

2026/2027 Welcome Packet

Hi Friend!

Welcome to Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative! We are excited that you have decided to join us this year and look forward to an enjoyable year.

This packet includes the details of the year, plus the academic plan. Nothing is required in terms of curriculum, but you may need to provide a few suppplies. You will find the links to the recommended curriculum in the Schedule section. The Amazon links are affiliate links, which means Rooted Homeschool earns a small commission on purchases made after the link has been clicked at no extra cost to you. These links are also on the website and would be an excellent way for friends and family to help support our children.

We have included the 2026/2027 dates for planning purposes, the building rules, and group expectations. There is also an invite to the band app to stay informed and up-to-date with changes and events, if you haven't already joined.

We will have our first meeting on September 11th, a meet-and-greet fun day at Hemlock Lake Park. Our first meeting day with classes at Haven Gray will be September 18.

Please bring all completed waivers and agreements on September 11.

Please contact us through email or the band app if you have any questions. You can also reply to any of our emails.

We are excited to get to know you and discover what God has planned for our group this year.

We'll see you soon!

In Him
Lucille, Samantha, Bridget, and Bridgette

The Vision

Our Mission

We are a co-op grounded in the Christian worldview, seeking to glorify God in all things. Families learn together in a holistic, age-integrated environment with break-out sessions to meet the specific needs of various age groups. This type of structure facilitates family unity and ignites excitement in students for their studies. When children develop a passion for learning, they become initiators in discussing important topics, expressing themselves through writing, creatively pursuing goals, directing projects, and even starting businesses.

Core Subjects and Curriculum-

Weare a project and literature-based co-op requiring parents to participate in the educational process as teachers and facilitators. Parent instructors will find support by serving within their giftings and areas of expertise. Operating core classes from standard curricula unifies our group and strengthens each family's quest to cover required subjects adequately.

Extra Classes-

Weanticipate additional educational experiences from our core class interaction. These activities will be scheduled as needed outside of the core class day. They may include field trips, extra-curricular classes, and electives- all of which will build life skills and create ever-growing opportunities for our young people.

Socialization-

Community is the fruit of a shared journey. As families share the rich learning experience and grow together, we are confident that meaningful, lasting friendships will result for both students and parents.

The Format

The RootedFamily Homeschool Co-op will begin the second Friday of September 2026 and end the second Friday in May 2027. Here are the important dates for this coming school year.

September 11, 2026- Meet and Greet at Hemlock Lake Park
September 18, 2026 - First Meeting Day for classes
November 27, 2026 - Thanksgiving Break
December 25, 2026- Christmas Break
January 1, 2027- New Year's Day
March 26, 2027 - Easter Break
May 7, 2027 - Last Meeting Day (at Faith Fellowship Church)
May 10, 2027 - End of Year Open House Program
May 14, 2027- End of Year Park Picnic

This co-op is not a drop-off program but one where we all come together to create a learning environment where our children can thrive. Therefore, all families will take turns teaching and supporting whoever is teaching while keeping everyone with their most comfortable age group and subject. When you pre-register, please designate which subjects and ages you would like to teach or help organize.

Families are welcome to use whatever curriculum they choose at home, whether it follows along with our lessons or not. Our weekly meeting day will provide stand-alone lessons with activities for children to engage with the material. Projects will be worked on during class.

Throughout the year, there are extra opportunities for activities and field trips. All are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose in the extra activities, which include field trips, life skills opportunities, organized games and gym, and other additional classes.

Our year will culminate in May with a ceremony showcasing our students' work and achievements. Each family will be provided a table to display work and projects done through the co-op and at home. Friends, family members, and prospective families are welcome to attend.

Below is the tentative schedule for each group of students:

The Schedules

Preschool

The preschool-aged children will stay together either playing in the small room and dojo with the moms or participating in the classes with the youngest group, ages 5-9, as they are able. There is no teaching or curriculum planned for this age group.

