

2011-2012 Membership Application Form



STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the sole authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed. God, the Creator of heaven and earth, has existed from all eternity in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was God come to earth in human form being fully God and fully man, born of the Virgin Mary, except without sin. Our salvation and the forgiveness of sins come only through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement for our sins at the cross. After His death on the cross, Christ bodily rose from the dead and ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father where He reigns until one day, He returns to establish His Kingdom on earth.

POLICIES

The purpose of H.O.M.E. is to provide a Christian home education support system based upon the Bible. Therefore, this support group will operate by Christian values and principles at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, the types of events we hold, sponsor, or attend. Our actions, as well as those of our children, should reflect Godly character and a positive and favorable image of home education.

- H.O.M.E. rejects homosexual marriages, homosexual orientation and co-habitational relationships because these are contrary to Scripture and the intention of God in creation.
- As a member of H.O.M.E., you must agree with and abide by H.O.M.E.'s Statement of Faith.
- **Each member family must serve on one or more of the Service Teams for the group during the year. Failure to complete the service assignment will result in an application penalty fee of \$75 or denial of H.O.M.E. membership the following year. Non-participation in H.O.M.E. meetings and group activities does not relieve a member from service requirements.** Personal situations that make completing your service difficult, such as family illness or other personal crisis, should be communicated to the Steering Committee as you may be eligible for an exemption. Exemption from Service Team responsibilities is evaluated on a case by case basis.
- The Steering Committee is the governing body of H.O.M.E. All members must abide by the decisions of the Steering Committee.
- You must be a member by December 31st and fulfill your group obligations in order to participate in group testing.

By joining H.O.M.E., our family agrees with the above Statement of Faith and agrees to abide by the Policies listed above

Signed _____ Date _____
Primary Educator

Signed _____ Date _____
Spouse

NAME & ADDRESS *(Important: Please print all information clearly.)*

Last Name	Husband	Wife
Address	City, State and Zip	

MAIN CONTACT INFORMATION *(Will be used for invitation to our Yahoo Group and the Member Directory.)*

Home Phone	Cell Phone	e-Mail Address Please print clearly

WHY ARE YOU JOINING H.O.M.E.? _____

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE HOMESCHOOLED: _____

CURRICULUM: _____

CHURCH: _____

Are there facilities at your church we could use as needed throughout the year? *(Check all that apply.)*

- Fellowship Hall
 Kitchen
 Classroom(s)
 Gym
 Picnic Shelter
 Playground
 Sanctuary
 Other: _____

CHILDREN

Please put a ✓ by the children you are actually home schooling.

Children's Names	✓	Male or Female	Grade	Age	Birth Date (mm/dd/yr)

2011-2012 Service Team Selection and Information

Each Service Team member is responsible for meeting the needs of the team; therefore, most service assignments for the upcoming academic year will not be limited to only one duty. Each member of H.O.M.E. will have the opportunity to directly impact an area of service by working in a team environment. This service philosophy and team structure of H.O.M.E. will truly place the success and quality of activities of H.O.M.E. in the hands of its members.

Prayerfully consider God's direction in expanding your horizons with respect to your time, talents, gifts, and abilities of which you can contribute to a Service Team this year. **Please be prepared to contribute in all aspects of your Service Team by making suggestions, planning, organizing, working together and praying for all of our members and events this year.**

Thanks for your willingness to serve the group for the Glory of the Lord.

Once your New Member application is processed, you should get an E-MAIL invitation to join our Yahoo Group for H.O.M.E. of Gaston County by mid-August (returning members do not need an invite). Follow the directions within that email invite to get plugged into our group online. **This online, Yahoo Group, is our main line of communication with the members regarding dates, events, deadlines, and general information. If you do not get the invite, PLEASE contact The Hamstras at 704-824-6052 immediately!**

Though our group mainly communicates via the Yahoo Group, please do NOT hesitate to contact directly any member of the Steering Committee or your Service Team Leader with any questions or concerns you might have.

You will be contacted by your Service Team leader in August. They will let you know when your first planning meeting will be held for your team. *It is VERY important to come to any meetings held in order to plan out the projects, field trips and other events throughout the year!* We need your help to make this school year a success!!!

Application Instructions

1. Print a copy of the entire 2011-2012 application/service selection form and fill it out completely.
2. Make a copy of the completed form for your records.
3. Mail the original completed form and your application fee to:

**H.O.M.E. of Gaston County
c/o The Hamstras
2507 Winterfield Drive
Gastonia, NC 28056**

Make checks payable to H.O.M.E. of Gaston County

H.O.M.E. of Gaston County Service Selection Form for Academic Year 2011-2012

Parents' Names: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS SERVICE SELECTION FORM: In each blank next to *Choice*, rank the Service Teams from 1 to 3 based on where you would prefer to serve during the upcoming school year. (1= Most Preferred ... 3 = Least Preferred)

<i>Service Teams</i>	<i>Service Opportunities</i> -- <i>These activities are just suggestions and may change as the needs of our group change. All suggestions will be prayerfully considered.</i>
Special Events/Academics Team Choice: _____	The Specials Events/Academics Service Team needs people who enjoy planning the details of our group-building and special academic events. If you have gifts of hospitality, organization and planning this service team may be a good fit. Activities may include Fall Picnic, Christmas Party, Father/Daughter Banquet, Spring Picnic/Dance, Father/Son Activities, Learning Fair, Recital Night and Spelling Bee, among others.
Teen Service Team Choice: _____	Teen Service Team members should enjoy working directly with teens and have a strong desire to provide positive opportunities for social interaction and develop a sense of responsibility to our community by providing opportunities to serve our community. Activities such as Operation Christmas Child and the Walk for Life are some previous service oriented projects the Teens have done. Paintball and a bonfire are some of the social events done in the past.
Elementary Service Team Choice: _____	Elementary Service Team needs members enjoy working with, planning and organizing educational, social and community service events geared to the Pre K-6th grade age range. Activities may include Art Class, Field Trips, Book Club, Music/Drama, Park Day and Children's Theatre, for example.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES *(Please check the appropriate box)*

- \$30 – New Applicant
- \$30 – Renewing Member (**Application Postmarked By July 31, 2011**)
- \$50 – Renewing Member (**Application Postmarked After July 31, 2011 - No Exceptions**)
- \$75 – One-time Penalty for non-participation in Service Team (In addition to Renewal Fee)