



# CFS News

Fall 2016

## CFSSD News and Notes

Fall has arrived and another school year is in full swing around the county. Soon the temperatures will drop further and we'll get a chance to pull out those sweaters and boots that have languished at the back of the closet for so many months. Super organized people might even be thinking about Christmas.

Meanwhile, we hope your homeschool is off to a good start! We are excited to come alongside the leaders in your local groups to offer some additional opportunities for members countywide this year. We began with a Homeschool Training Seminar in September (which was very well received,) and had a huge turnout (over 100 participants) to the IMAX film on National Parks at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center a couple of weeks ago.

We have a variety of other trips and classes in the planning stages, all of which will be posted on our website at [www.cfssd.org](http://www.cfssd.org). You may want to check it regularly. When signing up, please make sure you submit your name and email information as requested in the RSVP form ( in addition to submitting payment via paypal) so that you will be sure to receive a trip reminder in the correct email inbox.

If there is a specific fieldtrip or event that you would like to see offered, send us an email at [mail@cfssd.org](mailto:mail@cfssd.org) and we will consider it. We realize that the smaller groups are unable to generate the numbers needed to meet minimum requirements on some field trips and may also be short of volunteers to organize them. Our goal is your success in privately homeschooling your children.

CFSSD Board

### Graduation Information

If your local CFS group is not planning to hold a graduation in 2017, then your graduating senior is invited to participate in CFS Escondido's ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at 1PM at Lifebridge Church in Rancho Bernardo.

A meeting will be held soon for interested families. If you have questions, you may contact Susan at [graduation@cfssd.org](mailto:graduation@cfssd.org). More details will be posted on the website at [www.cfssd.org](http://www.cfssd.org) as they become available.

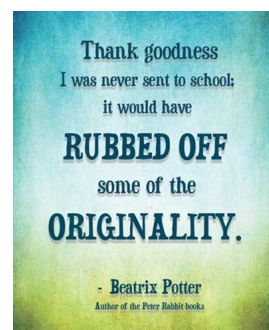
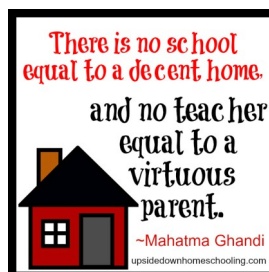


Promoting and Supporting Private Christian Home Education in San Diego County!



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CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego promotes, encourages, and supports private Christian homeschooling and includes a number of local support groups in communities throughout San Diego County. We organize events and activities available to members and sometimes, non-members. Additionally, CFS encourages communication among private home education leaders by hosting leadership meetings several times a year.

## Find a Park Day Near You

<a href="#">Carlsbad</a>	<a href="mailto:Carlsbad@cfssd.org">Carlsbad@cfssd.org</a>	1st Friday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Sunset Park in San Marcos
<a href="#">Chula Vista</a>	<a href="mailto:ChulaVista@cfssd.org">ChulaVista@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Friday 10:00 AM	Email for location
<a href="#">El Cajon</a>	<a href="mailto:ElCajon@cfssd.org">ElCajon@cfssd.org</a>	3rd Tuesday 1:30 PM	Shadow Hill Park - rain or shine
<a href="#">Escondido</a>	<a href="mailto:Escondido@cfssd.org">Escondido@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Friday 1:00 PM	Kit Carson Park
<a href="#">Fallbrook</a>	<a href="mailto:Fallbrook@cfssd.org">Fallbrook@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM	Email for location
<a href="#">La Mesa</a>	<a href="mailto:LaMesa@cfssd.org">LaMesa@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Friday 10:00 AM	Northmont Park
<a href="#">Lakeside</a>	<a href="mailto:Lakeside@cfssd.org">Lakeside@cfssd.org</a>	3rd Friday 1:00 PM	El Monte Park
<a href="#">Mira Mesa</a>	<a href="mailto:MiraMesa@cfssd.org">MiraMesa@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Friday 1:00 PM	Breen Park
<a href="#">Oceanside</a>	<a href="mailto:Oceanside@cfssd.org">Oceanside@cfssd.org</a>	3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM	Capistrano Park
<a href="#">Poway</a>	<a href="mailto:Poway@cfssd.org">Poway@cfssd.org</a>	Selected 1st Fridays 12:00 PM, Event canceled for rain	See calendar at <a href="http://www.cfspoway.org">www.cfspoway.org</a> for details
<a href="#">Ramona/Backcountry</a>	<a href="mailto:Ramona@cfssd.org">Ramona@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Friday at 10:00 AM	Dos Picos Park
<a href="#">Rancho Bernardo</a>	<a href="mailto:RB@cfssd.org">RB@cfssd.org</a>	2nd Saturday 2:00 PM	Email for location
<a href="#">Valley Center</a>	<a href="mailto:ValleyCenter@cfssd.org">ValleyCenter@cfssd.org</a>	1st Friday 1:00 PM	Valley Center Community Church Park (right off Cole Grade Rd before the Library)

