

**Believers Rallied In Groups Homeschooling Together  
B.R.I.G.H.T.  
Homeschool Co-op  
Registration Packet  
2025-2026 Academic Year**

**\*\*DUE by WEDNESDAY, May 7th, 2025**

**\*Registration Forms may be mailed to:**

**Leslie Mercado, 932 Boesel Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835**

**The documents may also be scanned and emailed to: [lam7879@gmail.com](mailto:lam7879@gmail.com)**

**Document Checklist**

This Document Checklist is intended to help you in the registration process. If any required document or payments are not included or are incomplete when you submit your packet, the materials will be returned for completion. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ BRIGHT Membership Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Insurance Waivers (one for adults and one for students)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Codes of Conduct (one for parent and one for students)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fee schedule
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership form (family info)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the handbook for the current school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree with the BRIGHT statement of faith.

**Believers Rallied In Groups Homeschooling Together**  
**Membership Form**  
**(Requirements)**

*BRIGHT (Believers Rallied In Groups Homeschooling Together) is an organization bringing homeschooling families together. On a weekly basis, we provide an opportunity to enrich our children's academic curriculum and social experience within the context of a Christian-based cooperative organization. We believe that every parent has strengths that he/she can use to help educate our children, and that we can work together to have an efficiently run co-op.*

*We come together not only to teach each other's children, but also for them to learn and grow with other children. We lift each other up before the Lord in prayer whenever the need arises, working and fellowshiping as a family, supporting one another in all areas of our lives.*

*For the most part, our classes are academic and should not be considered supplementary, especially for older grades. **There is a requirement of 3 periods per participant, which is equivalent to half our school day, in order to participate. Every mother/father is required to participate during co-op hours in various positions.***

*Before signing up for classes, please consider carefully whether you are willing and able to spend the time needed to help your child succeed in his/her classes, as well as filling the service requirements. **We require that you attend each of 3 mandatory member meetings we have per year (Sept., Jan., April).** In order to ensure that BRIGHT operates efficiently, we ask that you make co-op attendance a priority on your schedule, keeping your absences to a minimum and make every effort to be on time for classes.*

## Membership Form (Signatures)

I/We have read the above information (on page 2) and understand that the activity being offered here requires a commitment on my/our part. I/We realize that by registering for BRIGHT, not only take on the responsibility of the possibility of teaching other children, but also allow my/our children to be taught by others.

I support our family's decision to enroll in BRIGHT. I have read this document, and I agree to support my wife and children as active, committed participants in this program.

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Signature-Husband	Printed- Husband	Date
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By signing this statement of co-op responsibilities, I agree to be an active, committed member of BRIGHT. I will take the program seriously and work in conjunction with the other members of the co-op for the overall success of the program. I will make the BRIGHT meeting dates a priority on our family calendar. I understand that my behavior directly impacts other members of the co-op and the overall functioning of the co-op. I understand that if I do not act in accordance with these policies, my membership in the BRIGHT co-op may be revoked with no refund of fees.

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Signature –Wife	Printed –Wife	Date
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## **ADULT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Believers Rallied In Groups Homeschooling Together (BRIGHT) related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that the member/participant should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the member/participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise the supervisor (advisor, manager, etc.) of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
  
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each member/participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions, or negligence but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
  
3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
  
4. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue BRIGHT, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.**

Name of Member/Participant (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member/Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Member/Participant \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Believers Rallied In Groups Homeschooling together (BRIGHT)related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the participant should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the parent or guardian believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise supervisor (advisor, manager, etc.) of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
  
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each member/participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions, or negligence but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
  
3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
  
4. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue BRIGHT, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.**

Name of Member(s)/Participant(s) (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Relationship (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Member/Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

