



2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

GROVE CHILDREN'S GROUP

A homeschool co-op based on the
Well-Educated Heart learning principles

"All are safely gathered in"



Our families are dedicated to building a thriving Grove who are learning to restore the lost art of educating hearts through the Arts and through other heartwarming ways. We seek to preserve a culture of faith, freedom and family, and a love for God's beautiful creations.

Familiarity with, or a desire to understand, the Well-Educated Heart's heartwarming way of learning is our key to a low-stress and enjoyable morning at co-op.

While it is not necessary to use the Well-Educated Heart's philosophy at home for days outside co-op, we highly recommend it!

Learn more about [Well-Educated Heart \(WEH\)](#).

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BACKGROUND INFO



Grove Cooperative was founded by Ashley Baker for the 2020 school year, along with 3 other attending families. Each family was seeking to provide a heartwarming atmosphere for our children, during a time when gathering was looked down upon. We need each other—just like a *grove of trees* is stronger together, both children and adults need one another to build strong root systems. We invite each family who joins our Grove to choose a tree that represents their family, or a tree they would like their family to emulate.

Our **Children’s Group** is for ages baby to 12yo/turning 13yo. It is a family style co-op, not drop-off.

SCHOOL YEAR: 2026-2027

WHEN: *Thursdays from 10:15am to 12:45pm.*

We begin classes September 3, 2026, and our last day of classes will be May 6, 2027.

LOCATION: *Centrally located in Logan, UT*

Topics We Study:	Activities We Utilize:
- American History	- Park Days
- World History	- Nature Outings
- Classical Art	- Field Trips
- Nature	- Welcome Time:
- Poetry	Welcome Song,
- Folk Music & Hymns	Opening Prayer,
- Mindfulness	Grove Motto,
	Announcements
	- Poetry Tea Time

Additional varied activities: Yoga Day, Gameboard Day, Wax Museum, Talent Showcase, and more.

AGE GROUPS OVERVIEW: Children's Group

We have 6 age groups, implementing [early childhood learning styles](#):

🌱 **Seedlings (Nursery):**

Babies up to 2yo.

🍄 **Mushrooms Group:**

3-4yo.

🦊 **Pups Group:** 5-6yo.

🏔️ **Mountain Group:** 7-9yo.

🌲 **Forest Group:** 10-11yo.

🐺 **Wolves Group:** 12-13yo.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENTS



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Children Netting Butterflies by Charles Edouard Boutibonne [source](#)

CONTINUAL EXPECTATIONS: The 4 P's

- **Peacefulness** - *Behavior inside & outside the classroom is peaceable.*
 - We ask students to be respectful in class, to themselves, to their fellow students, and to their teacher(s).
 - Excessive disruptive behavior will be addressed privately with Mom and Student. Multiple needs for correction of disruptive behavior will result in removal from Grove.
 - Disputes between children (and parents) will be resolved privately, or aside/apart, from the large group in confidence.
 - Any acts of aggression, rudeness, or violence will not be tolerated.
- **Punctuality** - *I agree to arrive on time to Co-op and provide prompt payment of dues*
 - Arrive by 10:15 AM on regularly scheduled co-op days: to set-up, to let kids play, to use the restrooms, all so we can all begin Music Time promptly at 10:30am.

- If Families are continually late to co-op (see above), it puts stress on other Mothers who are on time and therefore also the same ones usually setting up for the day.
 - This is, of course, aside from extenuating circumstances (like emergencies or injuries).
 - We will reevaluate participation in Grove if families are regularly excessively late.
 - Ideas to help get to co-op on time: set out clothes the night before, pack lunches the night before, have kids brush hair on the drive there, leave 10 minutes earlier than you normally would, set extra alarms, etc.
- Provide prompt payment of semester dues.
 - Go to the bank for cash by Wednesdays (or earlier), rather than the morning of.
- **Participation** - *We ask for active engagement from all members during co-op time (supporting those who are teaching, helping children participate appropriately, etc.)*
 - Mothers are to participate in the lessons, not chatting on the side, not separating themselves from classes during non-lunch time.
 - It is difficult to get to know one another (and therefore support one another) if you're present only *some* of the time.
 - Mothers (or fathers) are required to attend a once-a-semester parents meeting, held towards the beginning of each semester. Other social Mom's Nights are held one or two times a semester as well; these are optional to attend.
 - *Remember:* we are not a play group to come and go as we please, but meant to provide a safe gathering space for us as Mothers, as well as for our children for the full block of co-op time (extenuating circumstances excluded).
- **Preparation** - *Please plan and pack ahead for lunch-break meals, weather- appropriate play clothes, and any teaching responsibilities.*
 - Prepare lessons well in advance (which will reduce stress the week and morning of).
 - Prepare lessons that are engaging and heart-warming – not lectures with minimal participation.