# Sea World

**Who:** CFS Members (We will contact you if we can't confirm that you are a member of the group you specify)

**Includes:** An educational animal presentation and self guided viewing of Sea World's animal habitats and sea life and *optional* "Playtime" wristband for all park attractions all day.

**When:** Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016

**Cost: Half day—\$7.00**

Includes Educational animal presentation and self guided viewing of animal habitats only **until 1:30 pm**

**Full day—\$33.25**

Includes all of the above plus a "Playtime" wristband which permits entry into shows, rides, and Sesame Street® Bay of Play and permits you to stay in the park until closing time at **5:00 pm**  
(Compare to regular value price ticket of \$78.99!)



**Limited tickets available! Don't delay!**  
(Ticket prices are for ages 3 and up)

**Parking** is free *IF* you use the Sea World Field Trip entrance and have a field trip placard for your vehicle. These will be distributed to attendees in advance. If you use the standard entrance, you **WILL** be charged for non-refundable parking!!!

**Time:** Check in at the education gate is between 9:00 and 9:15 am. Please plan ahead for rush hour traffic and potential traffic congestion problems! **Anyone arriving late may not be able to enter the park** as we must all go in as a group.

Parking placards, maps, and additional information will be sent prior to the day of the event!

**Sign up:** Go to [www.cfssd.org](http://www.cfssd.org) and click on "Fieldtrips" and "Sea World"

**Questions?** Contact Cec at [cecchafin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cecchafin@sbcglobal.net)



**CFS Members—The Stirling Family invites you**

**To a 5K Fun Run/Family Hike**

**Join us and help raise funds to find a cure for the most common form of pediatric brain cancer. We need your help to reach our \$200,000 fundraising goal!**

**When:** Saturday, November 12, 2016

**Time:** 8:30 am - 11:00 am

**Where:** Lake Poway  
14644 Lake Poway Road in Poway



To read Jesse's story and sign up, go to their fundraising page [here](#).

*Join us for an evening with popular homeschool speaker,*

*The Familyman - Todd Wilson!*



*Prepare to be encouraged and challenged. Bring your spouse for a night out!*

## Choose the Hard Things/How to Keep Going When You Feel Like Giving Up

Homeschooling is hard, parenting is hard, and marriage...well, that's way hard. And that's OK and even normal. Trouble is we don't like hard. We want easy, fast, and cheap, and at the same time we want successful results.

But the truth is that good things are hard and hard things are good, and they go hand in hand. Sadly, most people don't ever experience the good because they can't handle the hard. They put the hard thing off, hoping it will get easier, or they avoid it all together, and all they end up with is a pile of regrets.

Here's the good news: you can handle the hard. In fact, if you're faced with two choices, pick 'HARD.' During this hour, you'll laugh with Todd as he shares how to embrace the hardness while keeping your eye on the joy and experience God's best for you.

**Date:** Thursday, November 17th

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Living Way Church at 13609 Twin Peaks Rd in Poway

**Cost:** \$10 per family until Thursday, November 10th. Late registration (After November 10 and at the door is \$15 per family.)

**This event is for all ages.** Childcare will be provided in the nursery for ages 2 and below IF YOU REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 15th.

**RSVP and pay** via Paypal by going to [www.cfssd.org](http://www.cfssd.org). Click on Events and Familyman. Payment may also be mailed to CFSSD at P.O. Box 502882 San Diego, CA 92150

**Questions:** Contact Sylvia at [mail@cfssd.org](mailto:mail@cfssd.org)





## Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Opportunity



For more information about Operation Christmas Child, click [here](#).

Parents and students 13 or older, you have a wonderful opportunity to volunteer at the Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** Processing Center in Southern California. This is an amazing and huge operation to process donated Christmas Child Shoe boxes. The jobs include checking the boxes for inappropriate items, taping boxes, lifting heavy boxes, scanning and fixing broken boxes etc... The jobs are in an assembly line in small groups and require standing the entire time (except for breaks). We will carpool and will work for 4hrs (2-6 pm) and then eat at a nearby restaurant afterwards.

