



2024/2025

Hybrid High School

Registration Packet

Hi, Friend!

We appreciate your interest in Rooted Family Homeschool Cooperative's High School Option. We are excited you are considering linking arms with us as we provide extra social and academic experiences for our high schoolers. Homeschooling high school alone can be challenging, but everything is truly better with a friend. We believe that goes for parents and students alike.

As the Bible says in Eccleasies 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 kids when there are learning troubles, hold each other up and pray for each other when trials come, and celebrate the good times in life.

In such a time as this, giving our children friends with the same faith will help them learn to stand firm and, Lord-willing, deepen their faith.

If you desire your kids to become grounded in Truth, develop a strong faith, 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 kids 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,

Samantha and Lucille

General Information

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 high school co-op meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Faith Fellowship Church in Lakeville, NY.

Designed around Rooted Family's philosophy of engaging students in a way that lets their gifts, talents, and interests shine, our hybrid-model high school co-op meets twice weekly. It has independent assignments for the other three days. Students come together to learn collaboratively and hands-on while developing critical age-appropriate skills, like time management, with the accountability of their peers and facilitating adults. While still parent-led, there will be a group of parents per subject setting assignments and lessons with some rotation so that a parent does not have to be at every meeting day.

The day is designed with longer study times while providing more time for the in-depth activities and discussions that high-school-aged students need. It also further meets the needs of our high schoolers as they begin to be more independent and step out into life, providing space to learn away from the chaos of younger siblings and the oversight of many adults while still having outside authority. Assignments and work will be organized in Google Classroom so that they begin to develop time management skills within the bounds of peer and adult accountability. This environment starts to mimic the work or college environment they will soon be a part of.

Our student's learning and development will be uniquely supported in a God-honoring way that prepares them for their careers or college education, depending on their future goals.

There may be extra opportunities for activities and field trips throughout the year. All are welcome to participate as much or as little as they choose. Additional costs may apply for the extra opportunities.

Rooted Family 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-based co-op requiring parents to participate as teachers and facilitators in the educational process. 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.

Schedule

8:45 am – Morning Gathering

Students arrive, and the day will be opened with prayer.

9:00 am – STEM Track

In this ninety-minute track, students will complete lessons in science with labs, math, critical thinking, and field studies throughout the year.

10:30 am – ELA Track

In this ninety-minute track, lessons will engage the students with writing lab/ composition, literary discussion, speech/debate, and mass communications.

12:00 – Lunch

12:30 – Gym/History

Tuesdays will be for gym and health, while on Thursdays, the students' lessons will include current events, history, geography, world cultures, economics, and personal finance.

2:00 – Dismissal

(Upon registration, the Welcome Packet will provide a complete curriculum and materials list.)

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.

Parent Participation

Parents will work together to put together the lessons and assignments, populate the assignments in Google Classroom, and take turns facilitating meeting days.

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. Subjects are grouped into three tracks using the skills our students already have, allowing them to dive deep into their topic of study. Our high schoolers will meet for collaborative learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays with assignments in Google Classroom for the remaining days.

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

Our end-of-year program doubles as an open house sometime in May. This event allows families, grandparents, extended family, friends, and prospective families to view schoolwork, projects, and musical performances.

Meeting Day

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. Students 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. Faith Fellowship's building rules must be respected, as laid out in the Student Conduct Agreement (included in the Welcome Packet).
5. We will eat lunch together, but each student must bring their own lunch. There is limited refrigeration space and a kitchenette available.
6. Students are expected to clean up after themselves 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 high school registration fee for the 2024/25 school year is \$500 for parent participation and \$1500 for a drop-off option. 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 and fill out the contact form, or email us at admin@rootedfamily.org