



September | 2024



## Upcoming Events

- **September chapter mtg:**  
Thursday, Sept 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester
- **October chapter mtg:**  
Thursday, Oct 10, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester **[NOTE THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL]**
- **Chapter-wide Yard Sale Fundraiser:**  
Saturday, Oct 19, West Chester (Details coming soon! In the meantime, start saving your clothes, toys, household items, books, and other donations!)
- **CISV Connect:**  
Friday, Oct 25 to Sunday, Oct 27, Nashville TN (Open to all adults and JB in CISV USA. Contact us for more information!)
- **November chapter mtg:**

## Welcome Back!

Our adult and JB boards met in late summer to discuss the upcoming year, and we have some very exciting plans for the chapter!

**The first meeting of the new CISV year will be on Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m. at Fugett Middle School.**



Our chapter meetings are open to anyone aged 10+ (kids have their own meeting in the cafeteria, while parents/guardians/adults meet in a nearby classroom). If you know anyone who might be interested in CISV, please invite them to attend this meeting. (Better yet, bring them with you!)

## Chapter Housekeeping

The start of a new CISV year also mean it's time to take care of two important tasks:

- BVerS need to renew their annual memberships (\$30/family or \$15/individual) in our chapter! You can find the membership forms [here](#).
- Parents, guardians, and other adults who might want to volunteer with BV this year should update their clearances. (Not sure if your clearances are up to date? Contact [our clearances coordinator](#) to find out!)

## Summer Recap

BV had a jam-packed summer! We kicked things off with our annual end-of-year potluck picnic, where we introduced our 2024-2025 adult and JB boards as well as our delegates and leaders for 2024. This was a great afternoon of sharing good food with friends—and shopping for BV merch too!



Thursday, Nov 7, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester

- **December chapter mtg:** Thursday, Dec 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fugett M.S., West Chester

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

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### Calling All BV Adults!

CISV is a volunteer-run organization, and we need your help so we can keep providing amazing CISV experiences to our members and to the participants in our hosted programs!

**Some of the specific roles we need to fill are adult board member-at-large and planner for our 2025 Passport Village day camp.**

Whether you're interested in one of those positions or want to help out in a different capacity, [we'd love to hear from you!](#)

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### CISV USA Photo Contest

Send in your CISV-themed photos for this contest! The deadline for submissions is October 10.

To see the rules and submit your photos, visit [this page.](#)



A couple of weeks later we hosted our one-week day camp for 9- and 10-year-olds, Passport Village. During the spring, the camp directors and JCs worked hard to plan fun activities to introduce the campers to CISV. All their efforts paid off: this camp was a big success! We hope to see the participants at future chapter meetings!

Next up was the Youth Meeting program we hosted. With delegations coming together for two full weeks from eight different countries, this camp takes a lot of planning (a full year!) and has a lot of moving parts. This year we welcomed delegations from Denmark, Finland, Italy, USA, Guatemala, Brazil, Germany, and Sweden. Many thanks to our terrific camp planner, Courtney Stoll, and to all the BVer who pitched in to set up the site, transport delegations, run errands, and do the nine million other tasks associated with hosting a CISV program! The campers had an amazing life-changing experience, and we hope they have built friendships that last a lifetime!



We also sent BVer to programs hosted by other chapters. BV delegations traveled to Village (Guadalajara, Mexico), Youth Meeting (Padova, Italy), and Step Up 14 (Roskilde, Denmark); and two BV participants joined the Philly chapter's Step Up 15 delegation (Denver, USA). Additionally, we sent individual delegates to Fortnight (NYC, USA) and to Seminar (Denmark), and a JC to a Village (Austin–San Antonio, USA).

# Junior Branch (JB) Report

We can't wait to see you at our first meeting of the year!

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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