



Tri-City Home Educators Member Guidelines

“Serving Christ and our local homeschool families since 1993”

As members of an organized group, when we participate in activities, classes and functions, we represent Tri-City Home Educators, as well as other homeschoolers, through both our attitudes and behavior. We need to be courteous, attentive and arrive promptly on time so that the teacher, leader, or host will be encouraged to welcome us and other homeschoolers in the future. For these reasons, the H.O.P.E. committee has decided upon this list of guidelines for our member families. These guidelines apply to all family members attending any field trip, class, or other activity, as well as, any guest that may accompany them.

General Guidelines

When participating in a field trip, class, or other activity, the child(ren) attending should be age appropriate to that activity. The child(ren) should be able to be attentive and follow directions so that they are *not* a distraction to the rest of the group *or* to our teacher or host. Please do not ask the teacher or leader to make a special exception in your case.

No child under the age of 10 is to be left at any class or function without an attending parent.

If parents are unable to attend a class or activity with their child, they have the option of making arrangements with another parent to be responsible for their child. This is the parent's decision. Please, do not expect a teacher or leader to take on this responsibility.

Students are required to remain in the group setting at all times while attending the function.

No displays of affection, public or private, will be allowed between students at any function.

If a field trip, class, or other activity requires a fee in advance, each family is responsible for mailing or delivering the fee to the teacher or field trip leader by the deadline. No refunds will be given after the deadline.

If a child is a student in a regularly recurring class or activity and they are unable to attend for any reason, the parent needs to call or email the teacher or leader to let them know of their upcoming absence. This is a common courtesy that aids the teacher or leader in planning.

Guests of the member family are allowed only if the teacher, leader, or field trip coordinator has been contacted ahead of time and given their permission. Please, do not expect them to accept a non-member child without prior consent.

No alcohol, profanity, offensive language, or offensive conduct will be allowed.

Additional Field Trip Guidelines

At the beginning of each field trip, the field trip leader will review guidelines. It is the responsibility of each parent to follow and enforce the rules. If, for any reason, someone is not able to comply, the field trip leader will be forced to ask him or her to leave.

If a member is unable to attend a field trip or activity they have pre-registered for, they must give 24-hour notice to the leader of that activity. In case of sickness or other emergencies, they are asked to give as much notice as possible. (1.)



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Please be sure your clothing is appropriate for the activity or field trip. Shoes should also be sturdy enough for the activity.

While on field trips, children must remain with their parents. Requirements will vary according to the activity. Again, the field trip leader will review expectations prior to making the field trip.

IF it becomes absolutely necessary for a student to leave the group while on a trip, the student should advise the trip leader of the need. Students are encouraged to use the “buddy system” when a real need to leave the group setting occurs. (*i.e., restroom trips, etc*)

Expectations of Basic Modesty

Dress is to be clean, neat, and modest; no offensive dress will be allowed. Please, remember that modesty is to be portrayed by both parents and students. The following explanations apply to both **gentlemen and ladies**:

- Shorts must be at least fingertip length (when standing)
- NO visible undergarments – even when bending
- NO writing on the back of jeans, pants, or skirts (except logos)
- NO bare mid-drifts – even in bending or when arms are raised
- NO offensive or profane words or pictures on shirts, jackets, etc.

Ladies must demonstrate additional modesty in these areas:

- Developed ladies must wear appropriate undergarments; but they are NOT to be visible.
- Skirts must be at least fingertip length (when standing).
- NO strapless, spaghetti-strapped, or halter tops without another modest shirt under them.
- NO low-cut shirts without a tank top or appropriate undershirt.
- Blouses should be properly buttoned up unless worn with an appropriate undershirt.

Illness Guidelines

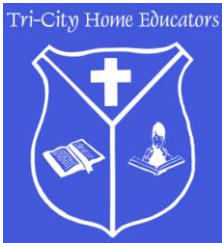
We strongly believe that the health of our families far outweighs the benefits of a few hours of socialization (or even education). It is for this reason that this rule will pertain to all activities in all areas of the entire TCHE homeschool group. If any person has had ANY of these symptoms in the last 24-hours before any class or activity, please, do not attend!

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| Fever | Coughing | Sore Throat |
| Unexplained Rash | Runny Noses - unless the mucus is completely clear | |

Additionally, If ANY person in your family has had ANY of these symptoms in the last 24-hour period, then NO member of the family may attend any class or activity. Please, be considerate of other families and keep these symptoms at home.

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| Flu or Flu-like symptoms | Vomiting | Diarrhea |
| Pink Eye | Croup | Strep Throat |
| Any other contagious illness/ condition (If in doubt, please contact a doctor or nurse first.) | | |

* The leaders or H.O.P.E. Committee may change these stipulations during the year based on the health of the group as a whole. (2.)



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Facilities Guidelines

Our group has been greatly blessed with some local churches that have been willing to open up their facilities to us for our use for a variety of functions. They have asked us for no rent in return. They only ask that we respect their God-given facilities as they do. When attending a class or function at any church or other public facility (libraries, etc.), please, keep this in mind.

Clean up after yourselves: Put tables and chairs back where they were before the function began. Sweep, vacuum, or take out trash, etc., if necessary.

Respect the facilities *BETTER* than your own home: Keep hands off walls. Do not tamper with pictures or posters. Do not “rough-house” in doors. Do not touch or go near the sound equipment. Stay off of the pulpit or stage area. Do not wander through halls or into other rooms. Observe parking lots and keep off grass and out of handicap spots (unless you have a permit).

If something is broken or out of order, or if something gets accidentally broken or messed up, tell the teacher or leader immediately. She will inform the church of the situation. If something breaks due to carelessness, the member may be required to help correct the situation.

Right to Refuse or Revoke Memberships

In order to keep harmony in our group and for the protection of all our member families, the H.O.P.E. Committee, comprised of the group’s leaders and other volunteer parents, does have the right to refuse or revoke memberships based on the following conditions:

- Continuous violations or blatant disregard of these listed rules or any additional guidelines set forth in a specific TCHE class or club
- Any continuous activity in direct opposition to the Bible
- Conviction of a felony that the H.O.P.E. Committee deems a possible safety issue for our member families
- Any other reason the H.O.P.E. Committee deems necessary or best for the group

To refuse or revoke a membership, the H.O.P.E. Committee will give the member(s) in question a chance to make amends before action is taken. If the situation cannot be rectified, a vote will be taken. The decision will be made by majority vote. If a membership requires a vote more than three times in any school year, the membership will be refused or revoked.

Please, keep these guidelines for your future reference as the need may arise. If you have concerns or questions, feel free to contact a leader or H.O.P.E. member at any time.

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