Adults who sign up may be asked to drive other students along with your own.

Where: Samaritan's Purse Southern California Processing Center – location TBA.

Date: Tuesday, December 13th, 2-6PM

Who: CFS members ages **13 years or older** (no exceptions per Samaritan's purse) We need minimum of 1 Adult for every 4 kids.

To participate, send the names of each person in your family planning to go to [mail@cfssd.org](mailto:mail@cfssd.org) You will then receive an invitation to participate, directly from the Samaritan's Purse website. You will need to click on the provided link and sign up online. Please fill out the waiver online as well, to help expedite our group's registration on the day of the event.

This is a fun event that a number of families have been enjoying year after year!

Questions: Contact Sylvia at [mail@cfssd.org](mailto:mail@cfssd.org)

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
FOR ALL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS  
\$5 KIDS WRISTBAND ALL DAY RIDES & GAMES

**SATURDAY**  
**5 NOVEMBER**  
**2016**

**CREATION DAY**



At the Creation and  
Earth Museum at  
10946 Woodside Ave  
North in Santee



## Six Flags—Magic Mountain

**The 20th Annual Home School Family Day is on Friday, November 4.**

Grade "A" Thrills Fit For the Whole Family!

Be a part of Home School Family Day and enjoy all day park access to the most thrilling rides and attractions in Southern California. The park will be open from 11am -5pm.



**Choose between two ticket options:**

- Admission Only Ticket - \$34.99 Purchase by 10/23/16 for the best rate
- Catered Picnic Package, \$47.99 This includes admission plus an all-you-can-eat meal and a free return ticket to *Holiday in the Park*\*\*

The picnic lunch will be served in our Grande Oak Picnic Pavilion from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM only. A meal ticket will be required for entry. All Catered Picnic Packages must be purchased in advance no later than Friday, October 28 and will not be available for purchase on the event day. Outside food, beverages and coolers are not allowed in the Park. Season passes or other admission tickets will NOT be honored.

To purchase tickets online, go here: <https://www.sixflags.com/magicmountain/special-events/special-group-event/home-school-family-day>

For more information or to purchase your Home School Family Day tickets over the phone, please contact Six Flags Group Sales department at 661-255-4501, Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.



*Be on the lookout for Legoland classes—coming soon!*



## High Tech Fair

The San Diego High Tech Fair is a unique experience for students from 6th through 12th grades to visit with representatives of local high tech companies. They will learn from interactive experiences how the world of science can be fun and rewarding. The students enjoy seeing "real life" applications of what they already may be learning and includes over 60 exhibitors from local, cutting-edge STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) organizations. You will find demonstrations in Physics, Bio-Tech, Chemistry, Engineering, Nano-technology, Robotics and much more! This is a wonderful venue for a cooperative effort between business and education.

The participating companies include interactive activities that clearly explain their companies' technologies and products. Because the entrance of each group is staggered by 30 minutes, each student can visit each booth easily and not miss any of the exciting exhibits. This is not a career fair, it's a technology fair, and it's loads of fun!

**When:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 (Our specific time slot TBA in late October)

**Where:** Balboa Park Activity Center, 2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA

**Who:** CFS students in Grades 6-12 and their parents ( sorry, no younger siblings will be allowed, please make arrangements for your younger students)

**Cost:** \$5.00 per family

Reservations and payment are necessary to hold your spot! We need to know how many adults and how many students!

Note: You may also attend the evening before as a family when it is open to the public, but crowds could be an issue. To go separately see the following link: <http://www.rhfleet.org/high-tech-fair>





**Now Accepting Submissions! September 1st — November 1st.**

## **THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S CONTEST**

History will always have a mysterious side for us because we could not be there to witness most of the events that have taken place. We'll never truly know what it was like to sit among the pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving, or to ration our food and help our fathers build bomb shelters in the backyard.

This year, explore that mystery! We can't time-travel but we can study the past and learn from it how to rise above the challenges we face today and embrace a greater vision for our future.

There's a lot to choose from for your essay—depending on your age, you can select a person, day or event from World History, US History, your state history, or even your family history.

To get started, put yourself in someone else's shoes--or boots or moccasins—and let your imagination take you there!

