



Next Meeting

Yay! We are back to having meetings again!!

August 19, 7:00 PM Registration and Carnival Our 'season opener' meeting, everyone will register for the group and pay your dues, hear all of the important announcements from various groups and people, meet the leadership, meet new and old friends, and enjoy some excellent fellowship. We'll have activities for the kids and various snacks and treats.

Location is Faith Family Church
704 N Green Mt Rd, Shiloh, IL

October 7, 6:00 PM SCCCHE Bonfire We will use our new firepit area for our fall bonfire. You can cook hot dogs, make s'mores, and enjoy the Ranch with all of its beautiful features. More info to come.

Location is Restoration Ranch
1644 Hartman Ln, Shiloh, IL

But wait - there's more! The only thing better than a bonfire is TWO bonfires. The Manascos also plan to have a bonfire open to the whole group at another time. Stay tuned!

Election results

No, not the presidential elections -- the current SCCCHE leaders have all agreed to lead again this coming year, and the massive horde of people who voted (13 to be exact) voted for us all. I hope that means you're happy with how things are going. In the meantime, you can always contact any of us with your suggestions, complaints, concerns, and yes - even your compliments.

Bright Lights

After taking a year off, we have resumed our bi-weekly meetings. Even though we've already started, you are welcome to join us.

Bright Lights is a discipleship group for girls ages 9-18. If you want to learn more, visit their website: <https://tomorrowsforefathers.com/bright-lights/>

Gloria Peterson, Alice Odom, and Ava Merrifield will teach lessons from God's word and lead

discussion time (with snacks!). This group is a wonderful community of girls working to grow in their faith.

What: Bright Lights Bible study

When: Beginning June 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM, meeting every other Tuesday

Who: Girls ages 9-18

Where: 302 S Railway St in Mascoutah

Masks are optional.

Please email brightlightsmascoutah@gmail.com for questions and more information.

We hope to see you there!

English Country Dances

What: English Country Dance—casual, interactive, social, fun!

Who: both newbies and experienced folks. Feel free to send the RSVP link to like-minded friends.

When: Friday, July 9, 2021. Arrive 6:45-7:00 pm, Dance 7:00-9:30, Facility set-up 6:30-6:50 & re-set 9:30-10:00

Where: Copper Creek Christian Church, 2184 Vadalabene Dr, Maryville, IL (close to Anderson Hospital)

Cost: \$5 per person/\$15 max per family.

Please RSVP by Thursday night, July 8 at 11:59 pm by completing [this form](#) Max of 150 attendees.

Bring: smiling faces!

Wear: casual and modest clothing. Ladies are welcome to wear swishy skirts.

Expectations from church/security & dance coordinator: Unaccompanied minors will remain in the building and participate in most of the dances. They should only go outside during designated water breaks or when ready to leave the premises. Parents/drivers are asked to accompany their younger charges if they need to go outside and get something from a vehicle. This is from an abundance of caution rather than a specific risk. Thank you!

Misc: water will be provided. No snacks or food inside the building please!

Questions: call/text Rebecca Phillips 618-334-7249 or email jrphil5@charter.net

Plan ahead for a Ball on August 6! Extended time of 7:00-10:30 pm, with refreshment break at 8:30.

Let's have a Ball with formal-ish* attire! (*Formal-ish = Sunday or wedding attendee or just look nice. I am not the fashion police.)

This will be a family event, not a prom. (Married and/or engaged couples are free to dance exclusively, but in general, these dances are mixers and participants are expected to dance with a variety of partners.)

Dance steps will be reviewed before each dance, but it will be helpful for dancers to have some previous experience.

Gentlemen: could wear a collared shirt and pants with a belt. Ties and vests optional. August is typically hot so skip the suit jacket.

Ladies: may wear beautiful dresses. To help you plan: shoulders must be covered and bodices must be modest. Skirts should be loose enough for comfortable movement, and long enough to not float much higher than knees when twirling—or please add leggings. Skirts that are too long may be trodden upon...and there will not be a ladies maid in the retiring room to stitch your flounce back on!

Every family will be asked to bring a finger food to share.

Hospitality and planning help will be greatly appreciated—please email me if interested!

Judi Brunstein is taking lead on decorating. Thank you!

Still needed: Kitchen/refreshment Lead. Please email me if this is your spiritual gift. jrphil5@charter.net

Rappelling class

Step out of your comfort zone and try something new and exciting!

