

April | 2024

Upcoming Events

- **April chapter mtg:** Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **Regional Mini-Camp (RMC):** April 26–27, Camp Letts, MD (contact us to register!)
- **May chapter mtg:** Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **End-of-year potluck picnic:** Sunday, June 2, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., East Goshen Park, West Chester PA *(Current and past members are invited!)*

(See our full calendar [here.](#))

We have one spot left in our Village program!

If you know anyone who's interested in this life-changing opportunity, please send them our way.

VILLAGE: MEXICO (GUADALAJARA)
7/5 to 8/1
(Must turn 11 on or in

2024 Signing Party



At this year's annual signing party (held on March 10), our 2024 delegates (and their families) and the staff for our 2024 Passport Village came together to meet their delegations, sign contracts, get an orientation about CISV and their programs, and have fun!

Clockwise from top left: Village, Youth Meeting, Seminar and JC, Step Up 14, Passport Village staff

We have one opening in our delegation to a **Village in MEXICO (GUADALAJARA)**, **7/5 to 8/1**
(Must turn 11 on or in the 12 months before 8/31)
Contact us ASAP if interested!

Regional Mini-Camp Registration Is Open!



CISV DC is hosting this year's regional mini-camp (RMC) for the Mid-Atlantic region of CISV USA.

JB (and chaperones) from the BV, DC, Philly, and Pittsburgh chapters will meet at Camp Letts, MD, during April 26–28.

The \$155 fee covers lodging, meals, and a camp t-shirt. If you're interested in attending, contact us at brandywine@cisvusa.org.

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8/31)



We are now on
Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/cisvbrandywinevalley>

Connect with us on
Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/CISVBV>

**JB recruitment
campaign**

Anyone who brings a new person to a JB meeting or event will get a prize! (Just let Marsha know!)

CISV Thrifted is our JB-led effort to raise funds for program scholarships. Check out our gently used and vintage CISV merch from around the world!



BV is hosting two programs this summer, and we'll soon be reaching out to our members to ask for your help. Mark your calendars now!



Want to Get More Involved in BV?

Do you have a child who's a current member of our JB?

Have you led or staffed for BV in the past?

Are you one of our chapter's JB alumni or one of our parent/guardian alumni?

If you answer "yes" to any of those questions, you already know how amazing and life-changing CISV is! You also know that "it takes a village" to make a Village—or any other CISV program or activity—happen.

All of our members (past and present) are invited to pitch in to help keep our chapter strong. No contribution is too small—we can work with whatever availability you have! Some possibilities:

- Join the recruitment committee
- Participate in our adult board meetings
- Help us with fundraising to support the programs we host
- Spread the word about BV in your community

If you're interested in helping with any of these tasks (or have other ideas in mind), let us know!

Volunteering with BV is huge fun. Not only do you get to support our chapter and help make CISV possible for today's members (and future members!), but you also get to hang out with people who are as enthusiastic about CISV and peace as you are!

Member Profile: Keady Peaper

I first got involved with CISV when I saw an ad online about it and thought it might be something that my then-12-year-old son Quinn would like. We attended our first meeting in January 2023.

So far in CISV I have really enjoyed volunteering as a chaperone for the mini-camps, where I get to talk to the different kids and parents and learn more about the activities. I also enjoyed picking up the Ecuador delegation from the airport last June and taking them to the camp site for the Youth Meeting program BV hosted last



- Passport Village day camp, 6/17 to 6/21, Exton
- Youth Meeting, 6/22 to 7/6, Chester Springs area

summer. They were the nicest group of kids and leader! I had fun introducing them to the Philly soft pretzel. (They were not that impressed with it, but thought it might be good fried up with some spices!)

When Quinn went Germany as a Youth Meeting delegate last year, it was life-changing experience for him. He grew so much and learned a lot from the delegates from the other countries, and when he came home he was excited to tell us about his new friendships and what he had learned about other cultures and countries. I made some great friendships, too: the other delegation parents and I all worked together to prepare our kids for their program.

CISV offers opportunities for kids to learn valuable lessons and build great friendships. I encourage all families to give CISV a try!

Junior Branch (JB) Report

The March JB meeting focused on elections. Congratulations to the 2024–2025 JB board!

- LJR: Ella G
- JLJR: Katie M
- Secretary: Molly B
- Treasurer: Elle F
- JR Mosaic: Evelyn M
- Age group rep for 14+: Clare O
- Age group rep for 10–13: Thomas B

For JB-specific news and updates, be sure to follow [the BV JB account on Instagram!](#)

CISV is a worldwide, nonreligious, nonpolitical, nonprofit organization that enables participants age 10+ to build global friendships through local chapter meetings and international and domestic camps.



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