Ages 5-9

9:30 a.m. – Morning Gathering/Music
10:00 a.m. – Storytime/Writing
10:30 a.m. – Science
11:00 a.m. – Lunch
11:30 p.m. – Art
12:00 p.m.– Presentations
12:30 p.m.- Circle Time
***1*:00 p.m. – Gym**
1:30 -2:00 p.m.- Clean Up and Dismissal Time

Ages 9-13

9:30 a.m. – Morning Gathering/Music
10:30 a.m. – Science
11:30 p.m. – Lunch
12:00 p.m. – Gym
12:30 p.m. – Investigation Studio
1:30 -2:00 p.m.- Clean Up and Dismissal Time

Ages 14-18

9:30 a.m. – Morning Gathering/Music
10:30 a.m. – Science
11:30 a.m. – Gym
12:00 p.m. – Investigation Studio
1:30 -2:00 p.m.- Clean Up and Dismissal Time

Statement of Faith

- We believein thedeityofJesus Christ as the second person of the Trinity (Father, Son, andHoly Spirit).(Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)
- We believe all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
- We believe salvation is by faith alone in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- We believe the Bible is the word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Revelation 22:18-19)
- We believe our lives and all we do should glorify God and point others to Christ, making disciples and furthering God's kingdom. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

The Expectations

Family Participation
Everyone is gifted differently and serves in some way. If the thought of teaching makes you break out in a sweat, it's ok. Other support, hospitality, administration, and coordination positions need to be filled. This group is intended to be life-giving and should relieve some of the pressure of homeschooling.

Field Trips and Extra Classes
From time to time, field trips and extra classes are available. Depending on the field trip, activity, or class instructor, this day will sometimes have additional costs. The yearly registration fee does not include the cost of extra activities. Participation is entirely voluntary with each event offered.

Fundraising
To keep our costs low, we need to do a couple of fundraisers throughout the year. We need ideas and someone to head up this important aspect of our group.

Meeting Day

Our goal is to provide a fun and functional school day that can be sufficient for certain subject requirements with minimal, if any, effort at home. We also need the children to stay safe during meeting hours. So here are some basic expectations that need to be followed to keep our program running smoothly:

1. Children must remain in the building during meeting day.

2. Running is not allowed within the building except for designated areas and lessons.

3. Outside doors must remain closed.

4. Haven Gray's building rules must be respected, as laid out in the Student Conduct Agreement (section below).

5. This is not a drop-off program, so if you cannot attend that day, you must arrange for another person to be responsible for your child(ren).

6. Adults are encouraged to participate in the learning times with the kids so that good student behaviors are modeled.

7. Parents are responsible for disciplining their children, although a teacher may speak to a child if the parent is not present in the classroom.

8. We will eat lunch together, but families must bring their own lunch. There is limited refrigeration space and a kitchenette available.

9. You are expected to clean up after yourselves and participate in group cleaning time.

End-of-year program
We plan to have an end-of-year open house program on May 10, 2027. This event will be for families, grandparents, extended family, and friends to view schoolwork, projects, and musical performances. Be thinking about what you want to display as your child(ren) complete projects. Some families use cardboard displays with tablecloths, and some families just lay items out on the table. You can do as little or as much as you choose.

Discipline and Conflict Resolution
Inevitably, there will be discipline and conflict resolution needs. In the classroom, a teacher may verbally correct a child once, kindly, before calling in the parent. No corporal punishment may be used. Disruptive behavior will make the experience unpleasant for the teacher and other students and inhibit learning. If the disruptive behavior is not corrected after it has been brought to the parent, it will be brought to the leadership team and addressed.

We expect adults to handle conflicts in a proactive Biblical way, modeled after Jesus' words in Matthew 18:15-17- first privately between the people involved in the conflict and then brought to leadership for mediation if a resolution cannot be reached privately. Should an ongoing issue not be resolved and the Statement of Faith not be respected, leadership may ask a family to leave the group without a refund of registration fees.

Communication

Please join us in the Band App! If you follow this invitation link, you will be added to the group, which allows you to keep up with information, news, and connections.