TEACHING & PARENT NOTES

Attending Mothers are our group's teachers and mentors.

When Mothers are not teaching, we are: supporting those who are teaching by helping children participate appropriately, and also actively helping with the lessons.



Sunday Morning in Virginia by Winslow Homer [source](#)

Teaching

- Parents equally rotate teaching throughout each month.
- We do not use a set “curriculum,” but instead utilize the WEH heart-based methods and resources to plan lessons.
- We have resources and lesson ideas to help you plan heart-warming lessons if you'd like to use them. Whatever you think your own children will enjoy and participate in will be a great basis for lesson ideas.
- Guest speakers are welcome to be invited to your assigned lesson; you still must coordinate with them to ensure that day's topic is covered.

Assigned Class Helpers

- While assisting in a class, a Class Helper is expected to specifically help the Teacher during class, *e.g. gathering supplies, setting up the classroom, as well as participating with the students during the lesson.*
- We love when moms are in class and *actively* participating. It helps students understand directions better when they see others actively participating in a respectful manner. Mothers participating also helps improve students' classroom behavior.
- Helpers are expected to participate with the classes, with the students—rather than sitting in the back or on the side.

Non-Teaching Times

- Mothers are expected to attend a class with their kiddos—that way kids can get to know all the moms who are their teachers, and the moms can get to know all of the kids... which then helps with knowing how to manage a class when it's your turn to teach.
- Side conversations are to be kept to a minimum during class time—it is disruptive. Please redirect chatting to lunchtime and not during class time. Thank you!
- We do expect all attending adults to be active participants in behavior management at co-op: in the classroom, in the halls, at the playground.
- And of course, if you need a breather for a little bit in the hall or outside, that is fine. After a *quick* refresh either outside or in the hall, you can pop back into a classroom to assist.
- Sometimes, parents may need to observe from the side or back of the classroom, which is also appropriate when needed; but this is not the norm. The expectation is for Mothers to be active class participants.

Moms With Kids In Multiple Classes

- This is one reason why we love our Grove Co-op so much! It is one of the few family style co-ops for younger ages.
- For those families with *multiple children attending different classes* (which is basically all of us), we suggest either:
 - Spending a full day with 1 child in their classes, or
 - Rotating through a few classes throughout the day—each with a different child(ren).

Coordinators

- Each mom will have a chance to be a coordinator if they remain in Grove.
- Every 2-3 years, or as needed, coordinators will be rotated.

Attendance

- Thursday attendance at Grove - we don't take "attendance" each week, but it is expected that families will be present each week unless sick or traveling occasionally.
- If families know they are going to be gone a lot on Thursdays, we would ask that they **not** participate in co-op: so that other families who can attend on a regular basis may be able to participate.
 - Not attending every once in a while is understood and ok of course, but not the norm. This includes vacation times and illness.
- We understand that life throws curve balls sometimes and grace is needed during times of illness or other circumstances.
- **Leave & Illness Policy**
 - If you &/or kids are contagious, of course please stay home. 🤒

