



THE DCHE DISPATCH  
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## WELCOME

DeKalb Christian Home Educators ("DCHE") is a group of like-minded 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.

## BACK TO HOMESCHOOL!

Make sure to [REGISTER](#) for the upcoming school year! Visit the DCHE Website and take a look at our [Co-Op Day Clubs](#), [Activities](#), and [Calendar events](#).

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## HANDS-ON U.S. SOCIAL STUDIES

When planning your upcoming year, take a look at NPS Junior Ranger Programs to supplement or complement your Social Studies activities.

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## CURRENT EVENTS

Check out our listing of Current Events for details on support meetings, conferences, school-year reading programs, conferences, and professional development.

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# BACK TO HOMESCHOOL!!!

## Co-op Day, Clubs, Activities, and More!

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First things first, remember to [REGISTER](#) for your DCHE Membership. Secondly, our DCHE OPEN HOUSE takes place on **August 10, 2018** and our DCHE KICKOFF will be on **August 24, 2018**. Make sure to stay tuned for more information on those events which will be emailed to you via the mailing list and posted on [the website](#). Make sure to visit the [co-op webpage](#) regularly for updates.

### CO-OP DAY

Continuing our tradition of Wednesday gatherings, with many of the same clubs as well as new clubs. Take a look at the [Co-op](#) offerings below:

- [Spanish](#) (ages 5-10) – Instructor Brandee Martin
- [Spanish](#) (ages 11+) – Instructor Brandee Martin
- [Chess](#) (ages 4+) – Instructor Stephen Muhammed
- [Bible Quizzing](#) (ages 4+) – Instructor Michelle Shaw
- [Art](#) (ages 5-10) – Instructor Summer King
- [Art](#) (ages 11+) – Instructor Summer King
- [Speech Club](#) (ages 5-10) – Instructor Corretta Ponder & Instructor Lavinna King
- [Science Club](#) (ages 5-10) – Instructor Corretta Ponder & Instructor Lavinna King
- [Science Olympiad Lab](#) (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) – Instructor Corretta Ponder & Shanna Smith

### ACTIVITIES

In addition to Co-op day classes, take a look at the following activities:

- [Community Service Club](#)
- [Robotics Team](#)\*

\*Coaches are currently needed for the Robotics Team. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact [dcheeducators@gmail.com](mailto:dcheeducators@gmail.com).

### FIELDTRIPS

Fieldtrips will be communicated via email mailing list. Make sure to email the following points of contacts for age specific activities and/or if you're interested in leading a fieldtrip:

- **4-9 Year Old Activities –**  
Lavinna King ( [rlking1030@comcast.net](mailto:rlking1030@comcast.net) )
- **Tween Activities –**  
Rachel Searcy ( [mrssearcy@gmail.com](mailto:mrssearcy@gmail.com) )  
Jemey Martin ( [jem18m@gmail.com](mailto:jem18m@gmail.com) )
- **Fieldtrip Coordinator -**  
Shanna Smith ( [lilamae@comcast.net](mailto:lilamae@comcast.net) )



# “Junior Ranger Programs can complement Unit Studies”

## HANDS ON U.S. SOCIAL STUDIES

### NPS Junior Ranger Program

Social Studies is a great subject area which includes History and Geography. For United States History, there are several free resources available online which can be integrated into home education curricula. One of these includes the National Park Service (“NPS”) [Junior Ranger Program](#). This program is a badge program in which youth ages 5 to 13 can complete the following to receive a badge:

1. Complete Junior Ranger Booklet
2. Submit Booklet In-Person or by Mail

Booklets are available free of charge and can be acquired either in-person or online. Approximately 80 Junior Ranger Programs are available for submission by mail/online which makes for a great homeschool option. [Here is a blog](#) with a list of all the Junior Ranger Programs available for submission by mail and/or online.

Additionally, if you’re looking to develop unit studies on a particular sub-topic, take a look at the following:

#### Native American History

1. [Trail of Tears](#)
2. Also, most geographical NPS sites contain Junior Ranger Programs about Native American History. [Click here](#) to review a list of geographical NPS sites.