# BRIGHT CODE OF CONDUCT

## PARENT AND TEACHER GUIDELINES

1. Parents are responsible for the actions of their own children and should discipline them in a discreet and respectful manner while participating in any BRIGHT activity.
2. Adult co-op members should direct or correct someone else's child verbally, not physically, and then only when the parent is unavailable to speak with the child. If one notices wrong behavior, try first to speak quietly and privately to the child, explaining the problem and warning them of the consequence. If possible, the child's parent should be told of any correction that has occurred.
3. A child corrected by an adult other than his/her parent has the power to appeal to his/her own parent or other co-op adults if needed.
4. Only associate the name BRIGHT with those activities or documents that are Board approved. Keep BRIGHT's membership listing and website access confidential.
5. Teachers and assistants should make their expectations clear, both from an academic and behavioral standpoint. Consequences should be clear. The teaching team has authority in the classroom and should make every effort to communicate with the parent of a student who is not following the rules and guidelines set by that teaching team.
6. Notification slips will be made available to each teaching team to facilitate parent/teacher communication.
7. Parents of students should make every effort to be in communication with teachers, especially if there is a reason why a student has not been able to complete his/her required assignments.
8. Parents of students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger must ensure, either personally, or with other cooperating parents, that their students are not dropped off in a classroom that is not supervised by an adult.
9. Teaching teams are responsible to keep their students in the classroom until the bell rings. If class is done early, students should still remain in the classroom, supervised. They may work on homework, or socialize quietly until the bell rings. Early dismissal of students can be distracting to other classes still in session.
10. I agree to resolve conflicts with other members of BRIGHT according to the steps outlined on page 18 of the BRIGHT Handbook, based on Matthew 18.
- 11. I agree that I have read the BRIGHT handbook in its entirety and will follow the rules and guidelines as stated.**
12. Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form, which may be simply defined as using another's work as though it were one's own, without proper attribution to the author. This also includes student use of solutions manuals or teacher CDs in instances in which curricular support materials have been provided to aid parents in instructing their children. Teachers who detect a student cheating should report this to the student's parent right away, letting them know of the offense, and can give a zero for the assignment. For the second offense of the same student, the teacher should report to the parent again and to alert the BRIGHT Board.

***I have read these guidelines and agree to refer to them regularly and try my best to abide by them and encourage others to do so too. I have also read the student guidelines and agree to hold my children accountable to those and review them regularly with my children. I understand that repeated violations of the code of conduct might result in my child being removed from a class for a temporary or permanent time.***

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Parent signature

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Parent – printed

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Date

# BRIGHT CODE OF CONDUCT

*Proverbs 19:20: Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days. (NASB)*

**STUDENT GUIDELINES – 1 sheet/family is sufficient. Have students sign on back if more space is needed.**

- I will treat others with kindness and respect as Jesus would.
- I will honor those in authority with prompt and cheerful obedience.
- I understand that I may always appeal respectfully to my parent or another adult if I feel I am being mistakenly corrected.
- I will make every effort to be prompt for my classes.
- I will make every effort to bring all required items to class.
- I agree to participate willingly in all activities directed by teachers
- I will make every effort to not be a distraction in class by chatting, writing notes, looking at my phone, making noises, etc.
- I will not use cell phones and AirPods/buds during class periods. I understand they will be in my backpack.
- No weapons are permitted. I will not bring any form of weapon to BRIGHT and BRIGHT sponsored events (includes indoors and outdoor premises). This includes pocket or hunting knives. These should remain at home.
- I agree to keep personal items, not related to my class, out of the classroom, unless indicated by the teacher that I may bring them.
- I will make every effort to complete my homework and will ensure that my parent notify my teacher before class if I am unable to complete my assignment for any reason.
- I will not cheat or plagiarize including work copied from AI, Chat GPT, etc. My work will be my own. If text or other material is copied from another source, I will document the source and indicate which material is quoted.
- I will treat worship, prayer and class discussion with seriousness
- I will treat BRIGHT/Zarephath facilities with respect and care.
- I will dress and act appropriately and modestly.
- I will not use unwholesome speech, gestures or artistic renderings at BRIGHT. I will not take God's name in vain.
- I am willing to be held accountable for my own actions and lovingly hold others accountable for theirs.
- I understand that if I have an unresolved problem with another student, I should go to my parent to help mediate. My parent will help guide us through the steps in Matthew 18 to help restore unity.
- I will not participate in any way with tobacco use, vaping, illegal drug use or alcohol use.
- I understand that bullying, roughhousing or other aggressive behavior is completely unacceptable at BRIGHT and will result in removal from class for at least one session, or even permanently, depending on the severity of the offense.

**I have read all of these guidelines. My initials or check marks next to each item indicate that I understand each statement and agree to abide by them to the best of my ability. Additional signatures may be added on the reverse side.**

*Proverbs 10:17: Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray. (ESV)*

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Student Signature

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Student – printed name

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Date



## Family Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Children (with birthdates)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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City

State

Zip code

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ home/cell

Secondary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ home/cell

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please make note of any allergies for any family members below: