

# Christian Family Schools of Escondido

## 2009-2010 Registration Packet



*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness  
and self-control. Against such  
things there is no law."*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

Welcome! How wonderful and exciting it is to be home educating our children. We are blessed to be able to spend time with them each day developing their character, teaching them academics, and raising them up to know what it means to be a man or woman of God. We can be an encouragement to one another as we travel down this path together. The purpose of this group is to support Christian private home educating families as they start on this journey and to encourage current home educators as they stay the course.

May God richly bless you in your homeschooling endeavor!

This packet includes:

- Christian Family Schools of Escondido Charter
- Christian Family Schools of Escondido Field Trip Etiquette
- Christian Family Schools Statement of Faith and Educational Philosophy
- Christian Family Schools of Escondido Liability Sheet
- Christian Family Schools of Escondido Registration Form
- For an up-to-date analysis on the California Education Code, please go to: <http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/California.pdf> and/or [www.cheaofca.org](http://www.cheaofca.org) (click on "Resource Center" and then "Legal Information").

\*Christian Family Schools of Escondido is a Park Day Support Group operating under the umbrella of Christian Family Schools of San Diego County. Registration for CFS Escondido includes membership in CFS San Diego County.

# Christian Family Schools of Escondido Charter

## Christian Family Schools of Escondido - Statement of Purpose

As traditional Christian families, we have gathered together to support and encourage, from a Biblical standpoint, Christian private home educating households.

We operate under the direction of our leadership team and are affiliated with both Christian Family Schools of San Diego and Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA). We comply with their Statement of Faith, Educational Philosophy, Leadership Policy, Mission Statement and Support Network Guidelines. In as much as we are a Christian private home education group, we do specifically hold to the Christian Family Schools of San Diego Leadership Policy for our leadership team that states, "leaders may not have their children registered with any public institution as the primary means of satisfying compulsory education requirements."

## Our Leadership Team

The leadership team is made up of married couples who are veteran homeschoolers of three years or more who have been members of Christian Family Schools of Escondido for two or more years. The team is led by two co-leading couples who appoint additional leadership team members without election. There is no limit on the duration of service. The leadership team holds final decisions on behalf of the group.

## Our Members

Membership is initiated upon the receipt of a signed registration form and payment of a membership fee set by the leadership team. **All new members must be Christian private home educating households (i.e. have at least one student who is educated via the R-4 private school affidavit, a private school satellite program, or under the private tutorial exemption).**

Member benefits:

- An email subscription to our newsletter that is published throughout the school year (September to June).
- Participation in activities our group sponsors.

## Field Trip Etiquette

It is our desire to provide the group with interesting, informative, fun and educational field trips. As we venture out it is also our desire that our families conduct themselves in a manner that would reflect well on the home school community and be honoring to the Lord. Please read through the Field Trip Etiquette below and plan to spend a little time going over the information with your children before each outing.

### Responsibility

- Please be responsible for the children you bring. Help them to behave so that all can enjoy the trip.
- Please do not bring children outside of the age range indicated. Every effort is made to accommodate babies, toddlers, and strollers; however some field trips will not be suitable for them.
- Please advise the Field Trip Coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to attend, as there is generally a waiting list and a minimum group size required.
- Please do not bring people who are not signed up for the field trip.

### Dress Code

Please dress appropriately and use good common sense. Modesty is a foremost principle in Scripture. Although the Lord is concerned with our heart attitude, others look at our outward appearance. Cleanliness and neatness are good habits for our children.

### Conduct (T.R.I.P. rules)

Please review the following rules with your children before each field trip and plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your tour is scheduled to begin.

- **T**ogether: Stay with your parent and group. Only touch what you have been told you may touch.
- **R**espect: Be respectful of your surroundings and of the people around you.
- **I**nterested: Pay attention to your guide and listen well. Think of thoughtful questions.
- **P**olite: Use your best manners and be sure to thank your guide.

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Philippians 1:27

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### 1. The Authority of the Bible

We believe the Bible (both the Old & New Testament) to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed. (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:19-21).

### 2. The Trinity

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Colossians 1:16-19).

### 3. Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension and His personal return in power and glory. (Hebrews 1, I Peter 2:24, Acts 5:30, Acts 1:10).

### 4. The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person proceeding from the Father and the Son and is therefore eternal, and of the same essence, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son. We believe therefore that the Holy Spirit is truly God. (Hebrews 9:14, John 4:23-26, II Corinthians 3:17).

