



Thank you for your interest in Vine and Branches Porter County, a Christ-centered, faith-based homeschool co-op. Our mission is to provide opportunities where homeschool families can connect and encourage one another. One of our primary means of achieving this goal is to offer classes for our students ranging from Pre-K to 12th grade.

Vine and Branches is a true cooperative, in that we are completely dependent on the involvement of parents and families. All of our classes and programs are run by committed parents of homeschooled students who have a shared passion for the Lord and our homeschool community. These families maintain what we call a **Full Membership**.

Classes convene for two, 12-week semesters per year; one in the fall (Aug–Nov) and one in the spring (Feb–Apr). We meet weekly for classes one day a week at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton, IN. During this time there are three class periods (1 hour each) where a variety of classes from academic (science, literature, & geography, etc.) to elective in nature (P.E., drama, and music, etc.) are offered.

A parent from each family is *required* to teach a class in one of these three periods, assist in one other class period, and participate in an organized prayer group of 4–5 ladies during the co-op day.

Running a large co-op takes a lot of man-hours; but if each family does a little, no one person has to do a lot. So, in addition to teaching one class/semester, one parent from each full-member family is asked to serve on a Team where he/she will be able to serve in some small way. Full Membership is \$100/family each semester.

For those homeschooling families who do not feel that committing to a co-op schedule on a weekly basis is for them or if full membership is at capacity, we offer an **Associate Membership**. Associate membership is available to homeschooling families, for a fee of \$25/academic year, can be connected with other homeschool families through grade group activities, field trips, moms' nights out, and family events. All members have access to our member-only website where they can stay in the loop with all the connection opportunities available, but do not take classes.

South Shore Homeschool Athletics (SSHA) has partnered with Vine and Branches Porter County INC. SSHA is committed to excellence in athletics while supporting academic, emotional, spiritual, and physical development of our athletes through the promotion of teamwork, sportsmanship and athletic competition. SSHA strives to foster team building skills, problem solving skills, self-discipline, integrity, healthy bodies, and self-confidence. *Associate Membership to Vine and Branches Porter County is required for SSHA participation.*