

MAY 2024

# PSOP May, 2024 Newsletter

**Programs and Services for Older Persons**  
201 N. Church Street  
Belleville, IL 62220  
618-234-4410

**PSOP will be closed on May 27, 2024 for Memorial Day.**



**FIND YOUR PARADISE AT PSOP**

Come celebrate the seniors in our community at our Senior Celebration!

**FRIDAY, MAY 3RD**  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Doors will open at 9:00 A.M.

**PSOP, 201 N. CHURCH ST., BELLEVILLE**

**LUNCH-11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

TABLE GAMES - COUNTRY WESTERN BAND  
ATTENDANCE PRIZES - CAR SHOW - RAFFLE - POT OF GOLD

Funnel Cakes are available for a \$5 donation or 5 canned goods.  
(Supporting the Community Interfaith Food Pantry)



Sponsored by PSOP and the City of Belleville



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For more information, call PSOP at 618-234-4410.

No reservation required. Additional parking at B Street and Jackson



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## FIND YOUR PARADISE AT PSOP!

Come join us on Friday, May 3rd, 2024 to celebrate Older Americans Month and our seniors. We'll be sporting our sunglasses, leis and tropical attire. Warm breezes will be calling as we listen to the Country Western Band. Come play table games, enjoy lunch, take your chances at the pot of gold and raffle. If the weather permits, stroll through the vintage cars and enjoy a funnel cake for the cost of \$5. or 5 non-perishable food items which support the Interfaith Community Food Pantry. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the fun begins at 10:00 a.m.



Southwestern Illinois College thanks all of the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

This Memorial Day, we remember those heroes who courageously gave their lives.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, and may your memory live on in the freedoms we enjoy each day.

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## PSOP ACTIVITIES WITH MELISSA AND THERESA

We are ready for the May Flowers! Come join us for Tai Chi, Ukulele lessons, Line Dancing, Flower classes, Bingo, Crochet... Do you have an idea or something you would like to teach? Call Melissa or Theresa, we are always open for new things. 618-234-4410 ext. 7042 or 7043.

**BINGO** Bingo is free with a different sponsor every week bringing the prizes. Our sponsors furnish the prizes, we furnish the fun. Come join us! Bingo begins at 10:00 a.m.

May 7 **Baseball Bingo** - wear your Cardinal gear and cheer on the Cardinals with Cedar Ridge

May 14 Sponsored by Hospice of Southern Illinois

May 21 Sponsored by Keystone Place at Richland Creek

May 28 Sponsored by United Healthcare

**DANCES** Dances in Belleville and Shiloh are \$5. \$1 entry and \$4 for lunch. It is VERY important to make your reservation so we have enough lunch ordered. Dances open at 9:30 and Band starts at 10:30. We take a 30-minute break for lunch. Dances last until approx. 1:30 p.m. Reservations later than two days before the dance may not be guaranteed a lunch so please make reservations early!

618-234-4410 ext. 7042 (Melissa) or 7043 (Theresa) for reservations.

**Our very favorite dance of the year is this month:**

**Senior Celebration-** Friday, May 3rd 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All of us at PSOP love to treat our seniors to this big free event! Car Show outside. Music, bingo, dancing and door prizes are inside! This year our theme is **Find Your Paradise at PSOP**. So, put on your Hawaiian shirt and big smile and come join the festivities! And did we mention free lunch? We have to have a "Cheeseburger in Paradise"! No reservations required.

**Me and My Umbrella Dance-** Wednesday, May 15 10:30 a.m. Whether it's raining or sunny, we will have a great time with the RSVP Orchestra! Join us for lunch, fantastic music and a beautiful wooden dance floor. Located in Shiloh at Klucker Hall. Dance and catered meal with dessert is \$5. Sponsored by Chiro-Pro.

## JOIN US FOR

**Men's Club** Friday, May 10, 11 a.m. Join us as we welcome our guest speaker, Norm 'Shorty' Toenjes. Shorty was SWIC'S Assistant Men's Basketball coach for 18 years. He is also a former high school boys varsity basketball coach (Freeburg, O'Fallon) and Hall of Fame member of Illinois basketball Coaches Assoc. Make your reservation early for lunch! 618-234-4410 ext. 7042.

**Flowers 101** Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m. Jeff and his crew will be doing a pink floral basket with us. Please make sure to reserve your spot so there are plenty of fresh flowers and greenery for all. Cost is \$30.

**Bunko and Dominoes** Every Monday in **Shiloh**. They alternate Bunko and Dominoes, playing begins at 10 a.m. but they start coming in around 9:30 a.m. to have coffee and chat. Held at Shiloh Community Center # 7 Park Drive.