#### African American History

1. [Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site](#)
2. [Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument](#)
3. [Boston African American National Historic Site](#)
4. [Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site](#)
5. [Frederick Douglass National Historic Site](#)
6. [Mary McLeod Bethune National Historic Site](#)
7. [Discovering the Underground Railroad](#)



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### Biographical Figures

1. Abraham Lincoln –  
[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#)
2. Dwight Eisenhower –  
[Eisenhower National Historic Site](#)
3. Edgar Allen Poe –  
[Edgar Allen Poe National Historic Site](#)
4. Roger Williams –  
[Roger Williams National Memorial](#)
5. John Smith -  
[Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail](#)
6. Cesar Chevez -  
[Cesar Chevez National Monument](#)
7. Harry S. Truman –  
[Harry S. Truman National Historic Site](#)
8. Franklin D. Roosevelt -  
[Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site](#)
9. Maggie Walker -  
[Maggie Walker National Historic Site](#)
10. Carl Sandburg -  
[Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site \(NC\)](#)
11. Jimmy Carter -  
[Jimmy Carter National Historic Site](#)
12. Bill Clinton -  
[President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home](#)

### Science Junior Ranger Programs

1. [Junior Ranger Let's Go Fishing](#)
2. [Junior Archeologist Program](#) | [Parent Guide\\*](#)
3. [Junior Paleontologist\\*](#)
4. [Junior Cave Scientist Program](#)
5. [Junior Ranger Night Explorer](#)
6. [Wilderness Explorer](#)
7. [Underwater Explorer](#)
8. [Bats](#)

\*These programs do not hold to a Creation Science viewpoint, therefore some curricula may require adjustments.



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# FULL STEAM AHEAD

Back in [June](#) we discussed how Home Educators can join Civil Air Patrol as an [Aerospace Education Member](#) for \$35.00 and receive up to 12 STEM Kits (each kit is valued at \$100.00 retail) Free of Charge! This month let's deep dive into Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Education programs and take a closer look at what additional FREE resources Aerospace Education Members have access to.

## AEROSPACE CONNECTIONS IN EDUCATION:

[Aerospace Connections in Education \("ACE"\)](#)\* is a Curriculum program which contains lessons (with accompanying worksheets and/or manipulatives) for Grades Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup>. Each grade level has 21 lessons. Click the links below to view sample lessons for each grade level.

- [Grade K Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 1 Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 2 Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 3 Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 4 Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 5 Sample Lessons](#)
- [Grade 6 Sample Lessons](#)

Upon the completion of 10 lessons within each applicable grade level, students receive a End of School Year ACE Program Completion Certificate.

## AEROSPACE EDUCATION EXCELLENCE:

[Aerospace Education Excellence \("AEX"\)](#) is a Curriculum program which contains lessons (with accompanying worksheets and/or STEM Kits). AEX curricula focuses on specific areas of STEM (Physical Science, Earth Science, Model and Remote Controlled Aircraft; Astronomy; Advanced Math; Robotics; etc.) and many of the activities pair with the STEM Kits. The AEX Curriculum is offered as follows:

1. AEX I (grades K-5)
2. AEX II (grades 6-12)

Upon the completion of 6 lessons within each applicable grade level and attending a relevant 2 hour field trip, students receive an AEX Award Certificate.

## STEM KITS:

Below outlines the STEM Kits Aerospace Education Member's can order 15 Free of Charge:

- [Click Here for Full Listing](#)

\*Please note: some content (age of the earth, extra-terrestrial, etc.) in these resources do not exclusively express a Biblical Worldview.



# CURRENT EVENTS

Below is a list of DCHE and community wide events occurring in August.

## DCHE EVENTS

1. **Open House** – August 10 @ TBD
2. **Kick-Off** – August 24 @ TBD
3. **Bible Quiz Team: Demo Meeting** – August 29 @ 11:30AM
4. **First Co-Op Day** – September 5 @ [Various](#)
5. **Support Meetings** – In conjunction with [Eastside Academic Studies](#). See “Announcements” Section on [Eastside Academic Studies](#) website

\*Check [www.dcheeducators.com](http://www.dcheeducators.com) regularly for updates\*

## SCHOOL-YEAR READING PROGRAMS:

Pizza Hut BookIt  
Six Flags Read to Succeed  
Atlanta Braves Achievers

## HOMESCHOOL EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FREE):

[NASA EDPC Webinar - Explore Space Tech: Rockets 101](#) – August 2 @ 6PM ET  
[Not Back to School Conference \(Online\)](#) – September 10-21 @ Various Times

