



## Welcome to August 2026

Hi ,

August is when we start looking toward the fall for SHoWLE. We are planning some great programs and events to fill out the rest of 2026. We hope you can join us.

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## SHoWLE Late Summer Bonfire



**Saturday August 8, 2026 @ 3 PM**

Farnsworth Metropark 8801 S. River Rd., Waterville 43566

Group Campsite 1

### **Bonfire Social Event at Farnsworth August 8th**

Join us for a late summer social event as we have a bonfire at the Farnsworth Metropark. Bring a camp chair or other seat and bring snacks or treats you would like to share.

There is no formal program. This is just a time to relax and enjoy a social activity out in the country.

Farnsworth is south of Waterville on S. River Rd. Enter at the Farnsworth Boat Launch drive and jog to the right. We will be at Group Campsite #1

**FREE** and open to the public. **This event is weather dependent so if it rains we may have to cancel.**

<https://humanistswle.org/event/showle-late-summer-bonfire>



## News & Notes

### End of the Summer Starts A New Year

September is our start of a new year when we return to monthly meetings and events happen more often. Here are some things to keep in mind as we head into September:

1. Memberships expire on 9/30/2026 for many members. You can always reach out to Doug ([president@humanistswle.org](mailto:president@humanistswle.org) or 567-215-2694) and you can always log on to your profile on the website to check your status. We will share a list of names of members who need to renew in our September update.
2. Our member's meeting will be coming up in October (exact date coming soon). If you would like to serve on the SHoWLE Board or want to suggest any bylaw updates now is the time to let us know. Again you can reach out to Doug.

3. Most monthly meetings in the fall to 2027 will be based on the 10 Commitments. We will examine and discuss the commitments and Humanist values in general.

We suggest checking out the following books: **Creating Change Through Humanism** and **Justice-Centered Humanism** By Roy Speckhardt. We will be using some of that material.

4. We will be having some various events during each month like our quarterly dinner at Fortune Inn. If there is an event you think will not only interest the group but would also be free or low cost again reach out to Doug. Suggestions that line up with our mission would be great.

5. We also plan to meet the day before Thanksgiving and partner with LCCS to help a struggling family during the holiday season.

## Transition to the Zeffy platform

We've had a couple do people renew using our new online payment platform and all seems to be working fine. What Zeffy does is that they don't charge us processing fees so more of your membership or donation goes to SHoWLE. We will still take checks or money orders through the mail send them to SHoWLE [2541 Schroeder Ct Toledo Ohio 43613](#).

## Kids Movie Event a Fun Time

Bev hosted a kids movie event at the West Toledo Branch Library which was funded by a generous donor. We had about 15 people including mostly children and a few caregivers. If you would like to donate to support more kid movie events visit our Zeffy page for it:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/support-our-kids-movie-and-pizza-event>

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## Members Stuff

### Update Your Profiles

Members can update their profiles on our website. When you joined the group there were options to choose like if you wanted to be in a future directory, if you wanted to be texted reminders, and if you were in the AHA. There is also a box to add the names of others covered under your Household membership for those who have them.

All of that information can be changed on your profile at anytime.

<https://humanistswle.org/register/edit-your-profile>

A video showing how to use the member page is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCzPyPtgUk0>

## Photo Waiver

Just a reminder that by attending our public meetings and events you grant SHoWLE the use of your image or likeness for promotion of the group and our mission. If you think it will be an issue for you please reach out to Douglas or a Board member before a meeting or event so we can be sure to avoid you and crop you out of published images. We do not use full names in public materials.

## We've joined Walmart Spark for Good

Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose us as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com or in-store at Walmart.

<https://bit.ly/sparkhumanists>



## Upcoming Events

Complete details can be found on our [Events Page](#). Unless noted, all meetings and events are free and open to the public



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[Read more](#)

## *We Have A Podcast - Glass City Humanist*

Our latest episode of the Glass City Humanist podcast:



### Episode 127: Christian Nationalism vs. Dr. Anthony Fauci

We have to deal with a lot of negativity as we scramble to protect our religious liberty but at heart Humanism is a progressive positive lifestance. Then we look at some of the religious liberty dumpster fires we have to manage before the midterm elections.

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### Have you donated to SHoWLE lately?

SHoWLE does operate with membership dues but we also encourage people to donate above and beyond their yearly dues if they can. We use donations to further our

mission to educate the public about Humanism and build a Humanist community in the Greater Toledo NW Ohio area.

One use of donations is to pay for our booth space at the Old West End Festival which is about \$150 and we will be using donations for the coming visit of AHA Executive Director Fish Stark in September - for example, the venue cost \$100 to rent.

[If can help out, please donate today](#)

You can also send us a check or money order to SHoWLE [2541 Schroeder Ct Toledo, OH 43613](#)

### **Do you have an idea for an event?**

Do you have an idea for an event or a speaker? Let us know about it. Your idea is more likely to happen if you give us a detailed sketch of what you have in mind. Just reply to this email and gives us the details.

For more information check out this page on our website:

<https://humanistswle.org/event-hosting>

### **Are you looking to be an activist as a Humanist?**

Here are some helpful links to learn about activism on the national, state, and local level:

American Humanist Association Action HQ

<https://americanhumanist.org/actionhq/>

Americans United Action Network

<https://www.au.org/get-involved/au-action-network/>

American Atheists Activism

<https://www.atheists.org/activism/>

UUA Justice

<https://www.uua.org/action>

Ohioans Against Extremism

<https://ohagainstextremism.org/>

Honesty for Ohio Education

<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>

Volunteer with Equality Toledo

<https://equalitytoledo.org/volunteer/>

Toledo Troublemakers

<https://redwineblue.controlshift.app/groups/toledo-troublemakers>

Toledo Persists

<https://www.facebook.com/ToledoPersists/>

**\*Note\*** *SHoWLE is a 501 3(c) charity and does not endorse candidates for elective office.*

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## **Our Mission:**

The mission of the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie is to provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting an ethical, reasonable, and secular approach to life through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

We envision a Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan where secular people are respected and integrated in broader society, live values of reason and compassion, and enjoy a friendly humanist community.

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## ***Join or Donate to the Group***

**Are you a member?**

Joining the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie gets you the following benefits:

- A monthly meeting with like minded people
- Ability to guide and vote on the direction of the group
- Serve in leadership positions and on our Board of Directors
- Discounts on sponsored events and group merchandise
- Regular communications about meetings, events, and other topics of interest to the group before the general public
- Most importantly, you will gain the opportunity to make your voice heard and know that you are part of a greater movement working for the values we share.

We have two membership plans:

**\$20 for an Individual**

**\$30 for a Household (two or more people at the same address)**

Visit <https://humanistswle.org/join-our-group> to join online or get information to join by postal mail. We also have a fixed income level available on our join page if needed.

## ***You can donate to the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie***

Please help us provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting ethical and reasonable secular world views through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

You can use Paypal or a credit card. **Donations are tax deductible.**

### **[Donate Online](#)**

You can always send your check or money order to:

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