# Connecting Homeschoolers in the Westside and surrounding areas through Firmly Planted Westside Monday Co-op

### Why We Do It

Our heart is to come alongside, connect, encourage, lift up, and support homeschooling families in the Westside and surrounding areas like yours. We believe that God has equipped you with everything you need to educate your children at home. Our mission is to help build up a community of Christian homeschoolers that will help you go the distance. We look forward to serving alongside you, and ministering to your family in a way that will encourage and inspire you.

#### Who We Are

We are a *Homeschool cooperative*, which means that everyone has the opportunity to help out. One parent from each family is required to stay at Firmly Planted and either teach or help out in a class.

At Firmly Planted there are classes for all ages. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; children three to five years old enjoy our preschool and kindergarten classes; and older children (first grade through high school) can choose from a variety of classes that vary each term.

### What is Firmly Planted Westside?

Firmly Planted is a wonderful, one day-a-week cooperative program. We meet for classes during two sessions each year: Fall and Spring. Each session runs about ten weeks long, with some high school classes running longer.

#### What We Do

- Fun & educational classes one day-a-week
- Encourage Homeschool parents
- Help new homeschoolers get started
- Offer new friendships and opportunities for students
- Christ-centered community outreach to homeschooling families

Firmly Planted is only possible through the cooperative effort of all our members. Each Monday during our sessions, all enrolled families come together for a half day of chapel, classes, fellowship, and fun!

### Are Parents Required to Teach?

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TEACH, but we are dependent on the willingness of parents to do so in order to offer a variety of classes. We hope you will consider teaching a class in a subject about which you are passionate or are just eager to learn.

### **Class Examples**

Our classes are taught primarily by co-op members, so our class list changes each session.

This is an example of classes that have been TAUGHT BY PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU!

Artists and Composers Astronomy Beginning Spanish Lord of the Rings Biology American Symbols History & Art Chemistry Apologia's Exploring Creation with General Science Creative Writing Draw Write Now How Things Work Journalism Kitchen Science Knot Tying Money Management Music Appreciation Pirate Geography Art & Literature Character Studies Sign Language Sports Techniques Studies in Worldviews Survival Skills, The Human Body The Miracles of Egypt Chess & Board Games Lego Knitting Pop-up Art

## **Membership Benefits**

Great Classes

- Field Trips
- The Best Benefit of All...The Friendships Made at Firmly Planted.

# What does it Cost?

We try very hard to keep the costs low at Firmly Planted Westside. The main financial investments involved, are:

- Annual Membership Dues of \$120 per Family
- The minimum class fee is \$5 per class, but can be higher depending on the materials needed for any specific class. An example might be a cooking class with a class fee of \$20 because the teacher would need to purchase ingredients.

#### **Contact Us Today!**

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