

Who We Are:

- We are a local support group upholding Biblical principles and traditional Christian values representing
- We exist to help meet the needs of families choosing home education as an alternative to public or private schools.
- We come from many religious backgrounds and we homeschool for varied reasons.
- Our common bond is our concern for our families and the education of children.

Our Purpose is:

- To strengthen families
- To offer information and encouragement
- To be a springboard for educational and recreational endeavours.

Our Philosophy:

- We believe that the parents have the primary and God-given responsibility for educating their children.
- We believe that the parents can best understand the needs and the abilities of their children.
- We believe that the home provides the most natural environment for learning.



**Serving the cities of
Colonial Heights, Hopewell,
and Petersburg and
surrounding counties in
Central Virginia since 1993.**

**We encourage membership
in Home Educators
Association of Virginia
www.heav.org and Home
School Legal
Defense Association
www.hslda.org.**

**How to Begin Home
Schooling information can
be found at all of the
websites listed here.**

**Tri-Cities Home Educators of
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Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

What We Offer:

- Annual Christmas dinner
- Annual Kick-off Celebration
- Bowling-monthly
- Chess Club
- Curriculum Counseling
- E-Mail Updates
- Encouragement
- Field Day/End of Year Picnic
- Field Trips
- Geography & Spelling Bees
- Homeschool Thru High School Resources
- Hospitality
- HEAV Updates
- How to Begin Homeschooling Sessions
- HSLDA group discount number given to TCHE members
- HEAV Legislative updates
- Membership card- printable from our website
- Membership directory-printable
- Mom's Night Out
- Park days
- Talent Night
- Skating-Monthly
- Soccer-fall
- Kickball-spring
- State Fair Homeschool Day at Richmond
- Group Standardized Testing
- Swift Creek Mill Playhouse
- TCHE Angel Tree
- Teen Game Nights
- Used Curriculum Sale - May

Our students participate in:

- HEAV's Day at the Capitol
- Richmond Times-Dispatch Spelling Bee
- National Geographic Geography Bee
- Richmond Spirit, CVHAA, James River Eagles Athletic Organizations
- Play Groups
- Fort Lee Playhouse II

Our students bowl together, play together, celebrate holidays and achievements together. Most importantly, we encourage one another and corporately offer a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of home education.

Volunteer!

We can always need new faces to work alongside our current Coordinators and to bring in new ideas. If you have talents you are willing to share, please let us know.

New to our Group?

We encourage you to visit us at our Kick-off meeting in September or at bowling to get a feel for our group. Watch our calendar for up-to-date information.

Becoming a TCHE Member:

Membership is just \$30 annually, is accepted throughout the year, and expires August 31st.

- ❖ Visit our website www.tcheofva.org
- ❖ Click on "Become a Member"
- ❖ Follow the online directions and payment info.

After you complete the registration process and payment is received you will be approved to access the group website with the id and password you chose at registration.

TCHE Membership includes access to a private website, great exclusive events, a printable membership card, online access to our family directory and other benefits. The membership fee is \$25 regardless of when you join. You may pay with PayPal, mail a check or pay in person at our Kick-off meeting. Membership Form must be completed online first.



Many of our activities limit participation to members only because the activity is funded by annual dues.