

All For Christ Homeschool Support Group

2009/2010 Articles of Membership

Organization Statement

All For Christ is committed to equipping and encouraging parents invested in home schooling their children. While we accept and encourage members of other faiths and beliefs, our support group is based on the biblical teachings of Jesus Christ. Our leadership is committed to, and agrees with the Statement of Faith given below. All activities and actions of All For Christ will be consistent with our faith.

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interest of others.” Philippians 2:1-4

Statement of Faith

Leadership of All For Christ hold the following truths as the core of their faith:

- There is one and only one living and true triune God who reveals himself to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

“..I am the LORD, and there is no other...” Isaiah 45

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” II Corinthians 13:14

- We believe in the Biblical Christ, His virgin birth, death, burial and resurrection, and that He is the sole salvation of man.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only son that whosoever believes in His has eternal life.” John 3:16

“I declare to you the gospel that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:3-4

- We believe that Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, the final authority for faith and life.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Leadership

The leadership of All For Christ agrees with the Statement of Faith given above and has shown evidence of this by signing this statement. The leadership is comprised of volunteers, with the responsibility to direct fellow members. Leadership members for the 2009/2010 school year are Kathy Ramsdell and Nina Philips.

Goal

All For Christ is a parent-run homeschool ministry whose goal is to support parents taking the step of educating their children at home.

Participation

Participation in scheduled activities is optional, however, All For Christ expects each member family to share in work relating to those activities they attend (i.e. plan and set up function, lead function, clean up, act as hostess, etc.). Upcoming activities will be discussed at each organizational meeting. Members present at the meetings will decide which activities will be scheduled and volunteers will be sought to plan and carry out the activities.

Members are also encouraged to initiate activities that interest them. They are welcome to organize events and send invitation emails to all the other group members for those events. If you initiate an event or activity, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- All activities and actions of our members should be consistent with our faith.
- The invitation needs to be extended to all of the group members.
- If an individual or group provides a service to our members (i.e. gives a lecture or acts as a guide), the organizer is responsible for giving that person a Thank You card from our group.
- Try not to schedule too many activities within a short timeframe. Respect the other member's responsibilities and commitment to their homeschool schedules.

Some activities are scheduled in advance and require specific commitments to participate (minimum participants, payment by a particular date etc.). To ensure that we do not negatively impact other organizations, and to be consistent with our image as a Christ-centered group, members need to RSVP to the organizer and provide payment for activities within the specified timeframe when required. If an RSVP and/or payment is not provided, you will not be able to participate in that particular activity.

Meeting

Organizational/support meetings will be held for parents only. These meetings are held without children present to enable the members to be free from distractions and to allow everyone to speak freely about any issues that may come up. There is an expectation that everyone's input will be valued and that, as a matter of trust, all issues discussed in the meetings are confidential. What is discussed in the meetings will not be discussed outside the group. Remember this is a **support** meeting.

These meetings are scheduled for August 28, November 6, and February 26. The time and place will be communicated prior to each meeting.

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Each month there will be a theme or emphasis for our activities. There will be an attempt to schedule activities throughout the month that support these themes, if practicable. However, activities may not always align with the emphasis. The activities we are working on for each month are:

- September – disabilities/special needs (emotional, physical)
- October – wildlife/nature
 - Trip to the Sanford zoo
 - Winter Garden hydroponic garden
- November – camping/orienteering (13th or 14th)
 - Moss Park
- December – missions
 - Combination Christmas party and missions festival (4th)
- January – heritage month
 - Pot luck meal including extended family
- February – public speaking
- March – art
 - Potential participation in Foliage Festival
 - Private art showing
- April – science
 - Festival
- May – open

Communications

All communication will be carried out by the use of email. It is each member's responsibility to read and react to email communications.

Any member who does not have access to email will be expected to use the "buddy" system in order to receive communications. Please notify the leadership of your need in this regard.