

Growing Great Minds Handbook

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Who We Are

OUR PURPOSE

The main purpose of Growing Great Minds is to provide support and community for homeschooling families. We also provide academic support through our Co-Op Classes, as well as social and service opportunities for each family.

OUR MISSION

Growing Great Mind's Mission is to help and encourage new and experienced homeschoolers to strive for spiritual and academic excellence for their children.

OUR GOAL

- We will support & encourage each other on our personal faith journey through fellowship and community engagement and prayer.
- We will provide experiences for our children to be an example of Christ throughout our community by planning and participating in service projects.
- We will provide experiences for our children to engage in and explore God's Creation.
- We will give our children a time to learn alongside others and enrich their curriculum while focusing on discipleship, developing interpersonal skills, and relationship building with other children and families.
- to provide affordable, parent-led classes to our children while we encourage the development of a Christ-centered homeschooling community where our children can grow and thrive in the knowledge of Him.
- We truly seek to build a homeschool community with one another.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Growing Great Minds is led by an amazing group of dedicated, hard-working, and passionate men & women of God. Stop by our website at ggmfl.org to learn more about our team and our wonderful Board of Directors.

General Expectations

Membership Requirements:

- You must have a child registered as a home education student Kindergarten - 12, grade OR a homeschooled child of age for VPK.
- Complete the Growing Great Minds Membership application process, as found on our website. This will have to be completed FIRST, to be able to join the Co-Op Classes.
- Know, understand, and be prepared to implement all policies and procedures outlined in this Growing Great Minds Member Handbook.
- Membership fee, field trip costs, and any other fees will be collected through PayPal. Please be sure to establish a PayPal account if you do not already have one.

Growing Great Minds Co-Op

What is GGM Co-Op?

Co-Op is a true collaborative effort of our members to provide supplementary education for our children. It allows the kids to learn accountability and study skills in a fun group environment and the opportunity to develop friendships. It also provides a community for the parents to fellowship with one another. The co-op will have a mixture of core classes and enrichment classes to choose from which are organized by age/grade. Growing Great Minds (GGM) homeschool group is not intended to be a structured replacement for public, private, or Christian schools. Parents are still responsible for their children's education.

GGM Co-Op Commitment:

As a co-op, we rely 100% on parent involvement. When you sign up and pay the membership fee, you are making a commitment to teach, help, clean, and/or other roles throughout the school year every Tuesday. Every class that we offer is completely parent led. We cannot offer classes if we do not have parents who volunteer to teach classes. This is also what keeps member and class fees low for everyone instead of paying a large tuition. Lastly, a lack of commitment results in a heavier workload and possible burden for others. Therefore, every family must be involved within the co-op every week.

When and Where is GGM Co-Op?

Co-Op meets at Gulfview Grace Church - 6639 Hammock Road, Port Richey, FL 34668 on Tuesdays from 9am to 3pm. The co-op runs from August to April with several breaks throughout the year. Co-Op will generally follow Pasco County public schools' calendar in our start, end, and break periods.

SAMPLE CO-OP Schedule

8:30-8:50	Teacher arrival/Set up classrooms
9:00-9:50	1 st Period
9:55- 10:45	2 nd Period
10:45 - 11:00	Snack Break
11:00 -11:50	3 rd Period
11 55- 12:15	Chapel
12:15- 12:55	Lunch
12:55 -1:45	4 th Period
1:50-2:40	5 th Period
2:40-3:00	Everyone helps Clean-up/Departure

Who Can Join Co-Op?

Online Registration is open to all homeschooling families (with at least one child K or older) in and around Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Hernando Counties who are willing to uphold the ideals of GGM, agree to the code of conduct, respect our Statement of Faith, and comply with Florida's homeschool laws. Potential members must also understand the commitment that they are signing up for when they choose to join the co-op.

We are not a drop-off program. Every family must have at least 1 parent or guardian on site every week, and that the parent or guardian must be participating in (2) serve positions during that time. Every parent or guardian must also consent to a background check conducted through GGM with Protect My Ministry (\$20 fee associated with the background check).

