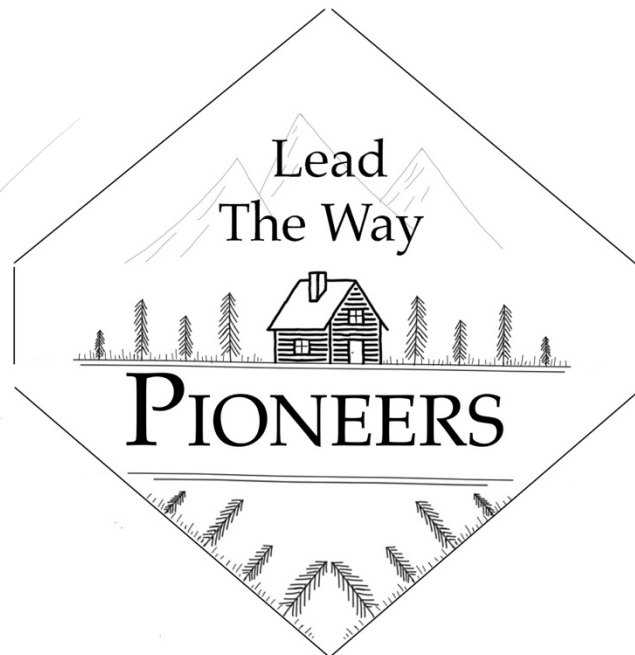


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Homeschool Resource Guide





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This guide was designed to provide information and resources for families seeking to homeschool in the Jackson Area. This is by no means an exhaustive list. All personal names were provided by individual homeschoolers who have worked with and/or have been satisfactorily served by these individuals and/or organizations.

If you know of an organization or individual who desires to provide a service to homeschool families and/or groups and would like them included in this directory, please email your information to Pioneers at pioneerstss@hotmail.com.

God Bless you and your family on this incredible homeschool journey you are on.

Patti Sailor, PIONEERS Director

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HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT & INFORMATION

HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense)

- Legal Counsel, 540-338-5600 <https://hsllda.org/>

-- National Organization. Provides information on homeschool laws state by state and representation, as well as guidance on how to pull your child from a public school.

**In addition, HSLDA provides Great resources on Getting Started, Homeschooling Pre-Schoolers, Elementary, Middle, and High School. They also provide excellent information on Record-Keeping, and Transcripts.

**Check-out their website. JAHE and PIONEERS members receive individual group discounts for their members.*

MICHN (Michigan Christian Homeschool Network)

- State Organization. 517-481-5994 <https://michn.org/> email: info@michn.org.

Provides annual workshops and regional conferences, networks new families and homeschool groups across the state. They also network with State and Federal leaders on legislative issues that affect family values including homeschool freedoms.

[*Visit their Facebook Page](#)

CURRICULUM RESOURCE GUIDE

- reviews and information on homeschool curriculum

Cathy Duffy Reviews - cathyduffyreviews.com

Cathy Duffy has been reviewing curriculum for the homeschooling community since 1984. She also reviews other resources she believes are important for those interested in homeschooling, education, the origins debate, and related political and spiritual topics

Places to purchase:

Christian Book Distributors - <https://www.christianbook.com>

Rainbow Resource Center - <https://www.rainbowresource.com>

Amazon - www.amazon.com (limited reviews but great prices).

About WORLDkids - <https://kids.wng.org/about>

- WORLDkids is a unique Christian current events program for **children** ages 7-10. Story by story, **children** learn to read news accounts and other information. (similar to the traditional Weekly Readers, but from a Christian Perspective.



