

Valley Faith Co-op 2020-21

Class Schedule and FAQ

Classes will be held at Monument Bible Church

4124 Ave. I, Scottsbluff

Always Thursdays

2020: Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, Christmas program for semester classes Dec 5th.

2021: Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 11, 25 with Apr. 8 as the possible make-up date.

Closing Program will be March 27th or April 10th.



Don't forget to mark your calendars! Co-op student registration will open at 10a.m. on:

-August 17-21 (Mon-Fri) Teacher/Co-Teacher Families Registration

-August 24-Aug 31 (Mon-Mon) Open/General Families Registration

***Remember, you need to be a VHSA member to register for classes, so have that done first!**

To register go to: valleyhomeschool.org and click "Member's Area." Log in, click "Valley Faith Co-op," click "Class Registration."

Registration Reminders:

- You will NOT be able to register until your VHSA membership form/fees (\$25) are in, so PLAN AHEAD!!!
- Many classes run full year, but students may switch at semester time or stay all year! These classes *are in non-bold*. Other classes are strictly full-year, and a few are 1 semester long; these are in **bold**. Watch these as you register. Enjoy the extra options!!!!
- One Parent/Parent Rep **MUST** fill out a registration also. This is where you will **SIGN UP** for volunteer positions, chores, and which semester-end program you will help set-up or clean-up. This is important to keeping our co-op running!

MANDATORY Co-op Orientation Meeting: This meeting is **REQUIRED** for ALL Co-op families and teachers. These meetings help get us all on the same page. Be watching your email for details. **TWO** different times on Sept 17, 2020 will be offered.

For all classes, preference is given to: children of current year teachers; children of the appropriate age; and fully paid registrations. Teachers may decline lessons or classes for non-payment.

Important Reminders:

- Absences: We understand things happen that are out of our control and cause us to have to miss co-op. However, when you sign up for classes, please remember that your child is taking a seat in a class that another child may be on the waiting list to join. Teachers are also investing their time and resources. So, please treat the time and sacrifice of others with respect. If you are going to be absent, call or text Laura Leggott at 308-641-1226, or Austin Martinez at 308-220-8972. Please note the names of who will be filling in your volunteer positions in your absence. We strongly encourage personally reaching out to another member to fill your absence, if you are unable to secure a volunteer through facebook channels.
- Volunteering: Parents (or the parent representative) will be asked to volunteer while their children are attending class. We strongly urge (ok, require) volunteering all but one period of the time you are on campus (example: kids taking 5 periods of classes, parent volunteers for 4 periods), as well as signing up for one clean up or set up chore, and one special program (Either Christmas or Spring) set-up or clean-up crew. *This is an important part of what makes this a "co-operative."*
- Assembly: We will have an assembly time before classes begin each co-op day. This is an important time for all of us to connect and to share announcements.

- Be sure to read through our FAQ pages. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us at vhscoop@gmail.com.

Class Schedule

(Arrive and Get Settled 9:00-9:10) (Morning Assembly 9:10-9:25)

