# **St Louis City and County**

## Homeschool Families of Greater St. Louis

We are a group of friends who homeschool our children in the St. Louis area. This group is very casual and focuses on having friends for our kids to play with on a regular basis. We welcome all families and celebrate differences in religion, philosophy, and ability. Contact

HomeSchoolFamiliesofstlouis-owner@yahoogroups.com www.groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschoolfamiliesofstlouis

# **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Homeschoolers**

Home school support group made up of primarily Missouri Synod Lutheran homeschoolers, but open to all Lutherans. Fellowship, support, directory, and get togethers. While not a formal support group, it does meet every few months in St. Louis County. Chris & Jenn Newgent jen.newgent@gmail.com

### St. Louis Catholic Homeschool Association

The St. Louis Catholic Homeschool Association is the largest Catholic homeschool support group in the greater St. Louis area. Over 185 families, in and around the St. Louis area, participate in our regular activities.

Kathy Harkins 314-918-0639 kathyharkins@charter.net website: www.stlouiscatholichomeschool.com

### St. Louis Homeschool Events

A blog listing events and classes open to all homeschooling families in the greater St. Louis area. The website has resources and help topics for homeschooling in the area and in general. Susie Thurmond zana8796@yahoo.com

website: http://stlouishomeschoolevents.wordpress.com/

Facebook: St. Louis Homeschool Events List Twitter: @STLHSEventsList

# St. Louis Homeschool Network

http://www.stlouishomeschoolnetwork.org A support group for homeschooling families and information source for prospective homeschoolers, organized and run by volunteer efforts. The group is diverse with many religious, political and educational philosophies, with the focus exclusively on homeschooling. Group activities include a learning cooperative. private email group and bi-monthly meetings. See the website for contact information.

### **Tower Grove Homeschool Group**

We are a diverse group of families who are committed to meeting every week near Tower Grove Park in south St. Louis. Our main focus is friendship and support for both children and parents. regardless of race, religion, or teaching style.

Contacts: Kathy Albers and Alison Kocher

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/towergrovehomeschool/

# S.H.A.R.E. (St. Louis Homeschooling Activities, Resources and **Encouragement)**

Ed & Cathy Mullins 314-769-7965 ekcimullins@gmail.com Pat & Kerrie Tate 314-791-0000 kertate@aol.com website: www.sharehomeschool.com

### North Area

# H.E.L.P.S. (Homeschoolers Encouraging, Learning and **Providing Support**)

Serving North County and surrounding area

New Member contact: Tami Niswogner: taminiswonger@gmail.com New Homeschooler contact: Kim Quon: kquon@netzero.com General Information: Michele Kerans: michelekerans@yahoo.com website: www.helps-stl.org

# **North County Homeschoolers**

Serving North Saint Louis County, Missouri Secular, inclusive group for people who are homeschooling or plan to start homeschooling soon. This is a great place to post about activities, field trip ideas, asking questions, sharing resources, or maybe just checking out last minute plans. Our group hosts weekly park days, a learning co-op and a Girl Scout troop. We are dedicated to a safe, friendly environment for the children to learn and grow. Contact: Becky Kern-Ryan Beckykernryan@gmail.com http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthCountyHomeschoolers/

# **Jefferson County**

# A.R.C.H.E. (Arnold Region Christian Home Educators)

Arnold, Missouri (Jefferson County) and surrounding areas **General Coordinator** 

Mary Mays 314-805-9780 mmmays96@gmail.com website: www.homeschool-life.com/mo/arche

# **Jefferson County Homeschool Friends**

Playgroup and field trips in Jefferson County area. We meet at a different park each month.

Contact: sarajschmidt@gmail.com

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jeffcohomeschoolfriends

# Twin City Home Educators (Festus/Crystal City)

Our support meetings are from 7-9 pm in Conference Room E at Mercy Jefferson Hospital in Crystal City; 3rd Mondays from August to April. Our park days at St. Francois State Park are the 2nd Monday in May, 3rd Mondays in June and July, 4th Monday in August. Park Days are subject to change.

