

Ray of Hope Homeschool Co-op

**Handbook
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Purpose

This group exists to bring local homeschool families together for brief, focused lessons balanced with dedicated time for social interaction and community building.

Mission Statement

We are dedicated to providing a Christ-centered, cooperative learning environment that fosters both academic growth and social connections. By using our God-given gifts and talents, we strive to meet the unique needs of our homeschool students while mentoring and encouraging their families.

Instructions

Please read the handbook carefully. If you have any questions please reach out to an Admin or Jennifer DeSear. We will answer any questions you have. Please print the Family Information, Student Information and the Print and sign pages and turn in to finish registraion.

Classes

Regular Classes

We meet every Wednesday from 10-1 at different libraries for classes then the last Wednesday of the month will be a field trip

Homesteading and Survival

We will be meeting twice a month at the park:

Myakka City Community Park
10060 Wauchula Rd, Myakka City, FL 34251

Field Trips

We will meet at the trip's destination 20min before start time which is 10am. A bag lunch and extra water is recommended. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for a fun, comfortable day. Payment for the field trips due at the beginning of the month.

Extra Field Trips

We will have extra field trips that will not be paid by the co-op. You can receive a receipt so you can put in for a Step Up refund. Payments must be done at the beginning of the month.

Expectations

We intend to bring together homeschooling families to support each other in their calling of teaching their children at home. Our goal is to provide a wholesome educational experience in a small group setting, while working in a cooperative manner with parents to fulfill many different roles within the co-op. We are here to support each other and help instill a lifetime love of learning in each other's children.

What we EXPECT from the parents:

1. Help set-up or clean-up after every class.
2. Co-op is not a drop-off group. You must be present for the entire class (we understand emergencies)
3. Make Co-op a priority in your schedule. Co-op starts at 10am whether you are here or not.

What we Expect from the Students:

1. Show respect to all adults and students
2. Help clean-up after themselves
3. Participate in classes

Our group can only function when everyone is pitching in and sharing in the work.

If you cannot commit to these expectations then this may not be the season for you to be a co-op member.

“NO” bullying, fighting, use of profanity, verbal assaults, illegal substances, and weapons.

Photo Release

Throughout the school year, we take photographs of homeschool activities involving students. These photos may include your child's participation, either directly or indirectly. We would like your permission to share these images on our private Homeschool's page or website to celebrate and document our community's experiences.

If you have any concerns or prefer that your child's photos not be used, please let us know.

Disciplinary Action

In an effort to provide a safe and encouraging learning environment for our students the following guidelines will be enforced.

General Argument / Disagreement: Any basic conflict that is stopped in a timely manner by either administration or parents will not hold disciplinary action.

Physical Altercation(no weapons): Any physical conflict that involves contact on another's body will result in a 30 day suspension from ALL co-op activities. **NO** refunds are given.

Physical Altercation(Weapon Involved): Any weapon involvement of any kind will result in an **AUTOMATIC TERMINATION** from the co-op and authorities will be called if necessary. **NO** refunds are given.

Verbal Death Threat: Any verbal threat of intentional harm or death will result in **AUTOMATIC TERMINATION** from the co-op and authorities will be called. **NO** refunds are given.

Bullying: We take bullying seriously and the following will be applied.

1st Offense: A meeting with the child, parents and admin will be held.

2nd Offense: 30 day suspension from all co-op activities with **NO** refunds

3rd Offense: Termination from co-op with **NO** refund.

Sick Policy

***PLEASE** do not come to the co-op if anyone in your family has had the stomach bug in the last 72 hours, especially if you have more than one child.

***PLEASE** do not come to the co-op if anyone has had a fever for any reason or yellow/green mucus in the last 24 hours.

We understand that allergies do exist. If you know your child and believe their symptoms are allergy related, they are welcome.

Food Allergies

Due to food allergies any shared food must have an ingredients list attached. We will do our best to make sure there is food accommodation. If you have certain foods that you choose not to let your child eat for personal reasons then that will be your responsibility.

Phone Use

Please leave ALL phones on silence mode and please only use them in an emergency as the children are the main focus.

Fees Schedule

Fees are due the **FIRST** of each quarter, semester or the beginning of the year. We are a Step up Provider for those who have it.

Registration Fees - \$50 per student per year

Regular Wednesday Co-op - Per student

Quarter - \$450

Semester - \$900

Year - \$1800

Homestead and Survival - Per Student

Quarter - \$300

Semester - \$500

Year - \$1000

Sponsorship

We ask everyone to bring in one sponsor per year. This helps offset any extra costs for classes, parties, trips and material. We are a tax write-off.

Scholarship

If you are on scholarship you are asked to bring in two sponsors to help cover your child's costs.

Print and Sign

Photo Release: I understand that pictures of my children may be used on the website or social media pages.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Expectations: I understand the expectations of the parents and students:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Disciplinary Actions: I understand the rules of the Co-op.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Fees: I understand the fee schedule and will pay

Quarter Semester Year

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Family Information

Parents Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Student Information

Name: _____

Nickname: _____ DOB: _____

Like/Dislikes: _____

Grade: _____

Learning Issues: _____

Allergies/Reaction: _____

Behavioral Must Knows: _____

Medical Must Knows: _____

Extra Info: _____
