

Welcome Homeschoolers!

We would like to welcome you to the Westfield Washington Public Library. We are here to help you in any way we can. You will find several information sheets in your welcome folder. Rest assured, our support of your endeavor does not stop there.

We welcome you to use library space for meetings and activities free of charge. As long as the requested day and time does not conflict with a program or other scheduled usage, requests are usually granted. You may request use of the craft room, story pit, Sumner Room or Community Room. Please request space at the adult reference desk. We also have six private study rooms that are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

We offer classes and special programs for homeschoolers. Some of our recent offerings have included art, chess, creative writing, drama, Lego robotics, science and foreign language. Many of these programs require pre-registration and pre-payment. Please check our web site regularly for current program information, sign up for our e-newsletter, or pick up a copy of the monthly calendar, available in the Children's Department. You may also ask, at the Children's desk, to be added to our homeschool email list, to receive information about any of our programs that we believe would be of special interest to homeschoolers. Please let us know if you have any ideas for programs you would like us to do.

If we do not have an item you need, please do not hesitate to request it. As part of the Evergreen consortium of libraries, we share resources with over 100 other libraries in the state of Indiana. Additionally, the adult reference desk can often obtain items through inter-library loan. You may also request that we purchase items for our collection. There are forms in both the adult and children's departments for this purpose. We make every effort to honor requests.

If you are not familiar with the library, or if you would like a refresher, mini-tours are available upon request. This is a large building full of all kinds of amazing resources. We want you to be aware of all of them. We also encourage you to ask for help whenever you have difficulty finding materials. Our primary function is to help you get what you need!

Please let us know if there is any information you would like us to add to our welcome packet for homeschoolers. It is difficult to keep up with all of the groups forming in this rapidly growing area. If your group is not listed, please give the pertinent information to Georgianne or Kim in the Children's Department.

Again, welcome to the Westfield Washington Public Library!

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Homeschooling Styles

There are many ways to homeschool, and every family does it differently. Homeschooling is the most flexible school choice in that the parent has more control over subject matter, materials, and methods used. If a parent is not comfortable teaching a particular subject, there are many ways to outsource that class – many virtual private schools offer part-time enrollment, and there are single subject online opportunities as well. Professionally taught classes are available through several homeschool groups, the Westfield Washington Public Library, the YMCA, and more. Immersion into the culture of homeschooling and meeting others in this community can result in a staggering array of opportunities. It is important to note that in Indiana, homeschools are non-accredited private schools and are considered equal to other non-accredited private schools. The same standards apply. A summary of Indiana homeschooling laws is available on the Home School Legal Defense Association website:

<http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/Indiana.pdf> There is a wide range of educational philosophies and methods. The chart below does not represent all of them. It is intended to give an idea of the methods commonly used and discussed. The examples of common sources used are by no means a complete list – just a representation of a few common materials. (Updated 3/27/2018)

<u>Educational Philosophy</u>	<u>Examples of Common Curricula Sources Used</u>
Child-Directed Learning	Montessori Method, less formal/planned use of library materials and community opportunities
Classical Education	The Well-Trained Mind (Jessie Wise); Charlotte Mason; Trivium Pursuit; Memoria Press; Tapestry of Grace; Biblioplan; TruthQuest; Winter Promise
Computer-Based Education	Teaching Textbooks; Saxon Teacher; Switched-On SchoolHouse; Robinson Curriculum; Time4Learning; ACE *To compare some of the top, on-line homeschools, go to https://www.consumeraffairs.com/education/online-homeschools/
Distance Learning	Clonlara School; Calvert Academy; Griggs International Academy; Laurel Springs School; National Repository of Online Courses (Hippo Campus); Bob Jones Satellite
Eclectic Homeschooling	Tend to use bits and pieces of all types of sources to fit individual needs
Formal Curriculum	McGraw-Hill; Houghton-Mifflin; Scott Foresman; Holt; Bob Jones; A Beka; Alpha Omega; Saxon; Christian Liberty; Calvert; Rod and Staff
Homemade Curriculum	Free internet sources; workbooks; library sources; books/videos/computer sources; projects, etc.
Literature-Based Curriculum	Sonlight; Charlotte Mason; Winter Promise; Robinson Curriculum; Accelerated Achievement; Beautiful Feet Five in a Row
Principle Approach	The Providence Foundation; Richard "Little Bear" Wheeler; Noah Plan; KONOS
Unschooling	Teach Your Own by John Holt; Homeschooling for Excellence by David and Micki Colfax; Life Learning Magazine

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Items of Particular Interest to Homeschoolers

Learning Center: Our Learning Center is located in the non-fiction section of the Children's Department. This is a collection of activity-based books especially chosen for teachers, homeschoolers, and parents. The collection includes History Pockets, Literature Pockets, math resources, Hooked on Phonics, and more.