- **Category 1 (Ages 7-10 as of October 1st):** If you could go back in time, who would you most want to have a conversation with, why, and what would you want to talk about?
- **Category 2 (Ages 11-14 as of October 1st):** If you could go back in time, what day would you most like to witness up close, like a fly on the wall, and why?
- **Category 3 (Ages 15-19 as of October 1st):** If you could go back in time, what historical event would you like to have been involved in, and why?

To read the essays of previous winners and to see all of the contest guidelines, visit

[http://www.hslda.org/contests/Essay\\_main.aspx](http://www.hslda.org/contests/Essay_main.aspx)

## *Homeschooling Organizations Deserving Our Support*

⇒ **CHEA** Christian Home Educators Association of California

CHEA is a statewide organization that provides information, support and training to the Christian homeschooling community. CHEA sponsors an annual conference which will be held in Pasadena next July. To join CHEA or for more information go to [www.cheaofca.org](http://www.cheaofca.org)

⇒ **FPM** Family Protection Ministries

FPM is the voice for homeschoolers in Sacramento. They look out for legislation that will restrict our right to home educate our children. This ministry is funded by donations. You may send contributions directly or through CHEA. With a donation of \$40 you will receive their newsletter. Find more info at <http://pheofca.org/>

⇒ **HSLDA** Home School Legal Defense Association

HSLDA provides low cost legal defense for all families who choose to privately educate their children at home. Membership is \$120 annually. CFS members qualify for a group discount rate of \$100. Find out more about HSLDA at <http://www.hslda.org>



## Flying Car Competition



The San Diego Air and Space Museum is looking for students who want to build a vehicle no larger than a shoebox, slide it down a ramp, and see if it can jump a gap. It's fun, it's creative, and you don't have to be a science fair genius to come up with a winning entry. We'll give you feedback, create opportunities to talk to experts, and give away great prizes!

Students from 6th through 12th grade in Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties are encouraged to take part.

For more information, please go to: [sandiegoairandspace.org/events/flyyourride](http://sandiegoairandspace.org/events/flyyourride)



# Sea Lab

**Who:** CFS members from all local support groups.

**What:** A half-day floating lab field trip that invites students to learn more about marine science on a four-hour journey on San Diego Bay! Some of the experiences include:

- Animal collection (trawling)
- Animal identification and education
- Plankton sampling and viewing
- Mud sampling
- Physical oceanography (wind speed, direction, tide, water temperature, depth, color & clarity)
- Sea lion observance from the boat!



For a video of this fieldtrip, go to: <http://www.sandiegofloatinglab.com/video/>



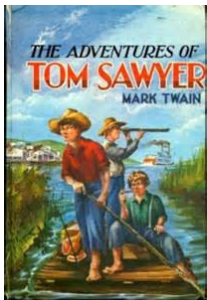
**When:** January 2017, exact date and time TBA

**Cost:** \$22.00 per person, K-12 and adults

**Questions:** Contact Cec at [cecchafin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cecchafin@sbcglobal.net)

Check the website soon for dates and to sign up!

## Tom Sawyer



Join us at the theater where we will see CYT's production of this great American classic, written by Mark Twain in the 1800's!

**Who:** Members of all CFS support groups in San Diego county

**When:** Friday, February 24, 2017, 11:15 am

**Where:** Joan B. Kroc Theater, 6611 University Avenue, San Diego, 92115

**Cost:** \$9.00 per person, adults and children

**Questions:** Contact Cec at [cecchafin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cecchafin@sbcglobal.net)

**Tickets are limited so sign up early!**

**Sign up:** at [www.cfssd.org](http://www.cfssd.org) Click on Fieldtrips.

**Payment guarantees your spot.**





## Is Your Student Undecided?



### A Confused Mind is an Undecided Mind

#### An Undecided Mind Will Not Take Action

College and career choice are decisions that affect the rest of your teen's life, decisions parents and teens are ill-prepared to make. Decisions of this magnitude need to be made knowing your student's design and how it impacts important College and Career choices.

#### Student Compass is the Answer

Student Compass takes a new patent pending approach to predicting college and career success. Instead of using a student's knowledge, skills, and interest to determine some of the most profound decisions of their lives, Student Compass assesses their potential based on design. We use the best science available to identify the traits they possess that will make them successful in the right college and career path.

