



Frequently Asked Questions

Location?

At this time this program is only being offered in the Carolina Forest location.

Attendance Policy?

There will be no attendance policy that is enforced like a public school. However, at the end of the homeschool school year you as the parent must make sure your child has completed 180 days of schooling. (the homeschool year is July-July) Also we ask that you stay current with work for those that follow our core curriculum days because we do not want your child to get lost.

Is there an option for remote learning for students or if you are traveling?

Any curriculum that we choose will be able to be taught at home or at school. The only thing that may differ are your electives if we are in a hands-on learning day, as long as your PE, art etc. However, your core classes you can complete while traveling!

How long would the program last throughout the year?

Our program will follow the Horry County Public School Schedule. We will follow the winter breaks, planned days off and spring break.

Will there be homework?

This will vary family to family. While lesson planning a certain amount of work will be planned for in class learning. However, if a child is unable to get it completed it may be asked that they finish it up at home. We would like a child to go home with no work so that they can have family time, sport time and just being a kid. However, please review the work a few nights a week with your child to make sure you are engaged in the homeschool learning process as well.

Would it cater to all students from all backgrounds?

We do plan to cater to all students from all backgrounds, however, please make us aware of any learning disabilities, difficulties or language issues that may present a problem.

Does the curriculum involve books or online?

Most of our curriculum will involve books, however, for the older grades there could be a component of online learning and book learning. We also will bring in technology sometimes to teach and emphasize different subjects.

Childcare from 8-12pm to make it a full day for working parents?

Potentially, yes, if there is enough interest we will work on accommodating this.

Would all daycare still be available if we decide to do the homeschool option?

Our afterschool program starts right after the homeschool program ends. So if needed, they can stay if they are also enrolled in the after school camp.

Are you ABC accredited?

No, we are not an accredited program.

Will it cover lunches?

No lunch will not be provided, children are to eat lunch prior to school but may bring their own snacks to have throughout the time.

Electives?

We will be having elective subjects on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Is it a Christian Based co-op?

We are looking for more of a secular based curriculum to cover the community.

Will they need to sign up with an association?

Yes, as of right now they will need to sign up under an association. However, our new program director started one with her old co-op and we are going to use that this year, and start one once this program grows next year. Or you are free to find an association that fits your needs as well.

Field Trips?

We plan to have field trips throughout the year that parents are invited to attend.

Will there be time to be outside?

Each grade will have their time for outside play, outside enjoyment or some outside nature exploration.

How does 3 hours cover the requirements of the state?

Due to the small class sizes, and individual work times a typical homeschool day is roughly 2-3 hours of learning. The main requirement for the state is the attendance, that is 180 days between July-July. Highschool requirements get a bit more involved with certain times and hours allocated to each subject. So highschoolers may have a bit more outside work with this program than the younger children.

Subjects being taught?

K-6th- Math, Science, History, Reading/writing

7th-12th- Math Science, History, Reading, Composition and writing

How many students per teacher per grade are you allowing?

Approximately

K- up to 10

1&2- up to 12

3&4- up to 15

5&6- up to 15

7th-12- up to 18

How will grades be grouped?

Ideally, we would like to separate by grades, but it will ultimately be determined by who registers and how many students we have at each grade level. However, we are confident that with our smaller ratios that each child will be able to get the attention they need to excel in their academic career no matter what.

Will curriculums differ from elementary vs middle vs highschool?

Curriculums will very well differ from each grade although there will be some similarities. The younger grades need more hands-on, printable in person lessons, while highschoolers could benefit from project based learning that require them to engage in real life situations and how the concepts that they learn can apply to those situations. Middle school falls somewhere into both categories, both project based and hands-on learning.

Certified Teachers?

Homeschool does not require certified teachers to teach. However, we will be looking for qualified teachers that have been homeschooling parents, or have worked in education. It is a plus if they are certified but it is not required. However, either way we plan to hire teachers with the love and passion for teaching and working with kids.

Testing?

