

Harvest Christian Cooperative Handbook 2026-2027

Mission Statement

Harvest Christian Cooperative exists to support homeschooling families by facilitating opportunities for learning, community, and discipleship that is glorifying to God and edifying for students and families.

Leadership

Harvest Fellowship Shepherd Team – This team will be in a support and oversight role but is not directly involved in planning and executing plans of HCC.

Board of Directors – The leadership team of HCC is a group of volunteers who are responsible for guiding activities and assuring they fall under the mission and values of HCC.

- **Josh and Britney Carpenter**
- **JD and Kelly Bowman**
- **Matt and Karyn Williams**
- **Kyle and Samantha Ryker**
- **Kody and Morgan LeMond**

What Does HCC Offer?

HCC will oversee educational enrichment opportunities to homeschooled students.

*Events include a variety of activities throughout the year, including field trips, community service projects, workshops, meet-ups, and special events. A cooperative network of HCC parents will arrange these events, **with each participating family being required to coordinate a minimum of one event per school year.** Events can be one-time or weekly meetings (subject to board approval).*

Field Trips- museums, farms, local businesses, performing arts events, etc

Community Service Projects- food drives, nursing home visits, working with local nonprofits, etc

Workshops- presentations and hands-on “how to” classes: art, food, handicrafts, robotics, etc

Enrichment Classes- art, music, poetry, engineering, geography, etc

Social Activities- meet ups at the park, pool, ice cream shop, hiking, board game nights, outdoor games/sports, etc

HCC Academy- weekly (Friday) classes for students in 8th-12th grade

HCC Jr. Academy – weekly (Friday) classes for students in 8th grade and under.

How HCC Operates

Membership: Applications for membership must be completed on a yearly basis. Harvest Christian Cooperative relies on its members to be active participants, facilitating a minimum of one event AND participating in a minimum of one event per school year. Step-by-step instructions will be provided for this. Members must agree with the statement of faith and agree to abide by the policies set forth in this handbook. Students participating in high school classes must also adhere to expectations outlined in the parent and student agreements. These will be sent to students during the class registration period.

Registration (for events and classes): Registration for membership in HCC and for submitting Events will be done online. Our new website that will streamline all registrations and event planning is currently being built, so more specific info will be forthcoming on that!

Fees: Membership fees for the 2026-2027 school year are \$35 per family. Some events may include additional fees (museum entrance fee, etc) and that will be noted when registering for each specific event. High School class fees will be announced once our class list is finalized. Those fees will be payable directly to the instructor for each class.

Policies

Dress Code: HCC expects students and all participating members (including parents and siblings) to dress modestly and appropriately for the activity.

Transportation: HCC is not responsible for transportation to or from any events. Parents may coordinate independently with one another on this, but HCC will not be held liable for any arrangements made privately between members.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices: HCC students and siblings are not permitted to use electronic devices during events. High school students attending Friday classes are permitted to have cell phones for communicating with parents, but may not be used in the classroom. More specific policies will be outlined in the high school student agreement forms.

Photographs/Media: Photographs may be taken during HCC events. If you do NOT want your child to be in any photographs, it is your responsibility to communicate that with the event coordinator.

Drop and Go Policy: No child younger than 12 may be dropped off at an event. All students 11 and younger must have a parent/guardian present at all activities. Each event coordinator can require parental attendance for older students if the activity necessitates it. If someone other

than a parent is acting as a child's chaperone (ex: grandparent, etc), they should be informed of HCC policies and expectations by the parent prior to the event.

Expectations

These expectations for both parents and children are set in place so that we may honor God in all we do at HCC. How we conduct ourselves will impact the facilities we use and the people we interact with. We will strive to reflect God's love and biblical values to those around us.

Expectations for Parents

Coordinate ONE event. The event coordinator is responsible for all aspects of the event. Our events team is happy to help answer questions or give any guidance needed. Coordinators must arrive early, be present for the duration of the event, and must stay until all participants have been picked up by their parent/guardian.

Participate in ONE event. Each family (does not have to be the entire family, but at least one member) must participate in at least one event. This is in addition to the event you coordinate.

Attendance: Once you register for an event, you are expected to attend it. The event coordinators put effort into planning, and members should honor their commitments to attend the events for which they register. Exceptions are illness or emergencies, and should be communicated in a timely manner to the event coordinator.

Costs: Costs associated with any events are the responsibility of parents to pay by the due date.

Student Behavior: HCC expects parents to be responsible for the behavior of their children. Misbehavior (including inattentiveness, rudeness, or inappropriate behavior for the event) should be addressed. If a parent is not present (for older students), any adult member present can correct a student who is not abiding by the expectations of HCC.