Classroom	Morning Time: 9:10-9:25	9:30-10:15	10:20-11:05	11:10-11:55	Lunch	12:45-1:30	1:35-2:20
Kitchen	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.		Fun Snacks Clement/ Hausman Ages 5-13 \$8/sem \$15/year 1st. Sem *FULL*			Casseroles Gustafson/ Martinez Ages 8+ *FULL*	Canning 101 Sue Clapp Ages 12+ \$15/semester \$30/year
Gym	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Gym Time Games Grace Santos Tess Avalos Ages 9-13	Nerf Gun Wars Jennifer Lerwick Ages 8-12 \$1/sem \$2/year			Elementary P.E. Howard/Bened Ages 5-8 \$5/sem	High School P.E. Gustafson Ages 12+
Gym: North End				Chess Club Ages 5-12 Leggott		Nerf Gun Wiles Ages 5-8 \$2/sem	
Loft	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Intro to Robotics: Lego Mindstorms Nathan Rice and Jana Schwartz Ages 9-13 \$20/year *FULL*		Board Gamers Ages 5-8 Gwynn/Steele \$3/year *FULL*		Beginning ASL Eichner Ages 8-12 \$4/semester	
106-Large Classroom	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Board Games Taffe Ages 12+ *FULL*	Beginner Art Krahulik Ages 5-12 \$20/sem \$40/yr	Making Cents of It Anguiano Age 7-9 \$5/sem \$10/yr		Miniature Crafts for Dolls Daugherty /Lerwick \$7/sem \$14/yr Ages 5-12 1st sem *FULL*	Sew Free Daughtery Ages 8+
104-Small Classroom	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Great Empires Unit Study Martinez/DeVos Ages 5-12 \$20/yr or \$10/sem	Smashbooks Hoksbergen/Taffe Ages 8+ \$2/sem	Read Aloud Santos/Avalos Ages 5-8		Lego Club Simpson Ages 8-12 \$3/yr	Lego Club Simpson Ages 5-8 \$4/yr
105	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Stamp Collecting Logan/Lerwick Ages 8+	Tinker Time Gwynn/DeVos Ages 5-12 \$5/sem \$10/year *FULL*	Watercolor Painting Macke/ Sandoval Ages 12+ \$15/semester 1st sem *FULL*		Ewey, Gooley, Messy Science Thomalla/Clement Ages 5-8	Take the Bait Anguiano Age 8-12 \$5/semester \$10/year
107	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Puzzles Mascher/Cushing Ages 8-13	Christmas Ornaments Lossing Ages 8+ \$8/yr	Beginning Crochet Pat and Katie Lossing/ Eichner\$7/yr		Spelling Seay/Santos Ages 8+ \$3/sem	Tales of Wonder - Eichner Ages 5-12 *FULL*

				Ages 8+ *FULL*		1st semester ONLY	
103-Library	High School Home Room	Lego Club Clement/Perez Ages 5-12 \$5/sem \$10/year	Origami Sandoval/ Macke Emma Leggott Ages 7 and up \$3/sem \$5/yr	Liberty's Kids Brandee Taffe /EmmaLeggott Ages 7+ *FULL*		Library Class Krahulik Ages 5+ Book fees if incurred	Writing Club Thomalla/Lively/ Martinez Ages 12+
102-Tot Room		PRESCHOOL: Sensory, Clapp/Gustafson \$25 /year for preschool				Play time	Play time
Sanctuary	Morning Announcements and Worship.	Music and drama Krahulik Ages 5-8	Worship Jam Robbins/DeVos/ Carnine Ages 10+ *FULL*	HS One Act Krahulik HS Age 13+		Percussion Taffe Ages 10+ \$30/Year	Music and drama Krahulik Ages 9-12
Blue Room (Downstairs)	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Applied Wildlife Biology and Ecology Carnine HS Ages 14+ \$5 plus supplies	Event Planning Mascher/Cushing HS Age 14+	Plant Biology Carnine Ages 12+ \$15/sem \$30/year		Stossel in the Classroom Hoksbergen HS 14+	Impromptu Speaking Seay HS Ages 12+ \$2/sem 1st Semester ONLY
Green Room (Downstairs)	All families to the Sanctuary for Worship/Announc.	Alive to Thrive through Nutrition Lossing HS ages 14+ \$10/yr	Art/Sketching Daugherty HS Ages 14+ \$5/semester \$10/year *FULL*	For the Love of Research! Daugherty HS Ages 14+		Spanish Haas/Anguiano HS 14+ \$25/year	Brain Games/Logic Robbins Ages 12 + \$10/sem \$20/year
Yellow Room (Downstairs)		PRESCHOOL: ABC/123 Martinez/Wiles \$25 /year for preschool				Knitting Ages 12+ Lossing \$7yr	Babysitting Basics Lerwick Wiles \$20/yr Ages 11+
Center Room (Downstairs)		PRESCHOOL: Storytime Howard/Sprock \$25 /year for preschool				Calligraphy Leggott/Roberts Ages 12+ Cost: supplies	
God Squad (Downstairs)		PRESCHOOL: Music/Motion Simpson/Bened \$25 /year for preschool				(set up for Battle Bots)	Battle Bots Haas/Arnold Age 10+ \$25/year *FULL*