When: Monday, July 5 from 9:00 AM to 11 AM.

Who: Kids aged 10 and up and adults.

What: We will learn the basics of rappelling. There will be hands-on instruction to guide you through the use of a figure 8 descender, fireman's belay, and prusick backup. Harnesses will be made from 1" tubular webbing.

Once familiar with the equipment and principles, students can climb ladders attached to trees as high as they are comfortable, and rappel from that height, going higher and higher as their confidence grows. Led by Josh Peterson

What to bring: - close-toed shoes, gloves. No loose clothing or hair.

Where: Restoration Ranch- 1644 Hartmann Ln, Shiloh

Cost: - \$10/person, \$35 max/family. (This covers the cost of equipment. Remainder goes to the Ranch)

How many: Class size is limited to 20.

Sign up by emailing Josh Peterson joshandnancyp@gmail.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is still going on throughout the summer. We play at the O'Fallon Sports Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6:30 PM. Please email Thor Peterson to get on the mailing list for announcements and updates. tpthor4@gmail.com

Work day on the firepit

Many thanks to the awesome group we had at the last work day. We got a LOT done!

Check out the photos on the website [HERE](#).

But there's more to do, so please join us (teens AND adults) for another work day on July 15 from 9:00 AM to noon. Pizza lunch to follow.

Bring gloves, eye protection, and (if you have them) mallets, hammers and brick chisels (not wood chisels). We have lots of small bricks to cut and fit into tight places; we will also be digging holes and planting big posts.

Please contact me with names and ages of who will be coming to work and eat.

Thanks! Josh Peterson sccche@gmail.com

July 4 celebration

Another party at the Manasco oasis!!

When: July 4, 5:00 PM - after dark

Where: 3605 Black Quarter Rd., New Athens, IL

BYO food/drinks for your family, and we will have a "share table" set up if you want to bring anything to share, like fruits and dessert. We will have a grill-pit area if you want to grill anything.

We will have the gaga pit and bouncy house up.

no bonfire

Plenty of room for ultimate frisbee.

Bring any yard game you like.

Fishing down at the creek.
Bring lawn chairs****

Jeff will be setting off fireworks, when it gets dark. You may bring any fireworks to donate to the display.

Email me with any questions. manascomelissa@gmail.com

Trail Life Scouting

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 operates as a ministry of our charter organization, Community Bible Church. Young men ages 5 to 17 are encouraged to join our Troop to participate in scheduled events/activities. We highly encourage the dad to join as well, and use this time to grow with his son(s). Typically, we meet Monday nights, 6-7:30.

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

Thank you,
Todd Neuverth todd.neuverth@gmail.com
Troopmaster, IL-0078
TrailLifeusa.com

TLC Update

TLC will meet at Faith Family Church in the Fall. Masks are not required anymore.

Please note, registration for TLC starts on AUGUST 2, and for that to happen, I will need all courses submitted by July 24 at <https://forms.gle/nwkCBfu9xPGWa6ok6> .
Teens are encouraged to offer classes.

*High school drama will be offered; details for auditions are being worked out.

*TLC Singers will be back also. Yeah.

*Orchestra hour is also being worked out.

Finally, the TLC [website](#) is updated. You will find the calendar info on the website for 2021/2022.

PE Updates

Upcoming parent day at PE. July 13th will be a day that parents are invited to come to PE to connect with their kiddos!

Upcoming chapel fundraiser event. We will have local artist, food trucks and an amazing time worshipping God and building community! Tickets will be for sale to help us raise money for the chapel. (July 31st starting at 6pm till 8:30pm.)

Ordering for PE and Ranch merch is available online. www.restorationranchil.com Ordering

will end on July 12th.

Stay tuned for more details!

Field Trips

Sorry we don't have dates nailed down yet, but we have some ideas so far. Stay tuned for more info as it becomes available.

Red Barn Farm - Millstadt IL

Goats, mini horse, donkeys, birds and a path thru the woods. Picnic lunches allowed. Free event, however donations accepted (\$10 per family recommended)

St. Genevieve French Colonial America

Hands on House and a 45 min guided tour of two historic houses. For all ages (waiting for the Hands on House to work out schedule) more details coming soon.

Zoo - more details coming

Ice skating in Forest Park - the end of November

Caving Expedition

Have you ever wanted to explore the deep dark recesses of a natural cave?

