



Next Meeting

Registration Kickoff is here!!!

August 15 -7:00 PM, First Assembly of God, Belleville.
- 6:15 - 6:45 - Prayer meeting.

More info is on the website, www.sccche.org.

Everyone must re-register for the coming year, even if you joined recently. Start the process on the website.

If you need to make an oral announcement or need a table to promote your group/meeting/activity, please let [Josh Peterson](#) know.

A Year of Transitions

This will be a strange year for SCCCHE, but we are confident that God is leading us to greater things.

Leadership: While our membership numbers remain strong, the number of people on leadership has dropped. There are more open positions than filled ones, and some of us are pulling double duty.

Location: The August meeting will be our last meeting at First Assembly. We are working to find a new permanent home, (and a temporary home) so we may be hopping around a bit for our meetings this year. KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE to know when/where meetings will be.

Location (again?): Our TLC co-op will also be moving after this year. We are working on a permanent home for that as well, but we trust in the Lord to guide us.

Website: We're trying a new feature - a discussion forum! Here you can post and reply to threads and have longer online discussions with other SCCCHE members. No outside people are able to see the forums. Perhaps this will be useful, or perhaps not. We'll give it a shot.

Meetings: We have fewer and fewer people attending our meetings. This year we are dropping down to 8 meetings instead of our usual 10. Why don't people come? What

are the needs of the group and how can we meet them? Is homeschooling changing? There are many questions regarding our future. However, we trust in God to guide us, and hope and pray that we will be open to his direction.

Prayer: We will be having regular prayer meetings before each SCCCHE meeting and (hopefully) at the regular meeting time in the months when we have no regular SCCCHE meeting. (Check the website and calendar if that is confusing). Feel free to join us for the whole time or part of the time, or to send prayer requests for us to lift up. Our first prayer meeting will be before the August meeting from 6:15 - 6:45.

Upcoming Meetings

September 12, 7:00 - Ice Cream Social.

This is the meeting to meet new people, make new friends, and get acquainted with one another. SCCCHE provides the ice cream, bowls, and spoons. Bring your favorite toppings to share.

October - no meeting.

Yearbooks

The yearbooks have arrived!
They will be passed out at the August meeting.

The shipment arrived missing a few books, those are on the way as well.

If you need the yearbook mailed to you, please send Kay an email at Mohmers@att.net.

The Limited Co-op (TLC)

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Dates, Dates, Dates and Reminders

TLC begins on Friday, September 6th. Get ready! Registration schedule is as follows:

- Monday, August 19 – Teachers registration begins.
- Wednesday, August 21 – Volunteers registration begins.
- Friday, August 23 – Registration open to all SCCCHE members.
- Monday August 26 – Registration closes at 11:59 am.
- Thursday, August 29 – Payment and Orientation
- Friday, September 6th – First Day of TLC

In the meantime, please login to your TLC account and update your contact information. If you do not remember your login name and/or password please email [Andinet Wadhams](mailto:AndinetWadhams). Multiple attempts to login will lock out your account. A lot of correspondence will be coming from the TLC website and without your current contact information, you

are liable to miss out on important details!

Very important: Update your children's grade levels. This will be very crucial when you want to register your kid for a class.

All this information can be found at the TLC website below

Looking forward to a great year!

www.thelimitedcoop.com

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.

Trail Life Scouting

Trail Life U.S.A.(TLUSA) Is a character, leadership, and adventure organization for boys and young men. An unapologetically Christian organization, its leaders sign and adhere to a Trinitarian Christian Statement of Faith and Values as part of their membership application. Youth members are not required to accept Christian standards of behavior. Spiritual emphases are woven throughout every level of the program while we aspire to include robust adventure activities. Our concept is that boys will be drawn to adventure aspects of the program while adults will appreciate the Christian influence and traditional biblical and family values. The K-12 programs of TLUSA encourage outdoor experiences that build a young man's skills and allow him to grow on a personal level and as a role model and leader of his peers. Living the Trail Life is a journey established on timeless values derived from the Bible.

To find local area troops, go to www.trailifeusa.com

Teenpact

TeenPact is a four day, dynamic, hands-on, leadership training school held in the capitol city of almost every state in the US. Learn more at www.teenpact.com.

TeenPact Illinois will be March 23-26, 2020. Registration will open Sept 1, 2019 with the Double Early Bird Discount. This discount is only good for the month of Sept so be sure to check your calendars and sign up if you can.

This year Annette Kanoy will be the contact person at SCCCHE for the Metro East Travel Group. Chaperone and travel coordination will begin to come together in January.

Feel free to contact [Christie Black](#) with general questions about the TeenPact ministry and contact [Annette Kanoy](#) with questions about about transport and lodging.

Drama Auditions

It is time for drama auditions for the upcoming TLC fall semester. Students age 13 - seniors in high school may attend. Please make sure you are available for all of the outside rehearsals before deciding to audition.

Please email me with the name and age of the student(s) planning to attend the auditions.

Chrissy Summers

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Auditions - August 12 & 13 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview Baptist Church
(We would like you to attend both days if possible.)