GGM Co-Op Serve Positions

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
1st John 3:18*

This is truly a cooperative effort. Every family will play an important role in the success of this learning venture. Every family must have a parent or guardian able to serve on at least 2 serve positions. When you register your child for academic classes, you will be able to specify which serve positions you are interested in filling. Each family will be asked to fill an OPENING SET UP POSITION FOR CO-OP. A sign up list will be posted. Positions are filled on a first come basis.

Families will be contacted concerning their serve positions prior to the start of classes. Serve opportunities are all listed on the Class registration page of our website: ggmfl.org

MS/HS Students: We ask that each student commit to a clean-up responsibility after co- op. They will have the opportunity to choose their "job". Many hands make light work, and this helps the teens work together and helps us return the facilities better than we received them every week.

Serving Opportunities in Growing Great Minds

(Overseen by the Board)

- **Care Coordinator** - leading others to help anyone in our GGM family in their time of need or crisis.
- **Fundraising Team** - this position will be led by a Board Member with oversight in the expenditures of items and a Team of parents to raise funds with proceeds going directly to GGM and community.
- **Elementary Coordinator** - plans and organizes outings and events for levels Pre-K through 5th.
- **Middle School Coordinator** -plans and organizes outings and events for students' level 5th – 8th
- **High School Coordinator** - plans and organizes outings and events for students' level 9- 12
- **Field Trip Coordinator** - research, plans, and organizes outings throughout the State! Check the calendar regularly for new field trips added.
- **Teacher Liaison** - supports all teaching staff. This is the person to contact when a teacher will be absent, ensuring that there will be an adult substitute for the class. This position will also be preparing all printed materials for our teachers provided the materials are sent the week prior.
- **Facilities Coordinator** - leads this position and is responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation during Co-Op and keeps track of supplies.
- **Mom's Night Out Coordinator** - helps plan a monthly activity for moms to get together and get to know each other.
- **Cafe Director** - is responsible for menu, cafe supplies and lunch preparation.
- **Special Events** - Volunteers are always needed in this area as we have many Special Events throughout the year such as:
 - **Not SO Fancy Feast -November**
 - **Gingerbread Decorating -December**
 - **Mother/Son Campout-Early Spring**
 - **Daddy Daughter Dance-Feb/Mar**
 - **Valentine's Box Decorating and Party-February**
 - **Easter Egg Hunt Potluck -Mar/April**
 - **Field Day-April**
 - **Graduation-May and so much more!**

Safety Team (Overseen by the Board)

A small team of people who will be additional eyes and ears to the Co-Op whose primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of all our families.

Financial Policy

Membership Fees

Growing Great Minds annual membership fee for the 2025/26 school year is \$65 and entitles the member and their immediate family as listed on the membership application access to all events and activities provided by Growing Great Minds. Payments are due as indicated on the invoice sent out via email or on your HSL account. GGM Membership year is June through May each year. Field trips, socials, and extra activities will have additional fees per event.

If for any reason a member needs to remove their child(ren) from the group, they forfeit any dues or fees already paid.

GGM CO-OP Fees

Registration fees are \$150 per student /per semester. Class Fees vary per class. Payments are broken up into 8 payments starting in August – March.

Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal Fees are due on an annual basis and must be paid within the membership renewal period. Membership Renewal Fee is a \$65 and is due no later than June 1st and must be paid to Growing Great Minds via PayPal.

Reimbursement

Reimbursements are a last resort option. The preferred method is to make the purchase request to the Board. All purchases made on behalf of Growing Great Minds must be approved by the Treasurer. Purchases made without approval will NOT be reimbursed. Growing Great Minds does not pay sales tax and every effort to avoid paying it should be made. Please send approved reimbursements within 60 days of the purchase date. Receipt(s)/copies of receipt(s) should be sent to reimburse@ggmgl.org with ATTN Treasurer in the subject line or given to the Treasurer in person.

