

What is S.E.E.K.?

S.E.E.K. Homeschool Group is a community of nearly 70 families that meets together and participates cooperatively to achieve common goals. We share academic and enrichment classes, as well as social opportunities, to support fellow families on the homeschool journey. See the “Membership Details” link on our website for more information about the different levels of membership available.

Tell me more about the S.E.E.K. Co-op classes!

S.E.E.K. co-op meets on **Friday mornings, 9am-2pm, from September through April.**

We gather in the lower-level of Calvary Bible Fellowship Church (Sinking Spring, PA) and attend an array of classes & lessons for all ages. For the year we offer two semesters, with individual classes running either 15 or 30 weeks.

For students, in addition to classes, we offer opportunities to socialize in the Hangout Room, Cafeteria, or outside (weather permitting and with parent helpers supervising). The Hangout Room has tables, couches, and a bin of games, always supervised with two parents each hour. The Cafeteria can be used all day and is the only co-op room that food is permitted to be eaten in; it houses a snack shop with small food items and drinks, open 10am-2pm. Pizza orders can be placed at the snack shop anytime before 10:30am and pizza usually arrives sometime in the 11 o'clock hour. Students can also take advantage of the Quiet Study to do their work, which is in the hallway area right outside of the cafeteria.

For parents, we offer a “Parent Room” where coffee and tea can be sipped alongside comfy couches, adult conversation, and encouragement. When parents are not at their assigned jobs they can take advantage of visiting this room or any of the other locations on the lower level of the church that SEEK uses. Because SEEK is a co-operative endeavor, all members are asked to fill a job need for 2 of their hours at SEEK— parent commitment to this is what enables SEEK to work smoothly and benefit everyone. If unable to attend co-op, parents must find replacements for their jobs, as best they can, using the Parent Job Availability Chart. Parents also must remain on-site while their children are participating, unless approved by leadership.

When arriving at SEEK, members will use the far right door of the church building, follow the hallway that veers to the right and take the stairway to the lower level. Those with strollers or carts MAY use the elevators near the main office. Due to security, the SEEK entrance door will only be opened *from half-past until the top of each hour (30 minutes)*, so it's a benefit to arrive on time. If a member comes to a locked door they will need to call someone they know on the inside, or walk around to the back of the building near the café to be let in. One should NOT buzz the intercom to ask the church office to assist.

What is a day like at S.E.E.K. Co-op?

Around 8:30am, volunteer families arrive and begin setting up for the day by putting out tables and organizing the rooms. Co-op families trickle in at 8:45am, hanging up their coats and putting on name tags. They make note of any information or announcements on the entrance table. From there, members find a “spot” in the hallway or along cafeteria walls to place belongings for the day—being considerate to leave tables for people to eat, not a receptacle for their possessions. Families that wish to order pizza slices, or whole pies, make their way to the snack shop window in the café and add their name to the list before 10:20am. Teachers or parents needing nursery care drop their children off to helping hands. At 8:55am, students and members with jobs head to their places for co-op’s first hour of classes. Students not in class find something to do in the Hangout Room or Café. At 9:50am, classes are dismissed and students flood the hallways to get to their next class or where they can enjoy free time. At 10am the outside area is available for play, weather permitting, and many venture here for some sunlight and fresh air. Throughout the day, students and their families are seen eating lunch in the café, or outside, as their schedule accommodates. As the end of co-op approaches 2pm, assigned volunteers begin breaking down tables and returning rooms to their previous state. The café floor is swept and tables are wiped, each doing their best to leave the space better than they found it. Backpacks and lunchboxes are gathered, so as not to be relinquished to the SEEK lost & found bin. While the last few families depart for home, thoughts linger on what transpired during the day. An encouraging word, learning, fun and fellowship— these are the gifts that S.E.E.K. strives to bring to each Friday.

I’m not interested in the Co-op classes, can I still benefit?

Absolutely! We offer plenty of moments for encouragement and fellowship with our Support Only Membership: summer family picnic, field trips, science fair, service projects, archery club, fun & field day, mom’s night socials, high school socials, standardized testing, presentation night, formal, and graduation ceremony. Any S.E.E.K. activity outside of co-op hours is available for you to attend.