



Next Meeting

Registration Kickoff Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 7:00 PM

Community Bible Church

4940 Benchmark Centre Dr, Swansea, IL 62226

EVERYONE must register for the '21-'22 year. Start the process online at www.sccche.org/membership. If you are no longer homeschooling but want to stay on the google group email list, register anyway and check the 'emeritus' status box.

Then come to the meeting to pay your dues, hear the announcements, find out about other activities and clubs, meet the leadership team, and meet other members.

Covid? Masks are optional.

Upcoming Meetings

Ice Cream Social

Sept 16, 7:00 PM. Location to be determined.

Everything will be provided. Come and meet new members and fellowship with old ones while giving the whole family a sugar-high.

SCCCH E Bonfire

October 7, 6:00 PM Restoration Ranch.

The first activity at our 'still-under-construction' bonfire area that SCCCHE is sponsoring at the Ranch. (It will be completed by October 7). Come and enjoy this beautiful area for a wonderful BYO cookout.

Talent Show and Craft Fair

November 11 (or 18?) Community Bible Church

Share your talents and skills with the group, and afterwards come and shop (or sell) your items at the craft fair.

What is TLC? This is our co-op group where parents gather to teach classes to other families. We meet 10 Fridays in the Fall, and 10 in the Spring. There are 3 hours of classes, plus a 4th hour which is orchestra rehearsal. This is not a drop-off program. Parents are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to stay and help in some way, either by teaching, proctoring, or volunteering.

TLC registration begins and ends in the **first week of August**. Sign up and register [HERE](#)

Aug 2-3 - Teacher registration

Aug 4-5 - Proctor/Volunteer registration

Aug 6-7 - Open registration

Aug 8 - 8:00pm - Registration closes by 8pm

Please send forms and payment to Annette Kanoy, 8313 Old Mill Road, Troy, IL 62294.

Mark your Calendar for TLC orientation on September 9, 7-8pm. I will send out a zoom link as the time approaches.

September 10 is the first day of class.

If you have any questions, email Andinet andi1215@gmail.com or call me at (928) 750-1839. Please be sure to leave me a message.

English Country Ball

**Let's have a Ball and enjoy
English Country Dancing in formal-ish* fancy dress!
This event is open to SCCCHE families and like-minded friends.**

**Held at:
Copper Creek Christian Church
2184 Vadalabene Dr, Maryville, IL
(close to Anderson Hospital)**

Friday, August 6th, 7:00-10:30 pm

Pre-registered Cost: \$5 per Dancer/\$15 max per family. Walk-ins are \$10 per Dancer/\$30 family max. Everyone pays at the door.

Refreshments: Every family is asked to bring a finger food to share. Label underside of serving plate/dish with family name. Please, NO nuts. Feel free to label snacks (gluten-free, etc) if that is important to your family. If able to help with serving or cleanup, please indicate on the rsvp form.

RSVP required for pre-registered price: Complete [this form](#) by Thursday, August 5 You can EDIT your rsvp if family numbers change by using the green **Edit Response** link in your confirmation email.

Attire Advice: **SCCCHE Modesty Policy is in effect.** Please [read here](#) and share this link with any like-minded friends you invite. (The picture is from the January 2017 ball and is a lovely representation of suggested ladies' attire.)

*Formal-ish = Sunday or wedding attendee or just look nice. (I am not the fashion police.)
Gentlemen: at least a collared shirt and pants with a belt. Ties, vests, and suit jackets are optional.

Ladies: may wear beautiful dresses (ball gowns are not required—just look nice). Shoulders must be covered and bodices must be modest. Skirts should be loose enough for comfortable movement, and long enough to not float up much past knees when twirling—or please add leggings. Skirts that are too long may be stepped on...and there will be no maid in the retiring room to stitch your flounce back on!

Please make sure your attire is appropriate for a “fancy dress” ball...**this is not a costume party or masquerade**...maybe next time...

Questions: call/text Rebecca Phillips 618-334-7249 or email jrphil5@charter.net

American Heritage Girls

If you have daughters ages 5-18, we'd like to invite you to check out American Heritage Girls.

Founded in 1995, American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. The mission statement of AHG is “Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.”

American Heritage Girls offers badge programs, service projects, spirit development, social activities, girl leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences to its members. This program has successfully served thousands of girls since its inception. There are multiple troops in the Metro East area.

Come check it out and join the fun! For more information contact Amy Neuverth at neuvtatc@charter.net or go to americanheritagegirls.org to request information from area troops.

From the Coordinators

Teaching from Rest???

As I sit down to write this article, I'm realizing that I started homeschooling with my first kindergartener 21 years ago! And since my toddler is assisting me as I write, I also realize that I have another 17 years until my youngest graduates from high school. There have been times when I felt burned out and countless times when I wanted to give up. There are still frequent days when it feels too hard, but the investment in my children is definitely worth it!

This summer, I led a study of Sarah Mackenzie's book *Teaching from Rest*. Five lovely ladies and I discussed some concepts that are important to consider as we begin another year of homeschooling, and I would like to share two of them with you now.

First of all, what kind of homeschool teacher are you? As Mackenzie says, “A peaceful and happy mother is the real key to successful homeschooling.” I know that my greatest joy in homeschooling is reading aloud to my children. This is something I've always prioritized above everything, and I don't feel that I've had a successful day if reading aloud hasn't happened. Think about what you and your children enjoy doing and find yourselves doing naturally. Is there any way to make that activity the core of your homeschool day?

Second, “Recognize the balance between negligence and anxiety.” Which direction do you lean? I'm not likely to be negligent when it comes to homeschooling, but I do have a strong tendency to anxiety. “Am I doing enough?” “Should I add another math curriculum?” “Should I have my high schoolers take that CLEP now?” “How can we fit everything in?” Other moms may have the other struggle: “We're too busy today - do we really have to do school?” “My child hates math - does he really need to do his math assignment?”

And finally, remember that it all starts with prayer. Come before the Lord, asking Him for wisdom and grace to serve your family each day. Last year, we instituted a VIP (very important person) schedule which started our homeschool day. On their assigned day, the children were expected to share a scripture, ask for prayer requests, and pray. This daily prayer time, which

usually ended with, "Help us to have good attitudes and build one another up," helped to set the expectation of a day of service to one another through God's grace. Remember that you are doing God's work. I pray that the peace of God will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,
Nancy Peterson

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