

#### FIELD DAY& GRADUATION!

DCHE Classes, Clubs, Activities, and Teams have ended for the 2020-2021 School Year! Now it's time for Field Day! Please note, due to COVID19 guidelines, this event is by invitation only to DCHE Families.

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO** 



## DCHE HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

The 2020-21 DCHE Homeschool Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4PM-5:30PM @ Park Place Baptist Church (4576 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville, GA 30039).

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO** 

#### **CURRENT EVENTS**

Check out our listing of Current Events for details on clubs, teams, activities, support meetings, conferences, reading programs, and public events.

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#### WELCOME

DeKalb Christian Home Educators ("DCHE") is a group of likeminded families who have joined together to provide Christ-centered support to the entire homeschooling community. We believe "relationship" is the key to a quality education. We are a diverse and inclusive organization that is guided by the philosophy to "love your neighbor as yourself." This publication is our newsletter distributed monthly.





May God's Grace continue to be each of you as we approach Summer Season! Below are a list of FREE and/or low-cost activities to consider as you finalize your summer plans.

#### **SUMMER CAMPS (IN-PERSON):**

Fine Arts: <u>Proskuneo Camp Meraki (K-8<sup>th</sup> Graders)</u>
PE: <u>Killian Hill Baptist Church Soccer Camp (Ages 6-12)</u>
STEM: <u>GenCyber Summer Camp (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders)</u>

#### **SUMMER CAMPS (VIRTUAL):**

STEM: BEST Simulink Summer Workshops (6th – 12th Graders)

STEM: NSBE SEEK (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)
ALL: Varsity Tutors (K-12<sup>th</sup> Graders)
STEM: HSSP @ MIT (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders)



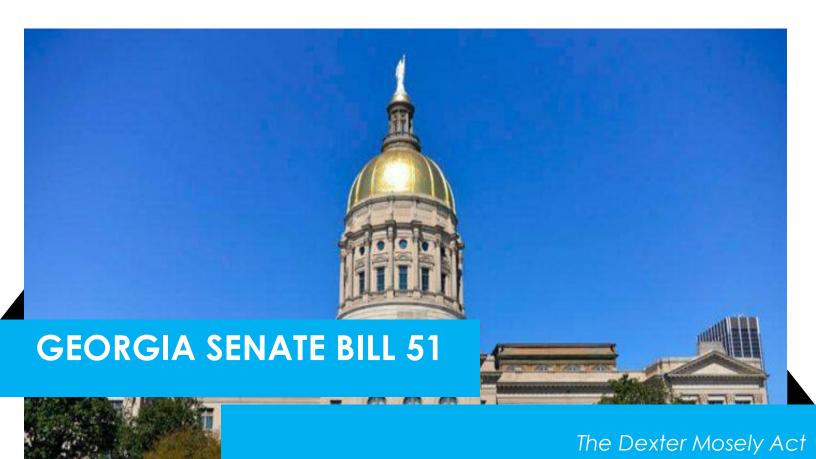
~Psalm 74:17

#### **SUMMER READING PROGRAMS:**

Lifeway Summer Reading Program (Ages 0-12)
Barnes & Nobles Summer Reading Program (1st-6th Graders)
Half Price Books FYB Summer Reading Program (Ages 0-14)
Atlanta Hawks – Check It Out SRP (K-12th Graders)
Atlanta Braves – Bloopers SRP (K-12th Graders)

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Sonlight What's Next for My Homeschool (May 12 Replay) IEW 2021 Writing Conference (June 26)



The Georgia Senate recently passed the Dexter Mosely Act (SB 51), previously called the "Tim Tebow" bill, which gives homeschoolers the option to participate in public school extracurricular activities.

Throughout the month of April, the <u>DCHE Elementary Speech Club</u>, led by Mrs. Lavinna King and assisted by Mrs. Coretta Ponder, recently debated whether or not Homeschoolers should participate Public School Extracurriular Activities. Students discussed the benefits and disadvantages of public school extracurricular activities. The overall concensus of the students was that homeschoolers should have the option to explore public school extracurricular activities, however most DCHE homeschooled students prefer the flexibility of homeschool extracurricular activities.

The current status of the Dexter Mosely Act bill as of March 31, 2021 is "Withdrawn, Recommitted" wherein the bill may be revised and then resubmitted for final vote. If the Bill passes the Georgia House, and is signed by Gov. Kemp it is slated to go into effect on July 1, 2021. Below outlines legislature and media coverage of the Bill:

- 1. Georgia School Boards Association: Capital Watch Online SB 0051 "Dexter Mosely Act"
- 2. Georgia General Assembly: SB 51 "Dexter Mosely Act"
- 3. LegiScan: GA SB51
- 4. AP: Bill to let home-schoolers in public school sports advances
- 5. Athletic Business: Georgia Bill: Allow Home-Schoolers to Play HS Sports
- 6. Walton Tribune: Hines: It Appears Home-School Students Will Be Eligible Soon
- 7. 13 CBS WMAZ: Parents of homeschooled students speak on Senate bill allowing participation in public school extracurricular activities

# **CURRENT EVENTS**

Below is a list of DCHE and community wide events occuring this month.

