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**CHRISTIAN  
ATHLETES**

## South Central Michigan Monthly Newsletter - March 2026

### Huddle Highlight: Spring Arbor University & Huddle Relaunches

Sixteen Spring Arbor University student-athletes (Pictured on the right) have been trained and equipped

to go into the surrounding schools FCA Huddles to share their faith, testimony, Jesus love, and mentor hundreds of MS & HS students.

At the same time, we are seeing a revitalization of our Huddles, some new & many relaunching after missing because of snow days. (Reading, Tecumseh, Pittsford and Hillsdale huddles shown below)



### By the Numbers:

- 70+ FCA Leaders at Bootcamp Training
- 3 Potential Driver Testimonies at MIS
- Averaging 40 people in Sand Creek Huddles!

### Save the Date:

- Celebration Banquet: April 27
- Michigan FCA Sports Camp: June 22-25
- Coaches Time Out: July 17-19
- Buckeye Border Leadership Camp: July 18-22
- 2nd Annual Golf Outing: August 8



### FROM THE DIRECTOR: Eric Steinke

#### 2026 FCA Theme: **PROVEN**

As we explore our 2026 theme **PROVEN** from John chapter 15, this month we are highlighting the first subtheme - **CONNECT**. From John 15: 4-5 *"Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me."*

God's plan is for us to remain connected to Him and to one another. God's love is not performance-based; it is proven out through His pursuit of us and giving of His Son, Jesus. As we stay connected to Christ, He changes us from the inside out, and we bear fruit that lasts through every season. We need Him, and we need His people. When connected to Christ, we can lead our family, our team, and our community.

For coaches and athletes, connection determines everything. Talent alone does not sustain a season. Strength alone does not win championships. And in our faith, activity alone does not produce spiritual fruit. Jesus makes it clear: apart from Him, we can do nothing of eternal value.



To CONNECT means more than attending a Huddle. It means daily abiding — staying rooted in God's Word, spending intentional time in prayer, walking in obedience, and living in authentic Christian community. When athletes stay connected to Christ, their identity is no longer defined by wins or losses. When coaches stay connected to Christ, their leadership flows from humility and purpose rather than pressure.

Fruit is evidence of a connection. Love in the locker room. Integrity in competition. Boldness in sharing faith. Unity on teams. These are not manufactured outcomes — they are produced when we remain attached to the true Vine. As we abide in Jesus, He will bear much fruit — fruit that transforms teams, schools, and communities for His glory.

All for His glory,  
[Eric Steinke](#)

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### Important Information

Make sure to get your students signed up for the following camps, and don't forget our new student connect cards! Click [here](#) or on the card to nominate student leaders.

### **FCA Student Connect Card**

*(\*Filling out this form is voluntary, and you agree to be contacted by FCA staff plus added to FCA mass communication)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_


School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Join us for our Celebration Banquet on April 27th!

ALL are welcome - every student, coach, leader, volunteer, parent, family, friend, etc. Celebrate God's hand at work through the incredible student leaders in our area. Super fun time to share stories and worship together. Plus, we have the privilege of hearing Zack Marshall share about how FCA, faith, and sports have come together in his life. Come to Elem3nt Church in Blissfield from 6:30 to 8pm on Mon, April 27.



SOUTH CENTRAL MI FCA INVITES YOU TO...

## **CELEBRATION BANQUET**

April 27th, 2026 |

6:30-8PM | (Doors open at 6pm)

Elem3nt Church

220 E Jefferson St, Blissfield, MI 49228



Join us as we celebrate what God has done through the growing ministry of FCA. Celebrate the Huddle Leaders, enjoy appetizers, worship together, give-aways & awards, plus a message from Zack Marshall - UofM Football TE.

To RSVP/more info to this event, go to:

[www.scmifca.org/banquet](http://www.scmifca.org/banquet)

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Michigan FCA Sports Camp: Click [here](#) or the flyer for more information and to register!

