



# Frisco HHS

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

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### Finding Strength Over Defeat

By: Merri Cue

Todd Wilson, owner of Familyman Ministries and author of *Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe*, often asks homeschool moms if they feel like they are failing their children. He stated in his book, that of the many times he has asked that simple question, he has not had one single person who believes they are not failing their children. Not one! Do you feel like you are failing your children or worry that you will fail them? If so, you are clearly not alone.

It can be challenging for homeschool moms with all the responsibilities we take on, both inside and outside the home. We can feel worn out and discouraged, even though we know "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). Below are a few steps that you can take to find strength over defeat and avoid some of the emotional pitfalls often experienced by homeschool moms.

#### 1. Know Your Expectations

What are your expectations for your homeschool? What is your overall purpose for homeschooling? What is the outcome you are looking to achieve? Prayerfully consider drafting a mission statement for your homeschool answering some of these questions. Consider all what YOU envision a successful homeschool to look like. Once you are aware of what expectations you have in your mind, ask yourself if these expectations are all realistic and are they all within your control. How much are you placing on yourself and how much are you resting on the Lord's guidance? It is important to recognize your limits and consider how that will impact your expectations and feelings of success or failure. When you feel like you have failed in some aspect, look for the gift in the struggle. What have the missteps qualified you to do? How could this experience be growing you?

#### 2. Don't Compare

Be careful to avoid the comparison trap. Every family is unique and has their own successes and challenges. It is easy to compare our worst to their best and feel like a failure. Do not let fear and worry drive your decisions for your homeschool. This is when knowing your purpose and having a healthy vision for your homeschool can help. It serves as a reminder of the direction your family is led and this will help keep you focused on that vision.

#### 3. Get Connected

Be involved and connected with a local homeschool community. This is not only beneficial for getting the children connected with other homeschoolers, but it is vital for the homeschooling parent as well. It is important to receive understanding and support and equally important to encourage one another and build one another up. Self-doubt loves isolation where it can flourish and grow into feelings of failure. Make a point to get connected with other homeschool moms on a regular basis. Be intentional, regardless of how rough your school day may have been. That is the best time to connect with the other moms and be filled with encouragement and get refreshed.

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## Mom's Connections

February 21st ~

Come and listen to the wisdom of Debbie Dooley from DBU and find out *What Colleges are looking for from Homeschoolers*. This information night will be fantastic for moms with students in Junior High and High School!

March 5th ~ *Tech Savvy Moms*

Don't miss this opportunity to hear homeschool veterans Mary and Warren Robbins share their wisdom and insight on technology in the home. The Robbins have raised 8 children and are the founders of [parentreform.com](http://parentreform.com), providing parents and churches with biblical resources for parenting. This talk will be excellent for moms with kids of all ages.

March 22-23 ~ *Winter Summit @ Grace Church Frisco*; <https://thsc.org/events/winter-summit/>

Join us for a life changing conference that will leave feeling refueled and refreshed!

April 22nd ~ *Monday night Madness @ Main Event*

Girls just wanna have fun too. Come blow off steam with fellow moms as we bowl, shoot pool and just hang out and chat! Unlimited fun for only \$10.99!

May ~ *End of Year Party - TBA*



## FHIS Drama Club



**Save the Date! Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5. 7pm at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Tickets will go on sale in February.**

### **Boys and Girls Club Fall 2018** **Thursdays from 10:30am-12pm**

8750 McKinney Street  
Frisco, TX 75034

- 2/7 Plano Symphony - musician visit!
- 2/14 Valentine's Party
- 2/21 Winter Games
- 3/7 Scene & Heard Workshop
- 3/14 NO BGC today (FISD spring break, BCG closed)
- 3/21 TBD
- 4/4 TBD
- 4/11 TBD
- 4/18 Easter Celebration
- 5/2 TBD
- 5/9 TBD

Please check our website for specific information and details about each event.