Safety Policy

We require background checks for adult leaders & youth parent members. Unless specified otherwise, children under 6th grade may NOT be dropped off for any Growing

Great Minds activities.

Parents MUST leave a responsible adult in charge of their child(ren) during any activity or field trip. Growing Great Minds Is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any children left unattended at GGM Homeschool CO-OP or any other event.

Visitor Policy

- Growing Great Minds welcomes visitors to our events.
- Guests are to stay with the adult member & not be left alone with children.
- Leadership team must be notified ahead of time of your guests.
- ALL visitors to a Growing Great Minds event must complete a GGM liability waiver prior to participation.

GGM Co-Op Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

- Every family must check-in for GGM Co-Op
- Please wear badges AT ALL TIMES while at GGM Co-Op
- Every family must also CHECK OUT at the end of the day and return badges to the proper folder.

Emergency Procedures

Medical Incident

If a major medical incident occurs during a Growing Great Minds event:

- Stay calm.
- An adult should stay with the injured/ill child.
- For GGM Co-Op -A second adult should personally find the child's parent if they are volunteering in a different area
- Parent of the child will evaluate and make the decision if they want to call 911- unless it is a true medical emergency, in which case a 911 call will be made immediately.
- GGM Leadership Team Member will complete an incident report.
- Do NOT pull fire alarm if alerted to a medical emergency.

Fire Alarm (for on-campus events at GGM CO-OP)

If the fire alarm sounds, evacuation of the building is our primary focus. When the fire alarm goes off, the following will happen Immediately:

- The fire department will respond to all fire alarms.
- Follow posted evacuation plans.

How will I know if GGM Co-Op is Closed or an Event is cancelled?

Our FB page is our MAIN source of communication. Please be sure to be following. We will generally follow Pasco County Public Schools in this area. If GGM closes for the day due to weather, an email will be sent as well as a post on GGM's calendar and Facebook page.

Absences

We understand that things come up and sometimes, for whatever reason, you may find yourself unable to attend co-op or events may occur that cause you to be late for co-op. Please remember that we are a parent run co-op, and we need everyone's participation for the co-op to run smoothly.

Because each person's contribution is critical to the success of the whole program, we do have an absence policy. For the times when an absence or tardiness is unavoidable, please help us to keep things running as smoothly as possible by alerting the Teacher Liaison or a member of The Board of Director's as soon as possible to help find a sub for your position.

Planned Absences

- Teachers communicate with your assistant so that they know what material to lead with in your absence.
- Let the Teacher Liaison know immediately if you need any help finding a sub for your class.
- It will be your responsibility to prepare your Teacher's Assistant with materials needed for the day of class you will be missing.

Sick Policy

Family members should not attend any GGM class or activity if they are contagious with an illness.

Members should refrain from coming if they have:

- Upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- A communicable disease
- Headlice
- Vomiting within 24 hours of the start of the GGM class or activity
- A fever within 24 hours of the start of the GGM class or activity

Children must be **fever free for 24 hours PRIOR to participation** in any GGM class or activity. Should you or your child contract a communicable disease and you or your child participated in GGM during the contagious period, please notify someone from our Leadership Team. If you are unsure if you or your child was contagious, please err on the side of caution and contact the Leadership Team.

Statement of Faith

Every member must agree to respect the Statement of Faith before joining co-op.

We believe that:

- the Bible to be the inspired word of God. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Since God is the ultimate authority, His Word is authoritative for Christian beliefs and living.
- there is one self-existent God who has always been and will always be, manifest in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that knowing Him truly is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is co-equal with God the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He rose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return someday to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- through faith and belief in Him, we have received the salvation provided by God's grace through the death of Jesus Christ.
- children belong to God and we as parents have been given the responsibility and authority for their education and that it is our responsibility to protect this parental right.
- it is our duty to raise our children in the knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ and in accordance with His Word.

We also believe and expect our members to be:

Encouraging in Speech

Our words should be encouraging and positive. There should be no insults, cut downs, gossip, or slander by any member - child or adult.

