

**Fellowship Friday (PreK - 12th)** On these days we meet at First Christian Church (FCC) at 9:45 to listen to reports prepared by the students. These may be reports about a recent book they read or information they just found out about dinosaurs. They can sing a song or recite a Bible verse or poem. They can show us a science experiment or do a Power-point presentation about Australia. They can even tell us about the truck that Uncle Jo just bought them in San Antonio. The point is to get our students to prepare information and get up on stage to present it. This has really benefited our students as they move on to high school or college. After the reports we order pizza, do crafts, and just spend time hanging out. We even have a picnic area outside with a playground. It is a fun, productive day.

**Fieldtrips (PreK - 12th)** Approximately once a month we will be going somewhere as a group to discover anything from a potato farm in Edinburg to an airplane museum in Brownsville. It typically takes about 3 hours and we plan for a lunch afterwards. You don't want to miss these.

**Homeschool Choir (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> gr)** This program will meeting weekly Oct – December and will culminate with a performance in December.

**Running Club (all ages) (new)** Training will begin at the end of January or beginning of February. Students will train for the State Homeschool Track Meet in San Antonio.

**Literary Club (2nd - High School)** This group will meet once a month to choose a book and discuss it. Younger grades will engage in more hands on activities.

**Lego Robotics** This 4 week course will begin in September and is reserved for the first 20 members who sign up.

**Co-ops (K - 12th)** We have a Spring Co-op that meets one day a week for 5 consecutive Fridays. These are held at FCC from 9:15am to 12:00noon. They are classes that are taught by our moms or dads. Each class is about 1 hour long with a 20 minute break between them. Each teacher instructs for 1 class and during the second class attends a chat time where anything from organizational tips to curriculum choices is discussed. The classes at Co-op may include subjects like Theater, Art, Science, Music, P.E., Cake Decorating, Writing, Literature, or Photography. The students love them. They are a great way to learn and get some classroom experience. The fee for this is \$30 per family.

**Teen Leadership Council (8th - 12th grade)** This club provides a venue for homeschool high school students to take active leadership roles in the homeschool community through service projects and helping at other homeschool events.

**Harlingen Homeschool Academy (HHA) (8th - 12th)** For the 2017-2018 School year, we will offer Alg I, Geometry, Chemistry, English 1, English III with Literature, Geography, American History and Earth and Space Science. Students must be 8th grade AND 13 years by Sept 1st to take these High School level classes. We meet at FCC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM. There is a per class fee. Each class includes homework that can be done on the days when they don't meet. So, you can check those classes off of your list of things to teach!!! Check out the form on the left entitled Academy Classes for more information.

**Kids Events (PreK, 5 - 8 y/o, and 8 - 11 y/o)** Special Events are planned several times a year for different age group. One mom is in charge of organizing the events, but any mom is free to plan them. The groups are PreK, 5 - 8 year olds and 8 - 11 years old. Events take place if we have a parent who chooses to lead them. Parents are invited to attend with their other children, but the activities planned are only for those within the age range. Have an older student? See below.

**Youth Events (6th - 8th and 9th - 12th)** For our students 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up we have youth events several times per year. These are activities set aside for our youth to just hang out and have fun together. They might play games, go swimming, have a car rally, or roast marshmallows over a campfire. Most all of our teens come to every Youth Night if at all possible.

**Moms' Night Out (just moms = )** This is a special night just for moms. We get together to play games and just connect. We bring treats which usually includes chocolate!!! It's a great way to take friendships and your knowledge of homeschooling to the next level.

**Discovery Education Streaming Library (all ages)** Over 9,000 videos about Science, History, Spanish, English, and even Math are available to you from places like the History or the Science Channel. They are on the internet waiting for you all organized by grade level and length of video. Our homeschool group gets a special deal on this service. If you bought this on your own it would \$265 per year. With our group it's about \$20 per student per year. What a deal!!!

**Library (all ages)** We have a homeschool library that is located in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This houses more than 200 books that are available to you. To check out a book, simply write the book and your name in the "Library Log."

**Yearbook (all ages)** We put out a yearbook every year that our members help create! It makes a wonderful keepsake and a great gift for any family member who is wondering about socialization! Everyone helps out by contributing photos throughout the year.

**Family Events (all ages)** Several times a year, we host events in the evening that the entire family can attend! This year, we will have a great event at the O'Loughlin Ranch, we will visit the Corn Maze in Donna, and a few others that are being planned.