



June | 2024



*This is the last newsletter until next September. See you in the fall!*

## Upcoming Events

- **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!**)
- **BV hosts Passport Village:** June 17-21, Exton.
- **BV hosts a Youth Meeting in the Chester Springs area:** Saturday, June 22, to Saturday, July 6 (Sign up [here](#) to help!)
- **September chapter mtg:** Thursday, Sept 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **October chapter mtg:** Thursday, Oct 3, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester

(See our full calendar

## It's Picnic Time!

If you're reading this newsletter, *you are invited* to our annual end-of-year potluck picnic this Sunday afternoon! Let's kick off the summer with a great gathering of CISVers!

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## END-OF-YEAR POTLUCK PICNIC

June 2, 2024 | East Goshen Park, West Chester | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Share a potluck dinner
- Vote in next year's board
- Meet our 2024 delegates and leaders
- Shop for BV/CISV merch
- Say "See you in September!" to each other

Bring a dish to share (please indicate if it is vegetarian and if it contains gluten, nuts, soy, or dairy), and help support our sustainability efforts by bringing your own reusable plates, utensils, cups, and napkins.

[brandywine.cisvusa.org/event/annual-bv-end-of-year-picnic/](http://brandywine.cisvusa.org/event/annual-bv-end-of-year-picnic/)

## 2024 RMC

This year's Northeast Region mini-camp took place in late April about brought together JBers from BV, Philly, Pittsburgh, and DC. Thanks to the DC chapter for hosting such a great camp, to the JBers who brought all their energy and enthusiasm, and to the chaperones!

[here.](#))



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### Our YM Is Just Around the Corner!

We are in the home stretch of planning for the Youth Meeting camp we are hosting this summer. The delegations and staff will be arriving in just a few short weeks, and we still need help with a few tasks. Please take a look at [our SignUp Genius page](#) and sign up for whatever you can.

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### Passport Village: Looking for Campers AND Chaperones!

Passport Village (our one-week day camp for kids aged 9 or 10) starts on June 17. Our JB-led staff have planned tons of fun and exciting activities for this camp. We still have some open spots, so if you know anyone who'd be interested in this, send them to [the PV page on our website](#) or have them contact us!

We are also looking for adult chaperones for PV. This is a super-easy job: the JB do all the camp work, so chaperones can read,



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## Spring Mosaic

For our spring Mosaic (and National Service Project) in early May, we partnered with the [MLK Day Knitting Group](#) to knit child and infant hats for the [Chester County Maternal and Child Health Consortium](#). Everyone had a lot of fun! This may be something we do again in the future, so keep an eye out on our chapter news.

work, knit, whatever they want as long as they are on site. We have both morning shifts and afternoon shifts, so if you can fit one (or more!) into your schedule, please go [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

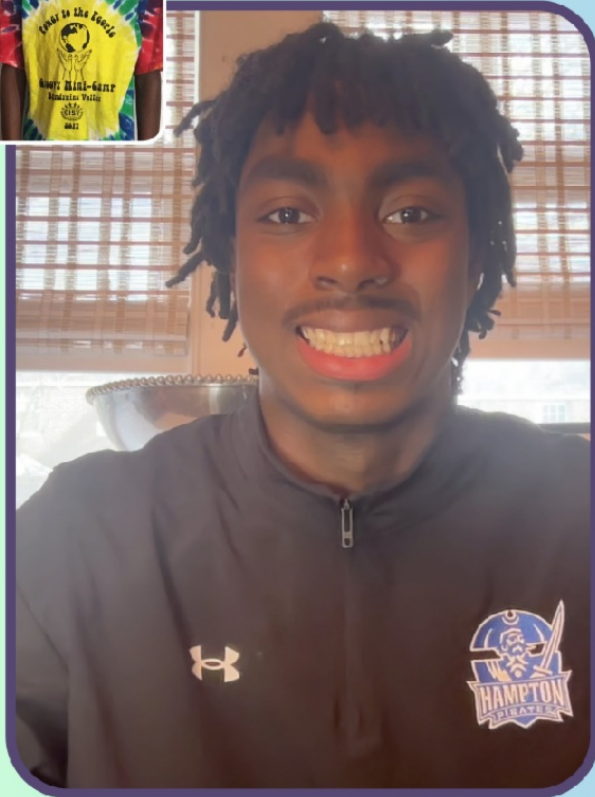


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## Senior Sendoff

Just as we welcome new families into our chapter every year, each spring we also say goodbye to our JBers who are graduating from high school and embarking on new adventures.

This year we have we one graduate. We look forward to seeing him again when he's home during school breaks (and when he's old enough to lead and staff for us!).



# LANGSTON

**Chapter involvement:** I joined BV in 2017. In 2023-2024 I was the treasurer on the JB board. I am also the JB storyteller.

**Programs/camps:** Village (Sweden), JC (El Salvador), and several CMCs and RMCs.

**Plans for next year:** Attending Hampton University in Virginia.

**Favorite CISV memory:** When I was a JC in El Salvador last summer, I had so much fun making many great friends and learned a lot about leadership in CISV and what it takes to run a camp. I still have friends I talk with frequently from that camp.

**"CISV has been a really big part of my identity for the longest time, and I'm extremely grateful to all the amazing people I've met over the seven years I've been a part of this organization."**

## Junior Branch (JB) Report

Because the May meeting was our last one of the year, we wanted to get in as many energizers as possible, so we did a bunch of them. The board discussed upcoming events, such as the Mosaic (May 7) and end-of-year potluck picnic (June 2).



For the activity, we told everyone that, because this was his last meeting, Langston had a special story for the JB. After the first chapter, though, Langston seemed to forget his story! We broke everyone into groups, and each group sent out one person at a time to find a board member, who, when found, then recited a story chapter. Each group representative had to memorize the story chapter and report it back to their group before the group could send out a different member to get another chapter.

Once they had all the chapters, each group had to decide what order to put the chapters in and create the final story. After that, each group presented its version of Langston's story. Then Langston suddenly remembered his story and told the correct version of it!



For the debrief, we discussed the importance of stories and how they can get changed and why it's super important to keep stories alive.

—summary by Katie M.

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

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