



# 2024/2025 Registration Packet

# Hi Friend!

We appreciate your interest in Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative. We are excited you are considering linking arms with us as we provide our children with extra social and academic experiences. Homeschooling alone is hard, but everything is better with a friend.

As the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, “two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” Together we will be able to support each other, come alongside the children when there are learning difficulties, hold each other up and pray for each other when trials come. We’ll also enjoy celebrating the good times.

If you desire your kids to become grounded in Truth, develop a strong faith with like-minded friends, and withstand the pressures of a secular culture, you’re in the right place. That’s the heart behind Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative. Together, we can give our children a safe, enriching learning environment that fosters creativity and critical thinking.

As you prayerfully consider joining this co-op, we have put together a packet of information that will give you a clear understanding of what we are planning to do, the direction we are going, and what will be expected.

Again, we are so very excited your family is considering joining our families in the Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative!

In Him,

*Bridgette, Samantha, Bridget, and Lucille*

# 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-**

We are a curriculum 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-**

We anticipate 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 Rooted Family Homeschool Co-op will begin the first week of September 2024 and end the week before Memorial Day in May 2025. Our co-op meets on Fridays.

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.

Since we are a curriculum-based co-op, we will use curriculum to provide structure, making our classes quarterly report friendly. However, 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 review lessons taught throughout the week with additional activities for children to engage with the material.

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 student's work and achievements. Friends, family members, and prospective families are welcome to attend.

# The Schedule

## **9:00 – Morning Gathering**

Morning time centers around a character-building devotional, sharing, and prayer.

## **9:30 – Writing**

Based on the Brave Writer curriculum, our students learn to find their voice and writing style while studying literature. There will also be a focus on grammar.

## **10:30 – Science**

Our topic of study is Botany for this coming year. We are basing our studies on the Guest Hollow Botany Curriculum and creating interactive, hands-on lessons. We were blessed to be awarded a grant from Cornell University's Ag in the Classroom and will be doing a special worm composting project throughout the year.

## **11:15 – Music/History**

This time is history for the older children and music for the younger group. This year, we will be studying American History using the Land of Hope, US, The Land of Hope Young Readers edition, and the Hillsdale free course entitled Land of Hope as our base curriculum. In music, the focus for all ages is actively working all the muscles that grow strong musicians: beat and rhythm, ear training, and creative instruction. Using mainly their voices and bodies as instruments, students will experience choral pieces, improv, and write their own songs.

## **12:00 – Gym/History/Music**

Our older students will get some gym time, while the younger group will explore the Liberty Kid's videos while eating lunch.

## **12:30 – Lunch/Gym**

The two groups will switch, and the older students will eat lunch while the younger students participate in gym activities.

### **1:00 – Music/Art**

After lunch, the older students will move to music, and the younger group will enjoy art projects.

### **1:45 – Art/Quiet Activities**

Following music, the older students receive art instruction, while the younger students enjoy quiet activities like storytime, puzzles, building blocks, and coloring.

### **2:30 – Dismissal Time**

## **Statement of Faith**

- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ as the second person of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy 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

## **Welcome Packet**

You can expect a welcome packet from us shortly after you register. In this welcome packet, you will receive all the information you need for a successful school year with us, including an invitation to the Band app and all the forms that must be completed and brought to the first meeting day.

## **Communication**

Our primary avenue of communication is through email and the Band App. A Google Calendar is set up and will be updated with all the events and extra classes available, which will also be available in Band. Band invitations will be in the Welcome Packet.

## **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.

## **The Format and Curriculum**

Rooted Family is curriculum and literature-based. That means that we are using curriculum to drive our activities but also allowing for supplemental materials to enhance our topics of study. There are three ways you can use this co-op with your homeschool. You can use the curriculum we use in your homeschool as much or as little as you like. You can also choose your own curriculum, but stay with the topics we cover each week. You can also do something entirely different and just come anyway, letting what the children learn here be in addition to what you do at home.

### **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.

### **End-of-year program**

We plan to have an open house sometime in May. This event will be for families, grandparents, extended family, and friends to view schoolwork, projects, and musical performances.

### **Meeting Day**

Our goal is to provide a fun and functional school day that can be sufficient for a subject's 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 (included in the Welcome Packet).
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 expected 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 the group cleaning time.

### **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.

## **Registration Fees**

The annual registration fee for the 2024/25 school year is \$395. Filling out the pre-registration form will allow us to contact you when the details for the upcoming year are set, and registration is open.

# Still have questions?

Visit us at [rootedfamily.org](http://rootedfamily.org) and fill out the contact form, or email us at [admin@rootedfamily.org](mailto:admin@rootedfamily.org)

## Preschool Opportunity

Rooted Family will not have a stand-alone preschool program. Instead, our family-style model encourages all age groups to learn together. Enrollment for ages 0-4 is only available for families with school-age children enrolled in Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative.

We encourage you to consider Faith Fellowship Church's preschool program if you are looking for a formal preschool program for three to 5-year-olds. They are currently enrolling!

Contact Betsy Flickner for more information:

**WALK BY FAITH MINISTRY**  
LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME ... MATTHEW 19:14

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