- If you &/or your kids have a minor, manageable cold with no fever and can function pretty normally - please still come to co-op! These are a regular part of life and build a robust immune system.
 - **Accommodations**
 - We are able to have kids participate at co-op for 2 weeks without an accompanying adult.
 - If a child is sick and the older kids (ages 5-7 & up) are still able to attend, you are welcome to drop them off at co-op. *Please notify a Coordinator about this (so we can make sure we know they're coming without you).*
 - After 2 weeks without an adult, kids will need an accompanying adult to attend with them (either dad, aunt/uncle, grandparent, friend), for however long we coordinate with you.
 - *If available*, a friend at co-op may accompany your children as their “chaperone” for this short period of time.
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MONTHLY SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

We have created our own version of the Well-Educated Heart rotation to fit our condensed yearly learning schedule and the monthly rotation. We have moved some topics around and combined others to suit our unique group needs and condensed “school year” schedule. In some form we do touch on each topic suggested by WEH, though all of those lesson types are not all formal “school” lessons.

CALENDAR

We will loosely follow the local Cache County School District holiday schedule.

Enrollment Dates

- **August 5th:** Application deadline
- **August 6th: INFO DAY** - for Current & Confirmed Prospective Families
 - *Attendance at Info Day is required for next year's participation. In person is preferred, but we'll also record it on Marco Polo for those not in town or who are completely unavailable.*
 - 10:30am to 12:30pm
 - The deadline to apply for consideration is now thru August 5th.
 - Bring a camp chair &/or blanket with you.
 - Feel free to bring your lunches.

- Please arrive early to get kids settled (potty break, etc) and get our gathering space set up (tables and camp chairs).
- Kids are welcome to join us for any and all activities. And they're also welcome to play at the playground and the grassy area.
- We'll discuss our upcoming co-op schedule and items for the year. (We can't believe it's already time to begin the next year!)
- We'll have small workshops on teaching Music, Classical Art, and History.
- *Prospective Families* - Only those prospective families *who have confirmed with Grove* may attend our Info Meeting. *Please do not show up unannounced.*
- *Contact us for more info - grove.coop.cachevalley@gmail.com.*
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- **August 2nd:** Current Families' Enrollment Confirmation
- **August 13th:** New Families' Enrollment Confirmation
- **Aug. 20th: Grove Mother's Meeting**
 - *Required for Grove participation this year*
 - *7:00pm*
 - *Younger children welcome with Mom, if needed.*

Grove School Year Key Dates

Weekly Co-op Time: 10:15am - 12:45pm

- **Aug 5: Application Deadline**
- **Aug 6: INFO DAY - required**
- **Aug 20: Mom's/Parent's meeting - required**
- **Sept. 3rd: Welcome Day** - Introduce families and meet classmates (Location: A local park)
- **Sept. 10th: First Day of Lessons: Music all together, Classes by age group** (Location: Our regular weekly location)
- **Oct. 9th: Fall Break** (No co-op)
- **Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving Break** (No co-op)
- **Dec. 7th: Christmas Social**
- **Dec 17th - Jan 4th 2026: Winter Break** (No co-op)
- **Jan 21st: Snow Day** (Either no co-op, or an indoor -or- outdoor playday)
- **Mar 30th - April 3rd: Spring Break** (No co-op)
- **May 6th: Last Day of Lessons**
- **May 10th: Closing Social**

AGE / LEARNING GROUPS DESCRIPTIONS



The School Walk by Albert Anker [source](#)

SEEDLINGS - Nursery: Babies - 2yo.

Our tender Seedlings will follow the same Rotation Schedule as the entire co-op, with much less structure. They will most often gather in the Lobby to help each other care for the babies and toddlers. They are welcome to gather at the Playground or Grassy areas as they prefer, as well as use the Davis Room when the Mushrooms are not using it. We have toys in the cabinet they may use inside, and keep clean throughout the year.

The older 2yo's may move up to the Mushrooms group when they are ready, and if there is space (*confirm first with the Vice Chair*).

MUSHROOMS - Early Learners: ~3-4yo.

Early Learners will follow the same Rotation Schedule as the entire co-op. We have fun together singing songs, playing games, creating our own works of art, getting to know about God's beautiful creations and who God knows we can become, and reading excellent children's books. We focus on Familiar hands-on learning opportunities with lullabies, Mother Goose stories, and more.