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**Tai Chi** Tuesday and Wednesday at noon, led by Tai Chi instructor Dolores Gordon. Tai Chi enhances physical and mental health, as well as improves posture, balance, flexibility, and strength. Tai Chi is said to boost mood, strengthen the immune system, improve health and it's cool too. Call Activities to reserve a space, class is limited. Regular Tai Chi is Tuesday, beginner is Wednesday. Each class is an hour long and is \$5. Call 618-244-4410, ext. 7042.

**Knitting and Crochet** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Bring what you are working on and sit with other knitters and crocheters. They talk and laugh more than they knit!

**Line Dancing** Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Donna Holcomb is our new instructor and has studied with Carol for years. You'll be two-stepping in no time. Come learn the latest dance with this fun, social group. Cost is \$2.

**Art Group** Fridays at 9 a.m. These artists bring whatever they are working on and bring it to the group to be creative together. If you have a fun craft you like to make and are willing to show others, please call us and we'll have a craft day! We love to see what others are doing and learn how to make it.

**Fingerstyle Ukulele** Noon on Fridays. This group is for advanced Ukulele players

**Ukulele Jam Session** Fridays at 1 p.m. This group is with both instructors combining the talents of the advanced ukulele players and the confident beginners (can play 12 chords or more).

#### CARDS!

Here at PSOP we love playing cards. We have different groups playing almost every day. Please remember when you come in, there is a binder on the table to sign-in. Please always leave your name and phone number so if there are ever any changes we can contact you.

**Bridge** – Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. This group is for players who already know how to play. New players are always welcome.

**Pinochle** – Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. This group is for pinochle players who already know how to play and new players are always welcome. Although, we do have a few people who are willing to teach if you are interested in learning to play.

**Hand and Foot** – Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. This little group is willing to teach new people interested in how to play hand and foot. Already know how? What are you waiting for? Join the fun.

**Canasta** – Fridays 12:30 p.m. Know how to play? Join the game! Don't know how? They will teach you!

**Euchre**- We have had some interest in starting Euchre again. If you would like to play, please call Activities. Once we have a few of you we will begin again.



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## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY WITH MELISSA AND THERESA



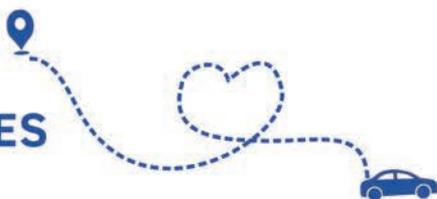
If weather permits and there is a patio, we like to sit outside. Call us with your reservation and we will happily save a seat for you at the table! Activities: 618-234-4410 ext. 7042 (Melissa) or 7043 (Theresa).

**Breakfast Club:** Thursday, May 9, 9 a.m. - We are venturing out to the highly acclaimed **The Lantern BLE** in Lebanon Ill. Featured on America's Best. Road Trippers and more, this little café has big flavor. Known for their biscuits and gravy and homemade French toast. We can sit inside or out. **222 W. Louis St. Lebanon, IL.**

**Lunch Bunch:** Monday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.- It's Baaaaack. Join us at our local favorite, **White Cottage** for the best burgers, chicken sandwiches and of course the BEST homemade ice cream. **102 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL.**

**Dine Around:** Tuesday, May 14, 5 p.m. Have you ever wondered what is all involved with putting on one of the biggest Art Fairs in the country? Or how they get their artist's and all the other behind the scenes happenings? We will have special guest Lisa Quandt, Volunteer Coordinator, tell us all about Belleville's biggest event, Art On The Square. Then join us for a very special Dine Around at our favorite supporter's restaurant, Bennie's. We will have the side room to ourselves as we order Bennies amazing specialty pizza like Crab Rangoon, Barbeque pizza, and even a broccoli cheddar crust. Good food and good info, it's a win-win.

## ROAD TRIPPIN WITH ACTIVITIES



**Fox Theater Moulin Rouge** – Saturday, May 11. Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur and glory! A world where Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows and revel in electrifying enchantment. A wonderfully entertaining musical with a fantastic dinner afterwards at the Fabulous Fox Theater! Tickets are on Orchestra Floor. \$144 is motor coach, ticket and dinner.

