

# Urgent Request III / Events Update

## Family Covenant Ministries Information and Activities

### 1. Urgent Request III:

#### a. Family Covenant Ministries Homeschool Rally

### 2. FCM Upcoming Activities

- a. Ice Skating
- b. Rally at the Capitol
- c. Skiing
- d. Art Festival
- e. Air-soft Weekend
- f. Details to follow on these events-
  - 1. Graduation Meeting, Spring 2020
  - 2. Mother Daughter Tea Spring 2020
  - 3. Father Son Retreat, Fall 2020

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### URGENT REQUEST III

#### Purpose of Rally

The ultimate objective is to teach legislators about what home schooling is (and, perhaps more importantly, what it is not). We want to demonstrate our numbers, involvement, and willingness to participate in the political process. All communication with members of the General Assembly should be personal, friendly, and helpful (encouraging).

#### Talking Points

Accordingly, each email should include the following:

1. identify the writer as a home school parent or student who is part of **FCM (THE statewide home school organization and voice** ),
2. identify the writer as a constituent, or if not, then state that they are part of the community of home school parents/students that are concerned about protecting and defending the home school statute, **as written**, in the state of Missouri,
3. express the desire to keep home school education separate and distinct from any other

form of institutional education (e.g. public and private education, etc.),

4. express that home schooling is schooling at home. Parents have the fundamental right and duty to teach their children without governmental intervention, oversight, or involvement,

5. encourage legislators to resist efforts to **statutorily** commingle home schooling students and families with public schools,

6. invite the legislator to learn more about home schooling from them.

7. inform the legislator of the rally on January 28, 2020.

## **SB 875**

### **FCM's Position on SB 875**

Our lobbyist and attorney, David Klarich, writes: Please note the introduction of SB 875 (Sen. Emery) that prohibits a public school from being a member of an organization or association that prohibits a home school student from participating in any event or activity offered by a public school in the school district in which the student resides.

My recommendation is that **FCM testify FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY on this legislation and NOT in opposition**. The principled home school position is that students/parents should not be commingled with government schools. Home schooling is schooling at home. Parents have the right and duty to teach their children. This legislation prohibits public schools from membership in an association that prohibits home school students from participating in public school activities. FCM does not advocate for quasi-home school status, and FCM should teach legislators that such participation is neither beneficial for public schools nor home school families.

### **Meet with Your Senators and Representatives**

[Legislator Lookup &ndash; Missouri Senate](#)

### **Rescuing Our Children -and Our Nation**

*There is a reason the Deep State globalists sound so confident about the success of their agenda-they have a secret weapon: More than 85% of America children are being indoctrinated by radicalized government schools. From the sexualization of children and the re-shaping of values to deliberate dumbing down, this threat is dangerous—not just to our children-but to the future of faith, family, and freedom. Tom DeWeese*

Why would any homeschooler want to give up their right to privacy? Why would any homeschooler want to be comingled with government schools? Why would any homeschooler relinquish their right to educate their children without government oversight? Why would any

homeschooler place our homeschool statute in jeopardy, risk every other homeschoolers' right to educate their children without government oversight, and ultimately destroy home education and the last hope America has for maintaining our liberty!

**FCM/CHEF HOMESCHOOL RALLY**

Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am-12:30 pm

**State Capitol Rotunda (Indoors)** Jefferson City

**Rally Speakers**

**Please Note: We are honored that Saralee Rhoads,** Leader and Author responsible for our Homeschool Statute and founder of our first state organization, will be speaking at our rally. Saralee is now homeschooling her grandchildren.

Representative Ben Baker-Homeschooling father

Representative Mike Moon-Homeschooling father

Senator Bob Onder-Homeschooling father

Senator Andrew Koenig-Homeschooling father

Jon and Candy Summers- CHEF/FCM Leaders

David Klarich- FCM Attorney and Lobbyist, Past MO Representative, Senator, Homeschooling Father

Bill and Saralee Rhoads-Leaders and Authors responsible for our Homeschool Statute and founder of our first state organization

Bob Wells-Author, Speaker, Author, Homeschooling Father who testified on CHEF's (FCM) behalf in opposition to HB 540 in 1999, which CHEF/FCM successfully defeated Jediah and Josiah Summers

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**FCM Upcoming Activities**

**Ice Skating**

**Saturday, January 25th, 3:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Please Note:**

**For the very first time we will be hosting the event at Steinberg Skating Rink in Forest Park Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> due to Clayton skating rink being closed this season for renovations.**

**Admission \$8 Skate Rental \$7**

**All payments will be made directly to Steinberg rink the day of.**

**400 Jefferson Drive**

**For map and directions:**

**<http://www.steinbergskatingrink.com/iceskating/>**

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**FCM Skiing and Snowboarding** Friday, Feb. 7th, 4:00 p.m.

