



Next Meeting

Ice Cream Social!

September 15 at 7:00 PM.

Fairview Heights Church of Christ
9955 Bunkum Rd. Fairview Heights

SCCCHHE will provide a variety of ice cream treats and water to drink. Feel free to bring your own. Please also bring some lawn chairs and maybe some yard games. There is a playground, a firepit, and plenty of grass. If bad weather, we'll be at the same location but indoors and maybe partly outdoors under the front awning.

Upcoming Meetings

SCCCHHE Bonfire

October 20, 6:00 PM (note the earlier time)

Restoration Ranch
1644 Hartman Lane, Shiloh

SCCCHHE will provide hot dogs, s'mores, and water. Please bring lawn chairs, a side dish to share, and whatever other drinks or goodies to share. A grill will be up and running if you want to grill your own meat or other food.

Talent Show and Craft Fair

November 17, 6:30 PM

Community Bible Church
4940 Benchmark Centre Drive, Swansea

Come join us to watch our kids and/or families perform music or any other performing art you may desire. How about a comedy skit, or recitation of some kind? We'd love to see it!

But this will also be the award ceremony and presentation of the winning entries in the Essay Contest. More info below.

Troupers Performance

November 15, 7:00 PM
St. John UCC, Mascoutah

Essay Contest

Want to win some cash?

Submit an essay for our essay contest!

Age categories and prizes are:

1. High school (age 14-18) First - \$50, Second - \$40, Third - \$30
2. Jr. High (age 11-13) First - \$30, Second - \$20, Third - \$10
3. Elementary (age 0-10) First - \$30, Second - \$20, Third \$10

Five winners will get to read their essays at the November meeting:

Top three winners in High school, and First place winners in Jr High and Elementary.

Here are the rules:

Topic: How I've been blessed through Home Education

Who: Any student member of SCCCHE within the age categories

Essays are to include the first and last name of the participant, and the email address used by the family for SCCCHE.

High school age should be up to 750 words.

Jr High school age should be up to 500 words.

Elementary school age should be up to 300 words.

Any quoted sources, references, or scripture must be properly cited.

Essays are to be submitted electronically to Josh Peterson at sccche@gmail.com

Submission deadline is November 5 at 11:59 PM.

Essays will be sent to a panel of judges anonymously.

The panel consists of 3 highly qualified judges, all with Doctoral degrees.

Parents may help guide the student with editing and proof reading, but please let this be the creation of the student. As much as possible, use guided questions to help them through the process.

English Country Dancing

Let's Dance!

Friday, September 16, 7:00-9:30 pm
Copper Creek Christian Church, 2184 Vadalabene Dr, Maryville, IL
Cost is \$5 per dancer; \$15 max per family. Pay cash at door.

[Register HERE](#)

Register by family/household. Friends may be invited, provided they are fellow believers. If you are bringing friends, please do not include them in your household registration, but have their parent sign them up. Walk-ins will be accepted, space permitting, but will be asked to complete

the on-line registration form at the door.

Attire: modesty is required. Casual is fine. Swishy skirts are fun when twirling! Expectations include: shoulders covered with at least 3" of fabric, tops with appropriate necklines and back coverage, bottoms at least knee length even when twirling.

Comfortable shoes are recommended. If dancing barefoot, make sure to put shoes back on before leaving the sanctuary and especially if going outside during a water break.

Spectators: are welcome, but keep in mind that there is not a good place for littles to play. We have access to the sanctuary and foyer, but not to the grass or play area outside.

Let me know if you have questions. Looking forward to seeing you on September 16th!
Rebecca Phillips 618-206-8652 home 618-334-7249 cell

Trail Life scouting

Boys just want to be boys!

Join TrailLife Troop IL-0078

As Trail Life Troop members, we share a common vision, striving together to "guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, and serve others"....

Our Troop is chartered as a ministry through Community Bible Church serving the local area. Young men ages 5 to 17 are encouraged to join our Troop to participate in scheduled events/activities with their dad, and use this time to grow with his son(s). Typically, we meet the 2nd & 4th Monday nights, 6:30-8:00.

Please let me know if you and your family would like to be more involved in this wonderful Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused, Outdoor Adventure!

Walk Worthy,
Todd Neuverth, Troopmaster, IL-0078 todd.neuverth@gmail.com

Photos for the yearbook

Mr. Carden will be taking school pictures for the yearbook at the September and November meetings. No appointment needed. Just come to the meeting early with your children dressed for pictures. Your child's picture will be sent to the yearbook staff for you.