Valley Faith Co-op Leadership Contact Info

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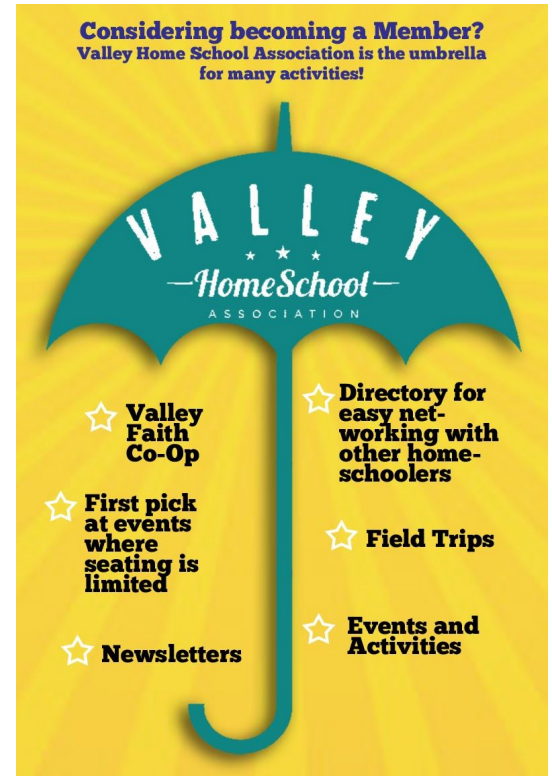
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~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

- **What is a homeschool co-op?** The Dictionary defines cooperative as an organization that is owned and run jointly by its members who share the profits or benefits. A homeschool co-op is a group of homeschooling families who come together to enrich their experience by learning from and with one another. Teamwork divides the tasks and multiplies the success.
- **With whom is the co-op associated?** Our co-op is parented by Valley Home School Association. VHSA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the efforts of Christian home educators by providing opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, education & the exchange of ideas and information from a Biblical perspective.
- **How much does co-op cost?** Co-op, itself, does not cost. However, we do require that participants belong to VHSA, which has annual dues of \$25 per family/per year (\$15 after January). Some classes offered require an additional fee by the teacher; those classes need to be paid directly to the teacher. We will have envelopes for each class on the first day of classes at the front table where you can put your check or cash for class fees. You can find our membership form on our website at www.valleyhomeschool.org
- **How and when do I pay for a class that requires a fee?** Class fees (when applicable) will be paid directly to the teacher. You can pay them by putting it in their teacher envelope at the welcome table on the first two days of co-op (preferably the first day, as teachers have spent money to provide the class for your child). Please check off your child's name on the envelope so the teacher knows who has paid. If your child/ren have the same teacher in more than one class, you are welcome to write them one check and mark it on both envelopes. By registering for a class or private lesson which includes a fee, you are required to pay the full amount, regardless of attendance. All makeup lessons/sessions are to be worked out individually with the instructor. VHSA will not handle any cash outside of membership fees.
- **Do I have to sign a statement of faith?** Yes, we do require all participants and teachers to sign a statement of faith. You can find our statement of faith with the membership form on our website at www.valleyhomeschool.org.
- **I'd love to join in on the fun, what do I need to do to register for classes?** First, join VHSA by filling out membership information and paying the annual membership fee of \$25/per family. Browse through the classes posted on VHSA website in your personal account, decide what classes would suit your children, and sign up! You can find the registration forms here: <http://www.valleyhomeschool.org>
- **You know homeschoolers don't follow grade levels and segregated age groups. What if my kids want to be in a class for a different age?** The placement of any student is at the discretion of the parents and teachers, with the teacher having final say. Please contact the teacher to have any age/grade exceptions approved **prior to registering** for classes.
- **You offer a lot of great classes, but I can't be there all day. Am I required to do so?** Absolutely not! The co-op exists to supplement your homeschool program. Schedule classes in whatever manner suits your family.
- **Can I drop my kids off and go grab a coffee?** We all have many caffeine needs. But as long as you have a child on site, you must remain on site. Unless, of course, you are offering to buy for everyone-then special arrangements can be made immediately. ;)