### 5. Salvation

We believe salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-6, John 3:14-17).

### 6. Christian Lifestyle

We believe that all believers should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commanded by God. (Romans 6:1-13, Ephesians 5:11, Colossians 3:1-3).

### 7. Sharing the Gospel

We believe it is our obligation as believers to witness by life and word to the truths of the Gospel and proclaim these to all mankind. (Acts 1:8).

### 8. The Second Coming

We believe in that "Blessed Hope", the personal imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His return to the earth with His saints. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment.

## EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

### 1. Parent's Responsibilities

We believe God in His Word has given us the responsibility and authority to educate our children in a godly manner. (Colossians 3:17, Deuteronomy 6:6-8, 11:18-21, Proverbs 22:6, Psalms 1:1-2, Colossians, Luke 6:40).

### 2. Children's Maturity & Learning Readiness

We recognize children mature at different rates and should be taught according to that maturity level and learning readiness. However, we believe God holds us responsible to educate our children in an orderly and systematic fashion. (Deut. 6:6-8).

### 3. God Centered

We refute humanistic thought and actively teach God as Creator of the Universe and adherence to godly morals and principles of life.

(Statement of Faith and Educational Philosophy from  
CHRISTIAN FAMILY SCHOOLS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
CHRISTIAN FAMILY SCHOOLS OF ESCONDIDO

As a Christian group, we seek to follow the Biblical mandate which disallows charges against Christian brothers in civil courts. We, also, seek to be good stewards of the resources and blessings which our Lord has provided. Therefore, we believe it is best to be sure that all members understand our position prior to any mishaps.

We are a loosely organized not-for-profit (though not officially "non-profit" status) group of Christian families. The leadership is made up of those who have volunteered their time to organize activities for the group. Participation in any event is strictly voluntary with no member ever being required to attend any meeting or event. Our group's leadership team, leaders, or members are not liable for any injuries or damages whether connected with a group event or not.

At every event, parents are responsible for their own children. Children are not allowed to attend functions without a parent. Occasionally members will desire to send their child(ren) with another adult member. This practice is discouraged, yet because we understand that occasionally the parent must remain home because of illness in the family, pregnancy, etc., and because of the family-like nature of our group, we do not desire to prohibit this practice under all circumstances. In any case, no child is allowed to attend any event without being accompanied by and supervised by an adult member designated by that child's parent to take complete responsibility for their child. We suggest that if you find it necessary to send your child to an event with another adult, it be someone who is comfortable enough with your child to correct him/her if necessary.

It is expected that any member and/or member's child or guest who damages property or causes injury, either willfully or through neglect, will take personal responsibility for his actions. However, our group will not be involved in any way in such situations. Any person, whether member or not, who has such a claim will be directed to discuss the offense individually with the party he believes to be responsible. The outcome of such a problem is out of the realm of this group's responsibility. If such disputes cannot be handled between the parties involved, we will expect that they will follow the guidelines of Matthew 18 through their own church and leadership.

By signing our registration form and joining our group, you agree to hold Christian Family Schools of Escondido harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to you, your children, or your property.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SCHOOLS OF ESCONDIDO  
2009-2010 Membership Registration Form

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dad \_\_\_\_\_ Mom \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
Zip Code

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ # of years homeschooling \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names	Birth month & year and grade	Indicate school type from list below ***	School name

\*\*\* Private Home School (Affadavit/R-4) / Private School Satellite Program (i.e. Grace, CLA, Heritage) / Public Homeschool or Charter Homeschool Program / Private School (not homeschooled) / Public School (not homeschooled) / Not of School Age / Graduated

We are members of the following groups: CHEA \_\_\_\_\_ HSLDA \_\_\_\_\_

- I have read and understand all of the information in the registration packet, including the release of liability, and agree to hold CFS- Escondido harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to me, my children or my property.
- By signing below, I give C.F.S. - Escondido permission to post pictures of our family on the County's website and publish pictures in our group's yearbook.
- I do wish \_\_\_ or do not wish \_\_\_ to have my name and home phone number listed on a group roster that would be made available to members of our group only.

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

Please return this form with your \$30.00 membership fee. This fee covers membership from the date you join through the current school year and, also, includes full membership benefits to CFS - San Diego County. The fee is non-refundable and non-prorated. Please make checks payable to CFS - Escondido and send to:

Cyndi Brady, 327 Crownview Court, San Marcos, CA 92069.

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
Date Rec'd: _____
Amt. Pd. _____
Cash/Ck# _____