

Seymour Johnson Christian Home Educators

Code of Conduct

Purpose:

*The purpose of Seymour Johnson Christian Home Educators (SJCHE) is to support and fellowship military families that have chosen to homeschool, as well as promote home education in the Goldsboro area. Members must acknowledge and accept that SJCHE is a Christian- based group and conduct themselves accordingly.

*We believe homeschooling is not just about where one's family lives; rather, homeschooling is seen as a pursuit to give a higher education to one's children. Our group flourishes on families who have a belief that homeschooling creates better adults, tends to children's needs far more reaching than other educational options, believes and desires it to create stronger family bonds, and gives their children a stronger sense of oneself. We welcome families who homeschool children in grades K-12.

Leadership:

*We currently have 4 administrators. This is subject to change based on group needs and member involvement.

Administrators:

Laura Spence
Jami Rugg

DeAna Boren
Mary Moon

What SJCHE Offers:

*PE Class – Every Thursday at the SJAFB Youth Center from 1pm- 2pm. Grades K-12 are permitted to participate. We do not meet for PE the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.

* Field Trips – The first Thursday of each month unless otherwise announced.

* Co-op Classes – Held after PE on scheduled Thursdays.

*Holiday Parties – The first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.

* Park Days – Thursdays during summer only

Registration & Membership:

*A family that requests to join SJCHE must agree to and abide by this Code of Conduct and complete a registration form.

- *Incomplete registrations are not accepted. This information is used to better know each family and to keep families informed of group activities.
- *Requests to join SJCHE are only accepted after a family has agreed to abide by this Code of Conduct and submitted a complete registration form.
- *Non-administrative members are not allowed to add anyone to the group without administrator approval as this has led to confusion, inactive members, and members who don't homeschool or who don't hold the same values about home education.
- * Members who do refer a friend to the group can post a note on the SJCHE FB group page so that an administrator can begin the registration process.
- *All families wishing to join must go through the registration process to ensure the safety of the children in the group and ensure each family is from a local homeschooling family.
- *Membership ceases when a family is no longer homeschooling, is no longer active in the group, or the family moves out of the area.

Membership Policies & Procedures:

- *Our goal is to have an active home school group. We love to see everyone whenever possible to share in friendship. Policies and procedures are in place to make that possible. We want to create an atmosphere where each member can relax and openly talk about the blessings, joys, and challenges of homeschooling without having to answer questions or give explanations as we sometimes do among those who do not homeschool.
- * As a Christian-based group, we believe in the ordinance of marriage between a man and a woman in covenant with the Lord as stated in the Bible. All families, whether married, single, or legal guardianship, must understand this and abide by it. This is based on your family and not your political point of view on the matter.
- *No drama. It is disruptive to the group and atmosphere of homeschooling.
- *Notify an administrator immediately of a change in contact information such as address or phone number.
- *Members will acknowledge this Code of Conduct annually when issued by an administrator.
- * For the safety and protection of the children, activities and field-trips are not drop-off events. Parents are expected to supervise their children at each activity. With administrator approval and in special circumstances, arrangements can be made with another parent from our group or legal guardian to be responsible for them.
- * Without exception, a parent must be present in the SJAFB Youth Center at all times during PE.
- * Members can invite non-military family friends and relatives to activities and field trips.

* Participation is required. Membership is contingent upon active participation in SJCHE with parental involvement.

* Members must attend at least one event every 3 months to maintain membership. This excludes Co-op classes (details below). We know things come up. Talk to us; let us know if there is a problem and we will work with you. If this is too big a commitment for your family, then please leave the group on your own. All former members are welcome to join again when they feel they can maintain the required level of commitment.

*Please keep sick children home from events. It is better for your family to miss one thing than to spread germs to all participating families. We have some families who have auto-immune disorders, allergies, food allergies, children who are prone to asthma after viral infections, and some whose bodies can't handle infections. Please be courteous, responsible, and respectful for the health of all our families.