**Cardinals Game:** Saturday, September 7, 6:15 p.m. game. The music that makes you move in your seat, the lights shining over the bright green ballfield, the sea of red and white as you watch the fans jump to their feet, cheering on our Cardinals with PSOP, its all so wonderful.be a part of Cardinal Nation! Motor coach will leave Schnucks on North Belt West and practically deliver you to the gate. Walk in and your seat is very close (right field box seats sec133/134.) Cost is \$98.00



## A BRUSH WITH ART ON THE SQUARE AT PSOP

**May 15 at 10 a.m.** Come see the work of Susan Kaye Rogers as she shares her passion of painting our disappearing landscapes. Pastels, acrylics, oils and many others are mediums that she enjoys creating with. They are all instrumental in telling a story without words and bringing the great outdoors in!" Susan Kaye Rogers is a professional artist who specializes in naturescapes. She is an exhibiting member of Heartland Art Club, Co-Founder of the Gateway Pastel Artists, a member of the Pastel Society of America and the Gateway East Artists Guild. Call and make your reservation today by dialing 618-234-4410 Ext. 7036.

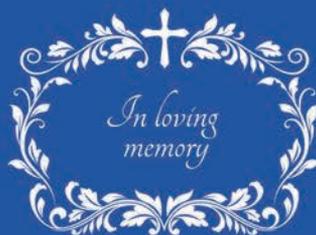


**PSOP is now a US flag collection site.** Do you have a United States flag that is torn, tattered or otherwise unserviceable? Bring it to PSOP for disposal/retirement. All flags collected will be respectfully retired by Belleville's VFW Post 1739 at a later date.

**Senior Companions provide community outreach to isolated Senior Citizens**

Our Senior Companions provide the additional social support to homebound senior citizens struggling to safely remain in their home for as long as possible. The benefits of socialization among isolated seniors have shown to improve mental health, provide a sense of belonging, and encourage purposeful living.

Most of the Senior Companions report getting more out of volunteering than they give. If you or someone you know are interested in giving back in your community and are 55 and older, contact us for more information at (618) 234-4410 x 7023.



**PSOP is grateful to the Robert Morton family for the memorials left on his behalf to the many programs at PSOP.**

**Thank you to the Steve Nast family who contributed to the Bingo program as he will be remembered as a Bingo buddy.**

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# RSVP RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

618-234-4410 EXT. 7012



Are you a senior (55+) looking for a way to give back to your community? Come join RSVP – Retired & Senior Volunteer Program to volunteer with food pantries, hospice, making blankets, libraries, museums, hospitals, tutoring, thrift stores, veteran assistance, senior transportation, crafts, senior centers and more. There is no cost to join RSVP and you even get some great benefits like extra insurance (if you should be injured while volunteering) and periodic recognition! Give us a call at 618-234-4410 ext. 7012 to find just the right volunteer opportunity to fit your passion, talents and schedule!

In a random drawing of RSVP volunteers, Congratulations to  
the April 2024 Volunteers of the Week!

**Robert Poole, Charles Duncan, Frances Wagner, Anna Richardson, Anne Harter**

\*Prize can be collected at the RSVP office (Rm 103 at PSOP).



Hard of hearing, late deafened, deaf, deaf-blind or speech-disabled individuals may be eligible for a FREE amplified phone.

Eligibility requirements for a Telecommunication Access Corporation amplified phone are:

- Legal Illinois resident
- Any age/any income
- Certified by a Licensed Family Physician or Audiologist
- Those with cell phones are also eligible for a free amplifier
- Once every three years

PSOP is a selection/testing center for the ITAC amplified phone program. Call 618-234-4410.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



The St. Clair County Housing Authority has one-bedroom apartments for senior citizens (age 62 and older) in locations throughout St. Clair County. Wait lists vary by location. Residents pay 30 percent of monthly income (after deductions) toward rent, up to a maximum rent established by location. Call 618-277-3290.

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## ATS – ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Are you unable to drive or thinking of giving up your license? ATS provides transportation to disabled individuals (any age) in St. Clair County and to residents of the city of Belleville, Stookey and St. Clair Townships who are 60 and older.

Approved ATS customers may purchase coupon booklets for rides, 10 coupons for the \$28.00 fee. If you meet the guidelines set by the IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic, and are within the guidelines set forth, you may apply for the reduced fare reimbursement. When you are approved and you purchase a booklet of coupons you will receive a discount for the next order of coupons.

You can contact Sharon Lewis at 618 239-0749 Ext. 726 if you have any questions. If you wish to receive the application, please email [sharon.lewis@swic.edu](mailto:sharon.lewis@swic.edu)

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## RESOURCE CENTER

Staff are available to assist with:

- Medicare and Medicaid questions and enrollment.
- License plate sticker discount applications (Benefit Access) to qualify:
  - 65 years of age or older or disabled thru social security.
- Income must fall below \$33,562 for singles and \$44,533 for couples.
- Energy assistance applications (LIHEAP):
  - Household income below \$29,160 for single and \$39,440 for couples.

