

2024-2025

EastPointe Homeschool Connect
Information Packet



Welcome

Welcome to EastPointe Homeschool Connect (EHC) where our hope is to unify and serve the unique needs of EastPointe home schooling families. Our desire is to support the call to educate our children at home by providing a variety of enrichment activities. We hope to strengthen the relational experience and support each other through fellowship for parents and students taught at home, as well as provide an avenue for activities that benefit from group instruction. Above all else we want to bring glory to God in all we do!

Mission/Purpose Statement

EastPointe Homeschool Connect is a ministry of EastPointe Bible Church to provide enrichment and support to homeschool families. We gather to glorify God, sharing our gifts and giving our children an environment of believers in Jesus Christ that will encourage their faith and education. We share a common conviction to uphold honorable character as we "train up a child in the way they should go" (Proverbs 22:6) and operate in agreement with the doctrine of EastPointe Bible Church.

As shepherds of our children's education, we will love, train, teach, correct, and encourage our children to become responsible Christ centered citizens, concerned for the needs of others while standing in Truth with a foundational relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ministry Components

- Devotions and Prayer
- Character Building
- Parent, volunteer, and Purdue Extension led enrichment class.
- Field Trips
- Community Service
- Support through fellowship for homeschool families
- Moms Night Out
- Providing an opportunity for children to gain a deeper understanding of Christian faith, while battling against worldviews introduced by peer influence, media, etc.

Doctrine of Faith

Please review EastPointe Doctrine of Faith: <http://ebcperu.org/about>. A hardcopy may also be requested.

Guidelines

1. Family must have one student actively homeschooling in grades K-12th grade with Kinder being 5 years of age by August 1st, or be home with a preschooler. Parents with preschool age children only will be asked to assist primarily in that classroom.
2. All adult participants are required to complete EBC child protection and background screening.
3. Parents must remain with children at all times or a responsible adult must be assigned for the care of child(ren) during parent absence.
4. All parents will either teach, assist in classes, plan field trips, or bring in a guest teacher, depending on EHC needs.
5. Parents will rotate to provide a small (healthy focused) snack.
6. Parents with preschoolers are required to rotate in a preschool/nursery classroom.
7. No fees will be requested to join EHC; however, any fees for activities, field trips, etc. must be paid in advance by said deadline. Donations (food, craft supplies, etc.) may be requested by parents to help support EHC. Please be aware, depending on activities, refunds are not guaranteed due to advance ticket purchases. EHC will make every attempt to keep activities and field trips cost effective. Checks are to be written out to EastPointe Bible Church - Memo -EastPointe Homeschool Connect.
8. While we ask for commitment to attendance, we understand there may be higher priorities. We ask that parents communicate with committee leaders three days in advance regarding intent to attend each session to provide guidance for teacher activity and potential craft supplies. Extra supplies may be on hand, but are not guaranteed.
9. A child may not attend with another family as a visitor unless prior permission is obtained.
10. Exceptions to the above guidelines will be made on a case-by-case consideration by the EHC committee.
11. Please avoid bringing children with illness, see attached information.
12. Transportation arrangements to and from field trips/activities will be the responsibility of the parent. You must provide a signed copy of the EastPointe Minor Release Form.
13. EHC and EastPointe Bible Church will not be liable for, you must provide a signed copy of the EastPointe Minor Release Form.

Discipline Policy

1. Students must be respectful and obey instructions of teachers during class activities.
2. Students and parents will treat the church and all field trip facilities with the utmost care and respect by:
 - Disposing of any trash personally produced
 - No running or horseplay allowed anywhere (unless approval of activity allows)
 - Assisting in clean up of crafts and activities (Many hands make light work!)
3. Parents are expected to be proactive and address disrespectful behavior.
4. A three-step discipline policy will be followed depending on the severity of incident:

- A. First offense will warrant a verbal warning from teacher in charge or committee member.
 - B. A second offense will mean separation from other students (next to an adult) or removal from activity (depending on severity) for an allotted period of time.
 - C. A third offense will mean removal of student from the day's activity and a parent and committee meeting to help support and develop a plan to avoid future incident. If a student is excessively rude or aggressive, steps one and two can be skipped.
- 5. Incidents occurring repeatedly on different days will be brought in review by the committee and may result in removal from EHC (semester, year). Parents will be informed prior to a student being brought to review.
 - 6. All participants must be dressed modestly and appropriately. If you are unsure if something is appropriate, it is probably wise to choose another item of clothing.

General Information

- Dates: First and third Fridays (September – May)
- Time: 10:00a.m.-11:40 a.m. (non-field trip days)
- Location: EastPointe Bible Church
- Schedule (classroom format)
 - 10:00 – 10:10 a.m. Welcome, verse, announcements
 - 10:15 – 11:25 a.m. Devotion, class/enrichment activity and fellowship as time allows (games or activities led by teacher)
 - 11:30-11:40 a.m. – Worship and prayer
- Field Trip Days
 - Schedule will vary depending on location, days of events, etc. More details will be available as time draws near to each field trip.

Showcase/Presentations

At the end of the year, EHC will hold a Showcase/Presentation. This is a time for the students to present what they have learned. The format will vary and be based on the theme of the year and how participating moms choose to present student work. The Showcase will be open to friends and family. This time will also be time to honor any seniors EHC may have.

Moms Night

Moms Night will occur twice within the year (fall and spring). Details to be determined.

Procedures

The following procedures will help make class days at the church run more smoothly.

Arriving and going to classes:

- Take all your children with you into the auditorium.
- After everyone is settled, I will ask the teachers to stand by different doors so students can see where they are. If you are teaching and have students in another room, please ask for assistance to get them to the right room.
- Students will line up behind their teacher, and I will assign the other moms to assist where needed. We will try to have 2 assistants in the preschool room and at least one in each class at all times.
- Students will follow their teachers to the appropriate room

Child safety policies:

It is a priority at Eastpointe Bible Church to ensure the safety of our children at all times. This includes requiring at least two adults with children at all times. To help this happen please:

- Take your own children to the bathroom before we begin
- Remain in the room if you are an assistant
- If an adult must leave the room for a moment, please leave the door open
- If an adult must leave the room for longer, please contact me and I will ask another adult to change rooms
- Please attend as many meetings as possible – your participation allows us to keep a safe and enjoyable student/teacher ratio.

Snacks:

Bring snacks in containers that would allow us to give them to each teacher before class begins, for example one bag per class.

Preschool:

Plan to lead the students for around 45 minutes and allow play time in the nursery after. Activities can include songs, simple games, crafts, and snack time.

Older classes:

Use the materials provided to do a 5-10 minute devotion and prayer at the start of class, followed by a lesson and/or hands on activity related to the theme.

If you need multiples of items common at home, feel free to ask on Facebook for everyone in your class to bring it (for example, scissors, markers, glue). We have some of these items at the church, but not a wide range of supplies.

Plan for 45-75 minutes. If it will not take the entire 75 minute class, prepare a game for the remaining time.

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EastPointe Homeschool Connect Calendar

Bold =Field Trip Days

2024 Fall Semester

Kick off/Sign up Aug 16

Regular meetings:

Sept 20

October 4 (*possible field trip*)

October 18 (*possible field trip*)

November 1

November 25 - Field trip

December 6 - Christmas Party

2025 Spring Semester

March 7

March 21 - Field trip

April 4

April 18 - Field trip

May 2 - LAST DAY

May 14 – Charlotte’s Web at Honeywell

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