#### DCHE UPCOMING & SUMMER EVENTS:

- 1. <u>Virtual Co-op Days</u> None. Stay tuned via email for updates on Fall In-Person Coop Days
- 2. **Mens Fellowship** May 8, 2021 @ 7PM via **ZOOM**
- 3. DCHE Graduation Ceremony May 20, 2021 @ 4PM ET
- 4. Married Couples Fellowship May 22 @ 7PM via ZOOM
- 5. Womens Bookclub June 26 @ 7PM via ZOOM
- 6. Support Meetings @ Eastside Academic Studies Check Website
- 7. <u>Community Service</u> Email Mary Hoyt for Updates

\*Check www.dcheeducators.com regularly for updates\*

#### PUBLIC HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- 1. KSU MHHE: Homeschool Day May 19 @ 10AM (Virtual)
- 2. Arabia Mountain: Homeschool Days Various @ 2PM
- 3. Panola Mountain: Homeschool Day Various @ 2PM

\*Check respective hyperlinked websites regularly for updates\*

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):**

1. <u>Juneteenth Stone Mountain Village – 6/19</u>

#### LIBRARY EVENTS (FREE):

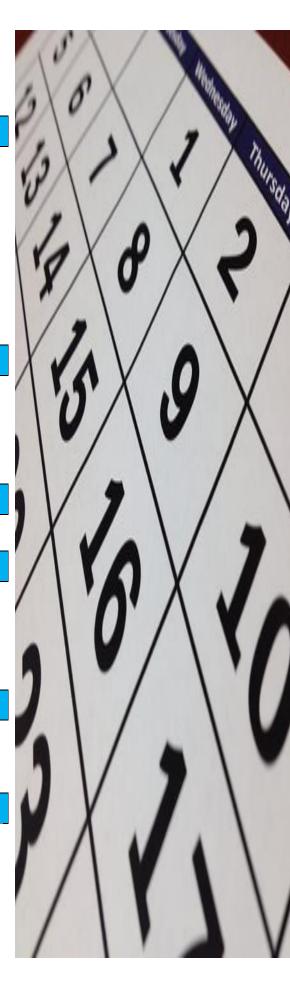
- <u>Dekalb County Public Library</u> Summer @ Various
- <u>Convers Rockdale Library System</u> Summer @ Various
- <u>Clayton County Public Library</u> Summer @ Various
- Atlanta Fulton County Public Library Summer @ Various
- Gwinnett County Public Library Summer @ Various

#### HOME EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FREE):

- IEW 2021 Writing Conference 6/29 @ Various
- NASA: Educator Professional Development Summer @ Various
- <u>IEW</u> -- Summer @ Various

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### CURRICULUM (FREE):

SUBJECT	RESOURCE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	DCHE Storehouse – Free Books
	Ayn Rand Institute – Free Books
SCIENCE	Physics
	APS PhysicsQuest Kit
	Apologia Physical Science – Free
	Online Course
	Life Science
	Apologia Biology – Free Online
	Course
	ALT NPS Seed Packs
ENGINEERING	Lowes Kids Workshops – Free Kits
	19 STEM Kits (after 1-time AEM
	registration fee of \$35.00)
SOCIAL STUDIES:	Junior Ranger Workbooks & Badges
	izzit.org Free Annual DVD

### LIVE VIRTUAL CLASSES & WORKSHOPS (FREE):

SUBJECT	RESOURCE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
MATH	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
SCIENCE	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
SOCIAL STUDIES:	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
FINE ARTS:	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
	Fulton County Arts & Culture
TECHNOLOGY:	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
	NSBE SEEK
	MIT HSSP
	BEST Robotics
WORLD LANGUAGES:	<u>Varsity Tutors</u>
CULINARY ARTS:	C.H.O.I.C.E.S.
	Michel et Augustin



#### YEAR-ROUND FIELDTRIPS (FREE):

- CDC Museum
- Zoo Atlanta: Library Pass Program
- Southeastern Railway Museum: Library Pass Program
- National Parks: Every Kid in a Park
- Bear Hollow Zoo
- State Botanical Gardens of Georgia
- Noah's Ark
- The King Center
- Heritage Park Veterans Museum
- Georgia Museum of Natural History
- Georgia State Capital
- Govenor's Mansion
- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum
- McDaniel Farm Park
- Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield
- Museum of History and Holocaust Education
- Marietta Fire Museum
- National Archives of Atlanta
- Anne Frank Exhibit
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Atlanta Contemporary
- Georgia Museum of Art
- Hudgens Center for the Art
- National Weather Service



# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter. May your February be filled with lots of joy, good fellowship, and praise to God.

#### **VERSES OF THE SUMMER:**

(From the Bible Quiz Bowl Team 2021-2022 Study Schedule)

Romans (Berean Study Bible)

James (Berean Study Bible)

#### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH:**

The Ultimate Guide to Homemade Popsicles

### LOCAL FREE FOOD BANKS AND DISTRIBUTIONS: (Open to the Public, No Documentation Required)

<u>Wade Walker YMCA:</u> M-F @ 1:00PM – 3:00PM ET Dinner and Snack. <u>Park Place Church:</u> Every Tuesday 3:30PM – 6:30PM ET

#### **PRAYER CORNER:**

#### 1. PRAISE REQUEST - The Horton Family

#### PRAISE REQUEST

DCHE would like to extend a warm WELCOME to the Horton Family! Welcome to DCHE we are so glad you're part of our community! We also want to extend CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of their Baby Girl.



\*\*Please email <u>dcheeducators@gmail.com</u> for any needs you have and/or if you would like to add a prayer request to the Newsletter\*\*

