

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SCHOOLS
OF CARLSBAD
MEMBERSHIP PACKET**



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MEMBER BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Who We Are:

- ◆ We are a Christian homeschool support group open to parents who desire to home educate their children. Our purpose is to provide each other with support, information, encouragement, and cooperative educational experiences while being a testimony in the community for the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ We are affiliated locally with CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego, statewide C.H.E.A. (Christian Home Educators Association), and nationally HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association).
- ◆ We are a group that is run entirely by members volunteering their time, energy, gifts, and talents. Decisions are made by a Leadership Team of homeschool parents who meet on a monthly basis and who agree with the purpose of CFS of Carlsbad (CFSC) and the statement of faith as provided by CFS of San Diego.

What We Offer:

- ◆ Activities and fellowship with other Christian homeschooling families in the community
- ◆ Monthly newsletter which includes information on upcoming events and news of interest
- ◆ Educational and entertaining field trips for participants
- ◆ Classes to supplement your child's education
- ◆ Legislative alerts and updates that relate to family issues
- ◆ HSLDA Membership Fee Discount (\$20 annually)
- ◆ Yearly Promotion/Graduation Ceremony
- ◆ Access to special events such as Spelling Bee, CFS Showcase, and our annual Homeschool Expo Convention.
- ◆ CFS membership runs on a calendar basis from **September 1st through August 31st**. You *automatically* become a **CFS County** member for that calendar year when you join our local CFS Carlsbad support group.

Member Responsibilities:

The success of our group is dependent on each member family. To offer a variety of services and activities each member family will need to contribute to the group in some way (park day assistance, hospitality, field trip help, co-op facilitation, committees, or serve on the leadership team, etc.).

Members of Christian Family Schools of Carlsbad Support Group agree to:

- ◆ Find support and support the group by attending park day.
- ◆ Be responsible to read the newsletter and sign up for those activities that meet your needs.
- ◆ Abide by field trip guidelines, registration deadlines, and payment requirements.
- ◆ Mail or give articles of group interest for the newsletter to the editor.
- ◆ At every event, parents are responsible for their children's actions and well being.
- ◆ Contribute to CFSC where you are uniquely gifted!

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We embrace all Christian church affiliations that hold to the truth that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, inspired Word of God. We encourage our members to refrain from interdenominational criticism, but rather to uphold and to honor each other in Christ's love.

We believe that God has purposefully put every man, woman, and child on earth for a reason. God makes it clear that He intends for His Word to be understood, and we believe that it is our duty to help each other and the world around us discover the fulfillment and fullness of life that can only be found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We especially love to teach children how precious and purposed they are in God's sight, and to equip them for a life of Godly service, knowing their worth in Christ.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The evaluations made by most of those who are closely watching home educators will be based upon the only thing they see — our children's behavior in public. One of the most obvious ways for homeschool support groups to leave a good impression is by demonstrating good manners and a respectful demeanor on organized field trips.

Individually, and as a group, we should remember that when we visit, it is our responsibility to learn the establishment's rules and comply with them consistently. This demonstration of self-government will not go unnoticed. We have set up the following guidelines for our group's field trips, with the hope that we will become more representative of Christ, thus putting forth our best witness in our community.

The following is a list of guidelines we would like you to follow when participating in a CFS Carlsbad field trip:

1. Please contact the field trip organizer if you are unable to attend an event for which you have signed up, so that those on the waiting list may be given an opportunity to take your place.
2. Arrive on time! Be punctual as a courtesy to others. Allow extra time for traffic problems, getting lost, and parking.
3. Parents, please stay with your own children. You are responsible for your children's behavior and safety upon their arrival and for the duration of the gathering. Remind your children of the behaviors you expect from them before arriving at your destination. Please be sure to determine if your younger children are able to behave appropriately on certain field trips, which may be geared for older children.
4. Parents, please encourage your children to listen and maintain eye contact when someone is speaking to show consideration and respect. It is appropriate for you to show the same consideration, modeling that behavior to your children. This is not a time to visit with other moms.
5. Dress and conduct should be appropriate for the occasion.
6. If children in attendance are disruptive, please excuse yourself from the group to handle the situation.
7. Parents, please do not allow your children to climb, touch, or handle things before asking for an "OK".
8. Finally, it is always gratifying for the person who is instructing our children during the field trip to hear a "thank you" from the children as well as from the adults. You may also have your children draw a picture or write a short note about what they learned and mail it to the instructor.