Colossians 4:6 - Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Committed to Virtuous Character

We encourage all members of Growing Great Minds, regardless of their religious affiliation, to manifest Christian virtue, serving as role models to our kids and one another in respect.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.

Respectful of Authority

In word, action, and attitude, we should be respectful both in and out of our group. It is expected that members will uphold those in authority directly over our group, our leadership team, and the GCC staff working with our group.

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Teachable in Spirit

This may be the most important trait of someone who is seeking to grow and learn and teach. We all have weaknesses, but if we remain teachable, we have hope. We must be willing to listen to constructive criticism and consider the path of change.

Proverbs 9:9 - Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Dress Code

To promote an orderly learning environment in our homeschool co-op, while preparing all students for later success in the world of work, the Board of GGM has established the following guidelines for student dress:

- Students shall wear modest clothing. Shirts cannot be longer than shorts.
- Any spandex pants/shorts worn must have a shirt that extends below their buttocks.
- A good "rule of thumb" for shorts and skirts is that they reach to arm's length.
- No midriffs or spaghetti straps
- We ask that hats be removed for the Pledge of Allegiance and for prayer.
- Shoes MUST always be worn and be appropriate for the activity.
- Clothing cannot have inappropriate words or pictures.
- For water events-a one piece bathing suit/tankini is required

The Board and or Leadership Team shall determine the appropriateness of dress code and appearance with the guidelines distributed by GGM. The Board and/or Leadership Team, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets GGM standards. The President's final decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

- The host of any GGM event will have the authority to address if a student's apparel is inappropriate at any given function.
- For a first offense, the student shall be given a verbal warning and the GGM President or designee shall speak with the student's parent or guardian.
- For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any activity and will be asked to go home and change to appropriate and acceptable attire.
- For a third or subsequent offense, the student shall receive a suspension from GGM and may face permanent dismissal from Thrive Co-Op.

1 Timothy 2:91 also want women (and men) to dress modestly, with decency and propriety... with good deeds, appropriate for those who profess to worship God.

Code of Conduct

We believe it is the parents' responsibility to shape the Godly character of their children and to guide them in their Christian education. In accordance with that belief, all parents and students are expected to represent themselves in a manner that pleases God.

We expect adults and children alike to:

- Be courteous, considerate, cooperative, and respectful.
- Avoid profanity, gossip, slander, fighting, bullying and intimidation.

STUDENTS

- Be responsive and respectful to those in Leadership.
- Show respect to those around you in words and actions. Avoid unkind words and foul language.
- Avoid disruption of class to be respectful of the leader's time and to avoid distracting the attention of the other classmates.
- Complete and turn in all assignments given to you by your teacher.
- Disruptions and misbehavior will result in dismissal from the class, events, or GGM permanently.
- Adhere to the dress code.
- GGM is not responsible for the loss of personal objects brought to class. Please avoid bringing things to class or events that are not required for participation such as toys, books,

stuffed animals, etc.

- Cell phones are not allowed without Teacher permission during class.
- Violence or threats will not be tolerated and is an immediate actionable offense.
- Do not leave a room or activity without the permission of a parent or instructor.
- Clean up after yourself and help with room clean up after class.

PARENTS

You must agree to the following completely and sign to attest that you agree.

