

Who We Are

Thank you for your interest in Vine and Branches Porter County, a Christ-centered homeschool co-op. Our primary goal 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 PK to 12th grade. We are a true cooperative in that we are completely dependent on the involvement of parents and families.

Full Membership:

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 and one in the spring. We meet weekly for classes on Wednesdays from 8:55am-12:30pm at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton, IN. During this time there are three class periods 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 (i.e., Schedule and Planning Team, Activities and Connections Team, Serving Opportunities and Field Trips Team, and Resource and Facilities Team) where he/she will be able to serve in some small way. Participation on a Team may include: planning a field trip, coming in early to set-up for three weeks during the semester, administrative tasks, etc.

Associate Membership:

For those participating families who do not feel that committing to a co-op schedule on a regular basis is for them, we offer an Associate Membership where families can be connected with other homeschool families through field trips, get-togethers, Moms Night Out gatherings, and Family Night events. They have access to our member-website where they can stay in the loop with all the connection opportunities available, but do not take classes on Wednesdays.

Cost:

Full Membership: \$100 per family per semester

Associate Membership: \$10 per family per semester

Getting Started:

To get started with us, simply click on the "Request Membership" icon on our homepage and follow the directions given. This form may take up to 20 minutes to complete so plan accordingly. After we receive your request, someone from our Leadership Team will contact you by phone to follow up with your request. Since we are all volunteers and homeschool moms, please be patient with us in returning your phone calls and in following up with your requests - our first priority is our families - we will get to you as soon as we can!