Non-Fiction First Readers: We have many first reader and lower reading-level books on a wide variety of subjects. These titles are shelved in the non-fiction section, with the subjects they are about. These include Eyewitness Readers, Dorling Kindersley Readers, Welcome Books, Rookie Read-About Science, Rookie Read-About Geography, and more.

Research Guides: Magic Tree House research guides, Welcome to _____'s World (American Girls non-fiction guides to each character's time period).

Audio Books: Audio books are great for improving reading comprehension and fluency. We have a wide selection at the front of the Children's Department.

Award-Winning Book Collection: We have all of the Newberry Award and Caldecott Award books in our collection, as well as most of the honors books. We also have a number of the Hoosier Book Award and Coretta Scott King Award books, and the Young Hoosier Book Award nominees for the current school year.

Educational Videos: Disney Nature; Indiana Living Biography; Grammar for Children; Signing Time; Families of the World; Drive thru History with Dave Stotts; Popular Mechanics for Kids; BBC; PBS; Discovery Channel; History Channel; National Geographic; Baby Einstein; Bill Nye the Science Guy, and much more! You can find the complete list of our educational videos by category on our website. In the red banner, click on *Children's Services*, then on *Homeschool Resources* and *Educational Videos*.

Curriculum Support: If you need help finding resources to supplement your collection, don't hesitate to ask. We can help you find fiction and non-fiction books to supplement your curriculum or to simply enrich your child's interest.

Activity-Based Series: Books with hands-on activities. These are just a few favorites!

Science

Let's Explore Science
Science for Fun
Science Surprises
Great Earth Science Projects
Science Answers
Experimenting with Science
Living Science

Math

Math for Fun
Math Matters
Math and My World
Math Success
Question of Math
Reteaching Math
Anno's Math Games
MathStart

Social Studies

Geography for Fun
Kaleidoscope Kids
History of US
Make it Work!
American Kids in History
Story of the World
Hands-On History

Computer Resources: The computers in the Children’s department, as well as our website, offer a variety of fun and educational activities to supplement your curriculum.

Children’s Department Computers: Interactive educational software for ages 1 through 10, including: Bailey’s Book House; Getting Ready for Kindergarten; Jumpstart; Reader Rabbit; Giggles; Miss Humblebee’s Academy; Sesame Street Learn, Play & Grow; Sammy’s Science House; The Science Express; Space and the Universe; Britannica Encyclopedia Elementary; Clue Finders; History Explorer; My Amazing Human Body; Know Your World; SpongeBob Typing; Math Blaster; and Math Doodles.

Website (Children’s Department):

- **PebbleGo:** An award winning pre-K to grade 3 database for reading and research. Our PebbleGo database includes built-in reading and research tools for emerging readers. Leveled text, educational games, and multimedia help teach concepts to young researchers. PebbleGo offers four separate databases: PebbleGo Animals and PebbleGo Science, PebbleGo Biographies and PebbleGo Social Studies. Databases are simple to navigate and offer key reading supports such as read-along audio and word-by-word highlighting. Once you are on the PebbleGo website, log in with the username: westfieldpl and the password: library
- **Tumble Books Library:** This resource offers a huge variety of animated stories with both print and audio components. There are puzzles and games related to the stories, and playlists on particular topics, or you can create your own. The site also offers math stories, non-fiction, graphic novels, story books and chapter books, as well as Tumble Tunes, a huge array of short, educational videos, and a language learning component featuring French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Korean, and German.
- **eIndiana Digital Consortium for Kids & Teens:** A collection of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks just for kids. Browse by subjects, collections, or levels. Login with your WWPL library card number and password.
- **Links** to a variety of sites about kid’s health and safety topics.

