

Ruston Christian Homeschoolers Membership Agreement

RCH dues are \$50 for 2021-2022 only (reduced from regular \$60 in response to COVID-19 effects). Please complete this form in its entirety and send it along with your payment to the address indicated at the end of the form. Checks should be made out to Ruston Christian Homeschoolers.

Parent's Names: _____

Street Address / Apt#: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Mom's Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Dad's Cell Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

My family's information may be included in the members-only, password-protected section of the RCH website.

_____ yes _____ no

RCH agrees not to release your family information to outside sources not related to RCH without your prior consent.

Student Information:

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Date of Birth:</i>	<i>Homeschooled</i>	<i>Grade:</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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ARTICLE IV - STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. That there is one eternal God, manifested as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is there lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind; indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (IV:1_6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

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ARTICLE V—STATEMENT ON FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Section 1: Family

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it, the child learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 3:5 and 16, Ephesians 6:1, and Colossians 3:20. The family also provides protection from over-extensive government and over-stimulating social involvements.

We understand “family” to mean a male and female parent, legally married, with one or more children (Genesis 1:26_28), although we recognize the exceptions of a single parent, adopted, foster, and step children (James 1:27).

Section 2: Education

We believe the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-25, and 4:1-4). Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God which the State cannot create, destroy, or alter. Parents may allow another to teach some of the cognitive information that children need to know, but all education must be under the ultimate control and supervision of the parents.

We believe that all education is religious in nature since one’s view of the world and life is inevitably involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:1_8 and 3:1_2, with 6:20_23, and Matthew 28:18_20). Every discipline of knowledge, whether it be a subject such as mathematics, science, or history will have as its final reference point a theistic or, in the alternative, a humanistic view of reality (Colossians 1:15_20 and 2:8_15), and that there is no neutral academic discipline.

RUSTON CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS COVID-19 AGREEMENT

I recognize that participating in group activities increases the risk of contracting COVID-19. I will do my part to help prevent the spread by abstaining from group activities if I have knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, if I have any symptoms, or if I have tested positive in the last 10 days. I also acknowledge that participation in RCH activities is completely voluntary, and I assume all risks associated with participation.

RUSTON CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLERS LIABILITY RELEASE

I do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Ruston Christian Homeschoolers (RCH), its members, officers and leaders from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred by the undersigned and/or the family participants while said person or persons are attending or participating in activities or trips arranged, hosted, or attended by members or leaders of RCH.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I/We, the undersigned do hereby affirm that I/we agree with Ruston Christian Homeschoolers’ Statement of Faith, Statement on Family & Education, COVID-19 Agreement, and Liability Release.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Father _____ Mother _____

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MEMBER EXPECTATIONS & QUESTIONNAIRE

Membership in RCH offers many activities throughout the year to enhance the homeschool experience for our members; thus, we rely heavily on our members to volunteer. All members are expected to volunteer. Please indicate your willingness to serve at the following events/activities by numbering your top 4 choices in order of your preference:

<input type="checkbox"/> Field trips	<input type="checkbox"/> High school dances	<input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Luncheon
<input type="checkbox"/> Mom's nights	<input type="checkbox"/> Back to School Kickoff event	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary play dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Family Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Talent Show/Recognition Night
<input type="checkbox"/> High school socials		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

We at RCH desire to encourage and equip each other in our homeschooling journey as much as we can. As such, it will be helpful for us to know a little about your family's experience in the event that your experience may be able to help others and vice versa. With that in mind, please answer the following questions, as you feel comfortable doing so:

1. What curriculum do you currently use or have you used in the past? _____

2. What special interests, abilities, or experiences do you have that might be beneficial to others in our group? (working with special needs students, teaching degree, website design, etc.) _____

3. Do your hobbies, interests, occupation, or available resources offer anything useful to the group that you might be willing to share? (ex: a field trip to your place of employment, serving as a guest speaker for a co-op class in your area of expertise, donating materials for projects or programs) _____

Please initial below:

_____, I agree to serve as a volunteer for at least one RCH activity during the school year.

_____, I understand that group information is sent via email and agree to check for information about RCH activities.

_____, I agree to not use the RCH membership email list for any personal use not related to RCH.

_____, I agree to allow photographs of my family to be used for RCH purposes only (website, yearbook, promotional material, etc.)

_____, I will not post photos/videos on social websites without consent of those included in the photo/video, and I will be considerate of others in what I post to my personal website.

(Father's Signature)

(Mother's Signature)

(Date)

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