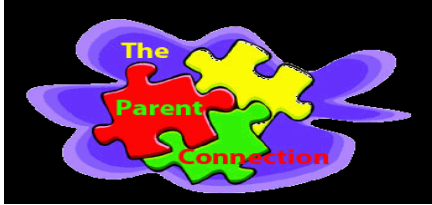
***Send your field trip request form with payment to your resource center by
October 11, 2010***



Why should you join GSDA's MeetUp Group?

- The members are friendly and helpful
- GSDA posts activities and events for families to attend
- You can post events that you want other people to attend
- You might find a group to join for cooperative learning
- The more people we have involved, the more opportunities there are for interaction

Go to: <http://www.meetup.com/GSDAHomeschoolers/> to request membership and start Meeting Up today!



WE NEED YOU!

Parent Connect Meetings are:

An opportunity for you to meet other parents. A time to brainstorm new ideas to make GSDA a better place. A time to learn secrets from other parents and consultants to make your job easier. A place to share your ideas.

A place to discover other wonderful homeschooling families! Let us know what you would like to see on the next agenda!

East County: Thursday, Sept 23 9:00-10:00

South County: Wednesday, Sept. 22 12:30-1:30

Central County: Wednesday, Sept. 22 9:00-10:00

North County: Wednesday, Sept. 29 12:15-1:15



Sea World!

Description:

Celebrate the wonders of the sea at SeaWorld San Diego. Experience Shamu's show Believe, and thrilling rides like Journey To Atlantis, Shipwreck Rapids and Wild Arctic. Join Elmo and his friends at the Sesame Street Bay of Play featuring family-friendly rides. Don't miss the Pets Rule! show and the hilarious antics of Clyde and Seamore's sea lion and otter show. Feed and touch dolphins and bat rays, and get up-close to beluga whales, polar bears, sharks and penguins. Enjoy fascinating aquariums, sea turtles, manatees, and exotic birds from around the world, Create memories to last a lifetime at SeaWorld San Diego.

When: Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Check in at 9:30 AM at the Education Gate (East of the Main Entrance)

We MUST check-in and enter as a group!

Field Trip begins at 10:00 and takes approximately 2 1/2 hours

Where: [Sea World](#)

Who: This field trip is appropriate for all students.

Cost: \$6.00 per person attending. Children 3 and under are free. Passes may be used.

Parking is free in the educational trip parking lot with the parking permit that you can pick up from your site admin.

For questions, contact Beci Patin 858-536-7930

Attending Consultant: Kim Tiffany

Send your field trip request form with payment to your resource center by

October 27, 2010

East County Fall 2010 Semester Enrichment Class Schedule

Classes begin 9/13/10 through 12/10/10 and are subject to change. Class parties will be 12/15 & 12/16

Day	Time	Grade	Class Name	Instructor	Fee
Wednesday	8:00-10:00	7-12	Math Tutoring	Ms.Kelly	Free
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	4-6	Math & Writing	Ms. Ann	Free
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	7-12	Research/Tech/Yearbook	Ms. Michelle	Free
Wednesday	10:00-11:00	6-8	Science Lab	Katie Johnson	Free
Wednesday	11:00-12:15	4-6	Public Speaking	Robin Kanzius	\$5/month
Wednesday	11:00-12:15	7-12	Art	Deanna DuBord	\$5/month
Wednesday	12:15-12:30		Lunch		Bring your lunch
Wednesday	12:30-1:30	4-6	Art	Deanna DuBord	\$5/month
Wednesday	12:30-1:30	7-12	Sculpture	Susan Kaufman	\$45/month
Wednesday	1:30-3:00	7-12	Study Skills (two 5 week sessions to be on October 6 and November 10)	Each Session taught by one consultant.	Free
Thursday	9:00-10:00	K-3	Mad Science	Mad Science	\$69.95/6 weeks starting 9/16
Thursday	10:00-11:00	K-1	Literacy	Ms. Catherine	Free
Thursday	10:00-11:00	2-3	Wellness	Ms. Grace	Free
Thursday	11:00-12:00	K-1	Wellness	Ms. Grace	Free
Thursday	11:00-12:00	2-3	Literacy	Ms. Catherine	Free
Thursday	12:00-12:15		Lunch		Bring your lunch
Thursday	12:15-1:15	K-1	Cultures around the World	Kara Morrell	Free
			Fun with Animals (alternate weeks)	Kelli Helms	
Thursday	12:15-1:30	2-3	Public Speaking	Robin Kanzius	\$5/month
Thursday	1:15-2:15	K-1	*Sing & Speak Spanish	S & S Spanish	\$174/semester \$43.50/mo
Thursday	1:30-3:00	2-3	Co-op Book Club	Robin Kanzius	Free

