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The Goal and Purpose of a Homeschool Support Group

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First of all, we would like to welcome the new members of EMACHE. We had quite a few new families join this year, and we hope you benefit from this group. Our family has been part of EMACHE for around 19 years, and we have come to appreciate all its members and what the organization stands for.

We all have heard the phrase: United we stand, divided we fall! As an organization of members with different points of view, a homeschool support group is not exempt from the darts of division. Homeschoolers as a whole are independent thinkers and self-sufficient people.

Sometimes in home-

schooling organizations there are differences of opinions. Some members might disagree with procedures, budgets, etc.

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Nevertheless, the only way an organization like ours can function smoothly is through good leadership. Some members are easy to work with and are very supportive, while others sometimes disagree with the estab-

lished protocol. Some disagree in peace while others might choose to spread rumors and cause division. Being a Christian organization, EMACHE follows biblical guidelines to deal with conflict and disagreements.

The purpose of EMACHE is to provide support to homeschooling families. For me personally, EMACHE has been a source of great academic information and resources, a place that encourages spiritual growth and also a place of personal support during difficult times.

In one way or another, we have been an influence on each other's children. The *home-(c*

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September Field Trip—Willhite Seeds, Inc. Friday, September 16, 2016; 2:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Jenny Beamer

Tentative field trip for Friday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. Willhite Seeds, Inc., 199 Sparks, Poolville, TX. We will be visiting one or more fields where seeds are grown, and then touring their facility where the seeds are prepared and

packaged for shipment. Kids may go home with a seed project! The lady has worked with BRIT in Fort Worth and really enjoys teaching children.



EMACHE'S P. E. GUIDELINES

Read to your children before P.E. starts on Sept. 13th

1. Don't drop the children off and leave the park. A guardian for your child must always be present.
2. Be on time. In general, all parents are expected to help at P.E. We'll probably need one or two adults to help out with each age group.
3. Children should wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Tennis shoes are a must. A cap is recommended during the hot months. No jewelry, except watches.
4. Full participation is required, unless child is sick.
5. Bring a water bottle for water breaks. Put your child's name on the water bottle. The children need to drink before, during and after exercising.
6. No horseplay allowed.
7. P.E. discipline will be applied for the following actions: poor sportsmanship, disrespect, name-calling, disrespect to property and the like. After the first offense, coach will verbally correct the child.
8. Repeated disciplinary offenses will result in barring child from P.E. for the rest of the year.
9. Clothing: Attire has been a problem from time to time. Please encourage your children to be respectful in the way they dress. If you are unsure of any of these guidelines, please feel free to contact the PE Coordinator privately.
 - No skin-tight shirts and shorts. E.g., no Spandex, "skinny jeans", or similar.
 - Shorts —No short shorts. E.g., no short runner shorts, competition volleyball shorts, or similar. In-seams shall be six inches minimum. Under garments shall not be visible, neither in standing, nor sitting.
 - Girls Shirts—No sleeveless, or low cut V-neck, tank-tops, or loose-scooped neck shirts. No tight fitting workout clothing. Collars shall be approximately three fingers down from the base of the neck. Shirts shall be long enough to completely cover the midriff, even when untucked during normal PE activities. T-shirts are good.
10. P.E. participants must be EMACHE members.
11. Please label all personal property.

September Family Fellowship—Game Night

September 24, 2016; 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Mayra Bremer



Please join us at our first family fellowship of the year! This is a great opportunity for the kids to get to know each other better and for parents to get acquainted with other homeschooling parents.

Location: Crossroads Baptist Church, 6003 FM 1886, Azle.

What to bring: A meal easy to prepare or purchased like pizza, tacos, etc., dessert and a

drink. Games.

We will have some organized games for the kids at first and then they can play together on their own. For those of you who have toddlers, please bring toys for them to play with.

If you can help us set up, please come to the church at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!!



P.E.—Softball

Starts Tuesday, September 13th, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Richard Dessellier

Where: Azle, Shady Grove Park, Baseball Fields

What to bring: Sunblock, hat, baseball glove, water, closed toes shoes, other personal baseball equipment - if you want.

Please pay attention to the dress code as listed on the second page of the EMACHE application. Also, only children that are "checked" as participating in PE can be part of PE.

Parents are expected to assist when called on, even if they aren't the "official" assistant or coach (including taking younger children to the restroom). Remember EMACHE runs on the

labor of volunteers to make it successful. Parents are expected to be at PE. PE is not babysitting. Please make sure their water is with the child at

the baseball field.

