

HEDGE Connection Group FAQ

What are the requirements for being a HEDGE Connection Group (CG) member?

To be a CG member, you must be a HEDGE subscriber. To subscribe, obtain a form from your CG Leader or print one from our website at www.homeschool-life.com/ca/hedge.

Who are the CG meetings for?

Any HEDGE subscriber interested in learning more about the particulars of home education, and looking to enjoy the help, encouragement, guidance, advice, listening ear, and fellowship HEDGE CGs offer. Dads are encouraged to attend too!

Where are the CG meetings held?

Meetings are held at a CG member's home, a library, church, or other convenient location as determined by the Group Leader and members.

How do I become a member of a HEDGE CG?

Simply become a HEDGE Subscriber, let a CG Host leader know you would like to become a part of the group, and participate. Usually families participate in the HEDGE CG closest to their home, but sometimes a CG in another location better fits your family. Some CGs may ask you to fill out a "Member Profile" in order to get to know you and serve you more effectively. CG Hosts and members are truly interested in you and in helping you fulfill your role as a home educating parent.

What is required of me once I join a HEDGE CG?

Participation, such as planning a field trip, helping out in an event, or hosting a connection time is a great way to become a part of the group and is encouraged in some groups and required in others. Participation by everyone makes the work light and helps solidify a sense of being part of the group.

Can I bring a friend to a CG event or other HEDGE activity?

Any family privately home educating at least one child is welcome to visit a HEDGE CG or HEDGE activity one time to see what they are all about.

What topics are discussed at the connections?

Meeting topics focus on what CG members want to learn about and discuss. How to teach science (or math, or spelling, or any other subject), important reference books and software to have on hand, school schedules, record keeping, transcripts, chores, or any of innumerable topics are just some of the possibilities. Feel free to give your CG Leader input as to what you would like to see presented or discussed at the meetings.

What is the roster, who has it and how is it used?

A roster is a list of each CG Group Member and pertinent information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) to be used strictly for CG Member purposes. It is given ONLY to other members of your HEDGE CG and the HEDGE Directors.

What do the children do together?

There are many opportunities for students to get together throughout a month. Field trips, park days, preschool play-dates, and, of course, getting together on an individual basis with others in the group for fun, shared teaching (co-ops), etc. HEDGE families may also participate in large group activities offered in HEDGE's monthly newsletter, *The Helm*. There is really no end to how involved your children can be.

What annual events or parties do HEDGE CGs schedule?

Each CG decides what events and parties they will organize for their group. Some ideas could be a yearly Thanksgiving feast, a gingerbread house craft day in December, a visit to a local convalescent home on Valentines' day, an Open House at the "end" of the school year, or a "end of the year" or "back to school" party. There are also regularly scheduled HEDGE-wide field trips and other activities advertised in *The Helm* each month.

What if I have more questions?

Your HEDGE CG Leader, *The Helm*, and the HEDGE website (www.homeschool-life.com/ca/hegde) are all good sources of information for you. You can also leave a message at (559)322-5702, and your message will be forwarded to the person who can best help you. If you are new to home education, you may want to attend our "Discovering Home Education" classes. Let us know if you are interested.

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