

**TEST - SCCCE Newsletter, Feb '24**

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[View in browser](#)**Next Meeting****Valentine's Day Party and Roundtable Discussion  
Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 PM.**

Fairview Heights Church of Christ  
[9955 Bunkum Rd. Fairview Heights, IL](#)

The adults will meet to ask/answer questions about homeschooling and life

♥ **Children 5-12\* are invited to join us for a fun night!** ♥

\*exceptions may be made for younger children with a suitable assigned sibling helper, but activities are geared to school age children.

Games    Activities    Snacks  
Fun session of "Mock Legislation"  
The Great Valentine Exchange  
Prizes for most original mailbox

**Bring**

25 Valentines to pass out  
a mailbox to collect them in  
a mail bag for easy delivery

**Please Sign up by Wednesday 2/7, so we know how many to plan for!**

We are using google forms for our sign up, just click this [link](#) and fill out the info to sign up.

Note: This is a fundraiser for our students traveling to TeenPact in April to help cover the cost of lodging & meals. That said, SCCCHE is making a donation on behalf of our SCCCHE families so any additional donation is an extra blessing, but not necessary.

For Teens not participating in TeenPact, but interested in volunteering to help host this event, please contact Mrs. Black. We have a sign up sheet and information to share with our volunteers.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Ladie's Tea Party

Saturday, April 6, 3:00 PM  
Zion Lutheran Church  
[101 S. Railway St., Mascoutah](#)

This is a chance for our homeschooling moms to take an afternoon off and sit and relax with good tea and delicious goodies at a proper afternoon tea. You'll learn a bit about tea history and etiquette, be served by butlers, listen to delightful live music by Girls in Black, and be inspired by a wonderful speaker.

Space is limited, so look for the signup to come.

Butlers are needed, as well as snack-makers.  
More info to come!

## Graduation

### High School Graduation

The next 2024 SCCCHE high school graduation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th @ 4:00 p.m.

We will meet at Community Bible Church, [4940 Benchmark Centre Dr., Swansea, IL 62226](#)

Graduates and parents of graduates welcome! See you there!

If you have questions, please contact Margaret Odom, 618-615-7175, [margodom@msn.com](mailto:margodom@msn.com)

### Eighth Grade Graduation

Do you have an eighth grader that is ready to celebrate their educational achievements and launch them into the final four years and young adulthood? Please contact Katie Rettig by text 618-407-3032 or email [ckrettig10706@gmail.com](mailto:ckrettig10706@gmail.com) by February 28th to sign up or with any questions. Thank you.

## Bowling, anyone?

Anyone interested in the wonderful world of bowling?

How about free bowling lessons from a certified silver coach?

Coach Ron Klein is offering his coaching for free at Bel Air Bowl in Belleville. If there is enough interest, then we could start up a homeschool bowling league to compete against area public school leagues.

The schedule is somewhat flexible, and could start mid-March or April, and run until mid May. The best times for the bowling would be 1:00 - 3:00, Mondays-Thursdays, but we don't have to be locked into that.

For more info, Contact Ron Klein at [ronaldklein625@gmail.com](mailto:ronaldklein625@gmail.com).

## Great Homeschool Convention

**March 21 - 23, at the St. Charles Convention Center**

A wonderful event for all homeschoolers, you can hear great speakers, browse tons of vendors, meet with other HSers, and be inspired in your HS journey.

If you are planning on attending, perhaps you can carpool with other people from SCCCHE and/or meet up with others for lunch or whatever. Communicate through the Google Group to set it up for yourselves.

In the meantime, browse the [website](#) to find out more about the GHC.

## English Country Dancint

The February 9 dance is full, but registration for the March 8 dance is now open! Register [HERE](#).

For more info on the dances (and other SCCCHE events), check out the calendar [HERE](#).

## Field Trips

Thursday, Feb 22

Chocolate Factory and City Museum

Monday, April 15

Meramec Caverns

Monday, April 24

StL Cardinals Weather Day

To learn more or to sign up, go to the website. [www.sccche.org/field-trips](http://www.sccche.org/field-trips)

## Eclipse outing

### Once-in-a-lifetime-event!!

OK, maybe twice, but we're looking into finding a great spot for our group to gather during the eclipse. Stay tuned for more info.

## Concerts

### Sanctus Winds

A sacred wind-band ensemble.  
Concert is Feb. 18, 4:00 PM  
Peace Lutheran Church  
[737 Barracksview, St. Louis](#)

### Lenten organ recital

Nancy Peterson  
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 PM  
Zion Lutheran Church  
[101 S Railway St., Mascoutah](#)

# Cherry Pie Day

## Friday, March 22

ICHE wasn't able to secure their normal day, so they have to do it on a Friday this year. But we still plan on making pies, so here's the scoop:

We make as many home-made cherry pies as we can  
We get people to deliver them to the state capital  
We listen to a couple speakers and meet other HSers from around the state  
We personally distribute pies to each of our legislators, thanking them for what they do.

It would be awesome if we can host pie-making parties with other families in the group. Those who can't help physically can help financially by donating money to buy supplies. Leftover money can be taken up to Springfield and given to ICHE.

More info about it all [HERE](#).

## Other Activities

### Ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the O'Fallon Sports Park.  
Contact [Bjorn Peterson](#) to get on the email list.

### Trail Life scouting

A solid Christian scouting group for boys.  
[traillifeusa.org](http://traillifeusa.org)

### American Heritage Girls

A solid Christian scouting group for girls.  
[americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org)

### Bright Lights

A bi-weekly group for girls that focuses on character and Biblical womanhood.  
Held in Mascoutah on Tuesday evenings.  
Contact [Rosemary Peterson](#) for more info.

## From the Coordinators

What makes SCCCHE a bit different from other homeschool groups?

Other area groups that are Christian-led permit non-Christians to join, but not lead. We are a bit more exclusive. We require even our members to agree to our Statement of Faith. SCCCHE is a completely safe space for Christians, so that whatever SCCCHE event our members attend, our members don't have to worry about whether the leaders are going to bring in some form of false doctrine or anti-Christian sentiment. Everyone has been mildly vetted, and while we may quibble about points of doctrine, we are all in agreement on the foundational beliefs.

However, just because someone checks a box doesn't mean they are Christian. Leadership makes it a point to meet personally with every new family to the group, and if we detect any red flags, we probe a bit deeper.

Our statement of faith is distinctly Christian, but somewhat broad so as to cover a multitude of denominational and non-denominational beliefs. Those Christians who attend most mainstream Protestant denominations and Catholics are normally within the bounds of acceptance. While they call themselves Christian, Mormon and Jehovah's Witnesses are outside of our boundaries. There have been a few incidents throughout the years where we've had to decline membership of people for their differing theological beliefs, or because they essentially had no beliefs.

And while we certainly have sympathy for the person and desire that they become Christians, we cannot allow them to join in the hope that they may soon become believers. Of course, there are those who think we should be more open, and there are those who love this aspect of our group, but those who formed the group initially set it up this way and through the years the Leadership team has never been interested in changing that.

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