

Official Policies of Grassroots Homeschoolers

1. The purpose of Grassroots Homeschoolers is:
 - A. To perform as an all inclusive, non-denominational, non-sectarian group existing for the purpose of supporting and nurturing homeschooling families.
 - B. To provide social support and practical information regarding homeschooling to members of the organization and the public who are either contemplating or actively involved in homeschooling children.
 - C. To make is easier for each homeschooling family to:
 - Build friendships
 - Encourage and help one another
 - Participate in social and group activities for our children
2. We will maintain an open door membership policy, offering support to all homeschooling families welcoming the diversity this offers.
3. Annual membership fees will be announced each year and may be split into 2 payments. The first being due by the third Wednesday of September of the current year and the second being due by the third week in October. The supply fee is to be paid on a per child basis and is due by the October gathering. Full payment includes the benefits of membership, a newsletter; members only email list, member only Facebook page and Grassroots activities. These dues help to fund these benefits, as well as, the operational expenses incurred by the organization. All benefits will be suspended if the second installment payment is not received by the due date. The facility use fee for St. Paul's is not included in the membership fee and is due with membership fee. There are no refunds on any fees.
4. While we realize that many homeschoolers are busy with family and contributions to the larger world we share, we require a commitment be made to Grassroots to contribute and volunteer within the organization. We must all make a continuous effort to offer each other the support, patience and affection which is the foundation that this group was based upon.
5. One regular planning meeting will be held each year. The purpose of this meeting is to hear any reports from volunteers, transact any business as may need to come before the membership and plan Gathering Day programs. In addition to the regular meeting, issues may be proposed at any time for possible resolution on a casual basis without calling a formal meeting. Moms meetings may be called throughout the year to enjoy homeschool discussion and support.
6. Grassroots Homeschoolers does not sanction, authorize or decree any other, co-ops, support groups or homeschool groups or associations or any other types of neither support groups, nor does Grassroots have any affiliates with the exception of being a member of Illinois Homeschool Association. Formal representation of the group of any kind or any activity on behalf of the group must be consistent with group policy and must be endorsed in advance by Grassroots Homeschoolers Executive Board of Directors.
7. Anyone is welcome to plan and organize an activity or field trip at any time, however check with board members or gathering coordinators to avoid conflict of dates.

8. While Grassroots Homeschoolers is open to all, that open door policy does not indicate that we will tolerate inappropriate or disruptive individuals. If any member, child or adult, fails to respect the rules or otherwise disrupts, offends or in any other way endangers the rights, privileges or safety of the organization or any individual members, the Board of Directors are empowered to act in the best interest of the group. Our access to the various locations depends on the responsibility of all members to respect the property and house rules of those facilities. Disruptive or irresponsible members risk one of the following citations:
 - A. If any member displays inappropriate or disruptive behavior during any Grassroots activity or event or violates the house rules of any facility that the group may use, that member (or a parent if the member is a minor) will be informed of the transgression. If the transgression is considered serious a formal warning will be issued.
 - B. If any member repeats a transgression after a formal warning has been issued or continuously creates disruptive, divisive behavior, that member may be excluded from any or all Grassroots Homeschoolers activities in the future. No member shall have his or her privileges of membership in Grassroots Homeschoolers suspended or terminated without a full review and adjudication by Grassroots Board of Directors.
9. Grassroots Homeschoolers does not authorize the use of the term “Grassroots Homeschoolers” for any reason other than Grassroots business and must be approved by the Board of Directors in advance of its use. Use of our tax exempt status by anyone to secure facility use or to avoid paying taxes for any reason is unethical, illegal and strictly prohibited.

Ethical Policy

10. Grassroots Homeschoolers is registered with the State of Illinois, the State of Indiana and the Federal government as a non-profit, tax exempt 501c3 corporation. In keeping with the regulations governing this classification and the ethical policy of our group, it is inappropriate for any member to seek to profit materially or financially from their association with Grassroots Homeschoolers.
11. Grassroots is to be considered a violence free zone. To present an atmosphere conducive to a peaceful and enlightened environment, we ask that all toy weapons of any kind be left at home. War play and any form of militant behavior are inappropriate.
12. Grassroots is a “green” organization. We promote environmentalism in all aspects; recycling, natural resource restoration and preservation, endangered species preservation etc. through practice and education of children.

*No refunds of membership, supply or facility fee will be issued to any member that has been asked to leave the group.

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