Parents are responsible to read and turn in the signed Field Trip Guidelines with their Membership Application, understanding that, if their children's behavior does not adhere to these guidelines, they will have to be asked to leave the field trip location.

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GETTING STARTED IN PRIVATE CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLING

We advise you to go to our website at www.cfssd.org under the heading Homeschooling Resources to find this same information. They will have links directly on there to make it easier for you.

If you are new to homeschooling and have no idea how to start, don't fret. We will help you take the steps you need to get started. This is what support groups are for. Below are some steps to take. If you have questions along the way e-mail us at Carlsbad@cfssd.org.

1. Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) and Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA) are both excellent resources for getting started in private home education. An *Introduction to Home Education*, a book offered at CHEA's bookstore, is an invaluable detailed resource.
HSLDA: www.hsllda.org
CHEA: www.cheaofca.org
Join HSLDA! This is not mandatory, but strongly recommended. You will receive a \$20 discount for membership to HSLDA if you join our group.
2. Decide how you are going to homeschool.
 - a. File your own affidavit October 1st – 15th on the California Department of Education website, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/rq/affidavit.asp>. HSLDA provides their members with detailed instructions for filling out the affidavit. Family Protection Ministries, another good resource for legislation in California that affects homeschooling, provides information on filing an affidavit also. We will also notify you in our October newsletter.
 - b. Join a Private School Satellite Program (PSP) formally known as an ISP. We have a list of private Christian PSPs in San Diego County in this packet.
3. Consider your teaching approach. You may find teaching approaches in the CHEA book, *An Introduction to Home Education* or you may look find it on the web at <http://www.homeschoolmarketplace.com/e-zines/ejournalapr2706.htm>.
4. Purchase Curriculum. This can be very intimidating as there is so much out there. Ask us if you have questions and we may be able to help. We also included a curriculum resource list in this packet.
5. Plan out your year: scheduling and record keeping. This can be as simple as dividing up your subjects in a three ring binder and keeping track of your progress and attendance or keeping track of your records using software such as Edu-Track.
If you choose to operate through a PSP, they will have information on how they would like you to keep records for their school.
6. Join CFS Carlsbad or another support group in your area.

Common Homeschooling Acronyms

PSP – Private School Satellite Program, formally known as an ISP. This is not funded by or under the authority of the public school system.

Public ISP – An independent study program funded by and under the authority of the public school system.

