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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is the **International Potluck**

January 16 at 6:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
101 S. Railway St.
Mascoutah, IL 62259

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME!

This meeting is an opportunity for you to introduce your kids to another culture and country. Pick a country, learn all about it, and prepare a display to tell others. Pictures, maps, statistics, and other useful info are recommended. Perhaps you could include the percentage of Christians and the need for evangelism in that country.

Then bring some food to share with others. If you can, bring food representing that country. There will be a table of all of our potluck food together, but perhaps on your display table you can have some additional treats or goodies.

But wait! There's more!

There will be cash prizes awarded to the top 3 displays- \$50 each!
So get your kiddos working to exert themselves!

Upcoming Meetings

February 13, 7:00

Guest speaker, Dr. S.M. Davis and Kid's Valentine Party

Dr. Davis is a retired pastor from Lincoln, IL who has a wonderful ministry helping families overcome problems. His wisdom and insight have been a tremendous help to many thousands of people. He has been asked to speak on a topic which I feel is very needful for us all to hear. But there will also be a Q&A session, so you can ask any questions about any issues. There will be a freewill offering.

While the adults are being enriched by Brother Davis, the kids will be having their annual Valentine's Day Party. More info to come next month.

March - no meeting

April - no meeting

Field Trips

Hidden Valley Ski Trip - Feb. 18

17409 Hidden Valley Dr
Eureka MO 63025

Deadline: Waiver and payment due Feb 9th.

This is a learning-how-to-ski trip and is geared for students 5th grade-ish to 12th. All students receive: all ski equipment, lesson, lunch and the lift. Does not include your snow wear.

Beginner level \$18.60- (these remain on the beginner slopes)

Intermediate level \$29.60-(these will receive a refresher lesson and sent off to the higher slopes)

Students who wish to move up to the intermediate level at 11:30, they can do so for an additional \$10.95 and pay at the window there.

Students who wish to switch to SNOWBOARDING at 1:00 can do so by paying an additional \$10.95 at the window there.

Bold parents can ski by paying \$47 at the window on site at 11:30. Must add your full name to our sign up list in advanced, but you will not pay me, you will pay there.

For more info and to get a waiver Emailed to you, contact [Wanda](#).

Yearbook Cover Design Contest

The theme for this year's yearbook is 'Seasons.'

"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven
He has made everything beautiful in its time. " Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,10

The cover design contest is open to SCCCHE students of any age. Judging will be based on how well it follows the guidelines and represents the theme and our group. Winning entry will have their design on the yearbook cover and will receive one free yearbook. More info can be found [HERE](#).

Talk on Homeschooling

'Is Homeschooling Just a Good Choice or Something More?' A Challenge to Freedom Lovers and Christians Brian D Ray, PhD

Come hear Dr. Ray THIS THURSDAY, Jan 9 at 7:00 PM.
The Pillar Foundation
15820 Clayton Rd, Ellisville MO 63011

Dr. Ray was a guest speaker on a recent NPR radio program about home education. While he brilliantly defended our freedoms, he was outnumbered by those who wish to restrict home education. Listen to the broadcast [<HERE>](#).

He will be in St. Louis on Thursday for an excellent talk on this topic. This talk is for everyone - those considering home education and those who are already doing so. You will hear the hard and fast statistics and issues, and be inspired to help encourage your friends to home-educate their kids as well. I will be attending, so if you want to carpool, let me know - [Josh](#). If you can't attend the talk, at least check out the excellent resources on his [WEBSITE](#).

Winter Archery

WINTER 2020 ARCHERY begins Friday, 10 January 2020

Town Hall Archery
5901 Cool Sports Rd, Belleville, IL 62223

Six classes on Fridays in the months January (10, 17, 24) and February (7, 14, 21)
a) 2:00 - 3:00 PM
b) 3:30 - 4:30 PM

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) AGE: 5yrs -18yrs
- 2) have the strength to pull the bow string on your own
- 3) minimum of 10 for the class to remain open; full class has 30 archers
- 4) arrive 15 minute early on the first day to make payment at the counter register

COST \$30 per participating archer

EQUIPMENT IS provided by THA for each archer.

Please, RSVP by 7 January 2020. to [Ba Cobillas](#).

When you RSVP to my email, please, place in the Subject "Winter 2020 Archery 2 PM" ... " Winter 2020 Archery 3:30 PM". This would be most helpful so that I do not delete the unknown email.

Also, when you RSVP let me know how many kiddos, name of child (age) and I will add you to roster I am compiling for THA so that they will have targets & arrows set.

TLC Starting up soon!

What is TLC? The Limited Co-op is where parents (such as yourself) offer to teach classes to the other kids in the group. You may find such classes as Physics, Art, Drama, Choir, Orchestra, Robotics, Ultimate Frisbee, Science, Biology, Finance, Anatomy, Speech, etc.

When is it? Friday mornings, from Feb 7 - Apr 24.

More info? www.thelimitedcoop.org

Great Homeschool Convention

March 26-28 in St. Charles, MO

All the info you need can be found

here: <https://greathomeschoolconventions.com/locations/missouri>

From the Coordinators

Attention All Homeschoolers in Illinois!

Beginning next month, you will be required to register your homeschool with the local DCFS office, and they will conduct annual inspections of your home and curriculum. If anything does not meet their guidelines, you may be fined or jailed.

Rest easy for the moment - that above announcement is NOT TRUE. However, if some people get their way, it will be true soon. We are currently enjoying the great freedoms we have in Illinois regarding home education, but they are continually under attack. A bill was introduced this past year that required almost exactly what I threatened above. Did you even know about it?

Being so near a military base, and having many military members in our group, we are all very supportive of our troops and help them out however we can. But there are other troops fighting for our freedoms in Springfield who worked hard to overturn that bill. But it will come back again. Maybe next time they won't have the support and resources to defeat it, and some of you will suddenly be wondering what happened.

Please don't let this be you. **It's much easier to maintain the freedoms we have than it is to lose them and have to fight to get them back.**

Here is Scott Brown from ICHE to give his perspective:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-BCd6cpZiQ&feature=youtu.be>

So how do we stay informed and what can we do to help?

- join [HSLDA](#) and get on their mailing list.
- support [ICHE](#) and get on their mailing list.
- support [Concerned Christians](#) and get on their mailing list.
- watch their videos and read their articles, and DO what they ask.
- participate in [Legislative Days](#)
- encourage other Christians to home-educate their kids
- come to the SCCCHE meetings, support the group and the other members

Remember, "Freedom comes with responsibility." Please do not be one of the many who simply enjoy a freedom while doing nothing to maintain it. We are in a spiritual battle, and part of that battle is in the legislative offices of our nation and state. Your time to rest and enjoy will come, but right now it is your turn to stand and fight.

God Bless,
Josh Peterson

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