



# MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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## Welcome Steve Williams, New Executive Director



Dear Assembly Members,  
Family and Friends,

It is a true honor to serve as the next executive director of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. I'm additionally humbled and greatly appreciative of the outpouring of support.

First, I want to thank Scott Parrish for both his leadership in the past and his assistance during this transition. I am three weeks on the job and as I've likely stated to many of you, "It's a lot," but that's a great thing. There's always something happening at the Assembly, especially this time of year; planning,

gathering,  
reacting,  
planting...  
it's always  
in motion.

The Assembly is blessed with a beautiful landscape, a wonderful and experienced staff, a resourceful and responsive board, and a passionate membership. I'm grateful for the opportunity and respectful of the mission and history, and look forward to a shared future.

Both Anne and I welcome the chance to say hello as we enjoy the 142nd MSSA Season.

*Thanks,  
Steve Williams*

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## Platform Updates 2024 Summer Workshops and Special Events

Signups for summer workshops and special events are now available online. Many of our workshops require advance registration and a fee. Please refer to the online program for more details and dates. Here is a sampling of some of the workshops and events that will be offered this summer.

**See pages 2 and 5 for a list.**



# 2024 Summer Workshops and Special Events

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## Week 1

John Gaddis Watercolor workshop with Cheryl Lankhaar: *Exploring watercolors from a fresh perspective by painting cottage images*

Intermediate and Advance Pickleball with Stephanie Lane

Excursion to Cove Creek Farm with Marc Sparacio

Journaling Workshop with Deborah Denson: *The Power of Putting Pen to Paper*

Make and Take Workshop with Virginia Curry, *yarn wall art*

## Week 2

Writing Workshop with Kevin Wilson: *Narrative Machines*

Make and Take Workshop with Virginia Curry; *felted wool laundry balls*

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting with Chef Tom

Tea Party at Crestwood

Cottage on Chestnut Hill with Karen Eager  
French Country Farm to Table Dinner at the Dining Hall

## Week 3

Art Week for Buzzards and Falcons with Bradley Mims and Colby Henderson-Black

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting with Chef Tom

Escape Room with Dr. Mould

Adult Caving Excursion to Soda Straw Cave with Joey Favalora and Jeff Reynolds

## Week 4

All Assembly Community Service Project: *Housing Sewanee*

Flower Arranging with Judy Walling

Hike of the Assembly Trails with David Peacock

## Week 5

Oil Painting with Kim Bar-rack

Decoupage Chinoiserie Pumpkins with Lynne Priest

Parenting Workshop with Katherine Walters

Beginners Genealogy with Merrynne Pierson

## QUICK BITES

**The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances** on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees.

**ALL golf carts** must be registered or re-registered every year. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

**Lawn trimmings** are collected on Wednesdays.

**Dogs** must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

**Safety first!** Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.



## ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the Executive Director. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

June 10

July 31

September 30

January 15

February 28

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the Executive Director first.

## 2024 Youth Staff Announced

Hello all!

I am so excited to be rejoining the youth program team this summer as the youth superintendent! I learned so much last summer during my time as youth coordinator working under the great leadership of Susan Acker and Scott Parrish, and I look forward to this new chapter in our Assembly summer program. I am currently in my 10th year of teaching at Riverside Elementary School in Columbia, Tenn., where I reside with my husband, Conner Mims. My passion for the Monteagle community and my love of working with kids is what brings me back this summer, and I cannot wait to hit the ground running and making lasting memories!

Our 2024 youth staff has been hired, and we are ready share that information. This year's staff is a strong group of capable, passionate young people ready to lead the children and make this the best summer yet.

I am proud to announce that **Anna Kate Tibbs** will be returning for her second summer as our youth coordinator! Anna Kate began her MSSA career last season as adventure coordinator and looks forward to this new leadership role! She has

worked so hard over the past few months interviewing candidates for the staff and planning for the summer program. After great consideration, we are delighted to announce the 2024 Youth Staff!

The following staff members are all returning -- some to the same position and many to new roles! We are so excited to have them back:

**Romy Cour** - head youth director  
**Jim Smith** - adventure coordinator  
**McTyeire Davis** - Christian coordinator  
**Ben Ambrose** - Hummingbirds and crafts director  
**Evey Knopf** - Hummingbirds and crafts assistant  
**Jack Haney** - youth director  
**Zoe Elder** - youth director  
**Ellie Wildman** - youth director  
**Harris Cleveland** - head lifeguard  
**Mavis Blue Sartin** - lifeguard  
**Gracie Adams** - Snack Shop manager

We have some familiar faces joining our staff this summer along with some new friends! We welcome them to their first summer on staff and know they are going to do a fabulous job!

**Ayoub Hrirou** - youth director  
**Walker Williams** - youth director  
**Sarah Hinds** - Hummingbirds and crafts asst. director

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### Have you Ordered Something to be Delivered to the Assembly on the Weekend?

We realize that many deliveries need to be made on the weekends when owners can be present. MSSA does not staff for weekend gate openings.

If you must have a delivery over the weekend, please contact the office by 3 p.m. Friday so we can make arrangements to have a gate open.



**The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly** was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "... the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

## Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program? Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction? Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

Contact Rhonda to discuss options or concerns, 931-924-9000



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## SAFETY

The MSSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency--medical or otherwise--call 911. Our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep MSSA the safe haven it is!





# 2024 Summer Workshops and Special Events

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## Week 5 continued

Adult Tennis Tournament

## Week 6

Intermediate and Advanced Pickleball Workshop with Stephanie Lane

Eaglets and Eagles Art Week with Susie Elder

The Art of Flower Pressing with Capell Simmons

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting with Chef Tom

Non-Alcoholic Cocktails with Jim Rogan at Lexington Cottage

The Music and Stories of the Beatles: *Excursion to the Ralston Listening Room* with Richard Courtney

## Week 7

Adult Pickleball Tournament

Photography Workshop with Mauro Barreto

Make and Take Workshop with Virginia Curry: *Zentangle decorative balls*

Excursion to a newly opened Cumberland Trail with Ned Murray  
Special Dinner at the Dining Hall

## Week 8

Intermediate and Advance Bridge Week with Scott Campbell

Intermediate Knitting with Virginia Curry

Excursion to the Sewanee Cemetery with Dr. Gerald Smith

Registration can be made online or at the front office. Reminder emails will be sent out to participants.



## 2024 Youth Staff Announced

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**Josephine Hinds** - Hummingbirds and crafts asst. director  
**Sims Verner** - Hummingbirds and crafts assistant  
**Tibbie Cleveland** - Hummingbirds and crafts assistant  
**Carter Floyd** - lifeguard  
**Cole Norton** - lifeguard  
**Audrey Adams** - Snack Shop assistant

We look forward to the summer season and cannot wait to join everyone on the mountain!

Sincerely,  
Bradley Mims  
Youth Superintendent

## Sewanee Graduation Week

As Sewanee graduation week nears, we want to mention a few housekeeping items.

1. The dates for the week are May 6-13. Graduation day is May 12.
2. If you are loaning your cottage and will not be present, there is a \$125 security fee. It is up to you to pay or have your guests pay. Please let the office know who will be there.
3. Car passes are required- \$5 per day. Members can use their season sticker or ask for a car pass.
4. There can be no work on the grounds - inside or outside your cottages, on Thursday, the 9th, Friday the 10th and Saturday/Sunday the 11th and 12th .

38+ cottages are rented or loaned for May 6-13, Sewanee Graduation Week

We look forward to an enjoyable week for all.



## Around the Grounds:

May 25, HiteL-Mahan Wedding reception  
Harton Hall