Parent Connect Meetings are on 9/23,10/28,1/27,2/24,3/24,4/28 and 5/26 from 9:00-10:00.

*Sing & Speak Spanish is intended to be a year long class(24 classes). Sing & Speak Spanish will hold an additional class on December 16.

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While our school is strong financially and our student enrollment is equal to last year, the state is spending less money each year for education. Your support will allow us to provide some of the 'extras' that make our program so vibrant.



Our school will receive a rebate of 4%-10% for every grocery item, book, game, electronic device or any other product you purchase through the [Amazon School Rewards](#) program, without costing you another penny. You can access the link through the GSDA website (click on *Support Our School*) or visit this [My School Rewards Store](#) link.

Central County Fall 2010 Semester Enrichment Class Schedule

Classes begin 9/13/10 through 12/10/10 (unless otherwise noted) and are subject to change.

Day	Time	Grades	Class Name	Instructor	Fee
Wednesday	9:00-10:30	9-12	*Biology Lab	Ms. Becca	Free
Wednesday	9:30-10:30	6-12	Knitting	Ms. Bunton	Free
Wednesday	10:30-11:30	6-12	French	Ms. Bunton	Free
Wednesday	10:30-11:30	8-12	Math Tutoring	Ms. Robin	Free
Wednesday	11:00-12:30	9-12	*Chemistry Lab	Ms. Becca	Free
Wednesday	11:30-12:30	6-12	Writing	Ms. Robin	Free
Wednesday	11:30-12:30	9-12	Study Skills (begins in October)	Staff	Free
Wednesday	1:00-2:00	9-12	Teen Talk	Ms. Kim	Free
Wednesday	1:00-2:00	6-8	Earth Science Lab	Ms. Juliette	Free
Thursday	9:00-10:30	K-5	Lego Engineering	Playwell Teknologies	**\$16/class
Thursday	10:30-11:30	K-5	Mad Science	Mad Science	\$69.95/6 weeks begins 9/16
Thursday	11:30-12:30	K-5	French	Ms. Bunton	Free
Thursday	12:30-1:00	K-5	Lunch		Bring your lunch!
Thursday	1:00-2:00	3-5	Art History	Ms. Ciniello	Free
Thursday	1:00-1:30	K-2	Fun with Friends: Recycled Art	Ms. Kim	Free
Thursday	1:30-2:00	K-2	Fun with Friends: Backyard Bugs	Ms. Kim	Free
Thursday	2:00-3:00	3-5	Computers	Ms. Robin	Free

Parent Connect Meetings are on 9/22, 11/17, 2/23, and 5/25 from 9:00-10:00 and on 10/28, 1/27, and 3/24 from 9:30-10:30.

*See schedule for class dates.

** Lego Engineering will be held on the following Thursdays 9:00-10:30. 9/23, 10/28, 11/18 and 12/16, 2010.



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Kids Free Days, sponsored by
Sempra Energy Foundation

October 1–31 Children ages 11 and younger receive free admission to the Zoo and the Wild Animal park during October.