Paula Koranda 636-208-9496 paulakoranda@gmail.com

# St. Charles County

# **Crossroads Christian Connection Support Group**

A support group geared toward field trips, holiday parties, track and field, park days, group wide events, mom's nights, craft clubs, Facebook group forum, and more.

Contact our leadership team Contact our leadership team (Carrie, Angel, Jen, La Donna, Karsen, and Dawn) at: contactus@crossroadschristianconnection.net

# St. Charles County Catholic Homeschooling Families

A support group for Catholic Homeschooling Families in the St. Charles County area. Contacts:

Toni Hoffman 314-323-6534 tonihoffman@hotmail.com Susan Fleming 618-960-8241 susankerkemeyer@hotmail.com

### **Homeschooler Link**

Homeschooler Link provides ways for home school families in the St. Charles County and surrounding areas to find the resources and activities they need in their home school. We have a variety of classes for all ages at our Enrichment Thursdays co-op. We plan activities for families and children to get together like field trips. holiday parties, dances, mom/parent's night, kid hangouts and more. Website: www.homeschoolerlink.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/830104880371131/

Email: schomeschoolerlink@gmail.com

### Koinonia - Wentzville

Koinonia is a greek word meaning "intimate fellowship". Keeping that in mind, we aim to love God and love people by equipping families for home education. We do that through a variety of monthly activities, Facebook group forum, and more. Activities for preschool - 12th

Contact our leadership team at: fbcwkoinonia@gmail.com

Facebook: FBCW Koinonia

### St. Charles Christian Home Educators (SCCHE)

Leaders: Michael & Margaret Porch email: sccheleaders@gmail.com Member coordinator: Tracy Leine email: tracyrleine@yahoo.com

New Homeschool Info contact: Gina McAndrew

email: gmcandrew@charter.net website: www.scche-mo.com

# **Tri-County Christian Home Educators (TCCHE)**

We are serving families within the Troy area and surrounding counties by providing support in a variety of ways. Christ centered educational opportunities are the primary goal while field trips, classes, shared resources, teen volunteer connections and many other activities are offered.

website: http://homeschool-life.com/mo/tcche/

# **West County**

### WCCHE (West County Christian Home Educators)

We are an active support group of close to 300 families supporting, encouraging, and equipping each other as we seek to train and educate our children in the instruction of the Lord. We offer monthly meetings, field trips, and a wide variety of activities. website: www.wcche.org

# **Illinois Groups**

### **Scott Area Military Home Educators**

Scott AFB, IL (near Belleville)

Military, homeschooling families that live on or near Scott AFB; Active duty, retired, reserve, National Guard or previous military families. If you are in any way affiliated with Scott AFB or other surrounding military organizations you may join. If you would like to join this group please request membership and complete the registration form on our website.

email: samheducators@gmail.com website: www.homeschool-life.com/il/samhe

# Family Of Christian Home Educators (FOCHE)

Madison County, Illinois Renee' Horvath 618-973-6194 email: foche@foche.us website: www.foche.us

### **Jefferson County, IL Christian Home Educators (JCCHE)**

Most of our activities center around the Mt. Vernon, IL area. Field trips, gym days, mom's night out. We have a Sweetheart Banquet every Feb for parents only.

Angie Whipple 618-237-7795 whip86@gmail.com 7245 N. Program Lane, Belle Rive, IL 62810

## **Metro East Catholic Home Educators (MECHE)**

Serving the Belleville, IL area and Scott Air Force Base We are a Catholic homeschool support group. Our activities include field trips, first Friday masses, geography night, etc. contact: Sue Pederson 618-207-3261 ss.pedersons@gmail.com website: http://www.homeschool-life.com/il/meche/

### St. Clair County Christian Home Educators

A Christian homeschool support group serving the Metro-East and surrounding areas in Southern Illinois. We currently serve approximately 200 families and welcome new members. Ray and Julie Swogger 618-224-6012

Swoggerohana@gmail.com website: www.sccche.org

# **Outlying Areas**

# Greater Rolla Area C.H.E.S.S. (Christian Home Educators Support System)

Rolla, Missouri and surrounding areas (including Crawford, Dent, Maries, Phelps and Pulaski counties) Amy Koenig 573-647-1333 chess09@live.com

website: www.homeschool-life.com/mo/chess

# **State and National Lobbying Organizations**

# **Families for Home Education**

website: www.fhe-mo.org P.O. Box 879, Marshfield, MO 65706 (877-696-6343) email:1983fhemo@gmail.com