*We ask each family to contribute to the group by planning field trips, making calls, setting up, and cleaning up after activities.

Classes & Activities:

* SJCHE runs its classes and activities from September through May with a park day on Thursdays throughout the summer.

* All activities and events are posted to the events section on the SJCHE FB page.

Physical Education (PE):

* SJCHE PE is for school age children only (K-12) that are mature enough, have a desire to participate, and follow given instruction. Nursery is only provided by those who volunteer upon request.

*PE is a volunteer-led activity. To help lighten the load of each family involved, each family is required to sign up to instruct at least one month of PE, typically only 3 classes per month.

*Sign-ups for PE are always on going.

*The SJAFB Youth Center has their own guidelines that we are asked to follow. Guidelines are provided the first day of PE and as new members join the group. These guidelines must be understood and followed.

* PE is vital to SJCHE as it is also where we give all our group announcements, signups for holiday parties, and at times make and conduct group business.

Holiday Parties:

*SJCHE has parties for recognized holidays (Fall Harvest, Christmas, Valentines, etc.).

*Foods for these events are potluck. Activities are provided by volunteering families.

*Holiday parties are typically held the first Thursday of the month in place of the monthly field trip. Most parties are at Heritage Hall located on SJAFB.

Field Trips:

*SJCHE is always looking for free and interesting things to go do around North Carolina.

Members are always welcome to give us ideas for field trips.

* Field trips are held on the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.

* Each family wishing to participate needs to sign up to coordinate the details of at least one event.

*Field trips are announced to the group at-large on the SJCHE FB event page.

* Members wishing to go on field trips must RSVP to events by marking “Going” or “Not Going”. Everyone is invited; however, be courteous and don’t leave the person setting up the event wondering.

*Only sign up for a field trip if you are committed to going. Arrangements are made according to head count, and it is a poor testimony if plans are made for 50 people but only 10 show up.

*When you RSVP to a field trip, please include the total number of people going for your family in the event comments.

* If you RSVP “Maybe,” and fail to change it by the field trip deadline, then you will be considered as declined.

*If you RSVP attending, but do not show up or cancel your RSVP after the closing date twice, then you will be dropped from the group. If you must cancel, let us know why—sick children will not get you dropped from the group if we are made aware.

*If a member does RSVP but cannot attend due to emergency or illness, please notify the person who set up the field trip, an administrator, or comment on the SJCHE FB page ASAP.

*If payment or a deposit is required for an event, it must be paid in full or as specified by the field trip coordinator before the reservation is considered complete. If circumstances prevent attending the event, refunds are not guaranteed but will be made if possible.

*Some events are set up for specific age groups or limit younger siblings. We must respect these requests.

* If you decide you want to attend an event after you have already marked Not Going, please contact the field trip coordinator ASAP to ensure an accurate headcount. Facebook does not make it easy to go back and change Not Going to Going.

* Be at the designated meeting place before or at least on time. There will be NO grace period to the field trip time. If an event is scheduled for 10am, then we suggest a meeting time of 9:45. The tour / class will begin AT the designated time. It is highly unfair to the families who are on time AND to the businesses who schedule these to hold everyone up.

* Please remember: First impressions are the longest lasting! For some tours, our group will represent the public's first exposure to homeschooling. Let's make it a good one!

Co-Op Classes:

*SJCHE offers co-op classes (6 classes per each Fall & Spring terms)

* These classes require a full 6-week commitment from families.

* These classes require a small fee that is payed when signing up.

*Classes immediately follow PE on scheduled Thursdays.

*Details for classes and fees are announced closer to the co-op starting dates each term and are subject to change year-to-year.

Park Day:

*SJCHE meets either at the park, splash pad, bowling alley, or other designated place occasionally during the summer to instill fellowship and mingle.

*These activities will be posted on the SJCHE FB page and will begin once our "school year" activities end in May.