Blocking Rehearsal - August 30 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview

TLC classes - Fridays, September 6 - November 15 third hour 10:30 - 12:00

Rehearsal - November 4 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview

Tech Rehearsal - November 6 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview

Rehearsal - November 9 from 8:00- 1:00 at Eastview

Costume Rehearsal - November 11 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview

Full Dress Rehearsal - November 13 from 12:30 - 4:30 at Eastview

Performances - November 16 (morning and afternoon performances) at Eastview

Field Trip

Vat 19 Tour -of video recording station and store

Aug 30th from 3:00 - 4:00

117 Borman Dr. St. Louis Mo 63146

Free

Only have space for 26

Signup deadline Aug 15

What is Vat 19??

It is a YouTube channel that does their recordings in the STL office-headquarters. (They are working on a smaller Belleville location).

They specialize in making videos that promote and sell "weird" and "out of the ordinary" yet useful items. A 15-20 minute shopping opportunity will be included in the tour so it's best to have your shopping list ready-ish. (Credit card/debit only).

No requirement to purchase anything.

For more info, check out the [website](#) or contact [Wanda Collazo](#)

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Home School Legal Defense Association is a wonderful group designed to defend the homeschool community should they ever be dragged into court. Membership gives you 24/7 access to a lawyer with everything from advice to court representation with no additional costs. They also provide discounts through certain vendors, homeschool consultation, and a magazine.

But there's more – SCCCHE has a discount code which can get you a substantial discount off of the membership fee! Get more info and sign up at www.hslda.org and contact [Josh Peterson](#) for the discount code.

Benefit Auction for one of our Members

One of our newer members, Jessica Martinez has fallen terribly ill due to mold in their home. They have been forced to evacuate until the mold is removed. Unfortunately, this is not covered by their insurance, so they have to foot the costs themselves. Jose has had to take off work to care for Jessica and the kids, because she is so sick. On top of all that, Jessica had a difficult pregnancy. Praise God that she quite recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl, but Jessica is still sick, and the house is not liveable yet.

We've had a few work parties help out, a few thousand dollars have been given by our members to help, but there is one more thing we have going on - a benefit auction.

Pillar Auction Company (owned by another of our members) has an auction going right now at www.pillarauctions.com. There are a number of tools and other items up for auction right now. If there is anything there you have the slightest interest in, please bid on it. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Martinez family. 100%!!

Many thanks to the Bauer Family for working so hard to put this together, and to so generously give them the entire profit.

Protection from Grammar Nazis

There, Their, They're. Your, you're, yore. it's, its, etc.

Homeschoolers should never need to be corrected by Grammar Nazis.

If we are going to reject the public school system, then we had better show ourselves superior to it, and nothing is more evident than our grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Texts, emails, messages, chats, and social media are used by all of us, and the world is watching.

[Grammar Planet](#) is an excellent resource for helping us. Fun, online, interactive, and

developed by an Air Force vet and college friend of mine (Josh).

Yes, this is a shameless advertisement, but I sometimes see SCCCHE members exhibiting bad grammar, spelling, or punctuation. Oh, the humanity!

Coordinator Article

Welcome to another year of Home Education!

If this is your first year, you are in for a ride. Home Education is a very demanding job, but the rewards are completely worth it. For those of you who have been in the trenches for a while, you know that even the most experienced parent sometimes feels like giving up and throwing in the towel. Remember, every morning is a new start, so hang on and find the joy in what you do.

(The website has an excellent article on [Why We Home Educate](#).)

Here are just a few helpful tips:

Routine is a very good thing in home education. Posting schedules on the fridge and making sure all kids know what is expected of them each day.

Physical work is also very important for the developing the character of the child. Give them chores during school time (between subjects) such as changing over the laundry, 5 minutes of weeding the garden or sweeping the porch. Make sure to give your active boys some recess time to run around and get the wiggles out of them.

Reading aloud to your kids is foundational. It gives kids of all ages a love of reading, which is the foundation of education. Once a child can read, he can educate himself on any topic, as long as there is a book on that topic.

Have a plan – daily, weekly, monthly, and/or semesterly (is that a word?). This job takes investment of time, and the more you put in, the more you get out. Don't be afraid to switch curriculum if it isn't working. I don't think any of our kids have used the same math program as any other child in the family.

Minimize screen time. Our kids get 1 hour a day of 'fun' computer time, and we have no TV. If my child tells me they are bored, I have them pull weeds, clean the van, stack firewood, or sweep the porch. They never come back a second time with the word 'bored'. They have bikes, trampolines, a tree house with swing, zip line, legos, and the older kids have their projects and hobbies, such as knife-making, computer-building, or reading.

Having trouble with something? **Ask for help.** We have a mentoring program of certain individuals who would be glad to advise you, or you can post a question to the Google Group or the Forum where the whole group is able to give you guidance. We're all here to help and encourage one another and somebody in our group has already been where you are now, and struggled through what you may be struggling with now.

God's blessings be upon your year!

(P.S. this is a slightly edited duplicate of a previous newsletter August kickoff article, but I felt it was good enough for a repeat. Go ahead, call me lazy!)

God Bless,
Josh Peterson

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