# MICHIGAN FCA SPORTS CAMP



at SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY  
JUNE 22 - 25, 2026



## CAMP DETAILS

Camp is for male and female athletes entering grades 7-12

- 4-day overnight camp
- All meals and lodging included
- Early bird pricing, scholarships, and financial assistance available

## SPORTS OFFERED

- Archery
- Baseball
- Softball
- Football
- Tennis
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Wrestling



## EARLY BIRD PRICING

**\$250**  
FOR THE FIRST 250  
REGISTRANTS

PRICE GOES UP TO \$375 AFTER

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Outstanding speakers
- Safe and secure camp conditions
- Top high school and college coaches
- Encouragement, hope, and inspiration
- Growth in your sport and physical fitness

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5TH**

Join us for our 2026 Coaches Time Out. Click [here](#) or the flyer for more info.



# COACHES TIME OUT



## ***MICHIGAN FCA COACHES TIMEOUT***

**JULY 17-19, 2026 — THE SHACK CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER**

### **WIN AT HOME:**

Coaching can be tough. So can marriage. The two combined are sure to put your best game plan to the test.

Sometimes, you need to take a timeout.

Coaches TimeOut (CTO) is designed to help coaches and spouses win where it matters most — at home. We invite you and your spouse to attend Michigan FCA CTO on July 17-19, 2026 for a time to reinvest relationally, rest meaningfully and renew spiritually.

### **SPEAKERS:**

Mark & Stephanie TeSlaa,  
Marriage Ministry Leaders at  
Crossroads Bible Church GR

### **COST:**

\$450 per couple (Scholarships  
Available)

### **REGISTER NOW:**

[MICHIGANFCA.ORG/CTO](https://MICHIGANFCA.ORG/CTO)

### **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

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Buckeye Border Leadership Camp: Click [here](#) or the flyer for more information and to register!

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2026 FCA

LEADERSHIP CAMP

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### JOIN US AT FCA CAMP THIS SUMMER

Date: July 18-22, 2026

Location: Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Who: Boys and girls going into grades 7-12 (Fall 2026)

Cost: \$400.00 if registered by May 31, 2026  
\$450.00 after May 31, 2026

Deposit/Fees: A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration.

Register online at: [www.bbfca.org/camp](http://www.bbfca.org/camp)

Scholarships: **Partial** Scholarships are provided for students in need of financial assistance. *All scholarship inquiries must be submitted through our Scholarship Request Form located online at: [www.bbfca.org/camp](http://www.bbfca.org/camp). Please contact your local FCA office for scholarship information if you are outside the five county Buckeye Border area in Ohio.*

FCA Leadership Camp is a five day overnight camp for student-athletes and students who serve as leaders on their local campuses and in their communities. FCA Camp focuses on teaching practical skills for Christian growth, the development as an effective campus leader and the training for spiritual, organizational and motivational tools for use in the FCA Campus Ministry.

### For More Information:

Contact  
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Click [here](#) or the flyers for more information about being a Huddle Leader or joining our Prayer Team!



**APPLY TO BE AN  
FCA HUDDLE LEADER**  
MICHIGAN FCA SPORTS CAMP

**WHERE:**  
SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY  
106 E Main St, Spring Arbor, MI 49283

**WHEN:**  
JUNE 20-21 (TRAINING)  
JUNE 22-25 (CAMP)

**APPLY**

SCAN HERE  OR GO TO

[MICHIGANFCA.ORG/  
SPORTS-CAMP](http://MICHIGANFCA.ORG/SPORTS-CAMP) AND  
CLICK "SERVE AS A  
HUDDLE LEADER"

EMAIL [BBROEKHUIZEN@FCA.ORG](mailto:BBROEKHUIZEN@FCA.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



**JOIN OUR  
CAMP PRAYER  
TEAM**

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE UP 700 PRAYER PARTNERS TO PRAY FOR 1 CAMPER, COACH, STAFF, OR VOLUNTEER AT SUMMER SPORTS CAMP. PLEASE SIGN UP AND SPREAD THE WORD TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 700 PRAYER PARTNERS!

SIGN UP AT [MICHIGANFCA.ORG/SPORTS-CAMP](http://MICHIGANFCA.ORG/SPORTS-CAMP)

We need you! Click [here](#) or the flyer to get started designing our camp shirt today!