PUPS - Introductory Learners: ~5-6yo

Learning opportunities for our Pups group includes hands-on and heartwarming lessons to see the beautiful things of this world, and how to work together in groups. We are focusing on who God knows we can become. We focus on *Familiar* and *Imaginative* learning opportunities especially with transitional stories, fairy tales, and mythology.

MOUNTAIN - Introductory Learners: ~7-9yo

Learning opportunities for our Mountain group includes hands-on and heartwarming lessons to see the beautiful things of this world, and how to work together in groups. We focus on *Imaginative* and *Heroic* learning opportunities especially with famous childhood stories, children's classics, mythology, and epic heroes. We are focusing on who God knows we can become.

FOREST - Early Intermediate Learners: ~10-11yo

Through games, puzzles, creative writing prompts, beautiful art and music, our growing Intermediate Learners recognize that there is more to learning than just memorizing facts. We are focusing on who God knows we can become. We focus on *Imaginative* and *Heroic* learning opportunities especially with epic and legendary heroes, historical fiction, stories of nations, and short picturesque stories.

WOLVES - Intermediate Learners: ~12-13yo

****This group would be new this year. If the logistics of student numbers and available space works out, we will add this older age group. If the logistics don't pan out we will continue with the previous class groups, adding the older kids into the Forest class and trying to group all the kids into somewhat equal class sizes.****

Learning opportunities for this group will include games, puzzles, creative writing prompts, beautiful art and music, service opportunities, teaching opportunities, and more. This is a time of great change for this group and we want to help foster confidence, kindness, continued love of learning, and the ability to discuss what they are learning. We are focusing on who God knows we can become. We also focus on *Imaginative* and *Heroic* learning opportunities especially with epic and legendary heroes, historical fiction, stories of nations, and thought-provoking discussions together.

CURRICULUM & SUPPLIES

We do not use a specific "curriculum," but rather, we use the scaffolding provided by the Well-Educated Heart to guide us in what we teach each week at co-op.

Families are responsible to buy their needed supplies for when they teach, enough to be used for the group that week. The exception being Activities for the entire co-op when we're all together.

GROVE has an assortment of regular school supplies that we keep at our location each week. Funds for these supplies are generated from our annual co-op dues.

Available items include:

Craft Supplies

- Drawing paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Craft paper
- Crayons
- Colored pencils

Markers

- Scotch tape
- Stapler

Watercolor Supplies:

- Paint, brushes, paper,
- masking tape, paper
- towels, cups.

Classroom supplies

- Dry-erase markers
- and eraser
- Magnets
- World globes (beach
- ball style)
- Clipboards
- Pencils
- Paper

Music Supplies aka
“Instruments”

- Piano
- Egg shakers
- Scarves
- Rhythm Sticks

Event Supplies

- Speaker & Mic
- Mic Stand
- Bluetooth speakers
- Hot water heaters
- Tablecloths
- Napkins
- Spoons
- Small plates
- Honey

If you have supplies you'd like to contribute to the group's school cabinet, we will happily accept them. Many thanks!

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

FEES & DUES for the CHILDREN'S GROUP

- **2026-2027 Yearly Fee/One-Time: \$35 for 1st Child. \$25/each additional child (3yo&up).**
 - 90% is *refundable* if you decide to not participate in Grove within your first month, minus the number of days participated (for facility rental).
 - Covers yearly supplies, events, and field trip fees.
 - *For those joining mid-year:* Dues are *half* the above amount.
 - DEADLINE for current families: AUGUST 20, 2025 at our required Mother's Meeting.
 - New families may pay their Annual and Semester dues after their 2 week trial period.
- **RENT DUE: \$ by Semester** - *Strictly for the rental of our facility, with rent equally distributed between all Grove families.*
 - **Sept 5, 2025** - Fall semester fees - estimated at about **\$70** per family, due by September 3rd (first day), or after 2 week trial (for new families).
 - **Jan 8, 2026** - Spring semester fees - estimated at ~**\$80** per family, due by January 8th.
 - **FYI:** Here are the rental rates for our facility:
 - Hourly rental rate for each room is **\$10.25/hr.** (We use 2-3 rooms)
 - Hourly rate for the gym is **\$19/hr.**
- **Late Fee** - a \$5 fee will be added to each Rent payment that is *2 weeks late*, and \$5 additional each week after that.
- **Withdrawing From Co-op:** 2 weeks notice is required to withdraw from Grove. The remaining month's rent must still be paid in full, even if you decide to not attend the remainder of the month (so we can cover that month's rent).
- We have receipts available for those who would like to submit them for reimbursement from a provider. Please contact our finance coordinator for a receipt.