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LOCAL Support Groups and Co-ops

FACEBOOK Homeschool Groups

[PIONEERS Home Education Support Services](#)

[Homeschoolers of Jackson, Michigan](#)

[Jackson Homeschool Events and Activities](#)

[Hillsdale County Homeschoolers](#)

[Irish Hills Homeschool Group](#)

Wild and Free Homeschoolers

JAHE (Jackson Area Home Educators)

--Support Group <https://www.homeschool-life.com/2245/> Email: membercare@jahe.info

JAHE Co-ops

Frontiers & Young Explorers

[Visit their Facebook Page](#)

** These co-ops meet the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of the month.

Questions: Erin Halstead 616-522-2124. Email: erinhalstead@gmail.com

***ALSO SEE SPORTS AND EXTRA CIRRICULAR ACTIVITIES*

PIONEERS Home School Support Ministries

- Homeschool through High School Focus and support that includes co-op classes (6th-12th grades), tutors, workshops, activities, speakers, and fellowship). Young Pioneers classes are geared for PreSchool-5th grades. The Co-op meets most Wednesdays from 8:30-3:30 in Jackson.

Visit their website at: <https://www.homeschool-life.com/mi/pioneerstss/>

Email: pioneerstss@gmail.com Voicemail: 517-888-4328

RESOURCES and OPPORTUNITIES

Drivers Training

EZ Way's Drivers Training Segment I and Segment II Classes.

- *Hosted by PIONEERS*. The classes are typically offered throughout the school year, once in the fall and once in the spring and run in the late morning. All sessions are taught by a Christian, certified Drivers Training Instructor and are held at Ganson Street Baptist Church.

Checkout the [Pioneers website](#) for dates and registration information, or text 517-262-6686.



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Jackson County Career Center

Delinda Woods, Secretary. 517-768-5226. Delinda.woods@jcisd.org

Dual-Enrollment Opportunities for College Course

DaVincii High School – (517) 796-0031

South Central Virtual – (844) 252-7268

Baker College – (855) 487-7888

Jackson College -- (517) 990-1359 - Julie Hand, Assoc. Dean of Enrollment, handjulier@jccmi.edu

Spring Arbor University – (517) 750-6543 – Jon Bahr, V.P. Enrollment, Jonathan.bahr@arbor.edu

Private Tutors

Kim Conlee, 517-414-8115 (Keen Inquisitive Minds Tutoring) <https://www.facebook.com/KIMTutoring>

Tara Cromwell, 517-270-8272. Tcrom5384@gmail.com

Reading

Greg Moran, 517-581-5621, gsmeducationalconsulting@gmail.com

English & Spanish

Virginia Udry, 517-784-7834, vrudrys@hotmail.com (*Ruta Linguistics*)

French, German,
Latin & Spanish

Julie Warfield, 517-395-3507, Flour Tornado@gmail.com

Reading & Math

Khan Academy – Free online Courses - <https://www.khanacademy.org/> Math Help

Ginny Yurich -1000 Hours Outside

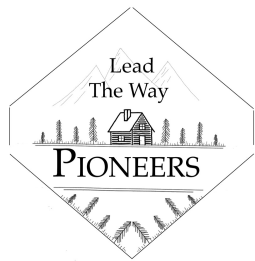
– The entire purpose of 1000 Hours Outside program is to attempt to match nature time with screen time. If kids can consume media through screens 1200 hours a year on average, then the time is there and at least some of it can and should be shifted towards a more productive and healthy outcome! Great opportunity to get those Science hours in!

Ginny Yurich, Michigan . Check-it out on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ginny.yuich), Email: ginny.yuich@gmail.com or go to <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/>

Civil Air Patrol

**If you're interested in a career in aviation, space, or the military, check out CAP's Cadet Program. ages 12-19. Program includes opportunities to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and other activities during the summer. www.gocivilairpatrol.com*

Contact: 1st Lt. Lisa Neal. Phone: 586-854-9531 or Email: lisa.neal@miwg.cap.gov



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Junior Achievement

- Volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential.