Tests may be administered in the higher grades, or simple tests like spelling or vocabulary in any grade. However, grades in homeschool do not count until you start tracking in 7th grade and above. Sometimes it is nice to be able to just see if the child is retaining the information or if they still need help. So testing is used more as a tool for the lower grades to check understanding.

Will parents be involved?

Parents are absolutely involved! However, the amount you involve yourself is up to you. Just remember this is a homeschool adventure. Parents must do their part as well to make this a joining effort with us at the co-op.

- Parents must keep an attendance log with how many days their child completes
- Parents must keep a journal of work being completed for each child they have
- Parents must write a mid year report, and an end of the year report
- Parents must assure that their child stays current with work (simple as checking in there backpacks and making sure the units are getting completed that are assigned)

- Parents must make sure their child brings the right materials to school each day. Parents will definitely be invited to all field trips taken, and are more than welcome to teach lessons to their child at home if they prefer to do that on certain days instead of coming to co-op. Parents are also welcome to drop in whenever, or help out in the classrooms. We would love a Room mom for each class to help us with birthdays and copies etc! However, our program is set up to give working parents an option to be able to send their child to a “school like” environment where they can learn, socialize and experience activities and concepts needed for their age level without having to spend so much family time doing so.

What kind of extracurricular activities will be offered besides sports?

Electives will be based on ages and abilities as well as interest. We believe it is important to take it back to “normal” electives within the homeschool world. Things that turn into life lessons and necessities!

- Cursive
- Cooking
- Nature
- Board Games
- Foreign Language
- Theater
- Eating Healthy
- Economics/Budgeting/Learning Money
- Automotive
- Basic Sewing skills
- Art
- Music
- Fashion Design
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Social Etiquette
- Social Emotional Health Stress Management
- Survival Skills
- Health
- Self Defense

These are just some ideas, some will be unit studies, some will be elective courses, and some will be kids' choice. We are firm believers that kids learn better with things that they are interested in. So we love a good Kids choice elective!

Do we offer part time?

Yes we now offer a 3 day a week option for just your three main days of your core subjects for \$250.00. We offer a 2 day a week option for \$175 for just your two days of unit studies and electives and of course our 5 day a week option at \$350.00

Curriculums?

They will be decided very soon. We take a lot of time and effort into really looking at all aspects of each curriculum. Each child learns differently, and each child needs something someone else may not. So when choosing curriculum we look at the following:

- Page layout (is it overwhelming, too busy, to sparse?)
- Does it cover the majority of the schoolwork
- Is it all lecture and learning or is it engaging
- Price- is it affordable
- What is the religion aspect? Is there any? Or is it okay for everyone?
- Color? Verses black?

Choosing curriculum is one of the hardest things to do! I believe in a mismatched variety of authors because I feel the kids do not get bored so easily! We may also throw in some Khan Academy or Time4learning as well. However, we will have a very hands on and creative based learning for the classroom. Very project based, collaborative and teamwork style.

The most important thing about our program is that we find a curriculum that covers materials in a hands-on, project based way that also allows for our students to have time to learn through experiences, physical activity, sport, and social interaction;which will be integrated into our student schedules daily.

Who's in charge and do they have experience with homeschool?

Yes, our program director has years of experience with putting together co-ops and has homeschooled her child the whole time and he is going into 5th grade. She has a background in education, and taught in the public school system with special needs for 10 years prior to having a child.

Scholarships to help with the cost?

No, it is an expensive program to run with tight ratios and we want to be able to offer the best educational program possible, as well as pay our teachers the best we can.

Will it include gymnastics?

Gymnastics will be included in the rotation of sports throughout the year for everyone, and will be a weekly instruction of basics of the sport for the younger ages (k-2nd).

Will it co-inside with the homeschool gymnastics practice schedule?

We will ensure that homeschool co-ops will coincide with homeschool gymnastics practices for any gymnast that chooses to do both.

Will there be a bus pick up?

At this time no. Parents are required to drop off and pick up.

Will they have access to the gifted program?

No, I believe that program is backed by the SC board of education for public school. However, if your child is above grade level in certain subjects, or behind in another subject we will accommodate and move up or down depending on the situation.