Younger Siblings: HCC expects parents to determine if younger siblings can behave appropriately on certain field trips or events that are geared for older students. While we fully support the whole family being involved in most of our events, there are occasions where it might be more appropriate to make arrangements for younger children not to attend.

Respectful Speech and Behavior: HCC expects members to demonstrate edifying speech and respectful interactions with other members, instructors, and others around them at all events. Rude, disrespectful, immoral, or condescending speech is not tolerated. Christian love, charity, and graciousness is to be expected and encouraged.

Expectations for Students

- 1. HCC expects students to respect those in authority. Please speak respectfully, listen carefully, and do not interrupt parents or tour guides.**
- 2. HCC expects students to respect other students in our group. Treat others as you want to be treated.**
- 3. HCC expects students to respect the personal property of others and the facilities the group is using.**
- 4. HCC expects students to dress modestly and appropriately for the activities. (See Dress Code Policy)**

*In the event that any parents or students do not adhere to the policies and expectations of HCC, we will address the issues directly. Failure to make necessary amends or changes may result in dismissal from the group. The integrity of the group depends on its members.

EVENT DETAILS

Each HCC family must coordinate one event per school year (minimum). Our Event Coordinators will advise and assist as needed.

Event Parameters

For an event to be considered for approval by the Events Team, it must first meet the following criteria:

1. An event must not violate the HCC Mission Statement and Statement of Faith.
2. Local field trips, tours, etc are encouraged. However, out-of-town field trips are permitted.
3. Event size minimum and maximum guidelines.
 - a. If a venue has a limit on max number of guests, please indicate that when you submit your event to the Events Team.
 - b. At least one other family (or a minimum of 3 students if it's a drop and go event for Jr High or High School) must sign up for an event for it to "count" toward your required ONE event planned. If no one signs up for an event that you coordinate, you will need to submit a new event.

Event Team Final Approval

Final review and approval of each event will be the responsibility of the Events Team. If an event conflicts with another event, or is not approved, an Event Team member will contact you, and provide assistance if needed.

Coordinator Guidelines

Coordinators must be in attendance before, during and after their event. Coordinators are to provide a sign-in sheet and bring it to their event.

Coordinators are expected to remain at the event site until all students have been picked up by parents.

Coordinators are expected to arrive at their own event at least twenty minutes early.

The coordinator is the HCC representative at their event, and they are responsible for every aspect of the event they coordinate. This responsibility includes the behavior of the attendees, including parents, students, and themselves. If the behavior of an individual does not comply with the expectations written in this handbook, the coordinator is expected to dismiss the individual(s) from the event and contact the Advisory Board.

There shall be at least two adults present at all classes, workshops, and activities. One of the adults must be a HCC parent. [To help the instructor with the class and also help in case of an emergency situation (e.g. if a child becomes ill or injured, etc.)]. You may arrange with one parent in advance of the first class / workshop / field trip and, at the first class, ask others to sign up as volunteers for subsequent weeks, if applicable.

If you have a drop-and-go class, you also need to have all parents leave an emergency (i.e. cell phone or family member) number where they may be reached during the class. Students elementary age and younger should be dropped at the classroom door and picked up at the door by a parent or older sibling. No elementary activity can be “drop and go.” A parent must be on site (not necessarily in the classroom, as determined by the instructor).

Regardless of age, ALL students must check in with coordinator upon arrival.

To ensure the good behavior of our students and their respect for the teacher, please take a minute at the beginning to explain your expectations to all participants.

If you cannot fulfill the obligation that you have made to coordinate an activity, you are responsible to find a parent to replace you with ample time to do the job properly.

If you are suddenly unable to attend your event, please make arrangements for another adult to be your substitute and provide them with all necessary information and money. Send an email to harvestchristiancooperative@gmail.com telling who your substitute is, as well.

HCC Academy

Any HCC member student in 8th – 12th grade is eligible to register for classes. Specific classes may have prerequisites or grade requirements.

All policies relating to fees, class schedules, yearly calendar, etc will be provided to families interested in taking classes at HCC Academy.

Classes will meet on Fridays during the school year, mid-August through mid-May.

HCC Jr. Academy

HCC Jr. Academy will consist of a variety of classes and workshops for students in 8th grade and under. Classes will typically meet on Friday mornings.

Each specific class may be open to different grade/age designations. Some classes will have costs associated with participation.

Any student in 5th grade and under will need a parent to stay on the premises during the class (some will require parent volunteers to assist during class).

Details will be provided for each class in advance.

