

# CHRISTIAN FAMILY SCHOOLS OF MIRA MESA

## Member Benefits and Responsibilities

### Who we are:

- ◆ We are a Christian home school 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 home schooling and the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ We are a local chapter of CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego.
- ◆ We are a group that is run entirely by members volunteering their time, energy, gifts, and talents. The group is a leader run group with a leadership team of home school parents who meet on a monthly base and who agree with the purpose of CFS of Mira Mesa (CFSMM) and the statement of faith as provided by CFS of San Diego.

### What We Offer:

- ◆ Fellowship with other Christian home schooling families in the community
- ◆ Monthly newsletter which includes information on upcoming events and news of interest to homeschoolers
- ◆ Educational and entertaining field trips for participants
- ◆ Legislative alerts and updates that relate to family issues
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter from CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego
- ◆ Discount membership to HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)

### Member Responsibilities:

- ◆ Complete annual membership application and return with payment to Membership Coordinator.
- ◆ Be responsible to read the newsletter and sign up for those activities that meet your needs.
- ◆ Abide by field trip guidelines, pre-registration deadlines, and payment requirements.
- ◆ At every event, parents are responsible for their children's actions and well being.

## CFS Mira Mesa 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 home school 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 Mira Mesa field trip:

1. Please contact the field trip organizer if you are unable to attend an event you have signed up for, so those on the waiting list may be given an opportunity to take your place. Payment for activities reserves your spot —these fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
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 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.