## **FHIS CHESS CLUB**



**WHERE:** BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF COLLIN COUNTY  
8750 MCKINNEY ROAD, FRISCO 75033

**WHEN:** EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

**TIME:** 10:30-11:30

**WHO:** FHIS KIDS AGES 7 AND UP

**BASIC CHESS RULES TRAINING PROVIDED.**

**ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS ARE ACCEPTED.**

**CHESS TOURNAMENT ONCE A YEAR.**

Contact Fabi with any questions [fabiola.suceveanu@gmail.com](mailto:fabiola.suceveanu@gmail.com)



## Fall Park Days

FHIS park days will be each Wednesday  
January 23rd - May 22nd

**Warren Sports Complex**  
1pm - 3pm

We will not meet if it is raining and / or below 50\*



## HIS PRETEENS

If you have a pre-teen, ages 10-12, be sure to sign up for the preteen group on our website. Here is our fall event schedule:

### FEBRUARY

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Urban Air @ noon-3pm ~ \$10

### MARCH

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Strikz Half Price Night @ 6-8pm ~ Games \$3; Shoes \$4.25

### APRIL

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Nerdvana Coffee Shop ~ Board game time @ 6pm - 8pm

### MAY

TBD End of the Year Party ~ Be watching for more information to come!

\*\*Make sure you are in the Preteen Group on [friscohis.org](http://friscohis.org) to register for all of these events and more coming... All Preteen families are invited to plan an event for our group. Contact Yvette Berg with any questions: [bergfamily02@Verizon.net](mailto:bergfamily02@Verizon.net) or 469-964-9495.



## HIS TEENS

Come hang out with the Frisco HIS Teen group!!

### JANUARY:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Cici's Pizza @ 6:30-8pm

### FEBRUARY:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Girl's Night ~ The Gage's House @ 6-8:30pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Boy's Night ~ The Gage's House @ 6-8:30pm

### MARCH:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nerdvana @ 6:30-8pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> In & Out @ 6:30-8pm

### APRIL:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Frisco HIS Drama Club Production  
"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"  
McKinney Performing Arts Center @ 7pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Canyons Climbing Gym @ 6:30-8:30pm

### MAY:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Frisco Commons Park @ 6:00-7:30pm  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Frisco HIS High School Senior Graduation @ 3:00-5:00pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> End of the year party ~ TBD

Be sure to always check our website for the most up to date information!! Please note that activities are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions contact Gina Gage: [Gina\\_gage@hotmail.com](mailto:Gina_gage@hotmail.com)

We are excited to announce a **NEW** club to Frisco HIS!

*Friscos HIS Serves* will be a service volunteer club where members will share volunteer opportunities within our local community and beyond. In addition, we are very proud that FHIS is now a Certifying Organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. More information about hours and requirements can be found at <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/> Please contact Michelle Patti with any questions. [heartofgraceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:heartofgraceacademy@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER



LEGO Club is always a fun time! Bring a bucket of Legos to share, blanket (to help keep Legos from getting mixed up) and a creation from home to tell others about during the "Show & Tell" time. **NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION!!**

**This is an RSVP event!! So keep an eye out for notifications of our upcoming meet ups on the Frisco HIS website!!**

When: Last Friday each month @ 10:30 - Noon  
Where: **Boys and Girls Club** ~ 8750 McKinney Street  
Frisco, TX 75034



## Elmer Elsie Robotics Club

Elmer Elsie Robotics is a FIRST® Tech Challenge team that participates in the annual FTC® competitions through the FIRST® robotics program. Our name comes from the original autonomous robots, created by William Grey Walter in 1948. Our team currently consists of 10 high school students meeting once or twice each week to prepare for competition. During the 3 years of competing, our team has won multiple awards and advanced to the DFW Regionals each year and once to the Super Regionals.

So what is FIRST®? FIRST® is an out-of-school program for learning about the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through robotics. Students design and build robots that can be autonomously programmed and operator-controlled to perform various tasks. Teams work to overcome obstacles and meet challenges, while learning and interacting with their peers and mentors.

Our program is volunteer based so community support is important. We look for sponsorship in three ways: Mentorship, Financial and Physical. We are always looking for engineers and programmers who would like to share their knowledge through single classes/workshops.

Please contact Marian Lanting at [marian@etsystems.net](mailto:marian@etsystems.net) for more information about our team or how you can assist through our mentorship and sponsorship opportunities.



