



# Texarkana Organization for Resolute Christian Homeschoolers Newsletter

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TORCH is a local homeschool support group serving Texarkana, AR/TX and the surrounding area. Organized and operated by parent volunteers, our mission is to support and encourage those pursuing the choice of homeschooling for the education of their children.

TORCH is a Christian group, operated on the basis of Biblical principles and living faith; we uphold traditional Christian values while welcoming members of all races, nationalities and backgrounds who subscribe to The TORCH Ideals. Our common bond is our concern for the education of our children.

TORCH General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7pm-9pm at "The Old Lighthouse" 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God, located at 3401 W. 7th, Texarkana, TX. Guests are welcome, and may call our President, Kim Bragg at 870-653-6204 for more information. Each meeting covers upcoming events, a special topic of interest to homeschoolers, and pertinent legal issues.

Membership cost is \$25 per year and may be paid in person, by mail, or online during the registration process at

[www.homeschool-life.com/tx/torch](http://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/torch).

## **A Note From your President:**

Well, the end of school is in sight. It's time for the business of summer. I always consider it a break, but it is a very busy time as we tend gardens, go to church camp, have vacation Bible school, etc.

This month is our Talent Show and Homeschool Expo. Be sure and sign up online if you have anything to show or something you would like to perform. Don't forget to invite your grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends.

This is our last homeschool meeting until August. Sometime around July I need to meet with the board and discuss next year's events. There are a lot of neat ideas and exciting field trips to discuss for next year.

Also I need everyone to bring finger foods, a drink, and a dessert for our meeting. We need enough to feed guests.

Thanks,  
Kim

## **Calendar Events:**

Our monthly meeting will be on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** from 7pm-9pm at "The Old Lighthouse" 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God, 3401 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Texarkana, TX 75501. This is our end of the school year Graduation and Talent Show. We have one Kindergartener graduating, Cami Janes. Please have your students sign up on the website for the talent show, and for table space to display their work for the year. Be sure to invite family and friends.

Bowling will be May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1pm-3pm. Cost is \$2 per person/per game including shoes. This is the last bowling day for the school year.

Christian Family Skate Night is May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9pm at Skate America. Cost of skating is \$3. Please invite friends and family we need to have a better turn out in order for 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly to be able to cover the cost of renting the rink.

Park Day is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at Bringle Lake from 11am-2pm. Meet at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pavilion, weather

permitting. This is May 28<sup>th</sup> this month. Bring a sack lunch and visit while the kids play.

Keepers of the Home will have the last meeting for the school year May 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm at Kim Braggs house. Please call Kim if you need directions.

Contenders for the Faith meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. This month the boys will be meeting at Virgil Son's house. May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting of the school year. They will be learning about camping and planning a camping trip for perhaps some time in June.

The Scarborough Renaissance Festival Student Days are May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am til 2pm. We will be going as a group on **Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will caravan, meeting at the gas station off the Nash Exit next to Dixie Diner at 5:30. We will leave at 5:45. It is a 3 hr. and 20 min. drive so we have to leave early to be sure we will arrive at a decent time. A sign-up sheet will be made available at the March meeting, and online. Please sign up in March, because there is limited space for schools on these days and reservations are required. The cost of tickets is \$7.50 per child, and \$9 per adult. Your money will be due by the April meeting and no later. You may pay online when signing up, still due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. We cannot extend this date as we have to mail a check ahead of time, and they have to receive it by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Every 7<sup>th</sup> adult is free, and this savings will be divided evenly amongst us in the form of a refund as we have no way of knowing how many will go until everyone has paid. The cost of food is \$1-\$4 per item. And there is a A Royal Lunch Package that is available for only \$6, and includes a choice of entrée, dessert and beverage. We are also allowed to bring a lunch.

Magic Springs Education in motion day is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The park is open from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$18 per person, and parking is free this day only. The flier may be viewed on our website. We will meet at eh Road Runner at the Airport Exit at 6:30am. It is a 2hr drive. The water park is open and you may visit either of both parks for the cost of 1 ticket. We may bring our lunches. Parents should box all lunches together and mark the TORCH. We can store and eat them in the group pavilion.

### **Reminders from your secretary:**

Please be sure to add the sender: [lifeline@homeschool-life.com](mailto:lifeline@homeschool-life.com) to your contact list do TORCH emails will not be caught by your spam filter. You can change the number and frequency of the emails you receive in your family profile. There are a lot of useful tools on our website. Be sure to make use of them. If you are having trouble accessing any, I will be happy to help you. Our web address is [www.homeschool-life.com/tx/torch](http://www.homeschool-life.com/tx/torch) . Contact me, LaRona Son @ 903-824-9935, or [TORCH\\_group@hotmail.com](mailto:TORCH_group@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

And remember, please have any information for the Newsletter to me before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Thanks!

Also, our Financial reports are now available online under "Publications". If you do not have computer access, please see LaRona Son, for a copy of these, or any other publication.

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