**Enjoy the best outdoor wintertime sport at a fabulous price.**

**Join us for a Moonlight skiing session Friday February 7th at Hidden Valley Ski from 4:00pm to 1:00am.**

17409 Hidden Valley Drive, Wildwood, MO

**Snow Pass-Lift and Ski/Snowboard Equipment Rental** (Ages 13 and above) \$56.00. For ages 5-12 only \$50.00

**Ski Lesson** (Ages 8 and above) \$20

**Board Lesson** (Ages 8 and above) \$25

There is a warm viewing area and food available. Call Josiah with any questions at 314-910-2697. We look forward to seeing you there!

Make payments out to:

FCM c/o Josiah Summers

PO Box 586

Fredericktown, MO

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**All payments must be here by February 4<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Mother Daughter Tea**

Spring 2020 Details to come

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**FCM (CHEF) 26th Annual Art Festival and Photography Contest, Saturday, April 18th** at Salem United Methodist Church, 1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63131, conveniently located just off highway 40 on Lindbergh Blvd., between highways 270 and 170, a little north of Frontenac Plaza.

We offer 3 categories for submission: Fine Arts, which includes drawings and paintings; Assorted Arts, which includes such projects as sculptures, origami, string art, fabric art, mosaics, needlepoint, knitting, macramé, woodwork, etc.; and Photography (no video will be accepted).

Art Festival Categories Age Eligibility:

Fine Arts                      Ages 5 and up

Assorted Arts                      Ages 5 and up

Photography

Ages 10 and up

Each eligible participant may submit up to 2 projects in each category.

For example: Homeschooled children ages 5 and up may submit up to 2 projects in the Fine Arts category AND up to 2 projects in the Assorted Arts category; AND ages 10 and up may also submit 2 photos in the Photography contest. Homeschool graduates are also welcome to submit projects in all 3 categories.

Our families are cordially invited to view these artwork pieces created by our gifted children, to be displayed at Salem United Methodist Church. Before the awards ceremony, admire the artwork while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cookies, cold drinks and classical music performed by homeschooled children and families.

**Saturday, April 18th 4:30-5:30** Viewing of artwork, voting for People's Choice Awards (hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music and fellowship)

**6:00-7:00** FCM Art Festival awards ceremony

**9:00** Project retrieval and clean-up

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION**

#### **Saturday, March 21st**

Early registration form submission - \$5.00 per project for all registrations postmarked by this date. Early fee maximum per family: \$60.

#### **Saturday, April 4th**

General registration deadline (MUST be postmarked by this date)-\$6.00 per project. General fee maximum per family: \$72.

#### **Saturday, April 11th**

Deadline for project drop-off

#### **Saturday, April 18th**

FCM Art Festival artwork viewing and announcement of winners

To download the registration form, and for additional details on registration procedures, drop-off locations, guidelines for acceptable artwork, etc., click on these links, [Registration Form](#), [Project Identification Form](#)

[Guidelines and Procedures](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Joe or Teresa Carr at (314) 521-5668 or email at

[fcmartfestival@outlook.com](mailto:fcmartfestival@outlook.com)

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### **FCM 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation**

If you have a graduate, please email your graduate's name, parents' names, address, phone, and email address to [fcm@familycovenantministries.com](mailto:fcm@familycovenantministries.com) so we may send you the information for our meeting, rehearsal, and graduation ceremony.

To give you an idea of the focus of our graduation you may read the godly and inspiring charge, "Destined to Make a Difference," which was presented by Bob Wells in 2010 by going to <http://www.familycovenantministries.com/>. Click on "Services" and scroll about half way down the page.

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### **Air-soft Weekend** April 24th-26th, 2020

Join us for a weekend of Airsoft gaming and training.

Whether you are wanting to boost your air-soft gaming experience, gain an edge on being able to work effectively in small tactical groups, work on pre-military training, or just looking for an enjoyable and informative weekend, join us along with instructor Chester Misener, for a wonderful weekend of training and fellowship.

Learning the techniques used by active military branches, you will be receiving light infantry training.

Introduction to CQB. Understanding the basic concepts of building infiltration and fighting room to room.

**Arrival time:** Anytime after 2:00pm on Friday April 24th

#### **Gear Needed:**

- Air-soft gun (an AEG rifle is highly recommended)
- Rugged clothes (camo preferably) durable for running and crawling around in the brush
- Type of water carrier, i.e. canteen, camel pack, water bottle
- Bio-degradable BB's (.20 gram recommended, dark color preferable)
- Rain gear (just in case)
- Camping equipment

#### **List of topics covered:**

- Safely deploying/ controlling weapons
- Small group patrolling and observation, situational awareness.
- Setting up patrol base

- Patrol base operations
- Route recon
- CQB/Building infiltration, room to room fighting

**Registration:** \$95 per person. Pay upon arrival  
All meals included, extra snacks are encouraged.

**Contact info:** Josiah Summers  
314-910-2697

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**See you soon!**  
**-The Summers Family**