1. I understand that my child's education and discipline is my responsibility.
2. It is expected that parents will require their children to be willing to accept guidance and correction from anyone who may be leading or instructing in any capacity.
3. I understand that Homework will be given, and it is my responsibility to ensure that such assignments are completed and turned in to his/her teacher.
4. I understand that this is a cooperative education venture and that every family unit must have at least one parent or guardian on site during the entire co-op session who is willing and able to serve in some capacity. This means that errands, appointments, etc., should be scheduled outside of co-op time, and no one should be leaving early nor coming late, as this undermines the functioning of the co-op and shortchanges the other participants.
5. I understand that I will be required to Teach or assist in at least 1 class, help in a class when needed and serve in other capacities as needed. Children will not be registered for co-op unless their parents have made a commitment to help.
6. I understand that my child(ren) will be held to the Student Code of Conduct listed above. If an issue arises, the teacher will speak to the parent. If the issue continues the teacher will bring the matter before the Board.
7. I understand that I am responsible for my child(ren) actions and behavior at all times. Any discipline for behavior will be up to me as the parent.
8. I understand that GGM has a dress code for both my child(ren) and myself and I will adhere to that both while at GGM facility and off campus outings as well.
9. I understand that if my child is in a class without myself present and a behavior issue is observed (including but not limited to- continued disruptions of class, disrespect to leaders and /or other classmates), the teacher of the class may give my child a warning. Continued misbehavior can result in my child and/or my family being dismissed from the co-op. After 3 warnings, a meeting with the Board will be held to determine the appropriate course of action.
10. I will strive to be patient and understanding with everyone's children as well as other parents.
11. If I have an issue with a teacher or parent, I will communicate it respectfully to that person first, in private. Issues shall not be aired with others.
 - a. If the issue is not resolved, I will adhere to the GGM Conflict Resolution Policy.
12. I will work together with other parents so that the group runs smoothly.
13. I will respect the beliefs, opinions, and political affiliations of other members. I understand that parents are to use discretion and try to avoid conversations that may alienate another

member or cause a conflict.

14. When I enroll my child in a class that requires "outside work" I will supervise that work at home. My child(ren) will come to co-op prepared to learn and participate and turn in any "outside" work given.
15. I will be vigilant about keeping sick germs at home. If my child has a fever over 100.5 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious illness within the 24 hours up to and including co-op, I will take them home. I will be sure to notify the Teacher Liaison so that my classroom responsibilities will be covered.
16. I understand that promptness and attendance is required for the smooth running of the co-op. However, if I am unable to attend, I know that it is my responsibility to find a sub for my position and alert the Teacher Liaison as soon as possible.
17. Since co-op is a cooperative effort and each person's contribution is critical to the success of the whole program, I understand that if I have more than 3 absences for the year, my family may be asked to leave the co-operative. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
18. If my child has a learning disability or a special need, I will discuss this with each of his/her teachers before classes begin.
19. I will do my best to make sure that we go home with all our book bags, lunch boxes, etc.
20. I understand that. GGM is not responsible for loss or damage to my personal belongings.
21. I will refrain from unnecessary use of electronic devices during instructional time.
22. I will check my emails for general co-op updates, and for emails from teachers, understanding that most communication between teacher/student will occur via email.
23. I will notify The Board and teachers about any medical conditions, allergies, etc., for each of my children.
24. I understand that disrespectful behavior, such as gossip and bullying, will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: Rejecting, excluding, or isolating target(s); Humiliating target(s) in front of friends; Manipulating friends and relationships; Sending hurtful or threatening e-mail or texts; Taunting, ranking, or degrading a target on social media and inviting others to join in posting humiliating notes or messages; Verbal threats, name-calling, racial slurs, taunting, and insults.

Conflict Resolution Policy

We realize that conflicts and misunderstandings may arise among members. It is important that we agree on how to deal with these situations, should they arise. Our conflict resolution policy is based on the teachings of Jesus in the books of Matthew and Ephesians: We are called to keep short accounts with (forgive promptly) one another (Ephesians 4:26); to take responsibility for our own contribution to the conflict (Matthew 7:3-5); to show our brother his fault (Matthew 18:15); and to seek reconciliation (Matthew 5:23, 24). We believe conflict provides an opportunity to glorify God, serve others, and grow to be more Christ-like. If a conflict arises, please follow this process, and do so with "a spirit of love and gentleness." (I Corinthians 4:21):

1. Reflect on the situation and what it looks like in this conflict to keep a short account with one another. Pray and ask God to help you examine your own heart before you take the next steps.
2. Seek to resolve** the issue on your own with the involved parties. **Do not talk about the matter with other uninvolved parties.**
3. If either party is unsatisfied or resolution cannot be met, please ask for assistance from Growing Great Minds Leadership Team. Send an email to danielle@ggmfl.org explaining the conflict and listing out all involved parties and a member of our team will arrange a meeting with those involved. All parties involved are required to attend the meeting.
4. If still unresolved, you may bring the issue directly to the Board of Directors by submitting a completed Grievance Form to board@ggmfl.org. They will have the final decision.