HSLDA – Home School Legal Defense Association

CHEA of California – Christian Home Educator Association of California

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CURRICULUM RESOURCE LIST

Abeka Books	877-223-5226	www.abeka.org
Alpha Omega Publications	800-622-3070	www.aop.com/home
Apologia Science	888-524-4724	www.highschoolscience.com
Beautiful Feet	800-889-1978	www.bfbooks.com
Bob Jones University Press	800-845-5736	www.bjup.com
Builder Books Inc.	425-778-4526	www.bbhomeschoolcatalog.com
CHEA of California	800-564-CHEA	www.cheaofca.org
Christian Book Distributors	800-247-4784	www.christianbook.com
Christian Liberty Press	800-348-0899	www.homeschools.org
Christian Light Education	540-434-0750	www.anabaptistbooks.com
Doorposts	503-357-4749	www.doorposts.net
Eagle's Wings Ed. Material	580-252-1555	www.eagleswingsed.com
Educators Publishing Service	800-435-7728	www.epsbooks.com
Focus On the Family	800-232-6459	www.focusonthefamily.org
HSLDA	540-338-5600	www.hslda.org
IBLP	800-398-1290	www.store.iblp.org
ICR	800-628-7640	www.icr.org/store
IEW	800-856-5815	www.writing-edu.com
Insectore	800-LIVE-BUG	www.insectore.com
Konos	972-294-2712	www.konos.com
Lamplighter Publishing	888-246-7735	www.lamplighterpublishing.com
Lost Classics	800-611-2665	www.lostclassicbooks.com
Love to Learn	888-771-1034	www.lovetolearn.net
Math-U-See	888-854-6284	www.mathusee.com
My Father's World	573-426-4600	www.mfwbooks.com
Peace Hill Press	877-322-3445	www.peacehillpress.com
Practical Homeschooling	800-346-6322	www.home-school.com
Rainbow Resource Center	888-841-3456	www.rainbowresource.com
Robinson Curriculum	517-546-8780	www.robinsoncurriculum.com
Rock Solid	904-751-3569	www.rocksolidinc.com
Rod & Staff Publishers	606-522-4348	www.rodandstaffbooks.com
Saxon Math	800-416-8171	www.saxonpublishers.com
Shekinah Curriculum Cellar	903-643-2760	www.shekinahcc.com
Sing 'n Learn	800-460-1973	www.singnlearn.com
Singapore Math	503-557-8100	www.singaporemath.com
Sonlight Curriculum	303-730-6292	www.sonlight.com
Tapestry of Grace	800-705-7487	www.tapestryofgrace.com
Teaching Textbooks	866-867-6284	www.teachingtextbooks.com
The Teaching Home	503-253-9633	www.teachinghome.com
Timberdoodle	360-426-0672	www.timberdoodle.com
Total Language Plus	360-754-3505	www.totallanguageplus.com
Usborne Books	800-475-4522	www.ubah.com
Veritas Press	800-922-5082	www.veritaspress.com
Video Text Interactive	800-254-3272	www.videotext.com
Vision Forum	800-440-0022	www.visionforum.com
YWAM Publishing	800-922-2143	www.ywampublishing.com

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHRISTIAN
PRIVATE SCHOOL SATELLITE PROGRAM (PSP) LIST**
(FORMALLY KNOWN AS PRIVATE ISP)

California Oaks

Mr. and Mrs. Pease
40960 California Oaks Rd. St. 164
Murrieta, CA 92562
Phone: 951-677-3095
Email: Sppease123@aol.com

Calvary Chapel Oceanside

Area Served: San Diego County,
out of state
Jim & Lisa Maddocks
5368 Gooseberry Way
Oceanside, CA 92057
Email: JamesDMaddocks@sbcglobal.net

Calvary Chapel Vista

Chris & Shelly Meier
2240 Monte Vista Dr
Vista, CA 92084
Phone: 760-945-4577
Email: CCSISP@cox.net
Website: www.ccspsp.com

as of June 1, 2009:

Christian Life Academy

(formerly "Christian L.I.F.E. Academy")
Area Served: San Diego, World Wide
New administrator: Lynn Holtzhouser
613 West Valley Parkway, Suite 245
Escondido, CA 92025-2598
Phone: 760-741-1233
Email: lynnh@mylca.org
Website: www.mycla.org

Del Rey Schools

722 Jamacha Rd.
El Cajon, CA 92019
Randi Flynn, Phone: 619-561-7693
Email: RandiFlynn@cox.net
Mariellen True, Phone: 619-461-3575
Email: MEMTrue@aol.com

Grace Christian Schools

Area Served: San Diego, World Wide
Skip Joannes
Phone: 858-541-0373
Website: www.gracechristianschools.com

Heritage Christian Schools

Area Served: San Diego County,
Riverside County, 29 Palms
Phone: 858-689-2254
Email: mail@hcssd.org
Website: www.hcssd.org

Horizon Parent Directed Ed

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis
Phone: 858-277-4991, ext. 258

as of June 1, 2009:

North County Christian School

Area Served: San Diego County,
California, World Wide
1835A South Centre City Parkway, #463
Escondido, CA 92025
Emilie Mahoney *(formerly of Christian L.I.F.E. Academy)*
Phone: 760-298-4578
Email: nccs@cox.net
Website: www.northcountycs.com

Shepherd School

Grades K-8
P.O. Box 722937
San Diego, Ca. 92172
Email: fitzfamo8@yahoo.com

Tri-City Christian School (K-8)

Area Served: Tri-City
(Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista)
Phone: 760-724-3016
Email: b.macfarlane@cox.net

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