We run on a cash-only basis.

TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

Children's Group: No cell phones with students at co-op; cell phones *must* be with Mom while we are at co-op. No exceptions.

Watches that are not a distraction are permitted. However, if they become a distraction—they can wait with a Teacher or a Coordinator until the end of the co-op day.

DRESS CODE

Grove Co-op believes that each attendee's attire should contribute to a respectful learning environment—respect for oneself and respect for our peers. The dress code is established to help ensure an atmosphere conducive to heart-based learning and teaching, and to prevent drawing attention to self.

We believe parents have the primary responsibility to ensure students arrive at co-op days and activities in age-appropriate and respectful attire.

Attendee Dress and Grooming Expectations - for Parents & Students

- **SHOES:** Protective footwear that is appropriate for weather conditions and the day's activities, inside or outside.
- **HEADWEAR** (Including hoods): Allows the face to be visible, does not interfere with the line of sight to any activity or person.
- **CLOTHING:** Respectful to self and others, and appropriate for weather conditions and the day's activities.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is based on love and respect for each other and our personal selves.

Directives are to be given in an attitude of guiding rather than force.

Disputes between children (and parents) will be resolved privately, or aside/apart, from the large group in confidence. However, any acts of aggression, rudeness, or violence will not be tolerated.



The Great Beech at Vallo by Hans Ole Brasen [source](#)

ADMITTANCE

👉 APPLICATION: [2026-2027](#)

Please email us if you have questions, and we will get back with you.

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Applications for this school year will be available until August 5, 2025.

Each newly-enrolled family begins with a two-week trial period. It gives your family a chance to see if you love the Grove experience, and gives us a chance to make sure it's a great fit all around. Ultimately, we want to ensure our co-op is the right fit for everyone involved, so final membership decisions will be made at the end of this period.

Enrollment preference will be given to families who:

1. Have previously attended Grove
2. Whose full recent Application we have received.
3. Attend the Info Meeting on Aug 6 (or watch online for those out of town, but in person is preferred).
4. Attend our required once-per-semester *Mother's Meeting*; additional voluntary social Mom's Nights held throughout the semester are not required (but we'd love to see you!)
5. Whose mother has completed or will complete our updated "[12 Grove Essentials](#)" items from the WEH Catch the Vision course, *within 1 month of joining Grove*.
6. Children's age group(s) have room available.

7. Can and do follow our Membership Requirements (*as listed on the Application*) and abide by the guidance on this Info Page.
 8. Have completed a trial period of 2 weeks to see if we are a good fit for each other.
 9. Whose parents participate in the assisting with and teaching of *meaningful lessons*.
 10. Whose children's behaviors mesh well with the group.
 11. Have contacted Grove for more information.
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ADDITIONAL INFO

Grove Board of Directors

Director: Melissa Miles

Assistant Director: Jessie Billin - Membership

Coordinators:

Jerika A. - Classroom Resources

Kylie B. - Scheduling

Leticia K. - Special Events

Third-Party Provider

We are not a "third-party provider," nor do we plan to become one.

(However, a few current and past families use *OpenEd* or *Harmony* for funding.)

We have receipts available for those who would like to submit them for reimbursement from a provider. Please contact our finance coordinator for a receipt.

CONTACT

Please contact us to learn more about our co-op:

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*"Let us keep our children for our own,
during their earlier years.
The world will have them long enough afterward."*

~ Lydia Sigourney