**resolve/resolution - achieved when all parties reach mutual agreement or understanding.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

1. Being a member of GGM is a privilege and one's participation can be revoked due to misconduct. The Board may also deny participation to any member at their discretion.
2. The Board reserves the right to dismiss any member for any reason at any time.
3. The Board reserves the right to change policies and procedures to accommodate the needs of the group and will notify all members should such a situation arise.
4. When we are attending activities as a group, our behavior not only reflects on the individual, but on GGM as well. We ask that you continue to adhere to these rules of etiquette when we are outside of our normal building the same as when we are in it.

By joining the Growing Great Minds Homeschool Group, you agree to abide by this code of conduct. Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in permanent dismissal from the group no matter what point of the current school year it may be.

Family Signature Page

By signing, you understand and agree to abide by all the GGM/Thrive Policies and Procedures outlined in this document, with special focus on the following sections:

Statement of Faith
Financial Policy
Safety Policy
Dress Code
Code of Conduct

Conflict Resolution Policy

Parent 1 Signature + Printed First and Last Name

Parent 2 Signature + Printed First and Last Name

Student Signature + Printed First and Last Name

Student Signature + Printed First and Last Name

Student Signature + Printed First and Last Name

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GGM/Thrive Family Medical Release

Parent Name: _____

Although it is our mandatory policy that parents remain on site with their children during co-op, it is sometimes possible for children to attend under the supervision of a "substitute" parent or guardian. We need to keep this medical information/release on file for emergency purposes. Please rest assured this info is kept in the strictest of confidence.

As parent/guardian of _____, I authorize the

treatment by a qualified and licensed medical practitioner for the above minor child in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the first responders and / or attending physician, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed.

Are any of your children currently on ANY daily medication that medical services should be aware of?

Yes ____ No ____ If Yes, please list: _____

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify us of any changes to the list of medications.

Do any of your children have allergies that we or emergency medical services need to be aware of (food, medications, etc.)?

If yes, please list allergy and treatment. This includes allergies to medication (for Emergency Medical Services) and food for co-op.

Insurance Information:

Authority to Sign

I represent and warrant that I am a parent or legal guardian of the Child named above and have the full power and authority to enter this medical release on behalf of my child. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this document, and also represent that all information provided is accurate.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name & Phone Number

Emergency Contact & Number

Waiver and Release of Liability (Growing Great Minds)

Growing Great Minds Group (GGM) is a non-profit organization of Christian families that periodically come together to share educational materials, resources, techniques, field trips, and classes for the benefit of their home-schooled children.

GGM is a non-commercial educational and social organization that relies 100% on voluntary enrollment and participation. Neither the organizers nor the venue host receive compensation for their organizational and planning services. GGM activities are pursued in support of the key

mission which is to assist the social, spiritual, and academic needs of member's children.

To ensure proper understanding by parents, guardians, and students of the liability limits of GGM, its event organizers, its venue hosts, its volunteer parents its participating students, and the need to conduct such activities without fear of lawsuits or liability in the event of an accident, GGM requires that all parents, guardians, or other responsible persons read and sign this "waiver of release of Liability" (sometimes referred to as the "Release").

