

Creekside Homeschool Co-op Parent Handbook



Vision

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

What is Homeschool Co-op

A Co-op is a community of home educators that come together to see that families are empowered for home education and to allow them to have a social structure conducive to wholesome education.

Objectives

- Spiritual -To develop an awareness of God and that He is with us in all areas of activity.
- Emotional and Social -To develop emotional control in meeting situations with a reasonable amount of stability. To accept responsibility and respect the property of others. To develop friendships and respect with others in conversation and life.

School Fees

Per Semester

- Membership fee (New Families): \$75
- Membership fee (Returning Families): \$50
- Background Check: \$20
- Class Fee (Pre-K–8th Grade): \$20 per child
- High School Class Fee: To be determined (TBD)

Annual Payment Discount

Families who pay their fees in full for the entire school year will receive discounted rates:

- Annual membership fee : \$110
- Annual Class Fees (Both Semesters): \$30 per child

School Hours

Mondays 9 am-1 pm

School Calendar

Please refer to our school calendar listing the holidays our school will be observing. In the event of inclement weather, decisions regarding delays or cancellations will be made either the day before or at the same time as Onslow county schools announces its closings or delays. In case of bad weather, check our website at www.bluecreekbaptist.com or facebook page.

Emergency

Parents must list at least two emergency contacts for their family. This person must be in the local area and will be contacted only if the administration/Tutor is unable to contact the parent in the event of an emergency.

Absences

If the child is to be absent for any length of time, tell the Tutor or notify the Co-op Administration. If the absence is for an extended period, the Co-op fees will not be refunded.

Absence Policy

The Homeschool Co-op places a high priority on attendance to ensure the children benefit from the educational and social experiences provided. However, we recognize that unforeseen circumstances such as illness, emergencies, or inclement weather may necessitate absences. Below are the guidelines and policies regarding absences at our Co-op:

Reporting Absences

Parents must inform the administration or Tutor as soon as possible if their child will be absent from the Co-op. Early communication enables proper planning and coordination. Absences due to illness should be reported with details regarding the nature of the illness to ensure the safety and well-being of other children. Parents must find and get approval for a replacement for any class they are assisting in from the co-directors.

Bad Weather Policy

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This absence policy aims to foster a safe and efficient learning environment while accommodating the realities of family life and unforeseen circumstances.

Child Illness

The health and well-being of the children enrolled in the Co-op is a priority. Every effort is made to stop the spread of communicable diseases. Parents are asked to assist tutors by not bringing sick children to Co-op.

Communicable Childhood Diseases

Parents will be contacted and requested to leave if any of the following symptoms are present. Students contracting the following may not attend Co-op until they have been properly treated. A doctor's certification may be requested. Parents will be notified of any known communicable diseases to which children may have been exposed.

Fever over 101°F, chickenpox, measles, mumps, diarrhea, pneumonia, severe cough, jaundice, scabies, impetigo, rash, ringworm, head lice, conjunctivitis, vomiting, or COVID.

Clothing and Personal Items

- Your child will need a book bag to carry their belongings to and from Co-op.
- Shoes should have ties or buckles, closed toe shoes, soles that will not slip or slide. We ask that children not wear “flip-flops”, or any other shoe that are dangerous when running.
- Proper attire is essential. Clothing is to be modest. No logos with lewd language, images, or anti-religious statements will be allowed.

Messages/Questions

You may leave a message with the church office or Co-op Administration or email at Creekside@bluecreekbaptist.com. Please do not text the Tutors to chat during class time.

Complaints/ suggestions

If at any time you have a question or concern, please bring it to our attention.

Parents wishing to make a complaint regarding the program or any of its Leaders/Tutors may do so by directing their concerns to the administration. Complaints directed only to the administration will be kept on file.

Any concerns, comments, or suggestions for improvement should be brought to the attention of the administration. We welcome parental input and encourage suggestions. We have a commitment to continuous improvement of the services we provide.