Website (Resources):

- **Driver Education:** Contains 10 car practice tests, 6 motorcycle practice tests, 3 CDL practice tests, online driver’s manuals for car, motorcycle and commercial driver’s license, and a FAQ section with detailed answers to over 100 DMV-related questions.
- **Bird Watcher’s Digest:** Bird identification guide offers beautiful photographs and interesting information about a wide variety of bird species, along with recordings of their song.
- **Inspire:** offers electronic magazines, encyclopedias, and other resources to all Indiana residents for your information needs. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, and much more!
- **Rosetta Stone Level 1:** An interactive language learning program, offered in a wide variety of languages. Available on the Inspire database, through the “Resources” tab on the WWPL website.

Books About Homeschooling Available at WWPL

(Most are located in adult non-fiction, between 371.04 and 371.3944)

Title	Author
<i>A Classroom of One: How Online Learning is Changing Our Schools and Colleges</i>	Gene I. Maeroff
<i>A Mom Just Like You</i>	Vicki Farris
<i>A Survivor's Guide to Home Schooling</i>	Luanne Shackelford
<i>Absolute Beginner's Guide to Home Schooling</i>	Brad Miser
<i>Bausell Home Learning Guide: Teach Your Child to Read</i>	Barker R. Bausell
<i>Carschooling: Over 300 Entertaining Games & Activities to Turn Travel Time into Learning Time</i>	Diane Flynn Keith
<i>Charlotte Mason Education: A Home Schooling How-To Manual</i>	Catherine Levison
<i>Dan Riley School for a Girl: A Homeschooling Memoir</i>	Dan Riley
<i>Educated Child: A Parent's Guide from Preschool through Eighth Grade</i>	William J. Bennett
<i>Essential Montessori</i>	Elizabeth G. Hainstock
<i>Everything Homeschooling Book</i>	Sherri Linsenbach
<i>Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense</i>	David Guterson
<i>First Year of Homeschooling Your Child: Your Complete Guide to Getting Off to the Right Start</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>Guerrilla Learning: How to Give Your Kids a Real Education With or Without School</i>	Grace Llewellyn
<i>Home Learning Year by Year: How to Design a Homeschool Curriculum from Preschool through High School</i>	Rebecca Rupp
<i>Home School Manual</i>	Theodore E. Wade
<i>Homeschoolers Book of Lists</i>	Sonya A. Haskins
<i>Homeschoolers Guide to Portfolios and Transcripts</i>	Loretta Heuer
<i>Homeschooling All the Way Through High School</i>	Renee Mason
<i>Homeschooling for Dummies</i>	Jennifer Kaufeld
<i>Homeschooling: The Early Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 3-to- 8-Year-Old Child</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>Homeschooling Handbook: From Preschool to High School, a Parent's Guide</i>	Mary Griffith
<i>Homeschooling: The Right Choice: An Academic, Historical, Practical, and Legal Perspective</i>	Christopher J. Klicka
<i>Homeschooling on a Shoestring: A Jam-Packed Guide for Parents</i>	Melissa L. Morgan
<i>Homeschooling for Success: How Parents Can Create a Superior Education for Their Child</i>	Rebecca Kochenderfer

<i>Homeschooling: The Teen Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 13 - to 18 -Year Old</i>	Cafi Cohen
<i>Homeschooling and the Voyage of Self-Discovery: A Journey of Original Seeking</i>	David Albert
<i>How and Why of Home Schooling</i>	Ray E. Ballmann
<i>Karen Andreola's Pocketful of Pinecones: Nature Study with the Gentle Art of Learning: A Story for Mother Culture</i>	Karen Andreola
<i>More Charlotte Mason Education: A Home Schooling How-To Manual</i>	Catherine Levison
<i>100 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum: Choosing the Right Curriculum and Approach for Your Child's Learning Style</i>	Cathy Duffy
<i>Parent's Guide to Homeschooling</i>	Tamra Orr
<i>Peanut Butter Family Home School</i>	Bill Butterworth
<i>Real-Life Homeschooling: The Stories of 21 Families Who Make it Work</i>	Rhonda Barfield
<i>Schooling at Home</i>	Anne Pedersen
<i>So You're Thinking About Homeschooling: Fifteen Families Show How You Can Do It!</i>	Lisa Whelchel
<i>Spiritual Power of a Mother: Encouragement for the Homeschooling Mom</i>	Michael P. Farris
<i>Successful Homeschool Family Handbook</i>	Raymond S. Moore
<i>Teach Your Own: The John Holt Book of Homeschooling</i>	John Holt
<i>Teaching Your Own Preschool Children</i>	Kay Kuzma
<i>Teenage Liberation Handbook: How to Quit School and Get a Real Life and Education</i>	Grace Llewellyn
<i>The Core : Teaching Your Child the Foundations of Classical Education</i>	Leigh A. Bortins
<i>The Parents' Guide to Alternatives in Education</i>	Ronald E. Koetzsch
<i>The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home</i>	Jessie Wise
<i>The Year of Learning Dangerously: Adventures in Homeschooling</i>	Quinn Cummings
<i>Trust the Children</i>	Karen Andreola
<i>Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 500+ Fun and Creative Learning Activitie for Kids Ages 3 - 12</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling</i>	Debra Bell
<i>Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World as Your Child's Classroom</i>	Mary Griffith
<i>Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling: Facts and Stats on the Benefits of Home School</i>	Brian D. Ray