#### Help Them Pick the Right College Major

Don't be fooled by the simplistic tests administered at most high schools and online based on knowledge, skills, and interests, of course, students, have no experience, knowledge or skills to speak of and their interests are just not that relevant in light of their limited exposure to life. Some of the more advanced college and career tools use personality tests to help identify careers. However, they are incapable of predicting your student's success. Only Student Compass by Living My Purpose can predict college and career potential.

#### Help Them Pick the Right Career

To find the right college and degree, you must first identify the right career, to know the right career you must identify the student's design, their True Genius. It takes three scientific testing instruments to discover design. Once we know a student's design, we can effectively identify careers, education and life role that fit like a glove. Don't become part of the 50% college dropout rate.

Discover how a student can significantly improve his or her chances of finding a college and career path that fits like a glove. Most parents and students find the process one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives! Just go to [www.livingmypurpose.com](http://www.livingmypurpose.com) and click the Purchase button or call us at 619-985-0799.

#### Compass is an Online College and Career Coaching System

Compass not only generates great charts, reports, and coaching videos, it also provides a College and Career Coaching Session. Each session is tailored to provide specific knowledge about the individual, strengths, talents, attributes, personality, behaviors, occupations, education, and personal development all online and all for one low price of \$175.99.

#### One on One Coaching with Mike Adams

I have had the honor of personally coaching more than 1100 students and young adults over the last twenty years. It is a rewarding process for parents and students and me personally. Student Compass grew out of my passion for seeing people reach their full potential. I offer the one on one sessions for \$299.99. Your student will come away knowing how to discover the right career, a career which takes into account who they are, not just what they know.

#### The One on One Coaching Process

The process is simple. 1) When you purchase Student Compass, the system will send the login credentials to the email you designate as your students. 2) Your student completes the assessments in about 40 minutes. 3) Send me an email with some dates and times you can meet with me. We will meet for about an hour and a half to go through the student's profile in detail and identify critical choices which will impact the student's future.





Family Protection Ministries *and* CHEA of California's

# *Capitol Day* **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 8-11, 2017**

Leaders, join CHEA and Family Protection Ministries in Sacramento as we meet our newly-elected or re-elected state legislators to create a visible presence and positive impression of private Christian home education. Then gather with other leaders for training, refreshment, and encouragement.

**Topics will include:**

- Homeschooling against the odds: God's faithfulness to homeschoolers in California
- The government's role in education, the liberal agenda, and parents' rights
- History of homeschool battles in California
- Fostering a sense of advocacy in your group: How to get them to join the battle
- What every leader should know about the Constitution
- Threats homeschooling faces today
- and more

***Also planned is a tour of the Capitol Building on February 9, Capitol Day.***

"The freedoms we have today were not handed to us by gracious and generous government officials. The political and philosophical make-up of our current government is not any more disposed to respect or protect the parental right to educate our children at home than it has been in the past. We need to pass on the history and the memories that we have to those taking up the torch so that they too can understand the battle and engage in it. They can't do this if they don't have a knowledge of what has been done by those who have gone before them."

Nathan B. Pierce  
Family Protection Ministries

This event is for homeschool leaders. Choose to attend just the Capitol Day (\$15), just the Leadership Conference (\$65), or both (\$80).

**[Register Here](#)**

***"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap,  
if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9***





## MAKE YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION DREAMS A REALITY

In 2016, The San Diego Foundation awarded **\$2.2 million in scholarships to more than 800 students**, making The Foundation the largest private non-university scholarship provider in San Diego County.

Opportunities are available for San Diego County residents pursuing a higher education locally and nationally. Apply as early as December 1st if you have:

- Commitment to your education
- Potential for success in college
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 for many scholarships
- Participation in community service, extracurricular activities and/or work experience
- Financial need (including middle income families)

### APPLICANTS CAN BE:

- Graduating high school seniors
- Career/technical school students
- Community college students
- Current undergraduate students
- Graduate, medical and professional students
- Adult re-entry students

### ATTENDING:

- Four-year universities
- Community colleges
- Career/technical schools
- Graduate, medical and professional schools
- Teaching credential programs

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **Application available online:**  
December 1, 2016
- **Deadline to finish application:**  
February 1, 2017 (2:00 p.m.)
- **Applicants notified:**  
By June 1, 2017



Learn more at [SDFoundation.org/Scholarships](http://SDFoundation.org/Scholarships)

Contact the Scholarships team at 619-814-1343 or [scholarships@sdfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@sdfoundation.org)