# **HSLDA (Homeschool Legal Defense Association)**

website: www.hslda.org PO Box 3000, Purcellville, VA 20134-9000 540-338-5600

> Remember to check the website for 2017 Expo updates! www.stlhomeschoolexpo.com

# **Co-ops/Learning Centers**

# A.R.C.H.E. Workshops

Enrichment classes held on Fridays from 9-3 at First Baptist Church of Arnold Mary Mays and Katie Geary archegroup09@yahoo.com

website: www.homeschool-life.com/mo/arche

## **Cedar Hill Homeschoolers**

CHH primary goal is to help homeschooling families to provide a more well rounded faith based education to children pre-k thru 12th grade through a variety of core and elective classes such as dance, cooking, anatomy, arts and crafts, computer and many more. In addition to classes we have a lot of fun with parties, community lunches, field trips, year books, etc. We meet on Wednesdays starting at 9am.

email: cedarhillhomeschoolers@gmail.com contact: Carla 636-300-7206

# **CHEC (Christian Home Educator's Cooperative)**

Ferguson Church of the Nazarene

1309 N. Elizabeth Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

This is a pure cooperative of parents. One parent must participate with their children in this co-op that meets every Thursday from 11:00 am - 3:25 pm. Classes offered for all ages. Fall registration opens in July.

Julie Burgess or Kim McAdoo checferguson@gmail.com website: www.fergusonchurch.org (in the ministries section)

### **Classical Conversations**

Supports homeschooling parents by cultivating the love of learning through a Christian worldview in fellowship with other families. We believe there are three keys to a great education: Classical, Christian, and Community. A classical education is ideally suited to children's natural learning style. From beginning to end, the Classical Conversations curriculum is founded on the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. Classical Conversations plants and supports local communities who meet once a week across the United States and in several other countries.

Lake St. Louis, St. Peters, St. Charles, and Troy, MO Mary Fink mfink@classicalconversations.com Eureka, Byrnes Mill/House Springs, Washington, Arnold, and Maplewood, MO

Courtney Opheim copheim@classicalconversations.com Town & Country and Kirkwood

Tia Stabenow tstabenow@classicalconversations.com

### Collinsville Homeschool Co-Op

CHC is an educational cooperative bringing families together to provide enriching, supplemental classes. Classes meet Thursdays at Meadow Heights Baptist Church, Collinsville, IL http://www.homeschool-life.com/il/collinsvillecoop/Facebook: Collinsville Homeschool Coop email: collinsvillehomeschoolcoop@gmail.com

# Homeschool Network

Offers a day of classes for homeschooled students in grades K-8. Classes are held on Thursdays for two 12-week sessions in the fall and winter. Meets at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church. Noel Kellogg, Director noelk@chespres.org website: www.chespres.org (under Children's Ministries)

# **Crossroads Christian Connection Co-op**

A parent led co-op consisting of a mix of core and non-core classes for grades K-12 including: Institute for Excellence in Writing, Apologia Science Labs, Literature studies, Art, and much more. CCC Co-op meets in Lake St. Louis.

Contact our leadership team (Carrie, Angel, Jen, Karsen, and La Donna) at: contactus@crossroadschristianconnection.net

# **Crossroads Christian Connection Hope Co-op**

Hope Co-op, located in O'Fallon, Missouri, offers a positive classroom-style environment for families who desire to homeschool in a supportive learning setting.

Core classes for PK-High School meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.Parent volunteer positions and limited number of student paid slots available.

Contact Dawn Griffin @636-248-9438 or hopecoop09@gmail.com

## **DaySpring Arts & Education**

Offers a full range of performing arts classes & lessons, a 2 to 3day Academy for elementary, junior high and high school academics with individual class options, Homeschool enrichment classes for K-8, & Preschool.

