

Colorado Family Church: Homeschooling Co-op Invitation

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Dear All,

We are pleased to announce the opening of a remote learning co-op at the Colorado Family Church on August 24th. Our parent organizers consist of G. Kirkley, Pastor Adonia [Hentrich], David Heppell, and Sunnie van der Stok. Over the summer, we've been meeting to organize a schedule for our children to be able to come together, during the somewhat antisocial times of this pandemic, and be restored to youthful playfulness within each other's company. This will be under the guidance, teaching and leadership of elders, parents and community volunteers deeply interested in the well-being of our families.

This letter is to introduce our Colorado Heartland Co-op's mission statement and goals, and to see what interest there is for you as members of the community. Below, we will share a view of the schedule we have set up for a Monday through Thursday academic week, as well as cost and volunteer expectations for families with participating children, and invite you to think about your own situation with regards to the goals of our co-op.

A. MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

The Colorado Heartland Co-op will create an environment that is welcoming, safe, and represents God's love to our children. Our volunteers facilitate quality learning and provide structured, yet familial support for our children. Our children practice kindness and respect with each other and volunteers while growing their minds and hearts.

B. SCHEDULE

Please take a moment to [peruse the schedule](#) we've created for Academic Year 2020- 2021. We also expect to add Friday as Community Day when more families can join, do activities, field trips, etc.

C. BASIC COSTS AND VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

To have your child(ren) participate in our co-op as a full-time student, our basic expectation is that a family will give \$40/month for the first child, and \$30 for all following children, with the expectation of 6

hours of volunteer supervising. Each extra hour of volunteer support can take off \$10 per month from your total, and for each hour not volunteered, an extra \$10/month is added to your total. For each hour spent *teaching a class*, \$15 would be taken off from your total.

To send your child(ren) part-time, please send your proposed schedule, and we'll be happy to work out an individual plan with your family.

D. INVITATION TO JOIN IN THE PROJECT

- Would you like to bring your children to all or any of the classes we are offering? (right now we are only offering programs for children 8 years and up, but would be happy to include younger children if parents volunteer their time to watch them). Please reply to this email if you would like your children to participate or if you have any questions.
- Do you have a talent or skill you would love to pass on to children of the community, and find yourself inspired to volunteer to teach a class either to the full roster (14+ children) or just the older group (ages 11-14) or just the younger group (ages 8-10)?
- Do you feel inclined to volunteer once or twice a week to come and supervise an "Open Study" period, or just play with the kids in an aftercare session?
- Do you have near-new school materials, or supplies that you would like to put towards equipping our school (i.e., soccer balls, baseball mitts, working computers, dictionaries, near-new or good quality educational materials)?
- Would you like to support our co-op financially? With the additional support of a few people giving a few dollars a month, we can provide more materials for projects, more experiences for the kids, and more consistent supervision that will help make our co-op stable and sustainable throughout the year.

Please RSVP by replying to this email with questions or proposals (g.kirkley@yale.edu). If you have an interest in participating in any way, don't hesitate to let us know! Although the schedule looks full, we have space for you!

Warmly,

The Colorado Heartland Co-op Parents