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Extracurricular Opportunities for Homeschoolers

The businesses and organizations on this list have at some point in time offered opportunities especially for homeschoolers, or they have been recommended as homeschooler-friendly, or have expressed an interest in working with homeschoolers. Availability of programs and classes varies, so please call or check the business website for current information. Please let us know if there is an organization that should be added to this list.

Adventure

Adventure Club

The Adventure Club is a group of teenaged homeschoolers who like to push the edge of their comfort zone, get into the outdoors, and make plenty of new friends. Each month, the club gets together to do a different adventurous activity, such as canoeing, rock wall climbing, paint balling, and much more. The club is open to all homeschoolers ages 13 – 17. Cost is kept to a minimum (approximately \$20 per activity).

Contact: *Ellie Kaufman*

ellie.m.kaufman@gmail.com

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls allows girls ages 5 to 18 to experience new challenges, serve others, make new friends and have tons of fun, all in a safe, faith-filled environment. Whether your daughter wants to learn more about aviation, learn to paddle a canoe, or ice the perfect cake, AHG's program is ready to inspire her to new heights. AHG troop IN2324 meets in Noblesville at White River Christian Church the first three Tuesdays of each month, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The program year is typically mid-August through mid-May, with special activities scheduled throughout the summer to allow the girls to continue to build friendships. This troop is a blend of homeschooling, public school and private school families.

Contact: *Kelly Greenwood, Troop Registrar*

Kgreenwo628@gmail.com

Cool Creek Park Nature Center

The Nature Center offers a free Homeschool Hikers program from 1:00 – 2:00 at varying locations on the 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the school year. In addition, the Center offers rotating exhibits that allow kids to explore the science of Indiana woodlands and learn about the importance of preserving plants and animals in their natural habitats. The viewing area is a great place to observe birds in their natural habitat, and the surrounding trails are always a good place for fun and fitness. The center is open Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Register by calling: 317-774-2500

or emailing: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

2000 E 151st Street

Carmel, IN 46033

The Home Girlz

This group for homeschooled, middle school-aged girls meets twice a month, on Friday afternoons, at differing locations. Activities include crafting, museum visits, pool parties, service projects, and most importantly, fun and fellowship with like-minded girls and their Moms. The group breaks for summer, with meetings resuming after Labor Day.

Contact: *Missy Gunnels*

mgunnels@brighthouse.com

Trail Life USA

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor character development adventure program open to boys and young men aged 5 – 17. Boys will love the fun and adventure! Parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency. Troop 1685 meets from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the school year, at White River Christian Church in Noblesville.

Troopmaster: Greg Jenks

Gregj515@gmail.com

Committee Chair: Rob Rasor

Robertrasor@gmail.com

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 152, which meets at St. Maria Goretti in Westfield, has issued a special invitation for homeschoolers to join them. Cub Scouts is for boys in 1st through 5th grades. Pack meetings take place once each month throughout the school year, with den meetings occurring once or twice per month. Members will engage in a wide variety of outdoor adventures and character building activities, earning badges for their accomplishments.

