



Creekside Homeschool Co-op Ministry

Purpose

- Provide information for homeschool families.
- Distribute homeschool materials vital for home educators.
- Provide whatever programs and services that are deemed necessary by the membership of this organization and schedule.
- Provide activities, seminars, workshops, and other educational services that will help families interested in home education.
- Protect the freedom of home education in our community and the state of North Carolina.

Vision

The vision of this coop is to assist the growing Christian home education community in the southwest area of Jacksonville, NC. That allows parents to make personal educational choices for their children and supports the group-based classes needed. As a homeschool support group, it is our goal to provide a place of encouragement and information for parents and guardians who choose to teach their children at home.

Mission Statement

We provide a Christian world view and set out to educate our children with structure and guidance. Pursuing a solid academic education that values God's word and encourages children to seek God first.

Church Committee

Church Liaison committee, who would have final approval for all Legal requirements, budget cost to parents, and keeping finances self-supportive for the coop, including facilities fees, course curriculum, Tutor for high school classes, marketing, and scheduling for the Co-op.

A committee of a director/directors, 2 church members with education experience, and 2 church members appointed by the church's Nominating Committee.

The committee would consist of the director, a representative for high school ages, a representative for elementary/middle school ages, and two church members at large.

The committee will meet quarterly and shall meet at least two times a year to plan and review goals and activities. Special meetings can be called with a 24-hour notice. Special meetings can be held behind closed doors for the purpose of resolving any disputes or differences within the group.

Committee members will service terms are determined on a yearly basis following the school year, September 1 to August 31.

School Year

School will be in session from September to May, 14 weeks per semester. A calendar of events & closures will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

Class Days

The Co-op will provide classes for elementary-aged children one day per week. High School classes will be held one to two days per week, one in conjunction with the elementary-aged classes. Classes will be in session from 9 am to 1 pm. Open assembly would start with a 20-minute pastor led time, devotional or teaching, followed by classes offered.

Classes

Elementary classes and Middle school would be parent-led with curriculum approved by the coop committee, by parents on rotation.

Examples of elementary and middle school classes offered:

- Science
- Music
- Geography
- Health/PE
- High school classes taught by committee-approved Tutors.

Examples of high schools' classes offered:

- Writing
- Music
- Government
- Art
- Public Speaking

All classes would be individually priced, and report cards given for high school classes to parents at the end of each semester.

Parent's Bible study available for parents not assisting in classes.

Planning schedule

The committee will approve meet up days and schedule for each semester.

Family Membership Fee

There would be a membership fee for each family that would cover the cost for building usage/ cleaning, any insurance requirements, background checks, and any other miscellaneous costs. This cost should range from \$50-\$75 per family, per semester. Membership Fee will be the primary source of funds for operational expenses.

Class Fees

Fees per class will be determined by curriculum cost, books, supply fee (as required) & Tutor fees (high school only) each semester. A course catalog with course fees will be provided at the beginning of each semester. The fee schedule will be provided prior to each semester's enrollment period.

Church Reimbursement

The Homeschool Co-op will reimburse the church for building use & cleaning fees at 20% of the gross fees per semester. CHC will reimburse BCBC for background checks when invoiced.

Legal

The church committee would develop the Co-op statement of faith, bylaws, waivers, and requirements for members. Examples have been included and are subject to committee approval.

Marketing

An online web page or link on the church's page/Facebook page for the group/ Homeschool curriculum swap days.

Member Expectations •

We focus on support and friendship among families.

- Each family is responsible for their safety and well-being during activities. Use of appropriate safety devices such as helmets, pads, gloves, and eyewear when instructed.
- Use of obscene gestures or language when attending activities is prohibited. Members are expected to display good character.
- Proper attire is essential. Clothing is to be modest. No logos with lewd language, images, or anti-religious statements will be allowed.
- Members shall not bring guns, knives, or other weapons to our group activities and meetings. Parent-approved toys are acceptable.
- CHC will not tolerate violent outbursts, whether verbal or physical, by its members or children during activities and meetings.
- Members shall not insult other members.
- If a member, child of a member, or guest of a member damages property that belongs to Blue Creek Baptist church, then the member is solely liable for the replacement or purchase of the damaged property.
- Members are to support each other and maintain an atmosphere of unity and congruence by not spreading discontention AND discord.
- If at any time a member of Creekside Homeschool Co-op is found to be in violation of any of this agreement, they shall be notified in writing as to the violation and asked to refrain from such behavior. If, after the first written warning, they continue to show disregard for rules, a special meeting may be held to vote the offending member out of the group.

Creekside Co-op Ministry aligns with the Blue Creek Baptist Church's Statement of Faith

The Holy Bible, consisting of the Old Testament and New Testament, is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for our statement of faith, under Headship of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:1, Colossians 1:18) and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26, John 16:7). The Church adheres to the doctrinal statement of the Baptist Faith and Message as found within the Church Covenant (Article II, Church Covenant j, as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention of 2000. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, to preach the Gospel, to teach the Bible, to train its members for Christian service, to publicize, promote and participate in a program of local and world missions and to encourage acquaintanceship, brotherly love and a mutual assistance among its members. See Article II, Church Covenant. The ordinances of the Church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

