

CREATION EXPLORERS OF CEDARVILLE

PARTNERSHIP PLEDGE

Creation Explorers of Cedarville is a co-operative homeschool group developed and conducted by home-educator parent volunteers. Psalm 24:1-2 provides the foundation of our co-op in that by studying God's creation we learn of His character and His plan for our lives here on earth. We seek to honor God through this co-op, in both our academic and social interaction. For these reasons, we have set forth the following guidelines for involvement in ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville*** upon completion of the application process and admission to the membership of ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville***:

1. Course content and related activities will keep with the Statement of Faith.
2. In accordance with Ephesians 6:1 each parent is responsible for their own child's right conduct.
3. We encourage participation of all students. We would only ask that if your child becomes a distraction, that Philippians 2:4 would serve as the guide, and that you would remove the child from the lesson so that the class could continue unhindered.
4. ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville's*** course work is designed to be a student's complete science curriculum for the year, and as such must be treated as a serious academic endeavor. Students should attend regularly and come prepared with a notebook, the textbook, pencils, and activity box and/or lab equipment. The unit to be presented should be read in its entirety in advance at home for maximum course benefit. The upper-level science classes, including the middle school class, may include additional requirements.
5. All students are expected to refrain from using electronic devices during class, this includes all cell phones, computers, and smart devices. Parents are asked to lead by example by refraining from using electronic devices during class unless using that device is for a specifically prepared lesson.
6. Each participating parent/adult agrees to serve on a teaching team with full participation at each co-op meeting.
7. Many families are committing a significant portion of their school year to this co-op. We are dependent upon one another for the spiritual, social, and academic success of this group. Starting September 2022, we will ask newcomers to visit one class session before prayerfully committing to our co-op, in accordance with Proverbs 20:25. Once you have pledged your family's involvement, we ask that you alert the board if you need to be absent from a particular session.
8. If extenuating circumstances arise which would necessitate withdrawal from ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville***, we ask that you extend the courtesy of alerting the board of your change. Additionally, you will be responsible for supplying a replacement from our parent members for your role in each volunteer slot to which you have committed, as well as securing a substitute teacher for your lessons if you have not yet fulfilled your teaching obligations.
9. Communication is a key component in making sure that each co-op day runs smoothly. Parents are expected to check email regularly.
10. Registration fees are due at the time of registration each year and are non-refundable. Lab fees for junior high and high school classes are also due at the time of registration and are non-refundable.

11. Father, mother, or other legal guardians and students have received, read, and agree with the Mission Statement of ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville***.

12. The co-op application process requires the applicant to read and sign ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville's*** Statement of Faith and interview with co-op board members. Based on the application, interview, and/or enrollment numbers the applicant may be admitted as a "new member." New members are under review during their first year of participation. At the end of the first year of participation and upon the board's recommendation, the new member may be able to renew and thereafter be considered a full member.

13. Each student in 7th-12th grade is required to read, to sign, and to comply with the Student Code of Conduct form. Parents are also required to sign the Student Code of Conduct form regardless of age of students.

14. In the exception that your child/children is left in the care of a designated adult other than a parent while on campus for co-op, the board must be notified by signed parental note who is responsible for your child/children in your absence. Should you choose to allow your children to play outside or in the gym after class, they must be under your supervision at all times.

15. All teaching members of ***Creation Explorers of Cedarville*** agree to a criminal record check in accordance with ***Grace Baptist Church's*** Child Protection Policy. All teaching adult members must complete ***Creation Explorer's of Cedarville*** Child Protection Training which will be offered prior to the first academic day of each school year.

16. In accordance with 1 Timothy 2:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 we ask parents to dress in a modest manner. Also, in accordance with the Statement of Faith, we ask that each member dresses in alignment with the gender that God has created them to be. We ask that members avoid wearing excessively tight, short, or revealing clothing remembering their potential involvement in physical education classes and hands-on assisting in all classes. Clothing to avoid includes, but is not limited to: tank tops; spaghetti strap tops; clothing with inappropriate messages; jeans with rips above the knee; shirts with low necklines; shorts that are shorter than fingertip length; skirts and dresses with hemlines that fall above the knee; leggings worn without a tunic or dress atop them that covers the rear-end; exposed midriffs; mesh or see-through clothing; and bottoms that sag or do not sit at the waist. Any issues will be addressed by a board member to a member.