

November | 2024



Upcoming Events

- **Overnight lock-In:** Friday, Nov 15 (evening) to Saturday, Nov 16 (morning), West Chester ([register here](#))
- **December chapter mtg:** Thursday, Dec 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **Game night (all-ages!):** Saturday, Dec 14, Wilmington, DE
- **January chapter mtg (alumni welcome!):** Thursday, Jan 2, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **2025 CMC (chapter mini-camp):** Jan 22-24 (registration details soon!)

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

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2025 Program Invitations

We're so excited to announce where our chapter will be sending delegates next summer!



VILLAGE (born 9/1/2013 to 8/31/2014)

- Østvold, Norway: 6/28 to 7/25
- Netherlands: 7/18 to 8/9 (note this is a 3-week program)

YOUTH MEETING (born 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2013)

- Brasilia, Brazil: 7/12 to 7/26
- Tokai, Japan: 8/3 to 8/10 (note this is a 1-week program)

STEP UP 14 (born 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2011)

- Gothenburg, Sweden: 7/5 to 7/27

JC (FEMALE) (must be 16 at least two weeks before the day of departure for the program and cannot turn 18 during the program)

- Isère, France: 7/11 to 8/7

FORTNIGHT (must be 16 before the day of departure for the program and cannot turn 18 during the program)

- Greater Springfield (MA): 6/27 to 7/10

SEMINAR (must be 16 before the day of departure for the program and cannot turn 18 during the program)

- multiple locations/dates (contact us for the list)

If you're planning to apply or would like more information about any of these programs, [contact us](#) ASAP!

Applications are due by the end of December, and selection interviews will take place in late January or early February.

Thanks to the BVer
who represented our
chapter at CISV
Connect, the national
CISV USA meeting last
month!



Update Your Clearances!

Think you might want
to volunteer/chaperone
for BV this year?
Contact [our
clearances
coordinator](#) to make
sure your clearances
are up to date.

BV Yard Sale!

Our chapter-wide yard
sale last month brought
in over \$2,000—which
will all go toward
hosting our next
program. Thanks to
everyone who donated
items, gave their time,
publicized the sale, and
pitched in to help make
it such a great success!



[Click here to download application forms](#)

Looking for JCs for Passport Village

Next summer we will once
again be running Passport
Village, our one-week day
camp for kids age 9 and 10.
Participants explore different
cultures through fun activities
and games—and they get a
great introduction to CISV.
Our 2025 camp will be held in
West Chester, during the week of 6/16 to 6/20.



We are looking for several junior counselors (JCs) for this camp! JCs will work with our camp director (BV alum Hamida!) to create CISV-oriented activities and to run the camp.

This is a great opportunity to build your leadership skills, contribute to our chapter, and have a blast with fellow CISVers!

[Click here to apply to be a Passport Village JC](#)

The application deadline is 12/20. If you have any questions, [let us know!](#)

The BV Overnight Lock-In Is Back!

After a five-year absence (thanks, pandemic!), BV's annual overnight lock-in has returned! Join your fellow JBers for some CISV fun. No meals will be served (so eat dinner before you show up), but participants are encouraged to bring snacks to share.



START: Friday 11/15, 7 p.m.

END: Saturday, 11/16, 8 a.m.

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, 130 W Miner St, West Chester, PA 19382

WHAT TO BRING: Sleeping bag/blankets, PJs, toiletries, clothes, snacks to share (if you want), and smiles!

COST: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, 11/14

This is a great way to introduce people to CISV, so feel free to bring a friend. Staying the entire night is not mandatory, although we highly encourage it! (If you're not staying the night, plan to leave when we wrap up the second activity around 10 p.m.)

[Click here to register for the lock-in](#)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: We will need chaperones for this event! Let us know if you're available to help.

Mosaic at West Chester Food Cupboard

Saturday, November 9, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Come tour WCFC's expanded space, learn about how they address food insecurity, and help with tasks such as stocking shelves. This Mosaic is limited to about ten participants and requires advance registration by November 2. (We'll give preference to those who have not previously attended a BV Mosaic at WCFC.)

[Click here to register for the WCFC Mosaic](#)

If you have questions about any Mosaic events, please contact the JB Mosaic chair, [Evelyn M.](#)

Junior Branch (JB) Report

We started with the energizers "Gasolina" and "Pony." The activity revolved around the topic of media and news stories. JBers found 12 news stories (which had been secretly sorted into two groups: "well known" and "lesser known") and were tasked with creating a news segment about what they thought were the 5 most important stories. This activity encouraged participants to think about the importance of exploring the news for stories that might not be being covered. The debrief was full of lots of interesting insights about how to discover stories and share them with others.



—Molly B., JB secretary

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