

C.H.E.E.F.

- **Welcome!** We are so glad you are joining us. CHEEF was started almost 30 years ago by moms who wanted to encourage one another in their homeschool journey. Today our group is made up of over 50 Christian families who are teaching and training their children at home. Our 2023-2024 joining fee is \$40. If you pay at the Kickoff Meeting, the cost is \$35. Please see Cherise Slisher after the meeting. Checks can be made out to CHEEF. If you would like to pay after the meeting, please send it to: Cherise Slisher 3103 Margo St., Huron OH 44839
- All members must read and sign our **Statement of Faith** and **Code of Conduct**. A copy will be kept with our secretary. Please do not sign our Statement of Faith if our Biblical doctrines do not align with your own personal convictions. We are a small Christian homeschool group with the desire to fellowship with like-minded Believers.
- Please check out our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.homeschool-life.com/oh/cheef>.
 - Access to our website is given after payment is made and our Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct have been signed.
 - Current members will be “parked” until access is approved. Once you can log back in, please update your child’s grade level and make sure all other information is correct (birthday(s), all contact information, and any allergy/medical concerns).
 - New members will need to request membership. After approval, please make sure to fill in all family and contact information.
 - Note: On the website, “secondary name” refers to your spouse.
 - It is important for all members to include updated contact information. Our primary means of communication is via the website, but we also use email, text, and calling when necessary.
 - Once you can login, all members can browse the events calendar, look up other families, and sign up for activities.
 - Note: Information on our website is private and available to members only.
- **Events Calendar and Signing Up**
 - This year there will be a change to our events’ sign-up procedure. Sign-ups will open on August 11th. You will only be able to sign up for events 2 months before they are scheduled. You will still be able to view future events on the calendar.
 - Please make sure to read the whole event description and only sign up adults if it says so in the comments. If an adult signs up when they are not supposed to, it takes a child’s spot.

- All events must be paid for in cash. Please make a note of when the money is due. It is your responsibility to turn your money in on time. Note: Some event coordinators *may* allow payments to be made to their own personal PayPal account.
 - If you must cancel attendance at an event, please do so on the website and text the coordinator ***as soon as possible*** so they can notify families on the waiting list. Many of our events have limited availability. Please do not sign up unless you feel certain you are able to attend. If you are unsure, please wait to sign up. We have had problems with families cancelling at the last minute, which creates problems if an organization has a required minimum to attend. We understand that sickness and other emergencies arise, but please be mindful of other families when making the decision to sign up or cancel an activity.
- **Let's Get Together!** We offer:
 - Physical Fridays (kickball, archery, disc golf, ice skating...)
 - Field Trips (plays, museums, apple orchards, parks...)
 - Holiday Parties (Christmas and Valentine's Day)
 - Teen Activities (bonfires, bowling, game nights...)
 - Mom's Night Out (fellowship and encouragement)
 - Fall and Spring Academic Enrichment Classes (starting in September)
 - **Standardized Testing:** We will no longer be offering group standardized testing. Instructions on how to register for online, at-home testing through BJU Press can be found on our website under CHEEF Documents.
 - Our group is run by **MOMS** helping **MOMS** on their homeschool journey. Please let us know how **YOU** would like to help this year! We can't do it without you! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please text Amanda Voltz at 419-656-9835.
 - **HSLDA** is a Christian, nonprofit organization that helps protect our legal rights to homeschool. Their website offers information on homeschool laws by state, homeschooling a special needs child, recordkeeping, testing, curriculum, and much more. **HSLDA** also works to defend the rights of homeschool families through legal representation. If you would like more information on joining, please see the brochure in your welcome folder. Our group's discount code is 299963.
 - **OHIO** Governor Mike DeWine recently signed House Bill 33 into law. To read about the changes this makes to Ohio's homeschool laws, please visit: <https://hsllda.org/post/new-ohio-law-streamlines-homeschool-reporting-and-increases-freedom?fbclid=IwAR2kvhqAV9cTNHj8mvlI2HfyHsJfLw6W0-f0-j9TMaJSDroouVX3vNRQNHk>

- **ALLERGIES and other MEDICAL CONCERNS:** If your child has a severe allergy or other medical concern, as their parent, you are responsible for meeting their needs. If you are interested in attending an event and would like to request a special menu restriction, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can do our best to accommodate that need. A copy of our allergy/medical letter can be found on our website under CHEEF Documents.
- CHEEF is on **FACEBOOK!** You can request to join our private group by searching “C.H.E.E.F. Chat Group”. We use our chat page to share pictures, encourage one another, and occasionally plan activities not listed on our official calendar. Joining our Facebook group is not required!
- **Fall and Spring Academic Enrichment Classes Information:**
 - In order to not confuse our homeschool group with our co-op classes, we will now be referring to our “co-op” classes as *Academic Enrichment Classes*.
 - Our fall Academic Enrichment Classes will be held at Bellevue Assembly of God. Classes will start September 8th. The deadline to sign up is August 21st. Sign-up is available on our website.
- Our CHEEF homeschool group is run by a **BOARD** of seven current or former members. The responsibility of the board is to oversee the running of the group, handle the finances, deal with any conflicts within the group, make decisions concerning the future of the group, and uphold our conservative Christian values. Current board members:
 - President: Melinda Leonetti
 - Vice-President: Amanda Voltz
 - Secretary: Cindy Paakkonen
 - Treasurer: Cherise Slisher
 - Advisor: Missy Kelley
 - Advisor: Kaitlyn Gildenmeister
 - Advisor: Jennifer Yost
- Our **ACTIVITY COORDINATORS TEAM** handles all of CHEEF’s activities. Current members:
 - Team Leader: Amanda Voltz
 - Academic Enrichment Classes: Alyssa Chambers and Keyla Sweeney
 - Mom’s Night Out: Carlie Andres
 - Physical Fridays: Jo Towler and Kaitlyn Gildenmeister
 - Field Trips: Jackie Maike
 - Theater: Cherise Slisher
 - Teen Activities: Missy Kelley