



Illinois Home Newsletter

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Family Teachers:

Eric and Rhonda Reinke,
Michelle Penick

The Girls:

Jasmine
Courtney
Diane
Patricia
Yolanda
Airet
Shelby
Nanda
Sidney



We did get a new addition to our home and would like to introduce you to Jasmine who has moved from Alabama home. She is 12 years old and is excited to be with us as we are thrilled to have her. Her birthday is in August.

Illinois home has once again seen some changes in the last few months. We were saddened to see two of our girls leave Mooseheart. Samantha and Kimberly have gone back to their families to begin the next chapter of their lives. Our prayers are with them and we hope for the best.



Our hearts have been with you all as we have reflected upon the many things we are so thankful for. We hope that all of you have experienced the same in a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope you feel our appreciation. Most of our girls went home for the holiday except for Courtney and Nanda who remained on campus and stayed in other homes. While Illinois was closed, Eric and Rhonda had family over for the feast. "We are so thankful to have a place like this at Mooseheart to call home and where we can have quality family time during a holiday. It means so much to us."

On November 21st we threw the party of the year at Illinois Home and had our Masquerade Ball. Unfortunately we could not have the Kentucky Home boys over as our guests, due to events out of our control, but another girl's home, North Carolina, was able to make an appearance. All of us had a great time together from making our masks, making the food and dancing the night away. We plan on having another party to say farewell to the seniors in April.



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Have you heard about our "Big Road Trip"? In the past Illinois home has visited Mall of America in Minnesota. However, this year we were trying to pull all the stops and try for something bigger. What we attempted to plan for was a trip in November to Niagara Falls, but due to the complexities of passports and other hassles, we pointed our compass to the south.



We plan to leave during spring break in late March and head to Tennessee. We will visit some of you at various Moose Lodges along the way to show our thanks. As we pass through Kentucky we will stop at Michelle's home town of Louisville. After that we will head to Nashville, Atlanta Georgia and then, if possible, stop in Memphis on the way home. If you would like to help us out in any way to plan for this trip feel free to call or email us.



Now we will take the time in this issue to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!!** We do hope that all of you have a safe and enjoyable time with family and friends. May you be blessed in the new year.

