

SCCCH E Sept Newsletter

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[View in browser](#)**Next Meeting****SCCCH E Bonfire, Friday, Oct 13 at 6:00 PM.**

Restoration Ranch
[1644 Hartman Ln, Shiloh](#)

This is a potluck meal, so bring a side dish to share, and maybe a few lawn chairs.
(There is some seating there)

SCCCH E will provide s'mores, water, hot dogs, roasting forks, plates, cups, plasticware.
There will be a grill on site for you to use.

Upcoming Meetings**Talent Show and Craft Fair**

Nov 9, 6:30 craft fair opens, 7:00 talent show
Church of Christ, Fairview Heights
[9955 Bunkum Rd., Fairview](#)

This is a 3-part meeting - talent show, craft fair, and essay contest awards.

Get your acts together and be ready to perform at the annual talent show!
Musical numbers, skits, acting, or any other performing art.

I will need:

1. Names of performers or group
2. Names of accompanists
3. Titles of music performed
4. Composer and arranger
5. Stage needs (stands, mics, piano, etc)

For the crafters, I need your name and how many tables you need.

Essay Contest**Cash prizes for the best essays!**

This year we're not doing an essay, but a story. We give you the opening paragraph, and you finish (or at least continue) the story.

The judging criteria are:

1. Mechanics. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, indentation, etc.
2. Characterization. Making your characters believable and distinct from other characters.
3. Plot. A clear storyline with conflict and resolution.
4. Theme. Weaving some aspect of Christianity into the story, either boldly or subtly.
5. Word painting. Making the story come alive through the use of words - describing people, places, and events so that the reader can picture them easily in the mind.

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

Select winners will be chosen to read their stories at the November meeting.

Who: Any student member of SCCCHE within the age categories

Stories 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 at least 750 words.
Jr High school age should be at least 500 words.
Elementary school age should be at least 300 words.

Stories are to be submitted electronically to Josh Peterson at sccche@gmail.com Submission deadline is November 1 at 11:59 PM.

Stories will be sent to a panel of judges anonymously. The panel consists of 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.

Here is the starter paragraph. You are free to change names, but the rest of the paragraph must remain:

Bob and Sarah were in a tight place and didn't know how to proceed. They had been working on their project for weeks, and planning it long before then, but now they were stuck. As they sat there in silence, lost in their own thoughts among the drawings and pieces of their project, Jimmy burst into the garage, shattering the contemplative silence with his shrill voice. "Guys! You'll never guess what just happened!"

Horse Riding, anyone?

Sept. 21 from 9-12
Ages 8-12

The Highland Saddle Club is offering an event for the home school community. This is an introductory to horses class for children ages 8-12.

We will be covering parts of the horse, grooming, saddling, and riding!

What you need:

- Pants, flat-soled boot (cowboy boots or similar) No shorts, sandals or tennis shoes.
- sports bottle with water
- astm certified riding helmet (we can provide if you do not own one) No hockey or bike helmets

How to register:

Text Michele @ 618-616-5154 I do not always get fb messenger notifications. I will need child's full name, gender and age.

I am limiting this to the first 10 kids. Cost is \$75 and is due the day of event. Parents are welcome to stay for the event but do not have to. I am looking forward to this event!

Hawaii Fires

HSLDA is helping homeschoolers in Hawaii

The fires that ravaged communities on Maui—particularly the historic town of Lahaina—are the deadliest in the last century of American history.

Entire neighborhoods have been destroyed, with families losing homes, friends, pets, livelihoods, and their whole world in a matter of hours. Homeschooling families are among those affected.

HSLDA is already receiving heart-wrenching phone calls from homeschoolers whose lives have been upended.

Will you help these grieving families begin the long journey to recovery and rebuilding? Your donation today will replace their lost books and materials, in addition to meeting other emergency needs.

We know you care about homeschooling parents who want to give their children a sense of stability and normalcy. Your generosity provides what these families need to continue homeschooling and to reclaim hope in the face of disaster. Thank you!

Donate [HERE](#).

Autumn Artisan Festival

Come out, help support, and spotlight local Artisans and Craftsmen of all kinds. There will also be live music, soulcial kitchen food trucks selling food, live demonstrations by local Artisans, animal interaction, hayrides, games, raffles, a bounce house for the kiddos, and more....

Things you can expect:

Local vendors with incredible creations such as ornaments, Christmas deco, locally made hot sauce, fresh bread, local honey, stocking stuffers, and much more!

The Friends of Blue Grass Band from 12-2pm, and Dale Roberts too!

Yard games such as corn hole, ladder ball, spike ball and more!

Roasted Corn on the Cobb

Loom and weaving demonstrations.

Archery demonstrations.

Bow-making, woodworking, and pottery demonstrations.

Gratitude Café will be serving coffee; iced and hot.

Live bands featuring local artists.

