

THRIVE Homeschool Co-op

Document Checklist

West Metro Homeschool Co-op fees

Now:

\$10 per semester membership dues payable to West Metro Homeschool Co-op

\$20 per family/per semester church usage donation (payable to Maple Plain Community Church)

All members will need to submit the following:

Now:

West Metro Homeschool Co-op Membership Form

West Metro Homeschool Co-op Mission & Faith Statement

Rules of Respect for Family Participation Form

Liability Waiver and Release Form

Later:

Parent/Teacher Agreement (for each instructor)

Class Registration Form (one per family)

Weekly Job Duty

Last Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' First Names: _____ and _____

Office Use Only

Rec'd by: _____ Total: _____ Date: _____ Check #: _____

Mail forms to: WMHC, c/o Kary Fernandes, 5191 Fern Drive Independence, MN 55357

THRIVE Homeschool Co-op

Membership Form

Last Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' First Names: _____ and _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: MN Zip Code: _____

Cell phone(s): _____

E-mail address: _____ Number of Years Homeschooling: _____

Name of Child	M/F	Birth Date	Age (as of 9 / 1/13)	Grade	*Allergies, Medical Conditions, Medications, etc. (attach additional information on separate page)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone #: _____

Relationship to You: _____

Family Physician/Clinic: _____ Clinic Phone #: _____

Hospital Preference: _____ Hosp. Phone #: _____

Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Policy/Group#: _____

In the event that I am unavailable and cannot be contacted, I give permission to any West Metro Co-op member to call an ambulance or transport my child(ren) to the nearest medical facility for emergency care. I will assume full financial responsibility for all expenses incurred.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

THRIVE Homeschool Co-op Mission and Faith Statement

Our Mission

West Metro is an informal gathering of homeschooling families who exists to provide practical support and spiritual encouragement to each other through weekly meetings, resource sharing, and prayer while building a sense of community through children's classes, activities, field trips and opportunities for enrichment and interaction.

What is Homeschooling?

We subscribe to the following definition of effective, quality home education as outlined by the MACHE directors and veteran home educators: "...the traditional family is the foundation of society and parents have the God-given responsibility to determine the proper education for their children. Home education takes place when children are primarily taught under the authority of their own parents in their own home. We believe that parents, not government, should determine the curriculum and standards for their own children. We believe that home education fulfills its highest calling when parents educate their children according to Christ-centered, Biblical principles."

Statement of Christian Faith

Bible - The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired, infallible Word of God and is the final authority for what we believe and how we strive to live. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. The Bible is the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of man and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and life. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21

God - There is one living and true God who is infinite, eternal and unchangeable in all His attributes. He is eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Christ - We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.

Holy Spirit - We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit instructs, guides, equips and empowers the believers for godly living and service. John 14:26, John 16:8-15, Acts 1:8

Creation - God created the world and all things out of nothing by His powerful Word. Gen 1:1, John 1:1

Man - Man was created in God's image to have fellowship with Him and to glorify and serve Him. When man fell into sin he was separated from God. He became spiritually dead and therefore unable to please God or merit salvation.

God's Plan of Salvation - God in his mercy chose to save us from death and eternal separation by giving His Son, Jesus Christ, as payment for our sin. Salvation is offered to everyone as a free gift. This gift must be individually received in faith, not trusting in good works, but only in the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Romans 6:23, Acts 16:30-31, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9

Marriage - God created marriage as union between one man and one woman.

Unity of Believers - We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in Jesus Christ and that individual doctrinal differences, which may exist, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

We agree to the above Mission and Faith Statement:

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date

Rules of Respect and Discipline Policy

Rules of Respect

- > Willingly attend and participate in a Christ-centered learning and sharing experience.
- > Work hard each time we meet to develop and share my God-given talents to the best of my ability.
- > With the help of God, I will show that Jesus is a part of my life by:
 - Treating others with love, kindness, patience and in the spirit of forgiveness.
 - Being respectful to teachers, parents, students and other adults (i.e.- using Mr., Mrs., Miss; avoid disturbing church staff, etc.)
 - Keeping my hands, arms, feet and legs to myself.
 - Respecting building and property.
 - Do not run.
 - Do not go outside without an adult.
 - Treat all furniture, walls, doors, etc. with respect.
 - Do not enter any room not assigned to us.
 - If you make a mess, clean it up.
 - Following Classroom Etiquette:
 - Please don't interrupt.
 - Participate cheerfully!
 - Take turns.
 - Positively representing the homeschool community while at off-site field trips.

Discipline Policy

If a child is disobedient or disrespectful, the person in charge of the activity will:

1. On the 1st offense, the adult will talk to the child and explain that the behavior was unacceptable.
2. On the 2nd offense, the child will be removed from the activity and the parent will be contacted.
3. If the behavior continues, the parent will be required to sit in the class with the child.
4. If the offense occurs during unstructured time, the students will need to sit next to their parent throughout the rest of the day or for the following class day.

Please sign and return the bottom section.

I agree to abide by the above Rules of Respect and Discipline Policy

I will follow the principles of conflict management and resolution as outlined in Matthew 18:15-16: *"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"*

Required Signatures of all Participating Family Members

Print Last Name & Date

West Metro Homeschool Co-op Waiver and Release

West Metro Homeschool Co-op is a group of volunteer members and their families. Our leadership team is comprised of members within our organization who have volunteered to guide activities and lead group discussions. In an effort to hold harmless those volunteer members in leadership and those volunteer members who come forward to organize events, field trips, co-ops, parties, etc. we ask that ALL MEMBERS acknowledge that they are responsible for their selves, their children and their guests AT ALL TIMES. Any damage or liability to persons or property are the sole responsibility of the person (or in the case of minors, parents/legal guardians of minor child) responsible for said damage or liability.

Release executed on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

By (print name) _____ (the 'Releasor')(acting as agent for all participating family members) of (print address) _____ to West Metro Homeschool Co-op and (the 'Releasee').

I, as agent for myself and family members, the Releasor, being of lawful age, in consideration of being permitted to participate in home school support group meetings and home school activities, scheduled from date of signature and run and/or operated by the Releasee, WAIVE, RELEASE, and DISCHARGE the Releasee, its owners, officers, directors, employees, members, agents, assigns, legal representatives and successors, and all business associates and partners involved in the presentation of the above noted activity (including, but not limited to Maple Plain Community Church) and each of them their owners, officers and employees, from all liability for or by reason of any damage, loss or injury to person and property, even injury resulting in the death of the Releasor and/or family members, which has been or may be sustained in consequence of the Releasor's participation in the activity(s) described above, and notwithstanding that such damage, loss or injury may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Releasee.

I hereby acknowledge and agree that I have carefully read this Waiver and Release agreement, that I fully understand same, and that I am freely and voluntarily executing the same.

By signing this release I and my family members will be forever prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Releasee for any property loss or personal injury that I or my family members may sustain while participating in or preparing for the above noted activity(s).

I have been given the opportunity and have been encouraged to seek independent legal advice prior to signing this Waiver and Release agreement.

I understand that this Waiver and Release agreement is binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this release and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

This Waiver and Release Agreement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, and it is acknowledged by the Releasor to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of this jurisdiction.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEE(S).

X _____ (signature) as Agent for self and all participating family members.

_____ (Print Name)