- ***Is lunch provided?*** No, lunch is not provided by the co-op. All co-op participants will be asked to bring along a sack lunch or provide their own lunch in some form. There will be a designated lunch break during the co-op day.
- ***Where can I be if I don't sign up for a class but I am still on site?*** In order to respect the students and teachers and to cut down on distractions, we ask that all students/parents not in a class stay in the foyer or designated quiet study area. We would appreciate if you would check in with the welcome table first to see if all absences are covered.
- ***I am a preschool parent and I am undecided about homeschooling. Can I register my kids?*** Yes, please join us! There are many classes that are perfect for preschoolers. Please fill out the VHSA membership form and register your preschoolers for any classes you wish for them to attend.
- ***I will be placing some of my children in the NURSERY; do I need to register them?*** Yes, please register all nursery aged children for the times you will be utilizing the nursery so we can properly care for your little ones. Our nursery is for children ages 0-2 whose parents are teaching or helping with a class during the time the child is in the nursery. The nursery will be open after the opening assembly from 9:30am-2:10pm (closed during lunch).
- ***What is a parent representative?*** Life happens and scheduling conflicts occur. We understand that there may be times where your children can make it to co-op, but a parent cannot. Should this occur, a parent representative can fill in for the parent's absence. Please make sure that the elected individual is 18 years old and listed on your registration form.
- ***What if my child has a discipline issue during class?*** We're certain they won't. ;) But in the unlikely event this should occur, we will kindly ask the parent to step in as they will be required to be on site during the time the child is attending a class.
- ***Can I help volunteer?*** We actually prefer it! Parents (or the parent representative) who sign their children up to participate in classes will be asked to sign up to help volunteer while their children are attending class. Some examples of volunteer positions include: teachers, teacher helpers, bathroom/hallway monitor, substitute teacher, nursery, clean-up, and lunch room set up. Volunteer positions will be chosen online when you register. All families will be assigned one clean up task to complete before leaving for the day. If you are physically unable to complete your task, please contact Laura Leggott.
- ***What about accountability?*** All classes will have at least two adults present in the classroom. Any doors without windows will remain open during class times. The only exception will be private music lessons, during which the parent of the child taking the lessons will be responsible for keeping an eye on their child's lesson.
- ***Covid-19 Guidelines:*** VHSA Co-op is motivated to help YOU prepare, prevent, and protect your family as best as you see fit! We do not require you to wear a mask, but encourage you to at your own discretion. Hand washing protocols will be in place and emphasized! Teachers will be in charge of sanitizing/cleaning their classrooms and those specific protocols will be demonstrated at orientation. If you are sick, or have had a fever within 48 hrs, please refrain from attending co-op and monitor your symptoms at home. VHSA Co-op will ask each family to document their family's temperatures as normal or abnormal to ensure accountability and adherence to safety guidelines before each Co-op meeting. (If abnormal, we would ask the family to refrain from attending that co-op for the day). Link for this documentation will be here: <https://forms.gle/GVUvTDLDG1BoSK56> . Lunchtime tables will be spaced further apart to facilitate more room for families, and we ask you to refrain from sharing drinks, utensils, or foods with friends. Lunch times have been extended to help better accommodate those families who wish to eat off campus. Bottom line: YOU are in the primary factor in your family's health, and we will help support you in this endeavor in every way we are able.