## FRISCO HIS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE!

We had a great first season! The children learned a lot about this year's theme - Space. They designed and programmed the Lego robot to complete various tasks on a 4'x8' table. Additionally, they researched water usage in space and presented their findings. We competed in early December. There were 36 teams at the Qualifier. Unbelievably, our rookie team came in 7th place! Wow!!! Thank you for supporting us. Thank you to the Elmer & Elsie team for mentoring us. Thank you for an amazing season! We'll be starting up again late summer. Watch for announcements on the Frisco HIS website and Facebook group.

Additionally, if your 9-14 year old is interested in Lego Robotics, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science will be hosting two FLL Summer camps. Each week will be the same so team members should only attend one week. The camps will be Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm. Prices will be \$365 for museum members and \$405 for non-members. Camps will go on sale to the public on Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Camp dates are June 3 - 7 and July 22- 26.

Please contact Sandra Young with any questions or more information [sandra\\_young1@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_young1@hotmail.com)



## SCENE & HEARD PERFORMING ARTS

Fridays this spring  
at Grace Church Frisco  
8440 Grace St., Frisco, TX 75034

Elements of Musical Theatre 10-12pm  
SHPA Classic 12:30-3 pm

**REGISTER NOW**

[www.sceneandheardperformingarts.com](http://www.sceneandheardperformingarts.com)

If you have a little girl between the ages of 4 and 8, we would love you to join us for "Girl Time". Be watching the Meet Up board on the FriscoHIS website for some special girly get-togethers.

Contact Holly McClain with questions.  
[hmcclain5@gmail.com](mailto:hmcclain5@gmail.com)





**Registration is required on [www.friscohis.org](http://www.friscohis.org) for ALL field trips and is **NON REFUNDABLE**. See the website for the most up to date information.**

**FREE field trips instructions: A check payable to Frisco HIS in the amount of \$15 is required to hold your place. Checks will only be deposited if you cancel in less than 24 hours before the event or do not show. Otherwise, your check will be returned at the event. Please see individual trips for mailing instructions.**



## Frisco Fire Safety Town

8601 Gary Burns Drive – Frisco

### Intro to Fire Safety Class

**When:** January 28, 2019

**Cost:** Free but it is limited to 20 K-6 aged students, see FHIS website for more info.

**Registration Deadline: January 27, 2019**

Students visiting Frisco Fire Safety Town will study fire safety and burn prevention during their safety program. The class will last approximately one and a half hours (45 minutes classroom and 45 minutes outdoor activities) that includes:

- Student will 'escape' from a child's bedroom as it fills with smoke
- Bike riding time in the outdoor town
- A short classroom presentation
- How to draw a map of their home with escape routes clearly marked for each room
- The danger of smoke and heat
- What tools firefighters use to put out fires

### Intro to 911 Class

**When:** February 5, 2019

**Cost:** Free but limited to 20 K-6 aged students, see FHIS website for more info.

**Registration Deadline: January 28, 2019**

Students visiting Frisco Fire Safety Town will study introduction to 911 and emergency services during their safety program. The class will last approximately one and a half hours (45 minutes classroom and 45 minutes outdoor activities) that includes:

- A short classroom presentation
- Demonstration of how to use various types of telephones
- Outdoor time riding bicycles
- Practicing pedestrian skills
- When a situation is considered an emergency
- How to dial 911
- Who will come to help them when they call 911
- What firefighters, paramedics, and police officers do to help others

### Home & Life Safety Class

**When:** February 6, 2019

**Cost:** Free but limited to 20 K-6 aged students, see FHIS website for more info.

**Registration Deadline: January 29, 2019**

Students visiting Frisco Fire Safety Town will study "Home and Life Safety" during their safety program. The class will last approximately one and a half hours (45 minutes classroom and 45 minutes outdoor activities) that includes:

- A classroom presentation
- Video presentation
- Learn about hazards in the home and ways to keep safe while home alone
- Do a quick review of safety topics they have previously learned at Safety Town
- Practice bicycle safety while riding in the village



## Rainforest Cafe Tour and Lunch

3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy (Grapevine Mills Mall)  
Grapevine

**When:** January 29, 2019

**Cost:** \$11.51 for children 6 & under; \$12.86 for students 7 & up; \$17.89 for adults; All prices include gratuity.

**Registration Deadline: January 21, 2019**

As your students approach the Rainforest Cafe they will be greeted by their very own Safari Guide who will prepare them for their adventure. Their guide will advise them of the dangers waiting in the Rainforest and to be on the lookout for surprises lurking in the mist! Learn about the world's rainforests, threatened and endangered species, and conservation efforts to protect the planet's fragile ecosystems. Have fun with our animal friends and learn more about the silverback gorilla, our elephant family, crocodiles, and more! Educational safaris are conducted in the morning, prior to restaurant opening so that we can be wild and explore the jungle uninterrupted. Meals are served immediately after the tour. Kids will be served family style sharing for lunch, adults have a choice of menu items and they are listed in booking area.