~~You're invited to join us on Band!~~

Waivers and Agreements

Below are the waivers and agreements we need you to fill out and sign. Please either scan and email them to admin@rootedfamily.org or bring them to the first meeting on September 11th.

Conduct Agreement

Students (and anyone associated with Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op) will respect the building.

1. No one (students, parents, siblings, etc.) is allowed to wander the building. Anyone associated with Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op may only use the designated restroom and classrooms. In case of an emergency, parents may escort their children to an alternative restroom on a different floor. (Other organizations are conducting business in other areas of the building. We want to be polite, quiet, and respectful of everyone's space.)
2. All food and drinks, including snacks, must be left in the classroom with the kitchenette. Only water is allowed in the other classrooms. Please clean up any mess you make, including spills, crumbs, wrappers, etc. If you need cleaning supplies, please ask Bridgette Heap.
3. We will leave the building better than we found it. Because there is no cleaning staff, we are responsible for our mess. Parents, please take the initiative to check the space being used by your children and to keep it clean. Please be considerate of the building and others who need to use it after us.
4. When coming and going to the building, please be respectful of the neighbors' properties. Please do not go on their properties.
5. When parking, please use the parking lot behind Community Bank. Please leave the limited parking spaces in front of the building for families with infants.

Students (and anyone associated with Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op) will be respectful to others.

1. Students must follow classroom etiquette. The leadership team may dismiss families from the co-op without a refund.
2. Students should be willing to participate in all activities, asking questions and sharing their opinions where appropriate.
3. There will be no running, yelling, or roughhousing in the building. We will respect the building and each other and maintain a fun but respectful learning atmosphere.

Everyone should have fun, enjoy community, and learn!!

Conduct Agreement

I, _____, agree to conduct myself with godly character and to follow directions and all the classroom rules. I also agree to have fun!

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Student's Signature Date

This agreement applies to participation in the Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative during the 2026-2027 school year and supersedes any prior version of this agreement for the 2026-2027 cooperative school year.

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Social Media and Photo Release

I, _____ (parent's name), give Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative permission for myself and my children, listed below, who are under 18, to participate and appear in video or audio recordings, films, photographs, written articles, or on websites and social media sites.

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I am further requesting these conditions for photo, video, and audio recordings on the website and social media for my family:

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Teacher Agreement

As a teacher for Rooted Homeschool Co-op, I, _____, agree to the following:

•I will respect that this is a co-op founded on a Christian worldview and will refrain from promoting secular agendas.

•I will respect the statement of faith laid out for this co-op, even if it differs from my own beliefs. In addition, I acknowledge that everyone's faith and worldview impact every part of a person's life.

•I will conduct myself with moral, godly character as a role model and mentor to the children in my care.

•As a teacher, I understand that I am not in authority but am coming alongside the other parents to help facilitate learning, as other teachers do for me and my family.

•I will act respectfully toward the other parents participating in the co-op and acknowledge that this may require personal stretching among all involved.

•I understand that being a teacher will require me to seek truth with an open heart and willing spirit to learn and experience personal growth as I teach the students.

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Parent's Signature Date

This agreement applies to participation in the Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative during the 2026-2027 school year and supersedes any prior version of this agreement for the 2026-2027 cooperative school year.

Waiver of Liability

I, _____ (parent's name), understand and am familiar with the Co-op offered by Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op and willfully choose to enroll my family. I acknowledge that there is a risk of injury for my family when participating in this program. In consideration of the facility and location provided to my family, I forever release, discharge, and hold harmless Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op, Haven Gray, and any of its employees, representatives, or members from all liability or claim.

Medical Emergency: I consent to any employee or representative of Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op seeking reasonable medical treatment, emergency or otherwise, at any time for myself or my children. I agree to be liable for the cost of such treatment.

Additional Waiver: I hereby grant Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op to lawfully photograph and/or videotape my child for educational or marketing purposes.

I, the undersigned, have read, understood, and agree with all the above terms:

Student's First & Last Name (print): _____

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Parent's First & Last Name (print) _____

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