2500 Metro in Maryland Heights and Crestwood at Lindbergh and Sappington

Nancy Schaaf 314-291-8878 office@dayspringarts.org website: www.dayspringarts.org

# **Eagle Learning Center**

Enrichment or core classes for Grades 1-12 meeting once a week, on Mondays, at First Baptist Church of Ellisville. Classes include Art, Spanish, Latin, Science, Composition, Geography, Public Speaking, Logic, Humanities, Theater, and more. Two 12-week semesters; applications available to all homeschoolers seeking Christian instruction.

Contact: Laura Hecht Ihecht@charter.net

# **Enrichment Thursdays (Homeschooler Link)**

Offers classes for all homeschoolers from PreK-12th grades at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Peters. Classes are on Thursdays from 10:00 to 4:00 and are divided into 2 semesters of 14 weeks each. Families can enjoy choir, art, history, math, robotics, science, p.e., Spanish, German, and more. You can pick and choose your classes and times. This is a co-op so our prices are low and the parents volunteer to help the co-op run smoothly.

Contact: Andrea Zinselmeyer schomeschoolerlink@gmail.com Website: www.homeschoolerlink.com

### Freedom Christian Learning Center (FCLC)

We meet Tuesdays in Troy, MO at the Living Hope Church of Christ. Focus is on the Upper Elementary, Jr. High, and Early High School classes.

Maria Jeffers 636-358-1434 gmkdL4him@gmail.com website: http://fclctroy.com

### The Pillar Foundation

A homeschool resource center offering various courses for high school students and an extensive lending library. Open Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm.

15820 Clayton Road, Ellisville, MO 63011 636-386-7722

email: pillar@thepillar.org website: www.thepillar.org

# **HFC (Homeschoolers for Christ)**

Meets Thursday mornings at DeSoto Nazarene Church, DeSoto MO Classes for students of all ages from September thru April Field trips, parties, etc. Christian organization where classes are taught by volunteer parents. Variety of classes such as music, art, PE, cooking, survival, crafts, etc; including high school.

Facebook: Hfc Educate

contact: hfjc.educate@yahoo.com Debbie Adams 636-209-0667

# Homelink Learning Center (sponsored by S.H.A.R.E.)

Offers a variety of supplemental classes with an emphasis on junior high and high school. Meets Tues/Thurs. in south area near Bayless and Hwy 55

Directors: Cathy Mullins 314-769-7965 ekcjmullins@gmail.com Kerrie Tate 3141-791-0000 kertatehomelink@aol.com website: www.sharehomeschool.com (click on Homelink classes on the top bar)

# **Liberty Classical Center**

Assisting homeschooling families by providing an intimate, safe, Christian classroom experience in a Classical Education Model. We provide smaller (10-15 students), longer (90 min.) classes for maximum one-on-one exposure.

Emphasis on Jr High & High School, meets Mondays and Wednesdays.

709 Crestview Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63366 636-240-4412 administrator: dan.benson@libertyclassicalcenter.com website: libertyclassicalcenter.com

### **Providence Fine Arts Center**

A not-for-profit performing arts school for homeschoolers in the St. Louis and St. Charles counties of Missouri.

First Baptist Church of Ferguson
333 N Florissant Road, Ferguson MO 63135
contact: info@providencefac.org (314) 489-7630
website: www.providencefac.org

# **SCCHE Learning Center**

The SCCHE Learning Center is designed to assist the homeschool family with supplemental, once-weekly classes in a Christ-centered environment for upper junior high through high school students. Sciences, mathematics, Language Arts/writing, history/geography, and foreign languages are the focus of classwork offered. Plus, the SCCHE choirs rehearse during this time. Finally there are plenty of opportunities for students to socialize and moms to fellowship. SCCHE's Learning Center meets on Tuesdays from 8:30-5:00 at the Family Vision Library, located at 2020 Parkway Drive, St. Peters, MO 63376

For more information, you can go to the SCCHE website for general class information: www.scche-mo.com, or email Terri Lisech at tslroh@gmail.com

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# Looking for Homeschool Support?

This is a listing of independent homeschool groups and other support organizations that offer various kinds of assistance to homeschoolers. Please contact the leader or director to inquire about the individual groups.

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