Student yearbook pictures:

- Thursday, September 15, 6:00 - 7:00 Fairview Heights Church of Christ
- Thursday, November 17, 6:00 - 7:00 Community Bible Church

(NOTE: This is an hour before the meeting time.
If you come at 7:00 when the meeting starts, you will miss picture taking)

Graduation

Graduation 2023 is a go!

Margaret Odom and Katie Rettig ask for your help collecting the information for students that will be set to graduate this school year so we can plan a celebration for late spring.

Families with seniors, fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/b1wNnCcZg4xtVQEs7>

Thank you!

We will be sending out another survey during the winter to see who all would be willing to help with the details and/or hands-on things the day of the event. We would love to have non-graduating families help with this event to allow the graduating families the ability to simply enjoy and celebrate in the moment. We also want to invite all of SCCCHE to come and celebrate. We will have an RSVP link go out in early spring.

Teenpact

Want your teen to learn more about God, government, and God in government?

Then Teenpact is the place for you! Many of our member families have participated in this excellent group. To find out more, go to www.teenpact.com. You can also contact Christie Black at christie4275@gmail.com

Next

Is your teen needing some exercise and fellowship?

Sign up for Ultimate Frisbee! We take kids (and adults!) ages 12 and up to play twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at the O'Fallon Sports Park.

What is ultimate frisbee? It's like soccer, but uses a frisbee instead.

Contact Bjorn Peterson to get on the email list. bjbjorn06@gmail.com

Bright Lights

Bright Lights is a discipleship group for girls aged 9 - 18.

Join us for lessons from God's word and a community of girls working to grow their faith! We meet every other Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Mascoutah.

For more info hit the website at <https://tomorrowsofathers.com/bright-lights>

or contact Gloria Peterson. brightlightsmascoutah@gmail.com

Field Trips

Monday Oct. 3, 8:50 am – Belleville Fire Department - Station #4
1125 S Illinois St, Belleville, IL 62220

Meet in the parking lot at 8:50am – the tour /program will start at 9am
This is for all ages and is a FREE field trip

** Sign up for this trip by calling / texting Kimberly Rathke @ 618-791-0850 by Friday September 23.

Monday Oct. 17, 10:50 am – Great Rivers Museum; Melvin Price Lock & Dam
#2 Locks and Dam Way, East Alton 62024

Meet in the parking lot by 10:50 am – Program starts at 11am – 12:30pm
This is a free field trip; however, donations are accepted and appreciated.

If our we exceed 25 people, including adults, then we will be split into two groups.
Purses and bags are not allowed on the tour. There are storage lockers available.

** Sign up for this trip by calling / texting Kimberly Rathke @ 618-791-0850 by Friday
September 23.

Other Local Offerings

Some local groups and activities:

Metro-East Homeschool Archery

Meets Thursdays or Fridays at noon
Leu Civic Center in Mascoutah

Costs are:

- \$40/family for annual Leu membership
- \$10/month/shooter
- \$30 one-time registration fee

Members of the National Archery in the Schools Program
Suitable for 4th through 12th grades. Spring tournaments. Perfect Safety Record

metroeastarchery@gmail.com

Happy Herd 4-H program

Meets first Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
Henry White Experimental Farm in Millstadt
<https://extension/illinois.edu/mms/4-h-st-clair-county>
Jenn Stoks jenggafer@gmail.com
505-720-7205

4-H Blasters Rifle Shooting Sports Club

Meets 1st Saturdays at 1:30
O'Fallon Sportsmen Club, Lebanon
Jenn Stoks jenggafer@gmail.com
505-720-7205

From the Coordinators

As I write this, I am sitting at the SCCCHE booth at the Leu Civic Center Homeschool Fair, waiting for interested parents to stop by with questions about home education and our group. A number of flyers have been passed out, and there are a couple dozen other organizations here. In fact, the announcement above this article was gathered from some of those groups.

It's good to see so many parents interested in home education. We don't normally do any active advertising for our group other than the online lists of homeschool groups, so it's a new experience to sit behind a table and try and contort my homely face into a smile and answer questions.

It's not an easy journey, and it's not for everyone, but the benefits are certainly worth the effort. It certainly helps to be part of a group, for the scripture tells us that we are to help one another all the time.

Some of you may be familiar with the hymn, 'Blest be the Tie that Binds.' (or perhaps the parody, 'Best be the Tithes that Buys.') The third verse reads:

We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

We all go through struggles in life, some bigger than others, but the love we share with one another is a tremendous thing that separates us Christians from the rest of the world.

One of the ways we in SCCCHE can help one another is to simply befriend others. What could be easier? (Well, perhaps some of you introverts shudder at the idea!) But we have an Ice Cream Social coming up next week, so even an introvert may find the task much more palatable. I hope to see you all next week!

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