

# 2025-2026 Santa Maria Homeschool Group Co-op | Fact Sheet

## Mission Statement

We exist as a Christ-led enrichment co-op program to provide an opportunity for diverse homeschool families to come together in Christian Fellowship with engaged and active parent participation.

## Calendar & Schedule

**Dates:** Mondays, Sept. 8 - Apr. 27, excluding holidays | Two 12-Week Semesters

**Time:** 10:45 am-2 pm | **Location:** First Christian Church, Santa Maria

[Click Here for a Printable Calendar and Schedule](#)

## Classrooms

Grade-based class lessons can include science, social studies, art, and bible lessons (non-denominational). Our classrooms are divided by the following:

**Pre-School\* | TK-Kindergarten | 1st - 2nd Grade | 3rd - 5th Grade | 6th - 8th Grade**

*\*Preschool students require a guardian to stay on site the entire time. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in this classroom.*

*\*High school students are allowed to volunteer in classrooms. (Heartland students: Heartland offers elective credits for volunteering. Please coordinate with Ally Miser and your HST)*

## How to Prepare

- Please send your student(s) with a lunch, water bottle, and backpack.
- Label all student items with their names, including jackets, water bottles, & lunch boxes. We do not have the ability to maintain a lost and found.
- Student attire should be appropriate for weather, playground play, and art projects. Shoes should be closed toed. Shorts must be worn under skirts or dresses.

## Program Dues

*Collected dues cover classroom rentals, cleaning fees, liability insurance, and classroom materials. All positions are volunteer only. No discounts are given for administrators or teachers. Exempting families on scholarship, every family (including administration and teachers) pay full price for the program.*

The cost **PER FAMILY** for the '25-'26 year will be **\$380**.

First Semester Payment	Second Semester Payment
\$190 due on August 1st	\$190 due on December 1st

*Families joining mid-year will owe a prorated amount. If your family requires more payment flexibility or a scholarship, you must reach out to Vanessa Hargett.*

## **Program Withdrawal & Refund**

Family's plans change all the time, if, for any reason, your family needs to withdraw from the program, we require a 15-day notice. A prorated refund (via check or Venmo) will be made to the family based on the Mondays left in the paid semester that will occur after the 15-day notice. Withdrawal between the payment and start of the semester will be refunded minus a \$25 fee which will be considered the application fee for your family.

## **Program Communication and Attendance**

### **Meetup Groups:**

- Enrolled families are required to join our meetup group for Monday Co-op
- Additional Events and Field Trips are available on [Santa Maria Homeschool Group](#). These events are open to other local homeschoolers.

**Program Emails:** Please read emails sent from our leadership team as this is the easiest way to send out information and announcements.

## **Volunteering**

Santa Maria Homeschool Group is a homeschool Co-Op. This means that the success of the program is fully dependent on parent participation and volunteers. Although we offer drop-off, parents or guardians are required to volunteer. The requirement for volunteering is **five times** during the 12-week semester (unless previously exempt). This requirement is subject to change based on classroom needs.

If certain circumstances make volunteering unfeasible (i.e. parent of participating pre-schooler, etc), you must contact our volunteer coordinator. If volunteer positions are full, you are still welcome to stay with your students during the day. Only those signed up to volunteer for the day will receive volunteer credit.

## **Student Expectations**

Students are expected to speak kindly and behave respectfully towards others at all times. Students are expected to participate in the activities to the best of their abilities and not be disruptive. Destruction of property or supplies will not be tolerated. We understand that students are still learning social interaction skills but students who have repeated behavior concerns will need a parent or guardian to assist them while they participate in the program. If that is not possible, they will be asked to leave the program. If you are required to stay with your student, you are expected to fulfill the same expectations as other classroom volunteers.

## **Joining our Co-op**

If you are interested in joining our co-op, please fill out one of the following waitlist: ['25-'26 Waitlist Form](#). You will be contacted if a space opens up for your family.

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