Contact: Phone: 517-782-7822. <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-michiganedge>

SPORTS

JAHE Patriot Sports Club

Boys Basketball - Kristen Marsh, 517-366-1026. Email marshfamily_5@msn.com

Girls Basketball - Penny Davidson 517-206-3893. Email campchamp77@gmail.com

Girls Volleyball - Sam Hiss 517-745-4410, jahevolleyball@gmail.com

Intramural Soccer

Grades 1st-5th Jackson Christian School Website jacksonchristianschool.org

Contact: Mike Baisden AD mbaisden@jacksonchristianschool.org

Coach Nick Barney nbarney@jacksonchristianschool.org

Golf Lessons

Jr. Golf Mentor - Mr. Richard Mohr, 352-383-0147

Lesson Objectives: Character building values, Fundamental golf skills, USGA rules and etiquette of the game, Practical links of golf lessons to life lessons.

MARTIAL ARTS

Jujitsu – Legacy 517.com – Elizabeth 517-962-4167. Legacyjujitsu517@gmail.com

PKSA Karate of Jackson – 517-499-9050. Email: pkstateamjackson@gmail.com

May Institute of Tae (Tae Kwon do) – Homeschool classes available.

Peter May 517-960-5687 email: petermay1954@gmail.com.

Extra-Curricular Activities

American Heritage Girls & Trail Life

- Christ Centered Scouting Programs for kids 5-17.

First Church of the Naz Group - Suzanne Drew (517) 262-3674

St. Mary's Group – Heidi Ahlbaum – (517) 769-9269



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Dahlem Nature Center 517-782-3453 <https://www.dahlemcenter.org>

Hurst Planetarium

Located next to Ella Sharp Park Museum, 517-787-2320 <https://ellasharpmuseum.org>

Shop Rat

– Connecting Today's Youth to Tomorrows Careers. Igniting interest in manufacturing and professional trades among youth through innovation and outreach.

Phone: 517-769-2100 Email: Shopratfoundation@gmail.com Website: <https://www.shoprat.org>

RIDING LESSONS

Tammy Szymczyck – 517-929-3014

Makayla Thrush – 517-240-3962 mthrush05@gmail.com

Music and the Arts

JAHE Homeschool Band & Choir - email Alison at allisonyeiter@gmail.com

JSO (Jackson Symphony Orchestra)

– Provides many opportunities for exposure in music as well as private, group and after-school lessons to people of all ages who want to learn an instrument or improve their skills through the Community Music School. All students are provided with opportunities to perform throughout our community.

Phone: 517-782-3221 Email: info@jacksonsymphony.org Website: <https://www.jacksonsymphony.org>

Jackson School of the Arts

Classes include: Art, dance, gymnastics and theater. Visit their [Facebook page](#)

Contact: Brandi- 517-784-2389. Website: www.jacksonarts.org

DANCE (Ballet, Jazz, Tap)

Academy of Arts (Spring Arbor) 517-750-3799.

Visit their website at aotadance.com

Grace School of Dance (Jackson) 517-962-1345, Lindsey Walsh

Website: <https://gracedanceschool.org>

MST Dance Center (Brooklyn) 517-592-4111



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MUSIC & VOICE

Michelle Castle (Piano, voice, organ, Beginning violin, flute)

517-769-4579 – farmercastle6@gmail.com

Joann Drayton– (piano and voice) - (517) 788-9173 (Jackson College)

Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services – 517-416-1088 jme.mtbc@gail.com

Meaghan Renee Hartin – (piano) - 517-575-3602 – Jackson.piano.teacher@gmail.com

Carol Ivkovich – (piano) - 517-262-6260 www.willow-arts.com (Hanover area)

Diana Lemmon – (piano) – diana@sickmiller.com

Baltia McGinty– (violin) - (707) 294-8998 udrysb@gmail.com (Jackson)

Nikki Oechsle, JSO Music School – 225-281-3326

Heidi Vegter – (piano) kyleandheidi@hotmail.com (Vandercook Lake area)

Allisa White – (piano) – 517-499-5952 alisamusicteacher@gmail.com (Northwest area)

Theatre

Center Stage Jackson - 517-539-4118 www.centerstagejackson.org