## Plano Symphony Orchestra

2351 Performance Dr. – Richardson

**When:** February 20, 2019

**Cost:** \$8.55

**Registration Deadline: January 28, 2019**

This year's soloist will be the superb violinist Nikki Naghavi. She will perform the first movement of Vivaldi's violin concerto *La Primavera*. Students will enjoy getting to know Ms. Naghavi before the concert. Her bio and picture are located on [encoreyouthmusic.com](http://encoreyouthmusic.com) under students/young virtuosos. Parking passes are \$5.

## Frontiers of Flight Museum

6911 Lemmon Ave – Dallas

**When:** February 26, 2019

**Cost:** \$9.58 ~ includes the Living History auditorium presentation

**Registration Deadline: February 12, 2019**

Experience the stories of aviation and space flight – from the *Wright Flyer* to the one-of-a-kind *Flying Pancake*; the Apollo VII spacecraft, and 13 historical galleries, Programs are designed for all ages, and we will take a chronological walk through the development of human flight from the Leonardo da Vinci parachute to space exploration. As an official affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the Frontiers of Flight Museum draws major traveling exhibitions. Our visit includes the Living History auditorium presentation- The colorful history of famous aviation personalities is brought to life. Personalities include: Amelia Earhart, Wiley Post and the Red Baron.

## Henry's Ice Cream School

3100 Independence Pkwy Suite 215 – Plano

**When:** February 28, 2019

**Registration Deadline: February 21, 2019** Henry's Homemade Ice Cream products are always made with the finest ingredients available, the best chocolates, the finest vanilla bean, the freshest fruit...whatever it takes to make an ice cream good enough for your taste buds. Sundae School is a one-hour educational and fun class on making ice cream.

**Cost:** \$5.46 ~ Includes a cup of ice cream with one topping and a beverage

## Texas Tulips

10656 FM 2931– Pilot Point

**When:** March 5, 2019

**Cost:** \$6.49 for student admission and 3 tulips; \$3.40 for adult admission without tulips

**Registration Deadline: March 1, 2019**

Nothing feels quite like spring like fresh tulips! Here are just some of the gorgeous tulip varieties we have available: Texas Gold, Texas Flame, American Dream, Dallas, fringed, parrot, striped tulips—and that's just the beginning. Take a picking basket, which is available on the field. Pick the tulips you want to buy and create your own wonderful bunch of tulips. Bring your whole family and visit a little piece of Holland right here in Texas.

## Frank Buck Zoo

### Frankie Schmitz Express Train Ride

1000 W. California Street – Gainesville

**When:** March 12, 2019

**Cost:** \$4.43 Kids ages 1-12, \$6.49 ages 13 and up, plus \$2 cash to ride the train

**Registration Deadline: March 4, 2019**

Students will experience a "giraffe's eye-view" of a 4.5 acre mixed species African Savannah exhibit from Frank Buck Zoo's elevated walkway. Feed friendly goats at our Petting Zoo \$0.25 for feed.

Adjacent to the zoo in Leonard Park is the Frankie Schmitz Express Train- a miniature 1/4 size replica steam engine passenger train that was disassembled and reassembled for viable transportation for 50 passengers for a tour around Leonard Park. Great fun for the entire family! Tickets are **\$2 cash only** if you would like to ride. We will also be able to have a picnic lunch together in the park after our zoo visit.



If you are interested in helping on the Activities Team or planning a field trip, please contact our Activities Director, Sheryl Stacks at [sherylstacks@gmail.com](mailto:sherylstacks@gmail.com) or 214 277-9518. We are always looking for ideas and help! This is a great way to get plugged into FriscoHIS.