I understand that every activity, notwithstanding the best intentions and plans of event organizers and participants, involve some level of risk of accidental bodily injury, death and /or property damage, and sickness due to potential infectious diseases. Notwithstanding such risks and other hazards that may be foreseeable but not specifically identified herein, by my typed signature on this waiver and Release of Liability, I will waive my legal rights to claim, sue or attempt to hold liable GGM, its organizers, participants, venue hosts, including their respective families, relatives, heirs, and assignees the "Released Parties" for any injury, death, communicable disease, or property damage sustained by me, my children, or anyone in my charge in connection with GGM events and activities.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in GGM events is entirely voluntary, that I have enrolled by child(ren) or legal charges on my own free will and that, other than a reasonable sharing of associated costs, I am not being charged for events or activities sponsored by GGM, I agree to participate at my sole liability and expense.

I understand and acknowledge the risks referred to above and do not wish to expose the Released Parties to liability even if they are negligent or commit unintentional wrongful acts. Accordingly, in consideration of an opportunity to participate in GGM activities and events, I hereby make the following promise in connection with this Waiver and Release of Liability, which I execute as Releasor.

PROMISE BY RELEASOR: The undersigned Releasor personally and for their heirs, representatives, and assigns, hereby irrevocably releases, acquits, and forever discharges the Parties Being Released, their family members and their heirs and estates from any and all claims or demands for any and all loss, injury, death or damage arising out of or related to the undersigned's involvement and/or participation in any GGM activity or event. This Waiver and Release applies whether damages are caused by the negligence or any other unintentional wrongdoing of the Parties Being Released.

I understand that this Waiver and Release is intended to be a complete release and an irrevocable release of all possible claims for damages caused by negligence or other unintentional wrongdoing. I acknowledge that, under governing laws, a general release may not extend to claims that I, as Releasor, may not know or suspect to exist in my favor at the time of executing this Release that, if known by me, might have materially affected my decision. However, by this complete Waiver and Release of Liability, I understand and acknowledge that I intend that this Release shall encompass not only all known and foreseeable claims but also

unknown and unforeseen claims against any of the parties being Released arising out of GGM events and activities.

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this Release I am giving the Parties being Released a continuous and ongoing release that includes the current, as well as future, events and activities sponsored by GGM.

I understand and acknowledge that I am an adult of at least 18 years of age. My decision to participate in GGM events and activities is a voluntary decision and that it has not been coerced in any way. I have been given this document in advance. I am under no pressure to make an immediate decision to participate. I know it is my right to elect not to sign this Release and to refrain from participating in GGM events and activities.

I understand and hereby acknowledge that by signing this Release I have not only agreed to personally waive any liability claim, but to assume all risk of injury, death or damage suffered during, or as the result of, my decision to participate in a GGM event or activity. I also agree that by this document, I promise that my heirs, assigns, executor, or administrator shall not file any claim or lawsuit against the Parties being Released, or their heirs, or their estate.

I understand and acknowledge that I may seek advice from legal counsel if I have any doubt before signing this Release. By signing this Release, I acknowledge that either I have sought the advice of legal counsel or wish to now waive the opportunity to talk to a lawyer before signing this Release.

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this Release I am representing that I understand the language used in this Waiver and Release of Liability. I represent that if there is any word or phrase that I did not understand that I have sought the advice of an attorney or other person for an explanation. I represent that in the event of injury, death, or property damage, neither me, nor my heirs, nor my representatives shall have a right to claim that I did not understand what I was acknowledging in this Waiver and Release of Liability.

I understand and acknowledge that this Waiver and Release of Liability is a full and complete agreement. No other documents or other information can be used to modify or alter the terms of this Waiver and Release of Liability. This Release is a fully integrated, and complete statement of the Waiver and Release of Liability that I have agreed to. If any provision of this Release is declared invalid, the remaining provisions remain enforceable.

I understand and acknowledge that GGM is a non-profit organization created to form close friendship and support with other homeschooling families with a vision to work together to meet social and academic needs of participating families.

I agree that regardless of where this document is executed, this Waiver of Release of Liability shall be deemed a private contract entered in the state of Florida. I also agree that regardless of where this document is executed and where an accident might occur, that any occurrence or claim which raises an issue regarding the enforceability of this Release shall be governed by

Florida Law.

Mother's Signature

Date Signed

Father's Signature

Date Signed