

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## About CrossPointe Co-op

### **1. What is CrossPointe Co-op?**

CrossPointe Co-op is a Christ-centered homeschool co-op providing a science and history academic focus for kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as a nursery and preschool section for participating families with children in K-12th. Please be aware that our co-op does not officially start until kindergarten. Although our nursery, preschool and preK classes do many fun and educational things throughout the year - the main focus of these classes are making sure your children are safe and have playtime. We believe the main way children learn at this young age is through play. Please make sure your expectations of the younger years/classes fit with who we are.

### **Mission Statement**

The primary mission of CrossPointe Co-op is to glorify God! One of the ways we seek to accomplish this is through supporting homeschool parents in teaching their children to love the Lord, walk in His ways, and obey His commands according to Scripture. We stand on God's Word regarding creation, marriage, identity, and faith. Secondary to this is providing excellent academic instruction to further enhance each child's skills needed to become confident individuals in fulfilling the purposes God has placed on his or her life.

### **Statement of Faith**

CrossPointe Co-op maintains its Statement of Faith as expressed by the Apostles' Creed:

“We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.”

## **2. When and where do you meet?**

We meet every Monday from 9:30-12:30 p.m. at Christian Family Chapel in Mandarin (we are not associated with the church so please do not contact them regarding our co-op). Some optional classes may start earlier or go later (i.e. writing classes or high school classes). Our optional writing classes are from 8:00-9:30. We usually offer a high school class as early as 8:00 am. Our mandatory chapel is from 9:30-10:00 am. Some years we offer optional high school electives from 1:30-3:00 pm.

## **3. What classes are offered?**

Our co-op is defined as an academic co-op. "Academic" means that we stress the actual academic subjects, so we offer writing (optional), science and history for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - high school, and unit studies for kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

\*We do not offer nursery or preschool only - you must have another child in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The specific areas of study for 2023-2024 are as follows:

### Unit Studies:

- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade with additional 30 minutes of resource (ie. art, P.E.)

## Writing: (Institute for Excellence in Writing)

- IEW Structure and Style A Year 2
- IEW Structure and Style B Year 2

We do writing in a 2 year cycle. We will have Year 1 of the Structure and Style A & B during the 2024-2025 year. You must start in the first year of the cycle so some may have to wait a year to begin depending on your IEW experience.

## History:

- 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade – Middle Ages History
- High School - World History

## Science:

- 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade – Apologia Flying Creatures
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Apologia Anatomy & Physiology
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Apologia Exploring Creation with General Science
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Apologia Exploring Creation with Physical Science
- 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade – HS Chemistry (Jay Wile) & Marine Biology (Apologia)
- Additional High School Class:
  - HS Writing/English - Modern World History-Based Writing (IEW)
  - HS Personal Finance (Dave Ramsey - fall Semester)

- HS Entrepreneurship (Boss Club - spring semester)

#### **4. Do I have to teach?**

Yes - all parents share in teaching. We use a teaching team approach for the majority of our classes, except in high school classes. We use a combination of moms and paid teachers for high school classes. Each parent shares the responsibility of teaching our children. Teaching teams meet over the summer to plan their year. Class syllabi are due at the end of July.

#### **5. Do I have to be a certified teacher in order to teach a class?**

No, if you teach a subject that you enjoy, and teach it the same way you would to your own children, you will do a fine job!

#### **6. What other requirements/responsibilities will I have?**

In addition to co-teaching a class, each member is required to serve on a committee. Our committees include hospitality, special events, chapel, yearbook, field day, and field trips. Our committees meet over the summer to plan for the upcoming year.

#### **7. What other activities are offered throughout the year?**

There are a variety of activities offered throughout the year. Field trips are planned about once a month. Our hospitality committee plans several mom's nights out throughout the year. We also have a variety of special events (i.e. ice cream social, fall festivals, couples dinner, and an end of the year event). We usually end the year with a field day.

#### **8. When you have received my request, am I guaranteed admission for next year?**

No, **we enroll based on space availability, teaching needs, and your homeschooling experience.** Returning members/students will have first priority. After attending open house, interviews may be scheduled for those interested where we can find out more about each other. Again,

admission decisions will be made based on needs, space, and experience. Open house and interviews are scheduled for February/March each year, based on availability. **Check our website in January each year for specific open house information.**

## **9. What are the fees for co-op?**

The current non-refundable registration fee is about \$60.00 per family for the year (paid at registration). There is an additional church facility fee of \$125 due in May. At our August kick-off meeting the following additional fees would be due: Co-op fee of \$60 per family, student class fees which run about \$15-20 per class/per student, high school fees are dependent on paid teachers, etc. and will be decided at a later date, an insurance fee, which differs per family size and age, will also be required (about \$10 per person) as well as a \$10 donation to HEF per family. You will also be responsible for any books/curriculum needed for your children. **All fees are non-refundable.** Again, the registration fee will be due when registering, the church facilities fee will be due in May and the remaining fees must be paid by our August Kick-Off Meeting.

## **10. How can I find out more and contact someone?**

We have our annual open house in late February each year. If you know someone presently in the co-op, please give them a call - they can give you first hand knowledge of our group. If you have any other questions please email [crosspointecoopjax@gmail.com](mailto:crosspointecoopjax@gmail.com).