## Amon Carter Museum of American Art

3501 Camp Bowie Blvd – Ft. Worth

**When:** March 19, 2019

**Cost:** Free

**Registration Deadline: March 1, 2019**

The Amon Carter Museum of American Art was established through the generosity of Amon G. Carter Sr. (1879–1955) to house his collection of paintings and sculpture by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell; to collect, preserve, and exhibit the finest examples of American art; and to serve an educational role through exhibitions, publications, and programs devoted to the study of American art. Bring your family for a free guided tour and stay for a picnic lunch on the lawn together as a group.

## Cathy's Critters

7422 Co Rd 466 – Princeton

**When:** March 26, 2019

**Cost:** \$8.55 for students/ \$6.49 for adults

**Registration Deadline: March 11, 2019**

This was such a big hit last year! Every family said they wanted to come back. What a thrill to visit in the enclosure with the kangaroo, giant tortoise, and wallaby. And this was, by far, the best petting zoo ever! Bring your camera for the sweetest photo ops.

This year we will:

- Visit the petting zoo and pony ride area
- Have a meet & greet with the kangaroo, wallaby and emus
- Learn about special animal diets and whip up a batch of food for the exotic pets
- Learn about grooming, saddling and training a horse

## Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture

100 South Houston Street – Dallas

**When:** April 2, 2019

**Cost:** \$7.52

**Registration Deadline: March 18, 2019**

Appropriate for grades K-12. Four interactive galleries highlight the rich history of Dallas County. Students will explore history while learning about the people, stories, and events that shaped the cities and towns within Dallas County. Early settlement, law and politics, transportation, entertainment, medicine, immigration, religion, education, technology, sports, and civil rights are among the engaging topics to be discovered at the museum. **Deep Ellum Blues** for younger students is a hands-on music program sure to be a hit! Students learn the history of the blues in Dallas, creating their own one-of-a-kind blues song. For the older students: **And Be It Resolved.** Judge, jury, bailiff, lawyers, and witnesses all come to life as students create a mock trial in Old Red's 1892 restored courtroom. This year, we present a brand new civil court case based on Japanese Internment Camps during World War II.

## Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

2121 N. Stemmons Fwy. – Dallas

**When:** April 11, 2019

**Cost:** \$34.76

**Registration Deadline: March 20, 2019**

Imagine a history lesson presented by the Noble Court set within the walls of an 11<sup>th</sup> century-style castle. Every detail is painstakingly recreated as your students take a personal journey back to the Middle Ages. Six competing knights, real weapons, and beautiful horses with enough action to keep your students talking about this field trip for the rest of the year. Nobody will go home hungry after enjoying a feast fit for a king.

## Fort Worth Stockyards 4 Hours of Fun

131 E. Exchange Ave. Suite 212– Fort Worth

**When:** April 12, 2019

**Cost:** \$10.61

**Registration Deadline: March 12, 2019**

During this program students rotate through 4 stations (a Herd Program, Historic Walking Tour of the Stockyards, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Presentation, and the Cattle Pen Maze), a break to see the 11:30 Cattle Drive and a 40 minute lunch block where families can bring sack lunches or get to-go boxes from a variety of near-by restaurants.

## Sea Life Aquarium with Behind the Scenes Tour

*Two events, please choose morning or afternoon  
3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy – Grapevine (Grapevine Mills Mall)*

**When:** April 16, 2019

**Cost:** \$11.64 for students / \$14.73 for adults

**Registration Deadline: March 12, 2019**

Have you ever wanted to see how SEA LIFE Grapevine takes care of its thousands of creatures? Our visit includes a memorable Behind the Scenes Tour! This small group, interactive experience will immerse you in our working world where you will be shown how life support, filtration and water quality systems work, how food is prepared for the animals, plus breeding and research areas. While small groups are attending the Behind the Scenes Tour, others can visit some of the educational talks or feeding demonstrations! They're a great way to learn something new about the amazing creatures at SEA LIFE, how they care for them and what you can do to help protect marine species around the world. All educational talks & feeding demonstrations are included with your ticket.