Hayrides

Fall activities

There is no cost to getting in. You do not need to register or RSVP in advance as a spectator.

Registration booths will be set up at the event to register for future information about Restoration Ranch and all the great activities we put on throughout the year. Also, this is where you can purchase tickets for our 50/50 raffle and prize drawings.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

[1644 Hartman Ln., Shiloh, IL](#)

Teenpact

The \$30 TeenPact Double Early Bird Discount is good until September 30 and this can be stacked with other discounts (military, & more)!

The TLC schedule is set to accommodate the event April 1-5, 2024. Be sure to check out TeenPact.com for more information and feel free to email or call Christie Black with any questions. christie4275@gmail.com or 618-530-0895

*We have started fundraising early this year to help off set the price of the new Camp Model. Join the Fundraising effort to make this a great success :)

What is Teenpact? Go [HERE](#) to find out.

Cahokia Mounds Kids Day

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is hosting a day of fun & educational activities for the kids! Join us on October 7 as we reintroduce our annual Kid's Day outreach program. This event exposes kids of all ages to Native American Cultures, archaeology, cultural preservation, and conservation preservation through hands-on activities including:

Chunkey Games
Corn-Grinding
Fiber Finger-Weaving
ISAS (Illinois State Archaeological Survey) Drone Demonstrations
Kid's Nature/Culture Hike
Make Your Own T-Shirt
Native American Music & Dance
Pinch-Pot Making

Kid's Day takes place on the grounds at Cahokia Mounds, in front of and behind the Interpretive Center. The exhibits and gallery remain closed for the rest of 2023 and likely into 2024 for major mechanical renovations. The Interpretive Center Lobby (Restrooms) and Gift Shop will be open to the public during this event.

If you have any questions or would like more information you may reach out by phone at 618-346-5160 or email at museumsociety@cahokiamounds.org. We can't wait to have everyone back for this popular event!

Concerts

Masterworks 50th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, October 8, 3:00 PM
St Clare Catholic Church
[1411 Cross St.](#)
[O'Fallon, IL 62269](#)

Join us for a wonderful evening of choral music from our current members, and a few selections that include former members, including our fearless mustachioed leader. Tickets and info [HERE](#)

English Country Dancing

October 20: Barn dance theme at the monthly English Country Dance! Wear boots, bandanas, denim, plaid... Prizes given to the most Festive Gals & Guys [😊]

Who: SCCCHE tweens, teens, young adults, and like-minded friends. Parents & younger siblings welcome too.

What: monthly dances for fun, fellowship, and exercise. Check out The Irish Washerwoman

Where: LeClaire Christian Church, [1914 Esic Drive, Edwardsville](#). Gym entrance is at East end of building. Additional parking behind the gym.

When: 7:00-9:30 pm
October 20: Barn Dance theme (Boots, bandanas, denim & plaids!) [Register HERE](#)
November 17
December 15: Festive attire + Ugly Sweater contest

How much: \$5 per dancer, \$15 max per family. Guests \$5 (non-family dancers listed on your registration form)

Attire: MODEST! "Neck to Knee" is the goal. Casual to formal is fine. Festive attire optional for theme dances. Shoulders covered with at least 3" of fabric; modest neckline, armholes & back. Shorts should be knee-ish length. Shredded jeans should be neatly

patched. Skirts should remain knee-length even when twirling; leggings underneath may be helpful.

Attendance: 200 dancers maximum. Registration will close when the dance is full.

Protocol:

A young gentlemen will ask a young lady to dance. When young lady accepts, the gentleman will escort his partner to the dance line.

The dance caller, Connor Quinn, will instruct dancers as they walk through the steps before starting the music.

At conclusion of each dance, gentleman will escort his partner back to the meeting area and find a new partner.

Dancers will have a variety of partners and not be exclusive unless engaged or married.

When the supply of young gentlemen is depleted, ladies may partner with ladies.

Gentlemen may NOT partner with other gentlemen.

Expectations:

Attendees at these social events will exhibit a Christ-honoring demeanor at all times.

Attendees will stay engaged in dancing and refrain from socializing in corners or excessively using electronic devices.

Attendees will stay inside the building except during monitored water breaks.

Water will be available. Any outside beverages should be in SPILL-PROOF containers.

Please leave snacks at home or in your car.

Attending parents are encouraged to help with water stations or with security/monitoring areas.

Feel free to share with like-minded friends from area homeschool groups or churches.

Stay joyful!

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Upcoming Field Trips

Thursday Sept. 21st, 7:00 PM
St. Louis Symphony Orchestra @ Forest Park—Art Hill

Wednesday Oct. 25th, 9:30 am
SLSO—A Zoo Called Earth - Symphony

To sign up, go to the website. www.sccche.org/field-trips

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.

trailifeusa.org

American Heritage Girls

A solid Christian scouting group for girls.

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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