Our monthly senior food box program has increased the income eligibility amount. To apply, you must be at least 60 years old with monthly income below \$1,632 for individuals or \$2,215 a for couple.

Please call 618-234-4410, ext. 7035 (Marsha) or ext. 7045 (Karen) for further information or details or to see if you qualify for these programs.

**LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE** – Ages 60 and older Call 618-398-0958 for an appointment.

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**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE AT PSOP:** In the Older Adult and Caregiver Counseling Program, Tanya Koelker, LCPC, offers counseling services in person, by phone, and virtually. This solution-focused counseling is available for St. Clair County residents over the age of 60, or for caregivers of someone over the age of 60, and is free of charge. Topics include emotional adjustments to life events and changes, aging, caregiving, and community resources. Please contact Tanya (ext. 7039) for counseling appointments and to express any interest in support groups and educational programs.

### COUNSELING GROUP MEETING UPDATES:

**The Mindfulness Class**, which teaches techniques for reducing stress and anxiety, will meet in person on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of most months. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. Please contact Tanya at 618-234-4410, ext. 7039, or by email at [Tanya.Koelker@swic.edu](mailto:Tanya.Koelker@swic.edu), for future meeting details!

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**The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Support Group**, for anyone affected by Parkinson's Disease, will continue to meet in person on the THIRD MONDAY of most months, at 1:30 p.m., in PSOP's Feurer Hall. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 20th, 2024 with a speaker from the APDA presenting on a new topic! Every meeting has new educational topics as well as good discussion among attendees! Also watch for upcoming presentations and topics that you don't want to miss! Please contact Tanya Koelker, ext. 7039 for support if needed in between meetings.

**The Parkinson's Caregiver Meeting** is currently **NOT** meeting at this time and will be 'paused' for the foreseeable future. You may contact Tanya at 618-234-4410, ext. 7039, for any support and educational material related to Parkinson's Disease or caregiving for someone with Parkinson's Disease. Please be aware of the great amount of information available from the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Greater St. Louis Chapter, at [www.apdaparkinson.org/community/st-louis](http://www.apdaparkinson.org/community/st-louis).

**An Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group** is meeting at another location. Please contact Tanya at 618-234-4410, ext. 7039, for meeting information, and for any support and information about dementia education or caregiving.

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**PSOP sponsored Driver's Service Mobile Unit**

**Call 618-234-4410, ext. 7036**

**Date:**

May 15, 2024  
Sept. 18, 2024  
Oct.9, 2024.

**Location:**

7 Park Dr. Shiloh, IL  
7 Park Dr. Shiloh, IL  
201 N. Church St. Belleville, IL



Services provided to seniors 55 and older by appointment only

**PAYMENT: Credit card, check and now cash.**

Mobile Unit hours: 10 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Services available: Driver's License Renewals, State ID cards and Vehicle Registration Renewals (including REAL ID's, vision test, road test and written exam if required)

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**Nurse Available at PSOP!**



Partnering with the St. Clair County Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps, PSOP will have a nurse available to check blood pressure, blood sugar and discuss health topics you are concerned about on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. No appointment is needed.

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**PSOP Book Club** This group welcomes everyone to join them at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Take a look at what they're reading.

**May 9 Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain Discussion Leader – Peter Will**

**June 13 Book Selection for 2025**

**July 11 In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez Discussion Leader – June Wolz**

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SeniorLink ComputerClasses

Call 618-234-4410 Ext. 7036 to sign-up!

**Beginning Computers:** This one-afternoon class will cover the basics of how to use a computer. Cost: \$10  
Classes below meet once/week for 4 weeks at a cost of \$40.

**Windows 10 Basics:** This basic class will include explanations and hands-on usage of Windows 10 applications and features developed by Microsoft. Explore techniques and best practices for working with Windows 10 during this class. Applications installed after the purchase of the computer won't be covered.

**Windows 11 Basics:** This basic class will include explanations and hands-on usage of Windows 11 applications and features developed by Microsoft. Explore techniques and best practices for working with Windows 11 during this class. Applications installed after the purchase of the computer won't be covered.

**Computer Protection:** Join this class for explanations and hands-on usage of applications to help protect your computer from hackers.

**Word Basics:** Join this class for explanations and hands-on usage of Microsoft Word features including techniques and practical uses of Word documents. Advanced features are NOT covered.