## Scarborough Renaissance Festival Student Day

2511 FM 66 – Waxahachie

**When:** April 30, 2019

**Cost:** \$8.55 students / \$10.61 adults

**Registration Deadline: April 9, 2019**

Students are invited to enter the realm of 16th Century England and experience the intellectual, cultural, and artistic splendor of the Renaissance first hand. Classes will experience a full day of demonstrations, shows, and educational interactions. The Royal Court and villagers welcome discussions about daily life in the Renaissance. Our downloadable curriculum guide is full of information, exercises, and studies about the Renaissance that will enrich the educational experience.

## Dallas Symphony Carnegie Hall's The Orchestra Swings

2301 Flora Street – Dallas

**When:** May 1, 2019

**Cost:** \$7

**Registration Deadline: April 1, 2019**

"Swing" is many things. It's a distinctive rhythmic feel, a musical era, a style of dance, and that elusive but unmistakable feeling that results when musicians are deeply tuned into each other. Though swing is characteristically associated with jazz, an orchestra can also swing. Through hands-on activities, and a culminating interactive performance with the DSO, students will explore the elements that contribute to that magical moment when the orchestra starts to swing.

## Reunion Tower

300 Reunion Blvd E– Dallas

**When:** May 7, 2019

**Cost:** \$6.49

**Registration Deadline: April 23, 2019**

From 470 feet up you'll experience breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views, high-definition zoom cameras, interactive touch screens, telescopes, a free digital photo and an indoor/outdoor observation deck that lets you see for miles in any direction. New Interactive Experience: Reunion Tower Constellation is a series of touch screen monitors located along the inner wall of the GeO-Deck; screen prompts encourage visitors to add their name and geographical information to a star, create an avatar and describe their experience with creative illustrations. Each visit begins as a single "star," and additional visits result in a larger Constellation.

*Frisco HIS*

aims to provide **SUPPORT** to homeschooling mothers  
while giving homeschooling  
families opportunities to **CONNECT**

*Frisco HIS*

members **SERVE** together, offering activities

(meetings, clubs, field trips, park days, etc.), and  
providing information about homeschooling groups, events, and functions.

## TrainTopia and Moving Stock Tour at the Museum of the American Railroad

8004 N. Dallas Pkwy – Frisco

**When:** May 14, 2019

**Cost:** \$8.55 for students / 1 free adult per family

**Registration Deadline: April 29, 2019**

An indoor tour of the new TrainTopia model train exhibit at the Frisco Discovery Center. Then climb aboard the rolling stock recently moved to its permanent location adjacent. TrainTopia was donated to the museum by the Sanders family of Dallas. The massive, 2,500-square-foot layout was custom built for Steve Sanders, a local collector and successful businessman. The layout was originally constructed in Corsicana then moved to the Sanders' home in North Dallas. It depicts, in intricate detail, Colorado, West Texas, 1950s Downtown Dallas, and other locations where the Sanders family lived or visited.

## Dallas Children's Theater Island of the Skog

5938 Skillman – Dallas

**When:** May 21, 2019

**Cost:** \$10.09 ages 3 & up / \$6 age 2 & under, must sit in adult lap

**Registration Deadline: April 2, 2019**

The best laid plans of mice and well, Skog, are upended in this lively musical adventure that navigates land and sea. When Jenny and her mice friends grow weary of ravenous cats, noisy humans, and peril on the streets, they decide a new island paradise is the order of the day. Led by the surly Captain Bouncer, the Rough-riding Rowdies think they've hit the jackpot until they discover that a "giant" already has dibs on their newfound home. The Rowdies and Skog each devise a survival of the fittest plan that, in the end, only points out the flaws that come with assuming the worst and refusing to compromise. A delightfully charming and gentle story that brings to life the author's beloved illustrations and characters. This presentation is well suited for the younger kids.

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### 4. Take Care of Yourself

Don't forget about you! Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, so don't neglect yourself. Self-care is self-compassion. Taking care of you is vital to a healthy home environment. Find ways to positively feed your mind, body and spirit that refreshes you. This will look different for everybody, so find what works for you. Pay close attention to how you are treating yourself and to your self-talk. What is one change that would make the biggest difference in your stress level right now? Good self-care leads to a happier and healthier you.

Everyone faces challenges and doubts; this includes homeschooling moms. Remember that you are not alone and other homeschool moms can be powerfully supportive.

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