**MICHIGAN FCA**  
SIGNATURE SUMMER

**CAMP SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**

YOUR  
DESIGN

WINNING DESIGN  
WINS \$100 TO  
FCA GEAR STORE  
AND WILL HAVE  
YOUR DESIGN  
FEATURED AT FCA  
CAMPS

ALL SUBMISSIONS  
DUE BY APRIL  
30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**MORE DETAILS**  
[MICHIGANFCA.ORG/DESIGN](https://michiganfca.org/design)

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## HOME TEAM REPORT:



FCA Bootcamp was more than a just a weekend of training; it was a powerful reminder of why I stepped into this calling in the first place. Being surrounded by people who wholeheartedly believe in the mission and vision of FCA stirred something deep in my heart.

As I've met with people throughout my support-raising journey, I've been humbled by the encouragement, prayers, and shared passion for reaching athletes and coaches. Each conversation has confirmed that this is God's work, and I'm incredibly grateful to be part of what He's building.

God Bless You,  
[Damian Happ - Perspective Staff](#)

*Jackson  
County*

[Donate to Damian Happ's Ministry](#)

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# MIS Michigan International Speedway

The teams are still coming together and forms are being signed. I have asked 3 drivers (sprint car, Indy car, and NASCAR) to participate in driver testimony cards. I am waiting to hear back from them. I am also still trying to get in contact with Game Plan for Life to see if we could partner with them in Fan Zone. A couple prayer requests for the ministry are that the ministry groups form with people willing to get creative with the ministry and for the racing contacts to be willing to help expand our ministry.



Thanks for all the prayers and support!  
[Megan Barringer - Ambassador](#)

Donate to MIS Motorsports Ministry



Praise God for how He is moving in the lives of students. Our Sand Creek huddle is still averaging 40 people from the middle and high school, both students and staff. They are currently looking for a couple students to take over as student leaders for next fall. We are hoping to train them up at the end of this school year to be prepared to lead in the next school year. Our Onsted huddles are holding steady with numbers and are growing spiritually. The high school huddle wants to meet every Friday

and is looking for someone to lead the second lunch hour. The middle school students are taking the lead on sharing a lesson and want to add music and a game for the lesson to make the main point stick.

We are also seeing an increase in the Addison huddle. We had almost 40 middle school students last week. The Hudson MS huddle is going well with about 15 students this past week. Our Morenci huddles will meet this week. The school events and cancellations have put a delay on that since the New Year. Keep praying for our students as each school faces challenges and overcomes them with God's Word.

[Ryan Eddy - Area Rep](#)

# Lenawee County

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February was full of opportunities to grow both for our Huddles and for myself as a staff person. FCA had

training for me and 70+ staff across the country to help us serve the areas we minister to as best as we can. I was able to receive awesome instruction and discussion from high level leaders in our mission out in Kansas City and digest it with a small group through the course of the week. I'm thankful for the equipping they've given me to come home and help Monroe County take hold of all of our opportunities. I was also able to go to our bi-annual staff retreat, called Realtime, with my wife, Megan, to be poured into and encouraged so that we may minister out of health and fullness in the Lord.

# Monroe County

Huddles have started to find their regular rhythm again after winter break, snow days, and exams. I'm so excited for how students are excited to see their Huddles have an impact beyond meeting at the school and digging into the Word together. Many of them are seeking opportunities to reach their

classmates and serve the communities and I'm thankful to help partner with churches and organizations to see them have places they can grow in that way. One Huddle I'd like to highlight is our Huddle at SMCC. They made the decision to change their meeting time from mornings to lunch in an effort to reach more classmates and God answered! We had so many kids in the lunches that we could barely fit in our reserved space. We had just under 40 students between both lunches. Please pray for the advancement of the Gospel and the maturing of these young believers and coaches around Monroe County!

In Him,  
[Tony Alexander - Area Rep](#)

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**Visit our website to learn more about all the People, Places, and Programs such as Camps & Huddles, in each school.**

[www.scmifca.org](http://www.scmifca.org)

<b>Cost to run a Huddle</b>		
\$6,000 per year	\$500 per month	\$25 per student
Bibles, Devotionals, Resources - \$1680	Food, Games, Supplies, Activities - \$780	Staffing, Administrative, Training - \$3,540

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