

# **Henderson Christian Homeschoolers Guidelines**

## **Participation Rules**

We are strictly an Evangelical Christian group, therefore we only allow families to join who are currently homeschooling their children and hold the same doctrinal beliefs that we do. The Statement of Beliefs form must be signed and returned to a leader or submitted electronically via our website.

## **Dues**

Our yearly fee is \$25 per family to join, being due each new school year by the September date that shall be announced each year. New members who join after January will be charged a prorated fee of \$15. Fees will not be prorated for late payments from established members. If payment is not received within two weeks of due date, we will assume you no longer want to be a member and you will be removed from our group. Dues paid are non-refundable; they will not be returned to members who choose to leave the group or are removed from the group due to non-compliance with these guidelines.

Dues are for membership only. This covers party room rentals, some food, and paper goods.

There may be extra costs for field trips or other events. This does not cover any co-op fees.

As a 501c3 organization, membership dues paid to HCH are tax-deductible in accordance with IRS Publications 526 and 1771. Questions about HCH finances should be directed to the Treasurer.

## **Dress Code**

At all our events, we are asking that modesty prevail. Please no bikinis, short skirts/shorts, tight or low cut tops. Shorts and skirts should cover most of the thigh. During water days or wet play, modest shorts or covers should be worn over all girls' one-piece bathing suits. NO

EXCEPTIONS. Boys should wear modest swim trunks.

These rules apply to kids/teens as well as parents, and family members that are attending events too. If in doubt, please don't wear it.

## **Respectful Play**

All children are expected to behave in a respectful manner at all times. Rough-housing is not permitted. Playing tag is okay.

## **Teens/Tweens**

As the years go by, our kids are growing up and becoming young men and young ladies. Our desire for our group is that it is a place for friendships to grow, but in no way do we encourage or permit coupling or dating. If you do allow your kids to date outside the group, please do not let it be known within our group. This would include any of the following: no holding hands, kissing, sitting off alone together, no hugging etc. at any homeschool events, park days or parties etc. As a Christian group we want our children to have boundaries, encourage each other with purity by actions, and not conform to the world.

### **Respectful Speech and Behavior**

All children and their parents or participating family members should refrain from foul language and gossip. Our conversations should be Christ-honoring, edifying each other, and ministering God's grace.

In addition, intentional belittling, emotional or physical harm and creating divisiveness is not Christ-like behavior and can result in disciplinary action or immediate removal of the group. If you should start a group within our group with the perceived intention of excluding other group members, you may be promptly removed from HCH group, without notice.

### **Field Trip Rules**

As we are a reflection of Christ and an example of homeschooling to our city, it is imperative that we have well behaved children (and parents) on our field trips. Therefore we have the following rules:

- All field trips have deadlines – IF you have NOT signed up and paid for the field trip by the deadline, you will not be able to attend. NO exceptions.
- Anyone who cancels or no-shows for a field trip or a prepaid event without a 24 hr. notice will NOT be allowed to attend the next one. (This means, if there's a limit to the number of people that can attend and you no-showed, you are not being courteous, so someone else can come). No refunds will be allowed after the deadline date, if it is a prepaid event.
- If you notice a child who is misbehaving and the parent is not addressing the matter, please see one of the field trip leaders and let them deal with the situation/speak with the parent. If the situation continues, it should be brought to the Board's attention.
- If you are interested in suggesting ideas for field trips, please contact the Field Trip Coordinator. Please coordinate field trips and other events with the Field Trip Coordinator or other HCH leaders prior to announcing them; we strive to have the most attendance at once as possible. With too many outings in one week, it reduces attendance.

### **Birthdays**

If it is your desire, to include group members in celebration of your child's birthday, please do so in one of two ways – either invite the entire group, or bring cupcakes to the park to share. If your child wants to invite only a few of their special friends, please do so in a discrete manner via personal phone calls or email.

### **Website Guidelines**

Our website address is [www.homeschool-life.com/nv/hch](http://www.homeschool-life.com/nv/hch). Some information on the website is viewable without logging in. Your membership grants you access to login to view additional information such as forum discussions and event details on the calendar. We also maintain three Facebook pages; if you are a member and would like access please request to join these groups on each of their pages. Henderson Christian Homeschoolers Group is for all HCH members; HCHG Teens is for members with teens; and Henderson Christian Homeschoolers Group Book Sale Page is open to members and nonmembers alike.

All of our parents have many gifts and talents to contribute to the other parents and children. If you feel called to lead the group through teaching a class, leading a teen Bible study, etc., please contact the board members by emailing hendersonchristianhomeschooler@gmail.com with the details and possible dates, and after prayerful consideration, and agreement among the board members, your activity may be added to the calendar. Calendar events are for HCH events. Non HCH events can be shared by posting a thread in the Forums. Please coordinate field trips with the Field Trip Coordinator or other events with the HCH board prior to announcing them; we strive to have the most attendance at once as possible. With too many outings in one week, it reduces attendance. Sometimes the events posted on our website change or are cancelled and we aren't able to give timely notice. Please be aware of this and check the website, Facebook group page, and your emails the day of the event to check for any changes.

The Facebook pages and website Forums are for members to share needs, ideas, announcements, etc. Please respect the use of our websites and use kind words.

Please use the Classifieds section to sell items (check your settings to receive emails) or the Henderson Christian Homeschoolers Book Sale Page. If you would like to advertise a business owned by an HCH member family, you may add businesses to our Business Directory.

We welcome new photos taken at HCH events to be added to our Photo Gallery. Please note that we attempt to respect the privacy of our families. We review all photos and if they include children in families that have requested that photos of their children not be shared, they will not be approved.

### **Conflict Resolution**

We will follow Matthew 18:15. If you have an issue with another member, please approach them in grace and love with the intention of peaceful resolution. If it is still not resolved, bring the matter before the board as a witness and support to the conflict resolution process. Do not share your grievances amongst non-involved parties.

### **Acknowledgement & Acceptance**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) have read and agree to follow, and ensure that my family shall follow, the Guidelines for Henderson Christian Homeschoolers.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership is dependent this form **and** the Statement of Beliefs form being signed.*

*There are three ways to pay the \$25 annual dues: (1) Hand-deliver cash to the HCH Treasurer; (2) send a check made out to Henderson Christian Homeschoolers to 1601 Tumbleweed Dr, Henderson, NV 89002; or (3) pay via Paypal on the website. Please note that there is an up charge of an additional \$1.25 when paying with Paypal.*