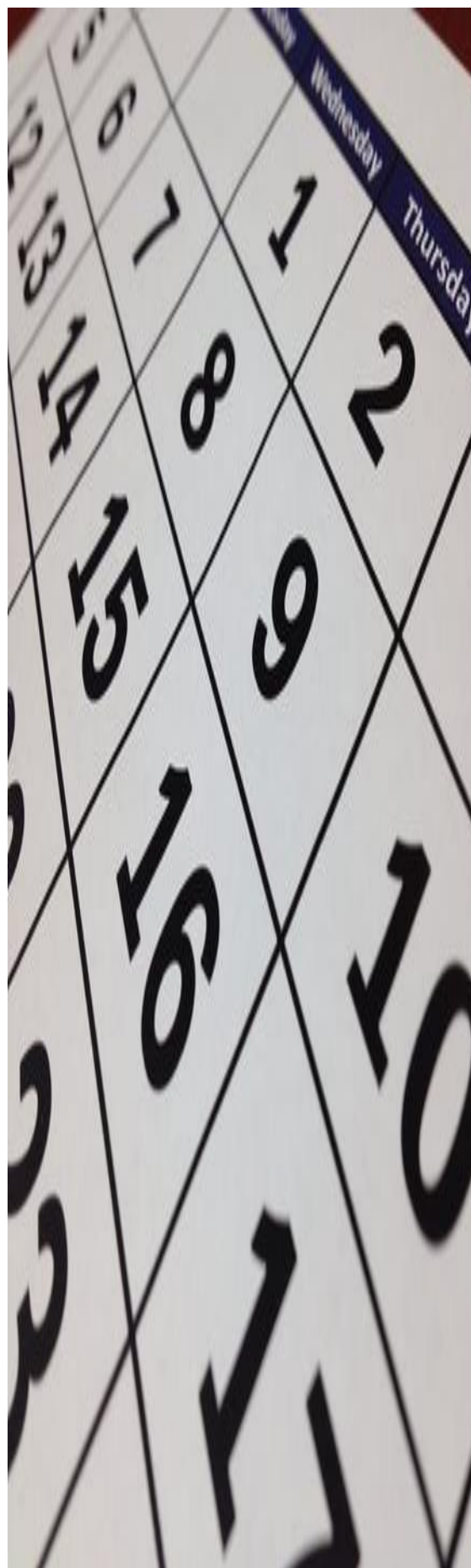
## VIRTUAL FIELDTRIPS:

[Solar Storms in the Ionosphere and the NASA GOLD Mission](#) August 1 @ 4PM

## PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):

[Home Depot Kids Workshop - Bookworm Bookends](#) – August 4 @ 9AM ET  
[Lego Store Monthly Mini Model Build\\*](#)- August 6 or 7 @ Various Times  
[Pikes Nurseries - Growing Orchids & African Violets](#) - August 11 @ 10AM  
[Museum of Design Atlanta - Family Free Day\\*](#) – August 12 @ 1PM  
[Woodruff Arts Center - Family Fun\\*](#) - August 12 @ 1PM  
[High Museum of Art - Second Sunday\\*](#) - August 12 @ 1PM  
Michael C. Carlos Museum - Free Admission Day – August 16 @ 1PM  
[Young Eagles Program\\*](#) - August 18 @ 9AM  
[PetSmart – Small Pet Carnival](#) – August 18 @ 12PM  
[MHHE - August Homeschool Day\\*](#) - August 22 @ 9:30AM  
[Pikes Nurseries Gardening for Beginners](#) – August 25 @ 10AM

\*Registration Required





# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter! Take a look at the Verses for this Month and the Recipe below.

## VERSES OF THE MONTH: (From the [Bible Quiz Bowl Team Study Schedule](#))

"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. "  
~ John 1:1

"Through Him all things were made,  
and without Him  
nothing was made that has been made."  
~ John 1:3

"But to all who did receive Him,  
to those who believed in His name,  
He gave the right to become children of God —"  
~ John 1:12

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.  
We have seen His glory,  
the glory of the one and only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth."  
~ John 1:14

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Look, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world!" "  
~ John 1:29

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

### [CHICKEN VEGGIE SKEWERS](#) ([CLICK HERE FOR RECIPE](#))



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