We still have an immediate need for PE volunteers (Sept - Nov) starting Sept. 13th: teenager softball - group coach and assistant.

Other open positions are: Bas-

ketball (January - March) - 5-7yr Coach, 8-12yr Coach, 13-18yr Coach, 13-18yr Assistant; Soccer (April - May) - 5-7yr Assistant, 8-12yr Coach, 8-12yr Assistant.

Volleyball (April - May) - 13-18yr Coach.

Please watch for emails on Monday or the Tuesday morning prior to PE Tuesday. If there needs to be a change of venue or a cancellation (especially due to bad weather or poor field conditions), an email will sent out. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Richard Dessellier, PE Director, 817-444-9141 or rdessellier@att.net.



Emache Volunteer Positions

Your Responsibility as a Member

As all of you know, all the positions in Emache are volunteer positions. The Emache Board coordinates all activities and volunteers to ensure we have the activities, field trips, fellowships and P.E. classes to provide our children the extra-curricular activities. These activities will enrich their education and will give both the children and the parents opportunities to get together with other homeschooled families.

Of course, all these goals are accomplished with the help of the members of Emache, all the families that join our group every year. THANK YOU! We appreciate your commitment to this support group!

Family Responsibility to Remain as Member of EMACHE

All families are responsible for fulfilling a volunteer job each year. New families are not required to volunteer for a job until their second year of membership. If you are moved to help in any way the first year, you can talk to the Activities Coordinator to see what jobs are still available. If you have an emergency (sickness, financial hardship, etc.) and can not fulfill your responsibility, please contact the Activities Coordinator as soon as possible so she can find a replacement in time to provide the activity you were assigned to.

If you join Emache for a year, then skip a year, and then join again, you are no longer a new member and you must sign up for a volunteer job.

Physical Education

ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO HELP WITH PE. Even though a coaching position is a volunteer position for Emache, helping with P.E. weekly is required from every parent.

Volunteers Needed for School Year 2016-2017

If you have not signed up for a volunteer position, please look at the list of volunteer jobs that need filled on page 5 of the newsletter and decide how you want to serve Emache this year. We appreciate each one of you. We look forward to a year full of great learning opportunities for our children.

Thanks again for your support and commitment to EMACHE!

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Homeschooling families have a culture of their own. We have noticed that when we attend different churches where there are no homeschoolers in the congregation, we don't necessarily feel that comfortable. The kids have to deal with issues that they don't necessarily experience with other homeschooled kids.

While the overall goals of homeschooling families might be different, we share the same values.

As we start the year, I would like to encourage you to keep our goal in mind, to spread peace where there is discord, to spread encouragement where there is sadness, to give a hand where there is academic struggle, to deal with conflict in a mature way, to stop criticism and go through the

right channels of communication to deal with issues in the group. Let's strive to grow together as brothers and sisters, because that's what we are.

We are looking forward to a great year, and we look forward to getting to know the new families better. Our prayer for you and your family is that EMACHE will give you the support you are looking for. May God bless each of you!

By Mayra Bremer

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*"But those who hope in
the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar
on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow
weary; they will walk
and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:31*

**We are on the web:
www.emache.org**

Important Announcement: Our website www.emache.org will be under construction during the month of September.

P.E. Coop Director

Contact **Richard and Brenda Dessellier**
to volunteer for P.E.
or if you have any questions regarding P.E.
rdessellier@att.net

Activities Director

Contact **Christine Spurgeon** to volunteer or if
you have questions regarding Emache
activities.

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Communications Director

Contact **Garrett and Mayra Bremer** if you need
to submit information for the newsletter or if
you have any questions regarding emails to
the group.

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Box Tops Coordinator

Contact **Christine Spurgeon** for questions
regarding Box Tops.

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EMACHE Volunteer Positions that need filled...

December field trip
Chili supper coordinator
and 2 assistants
End of the year fellowship 1
assistant
MNO coordinator
January MNO
Spelling bee 1 assistant
Community Service Project
Thanksgiving play coordi-
nator and 2 assistants
Science fair coordinator and
1 assistant
History fair coordinator
Softball 13-18 coach and as-
sistant
Basketball 5-7 coach
Basketball 8-12 coach

Basketball 13-18 coach and
assistant
Soccer 8-12 coach and assis-
tant
Volleyball 13-18 coach

**Coming up in Octo-
ber...**

**October Field Trip
Coordinator: Joni Hill**

**MNO
Coordinator: Tabitha
O'Connor**

**Alliance Airshow
October 15-16**