

Home Grown Hearts of St. Joseph County (Indiana)

Homeschool Learning Co-op

Families learning together to train, teach, and prepare the hearts of their children for Jesus Christ.

Who we are: Home Grown Hearts is a group of home educating families who have decided to use their gifts and talents in a cooperative way to provide mutual encouragement, social interaction between children in a parent-supervised environment, and join efforts in providing classes and stimulating learning opportunities that would otherwise be difficult to meet.

What we do: The co-op meets weekly for welcome and announcements followed by four 45-minute classes. The classes consist of elective type classes and specialty overview classes. Previous classes have included art, gym, sewing, cooking, writing, speech, drama, book studies, music, dance, yearbook, lab science, foreign language, etc. Classes are divided into the following age/grade groups: Nursery, PreSchool, K1, Elementary grades 2-5, Jr High, and Sr High.

What is required: Student and parent participation is required in all class hours. Parents must provide teaching or class assistance. Each parent will be scheduled to be part of a prayer group during one of the four class hours. Each family is assigned a week to help clean the facility after co-op. Each family pays a \$50 fee per semester to cover expenses such as copies, snacks, and supplies. Occasionally certain classes may require a small extra fee but such requests are kept to a minimum. Parents are required to read and sign our Statement of Faith and a Waiver of Liability. Parents and students are required to read and sign the Behavior Guidelines.

When we meet: One morning a week for 12 weeks in the Fall and 12 weeks in the Spring.