[http://www.sandiegozoo.org/calendar/
calendar_highlights.html](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/calendar/calendar_highlights.html)

North County Fall 2010 Semester Enrichment ⁸Class Schedule (Classes begin 9/13/10-12/10/10)

Day	Time	Grades	Class Name	Instructor	Fee
Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	3-5	Art of Spanish	Sonia Godinez	\$30/mo
Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	K-12	Art With Linda	Linda Luisi	\$40/mo
Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	6-8	Physical Science	Eric Shirley	Free
Tuesday	9:00 - 10:00	K-12	Math Tutoring	Carol Thompson	Free
Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	6-8	Earth Science	Mayli Castanedo	Free
Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	3-5	US & World Geography	Erin Burhans	\$15/mo
Tuesday	10:00 - 11:00	K-12	Writing Tutoring	Jan Marquez	Free
Tuesday	11:00 - 12:00	3-5	The Writers' Group	Erin Burhans	\$15/mo
Tuesday	11:00 - 12:00	6-8	Writing Made Easy	Jan Marquez	Free
Tuesday	12:00 - 12:15	3-8	Lunch with Friends	Staff	Bring your lunch!
Tuesday	12:15 - 1:15	3-8	Greek & Latin Roots	Evelyn Wittman	\$20/mo
Tuesday	12:15 - 1:15	5-8	Book Renaissance	Jane Nuoffer	\$20/mo
Tuesday	1:15 - 2:15	6-8	Junior Improvisation	Evelyn Wittman	\$20/mo
Tuesday	1:15 - 2:15	3-5	Math Fun	Sarah Damianos	Free
Tuesday	2:15 - 3:15	3-8	Art & Music	Ellen Albistiqui-Dubois	\$20/mo
Tuesday	2:15 - 3:15	4-8	Junior Yoga	Evelyn Wittman	\$30/mo
Wednesday	9:00 - 10:00	K-3	Imagine If	Evelyn Wittman	\$20/mo
Wednesday	9:00 - 10:00	K-3	Arts & Crafts	Jennifer Glatt	Free
Wednesday	10:00 - 11:00	K-3	Word Factory	Evelyn Wittman	\$20/mo
Wednesday	10:00 - 11:00	K-3	Math with Carol	Carol Thompson	Free
Wednesday	11:00 - 12:00	K-3	Let's Get Cooking	Jennifer Glatt	\$5/mo
Wednesday	11:00 - 12:00	K-3	Let's Play Yoga	Evelyn Wittman	\$30/mo
Wednesday	12:00 - 12:15	K-12	Lunch with Friends	Staff	Bring your lunch!
Wednesday	12:15 - 1:15	K-12	Inventors & Inventions	Ellen Albistiqui-Dubois	\$20/mo
Wednesday	1:15-2:15	4-12	Would You like to Be an Architect?	Anne Parizeau, Arch.	\$60 for 6 wk ses.
Wednesday	2:15 - 3:15	4-12	Draw What You See....	Anne Parizeau, Arch.	\$60 for 6 wk ses.
Thursday	8:30 - 9:30	9-12	Algebra Lab	Mayli Castanedo	Free
Thursday	9:30 - 11:00	9-12	Biology Lab	Mayli Castanedo	Free
Thursday	10:00 - 11:00	6-12	Film Club	Marian Mortensen	Free
Thursday	10:00 - 11:00	K-12	Quilting Club	Billé Newberry	\$45/mo
Thursday	11:00 - 12:00	K-12	Craft Club	Billé Newberry	\$30/mo
Thursday	11:00 - 12:00	K-12	Glee Club (Vocal Choir)	CCMA	\$15-20 #enrolled
Thursday	12:15 - 1:15	K-12	Chess Club	Billé Newberry	\$20/mo
Thursday	12:15 - 1:15	9-12	Current Events	Eric Shirley	Free
Thursday	1:15 - 2:45	9-12	Teen Improvisation	Evelyn Wittman	\$25/mo
Thursday	2:45 - 3:45	9-12	Teen Yoga	Evelyn Wittman	\$30/mo
Friday	9:00 - 11:00	K-12	Lego Engineering Club	Playwell Teknologies	*\$21/mo

Parent Connect Meeting is on 9/29 from 12:15-1:15.