Now is your chance! After many years of being closed to the public, the Illinois Caverns are now open again! We will be having a field trip to these caves which will be a nice break from the summer heat. Here are the details:

WHEN: Thursday, July 29, 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM or so (Don't be late!)

WHERE: Illinois Caverns, 4369 G Road, Waterloo IL 62298

COST: Free!

WHO: Kids and adults. Limit 20. Need at least 3 other adults for a group of 20.

WHAT to expect: It will be cool in there - about 55 degrees. There will be some deep water to wade through - about 30" deep in places. Expect to get your legs wet.

There are strict requirements for entering the cave!!! Entrance by permit only.

WHAT to bring:

- 3 good sources of light. Head lamp is recommended as a primary.
- Boots, long pants, gloves recommended.
- change of clothes once you exit the cave, for you will wade through water.
- helmet (bicycle helmet will do). I have extra work helmets if you need to borrow.
- lunch
- water
- adventuresome spirit

WHAT NOT to bring or do:

- glass or aluminum containers
- disturb anything in the cave
- remove anything from the cave
- leave anything behind

SIGNUP info and deadline

- July 24 is the deadline to sign up.
- Email [Josh Peterson](#) - I will reply with a confirmation.
- Please do not sign up if you aren't sure if you can make it.

- Parking is limited. I can bring up to 15 in my van if we meet in Mascoutah.
- If needed, we will do a second trip another day.

Cave [history and info here](#)

FIRST Robotics teams are forming

Are you are interested in starting a FIRST LEGO League-Challenge team (grades 4-9)?

Teams of 2-10 students (plus 2 coaches) work together on programming a Lego robot and researching a real world problem to develop an innovative solution.

Typical season runs August -December and registration/competition costs are about \$500 per team. I have access to some robot kits for rookie teams that meet the start-up criteria.

Please note: I don't have teams to plug your children into.
I am looking for parents/families who would like to partner with other families to start teams.

Parent coaches don't need to be engineers or programmers or rocket scientists (although that can help). No experience required but you will need a laptop, space for a 4'x8' table, time to meet once or twice a week, and a desire to foster exploration and learning.
Please contact me for more details or if you would like to develop a team.
Rebecca Phillips jrphil5@charter.net

For program information, visit www.firstinspires.org

The upcoming season: Cargo Connect theme! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUJ84gO1Z7g>

And if you want to be fully inspired, here's a highly competitive Japanese team crushing last year's challenge! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFiz6jYK5vQ>

TLC Theatre

TLC Theater auditions will be July 26 & 27 from 2:00-5:00 at Eastview Baptist Church in Belleville.

It is preferred that students attend both days.

Auditions are open to students age 13 - seniors in high school.

Before coming to auditions please make sure students can attend the extra rehearsals that take place outside of regular TLC class time and of course the performance date of Nov. 20th.

All of the extra rehearsals take place at Eastview.

Aug. 27 12:30-4:30 blocking rehearsal

Sept. 3 12:30-4:30 blocking rehearsal

Sept. 10 - Nov 19 10:30-12:00 TLC classes

Oct. 8 9:00-12:00 (no TLC) rehearsal

Nov. 8 12:30-4:30 staging rehearsal

Nov. 10 12:30-4:30 lighting rehearsal

Nov. 13 8:00-1:00 dress rehearsal

Nov. 15 12:30-4:30 rehearsal

Nov. 17 12:30-4:30 final dress rehearsal

Nov. 20 8:00-5:00 performances

We are happy that Ms. Jo Jean will be back with us this fall. It would be great to know about how many students to expect as we look at scripts and consider cast sizes over the next couple

of weeks.

Please email Ms. Chrissy student names and ages if you think that they will be attending auditions: csums711@gmail.com

ICHE Family Day

Come to the Kirk Smith family farm on Saturday, August 14th, for a great day of fellowship with likeminded homeschoolers as we celebrate the 4th annual ICHE (IL Christian Home Educators) Southern IL Family Day open to all Midwest homeschoolers.

Starting at 1:00, there will be blowup games and swimming for the little ones as well as volleyball, fishing tournament, paint ball, yard games, and much more for jr. high and high school. The evening meal will be around 5:00 with vespers following. There will also be a hayride and ongoing activities until around 8:00.

More than ever, it is important to fellowship with fellow Christians. What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon. For a breakdown on events and times as well as to register for this FREE event, [CLICK HERE](#)

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