



## Next Meeting

SCCCHHE Bonfire, Thursday, Oct 20 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)

SCCCHHE 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 17, 6:30 craft fair opens, 7:00 talent show  
Community Bible Church  
4940 Benchmark Centre Drive, Swansea

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.

### Troupers performance

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

## Orchestra and choir performance

December 10, 7:00 PM  
Zion Lutheran, Mascoutah

### Elephant Rocks

#### Join us for an impromptu outing

There is no TLC co-op this Friday (22nd) so the Peterson family is headed down to Elephant Rocks State Park for the day. You are welcome to join us!

It's nearly a 2 hour drive, so plan to arrive there about 11:00. We'll play around on the SE side until noon, then we'll have a picnic lunch near the parking lot. Afterwards we'll hit the big loop trail.

More info about the park [HERE](#). Any questions, contact Josh [Email](#) or 618-806-5674.

### Essay Contest

#### Cash prizes for the best essays!

I hope your kids are working on their essays for the essay contest!  
I've received 3 submissions so far. Deadline is November 5.

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 [scche@gmail.com](mailto:scche@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.

## Yearbook Photos

Mr. Carden will be taking school pictures for the yearbook at the November meeting. 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.

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)

## Autumn Artisan Festival

Restoration Ranch is holding an Artisan Festival on Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

More info [HERE](#).

## SWIC Homeschool Day

SWIC is hosting a Homeschool Preview Day on Tuesday, November 15th from 9-11am. Students will receive information about Enrollment, Scholarships, Student Services and receive a guided tour.

Students can register for the event here!  
Let me know if you have questions.

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## TLC co-op

We are past the half-way point for the fall semester. Hoorah!

October 21, we have no TLC. Barring inclement weather and other unforeseen obstacles, we will finish TLC before Thanksgiving.

It is time to plan for the spring semester. Wouldn't it be nice to know what classes are available for your kids before Christmas? Wouldn't it be nice to start the new year without a last minute scramble to find teachers and classes?

Let's make it happen. Please submit your course description via this google link:

<https://forms.gle/29bdKtzBiv4btZrb6> .

Let me know if you're willing to fill the same volunteer roles for the spring semester.

Thanks!

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## Concerts

### Masterworks Children's Chorale

Sunday, Oct 30, 3:00 PM. St. Clair Catholic Church, O'Fallon, IL.

Adults, \$20, Students, \$10

### Belleville Philharmonic - "Stars of Tomorrow"

Saturday, Oct 22, 7:00 PM, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville

Free Admission (Donation requested)

## English Country Dancing

### Let's Dance!

Friday, Nov 11, 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.  
Rebecca Phillips 618-206-8652 home 618-334-7249 cell

## Field Trip

### **Monday Nov. 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm – Top Golf St. Louis**

16851 N Outer 40 Rd. Chesterfield, MO 63005

Cost is \$10 per person – includes 2 hours of game play and unlimited soft drinks.

We will be assigned Bays that are temperature controlled. In each bay there will be 6 golfers. Up to two parents may sit or stand at each bay. We are limited as to how many adult / parent golfers are allowed. So please ask before signing up. If we meet our limit, then the adults may have to pay full price. However, I will do my best to get everyone at the discounted price.

\*\* Sign up for this trip by calling / texting Kimberly Rathke @ 618-791-0850 by Friday October 7. Payment is due at the time of sign up.

## From the Coordinators

Autumn is such a glorious time of year. Such beautiful colors are in the trees, the heat and humidity are gone (as well as the bugs), and the time for burning things has come. I always loved heating with wood, and am sitting near my blazing wood stove as I write. I've spent many an hour around our outdoor firepit, and am looking forward to our SCCCHE bonfire this week.

There seems to be something magical about fire. One never gets tired of watching the colorful, dancing flames and the slow transformation of the wood into smoke and ash. Part of our homeschooling includes a video series on chemistry, and one on physics, both done by a wonderful Christian family (Wes Olson, Westfield Studios). In the videos he talks a bit about fire. It's rather hard to explain, since it's not exactly like anything else on the planet. It's not a chemical element, nor is it a physical process or force. As I mentioned earlier, it's rather magical.

Perhaps that's why God used fire to represent the Holy Spirit. While he is a distinct person of the Trinity, he has no physical presence, nor is his role like that of the Father and the Son. In fact, it can be a bit confusing to know when and how he is leading or prompting us. (Personally, I think that sometimes people who say they are being 'led by the Spirit' or 'feeling the Spirit' are confusing that with their own emotions).

But God does not contradict God, and his Spirit will never go against his Word. So it's vital that we Christians know what the word says.

How many times have you opened your Bible this past week? If it's anything less than seven, I highly recommend you make a habit of reading every day.

I have a high school buddy who does a facebook reading group where we do the Bible in a year chronologically or just the NT in 6 months. We've done this for years, and every time we start another round, we get the word out to new people. We start out with over a dozen (or two), and by the end we're down to about 4. Leviticus and the latter prophets are hard to work through!

But stick with it and keep going. As Hank Hannegraff always said - "get into the Word of God and so get the Word of God into you."

God bless!

Josh Peterson

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