* Lego Engineering Club offers a 20% discount for additional siblings.

South County Fall 2010 Semester Enrichment Class Schedule

Classes begin 9/13/10 through 12/10/10 and are subject to change.

Day	Time	Grades	Class Name	Instructor	Fee
Tuesday	8:00-10:00	7-12	+ Math Tutoring	Ms. Kelly	Free
Tuesday	10:00-11:00	7-12	+ Writing Support	Ms. Rachael	Free
Tuesday	11:00-12:00	7-12	Technology	Ms. Diane	Free
Tuesday	12:00-12:30	7-12	Lunch with Friends	Staff	Bring your lunch!
Tuesday	12:30-2:00	7-12	Study Skills (5 week rotation of topics)	Staff	Free
Wednesday	9:00-10:00	K-2	Learning Through Literature	Ms. Diane	Free
Wednesday	9:00-10:00	3-6	Chess Club	Ms. Kim	Free
Wednesday	10:00-11:00	K-2	Little Einsteins	Ms. Kim	Free
Wednesday	10:00-11:00	3-6	Art	Mr. Bob	Free
Wednesday	11:00-11:30	K-6	Lunch with Friends	Staff	Bring your lunch!
Wednesday	11:30-12:30	K-2	Art	Mr. Bob	Free
Wednesday	11:30-12:30	3-6	* Computer Skills	Ms. Rachael	Free
Wednesday	12:30-1:30	K-6	Mad Science	Mad Science	\$69.95

Parent Connect Meetings are on 9/22, 10/27, 12/1, 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, and 5/25 from 12:30 to 1:30.

+If your student plans to attend tutoring times, they ***must*** come prepared with the work they need help with. Students should bring their assignments and possibly even their textbooks with them. We will not be creating lessons for these times.

* Computer Skills class has a 16 student max. Please sign up with Mercy.



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You may find out the details of the program and sign up by clicking on the icon. Enter either our name, Greater San Diego Academy, or our group ID 500023777. Click search and then click our name and continue your registration. Your purchases will be tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!

Counselor's Corner

11th Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Calendar

September

- Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- Clarify your college and career plans; explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college, and scholarship/financial aid search. [More Info](#)
- Attend FREE ACT?SAT, financial aid and college fairs. Visit the <http://sandiegocalsoap.com/> website and click onto Events Calendar.
- Make sure your high school classes meet college entrance requirements
- Get involved in school activities.
- Find your Social Security Number ; you'll need it for college applications
- Register for the ACT at <http://www.actstudent.org>
- Visit the following websites and register for practice test for the ACT <http://www.actstudent.org> and the PSAT www.collegeboard.com

ATTENTION: 10th Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Calendar

The PSAT will be offered this year on October 13th or 16th for 10th graders who would like to practice for the SAT. By taking the PSAT, students may also qualify for scholarship programs through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSQT). GSDA does not administer the PSAT, but students can sign up through their local high schools. For more information visit: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

12th Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Calendar

September

- Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- Identify colleges you would like to apply to and request applications.
- Begin working on college applications and be aware of deadlines.
- Register for any additional SAT I or SAT II tests.
- Register for the ACT exam if it is required by colleges of interest to you.
- Plan college campus visits and interviews, or take "virtual tours" and make appointments to have interviews locally.
- Look for and attend college fairs.
- Request letters of recommendation
- Prepare your resume.
- Submit a written request for transcripts to include in college applications.
- Complete your career plan activity and meet with your consultant to review.

GSDA LOCATIONS

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Jamul, CA 91935
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North County – San Marcos

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San Marcos, CA 92069
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Fax: (760)752-7110

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