**Excel Basics:** Explanation and hands-on usage of Microsoft Excel basic features developed by Microsoft. Techniques and practical uses for spreadsheets.

**iPhone and Android Basics:** Join this basic level class for explanations and hands-on usage of cell phone applications and features. Applications installed after the purchase of the cell phone are not covered. Device must be **CHARGED** before class.

**iPad Basics:** This basic class includes explanations and hands-on usage of Apple iPad applications and features developed by Apple. Techniques and best practices for working with the iPad will also be explored. NOTE: Applications installed after the purchase of the iPad are not covered. Device must be fully charged before coming to each class.

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## PSOP TRAVEL PROGRAM

**Secrets of the Cemeteries Tuesday**

**July 23, 2024**

These are the most famous cemeteries in St Louis and are where many of the cities movers and shakers are spending their last adventures. It is said that you cannot take it with you once you die. These folks sure tried to! Our guide will bring their fascinating stories to life! We will stop at Crown Candy (cash only) for treats. Box lunch (please let me know if you prefer a chicken salad sandwich or The Christy Italian sandwich with roast beef and ham and salami and cheese). Box will have fruit, a cookie and water to drink. Cost is \$105 per person. Deadline for reservations is July 3, 2024. Space is limited to 36 people.

**Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park**

**August 5-11, 2024**

In conjunction with the SWIC Foundation Department. See 3 national parks, beautiful blue lakes, travel the Icefields Parkway, Going-to-the-Sun Highway, walk on a glacier, ride the Banff Gondola, and more! Cost is \$4567 per person, double, \$5743 single, and includes 7 days hotel, air from St Louis, 9 meals, and much more! Deadline for reservations is May 6, 2024. Contact Nancy for a brochure.

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**New York City**

**August 29 through September 2, 2024**

In conjunction with the SWIC Foundation Department. Tour the City that Never Sleeps and learn about many of the buildings and landmarks. Tour Ellis Island, the 9/11 Memorial, 2 Broadway shows, And free time for shopping! Cost is \$4079 for single, \$3579 per person, double, \$3549 per person, triple, and includes sightseeing, 2 shows, air from ST Louis, 4 nights hotels, tours as indicated, and 5 meals. Full payment is due on/before June 12, 2024. Call or e-mail Nancy for a brochure.

**A Culinary Journey Through Tuscany**

**September 24 - October 2, 2024**

In conjunction with the SWIC Foundation Department. Taste your way through Tuscany! Wine tours, walking tours, museums, a boat tour across Lake Trasimeno, and food, food, food! Included is 7 nights in one hotel, 16 meals, air from St Louis, and more! Cost is \$5199 per person double, and \$5899 for a single. Contact Nancy for a brochure.

**Irish Splendor**

**November 7-14, 2024**

In conjunction with the SWIC Foundation Department. Enjoy one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Tour Trinity College and Christ Church during our city tour; visit the Blarney Stone. Drive the stunning Dingle Peninsula to the Cliffs of Moher. And enjoy a glass of Whiskey with your overnight stay in a Castle! Price includes 9 meals, air from St Louis, and sightseeing as shown. Cost is \$4963 for a single, \$4463 per person for a double, and \$4433 per person, triple. Deadline for reservations is August 20, 2024. Contact Nancy for a brochure.

**Travel & Activities Day Trip Reservation/Cancellation Policy**

If a cancellation is received after the reservation deadline and a replacement is found, then a full refund less a \$5 processing fee will be given. If no replacement is found no refund will be given. Special cancellation policies may apply if the trip involves the purchase of non-refundable components or have special cancellation policies. Itinerary changes may be made for unforeseen reasons and for reasons beyond our control. You MUST have payment, Reservation Form, and signed waiver in order to participate.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip** **Date** **Price** **Pick Up Point**

**Trip #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip** **Date** **Price** **Pick Up Point**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SWIC (SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH EVENT PLEASE)

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK AND WAIVER TO: SWIC Travel Dept., 201 N. Church Street, Belleville, IL 62220

**Going with** \_\_\_\_\_

No refunds after daytrip deadline unless a replacement is found and will incur a \$5 processing fee, per person. Overnight trip deadlines vary.

A waiver must be signed and returned with deposit/payments if trip is overnight. One Waiver per person, per trip. No refunds after the set deadline unless a replacement is found and will incur a \$5 processing fee, per person. Nancy's contact info: 618-234-4410, ext. 7020, or email at Nancy.Bauer@swic.edu



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