Contact: Jennifeer Weber

ferunc@gmail.com

Art

Elementary Art Class at Westfield Washington Public Library

Taught by a recent Art Education graduate, this six-week class is offered twice per semester on Fridays. For ages 6 – 11, this class runs from 11:00 to 12:30. . In addition to introducing artistic skills and concepts through hands-on learning, each unit also includes an art history lesson, as it relates to the material being studied. Content varies each session. Cost is \$51.00 per student, plus materials.

Contact: WWPL Children's Desk

317-896-9391

gparshall@wwpl.lib.in.us or

kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us

Middle/High School Art Class at Westfield Washington Public Library

Taught by a recent Art Education graduate, this six-week class is offered twice per semester on Fridays. For ages 12 – 18, this class runs from 10:30 to 12:30. In addition to introducing artistic skills and concepts through hands-on learning, each unit also includes an art history lesson, as it relates to the material being studied. Content varies each session. Cost is \$54 per student, plus materials.

Contact: WWPL Children's Desk

317-896-9391

gparshall@wwpl.lib.in.us or

kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us

Spear-Huff Studio

Offers art classes for children in grades 1 and above, at the downtown Sheridan studio location. Classes are on Monday afternoon from 3:15-4:45 and 4:45-6:15, and cost \$16.00. Contact the instructor for meeting dates and other details.

Instructor: Melinda Spear-Huff

317-946-0684

spearstudio@sbcglobal.net

The Wandering Peacock Gallery

Gallery owner and ceramicist Erin O'Rear will arrange private or group classes in wheel- throwing or hand-building ceramics, for both children and adults. Cost is \$20 per hour on the wheel, and glazing time is free. Prices may vary on group classes.

Instructor: Erin O'Rear

141 S Union St, Westfield, IN 46074

317-385-0994

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWanderingPeacock/>

Basketball

Indy Trailblazers Girls Basketball

This program is for homeschooled girls, ages 11 – 18. Twice-weekly practices begin in October, usually with one on the north side of Indianapolis, and the other more centrally located. No previous experience is required at any age.

Indy Trailblazers

Coach Tim Jensen

www.indyblazers.net

317-450-7653

Upward basketball at First Baptist Church in Carmel

Registration begins in October. There is religious content. While not specifically for homeschoolers, a high percentage of the teams are homeschooled kids. The program is for both boys and girls, from kindergarten up.

First Baptist Church

1010 East 126th Street

Carmel, IN 46033

317- 846-1343

Bowling

Cooper's Stardust Bowl

Though they no longer have a homeschool league, homeschoolers are welcome to sign up for their youth league.

845 Westfield Road

Noblesville, IN 46060

317-773-3381

www.coopersstardustbowl/

Woodland Bowling Center

Woodland offers a homeschool bowling league.

Contact: Steven Frank

3421 E. 96th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46240

317-844-4099

pd_wo@royalpin.com

Chorus/Choir

Central Indiana Youth Barbershop Chorus (CIYBC)

The chorus costs nothing to join, and is designed for youth 12 to 18. Four-part, a cappella harmony is an excellent way to increase vocal skills while having fun performing. The chorus meets weekly on Tuesdays, from 6:45 to 8:45, at East 10th Street United Methodist Church.

Director: Janet Foster

2327 E. 10th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46201

info@ciybc.org

www.ciybc.org

International Youth Choir

The group aspires to promote acceptance of other cultures and traditions while performing a variety of musical styles (pop, patriotic, jazz, praise, gospel, etc.) in a variety of venues (festivals, schools, banquets, concerts, parades, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.). Most members are in grades 3 through 7. Quarterly fee of \$50 includes music and tee shirt. Rehearsals on Mondays at Westfield Washington Public Library, at 7:00 p.m.

Director: Ardena Lisa Gooch

317-599-0962 or 765-462-1130

P.O. Box 15

Cicero, IN 46034

internationalyouthchoir@yahoo.com

www.childrenofgarychoir.webs.com

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir School

St. Paul's offers Choir School **free of charge** for children ages eight and up, and adults who are interested in learning to sing. Each child or adult who enters the music program receives individual instruction in music theory, vocal training and music reading skills. A singer does not need to be a member of the parish or of the Episcopal Church. After a year of participation, children can be selected to enter the Choir Scholars Program (which involves a little more time commitment), and the church will provide **free** music instruction on the instrument of your child's choice with the instructor of your choice, plus some other perks like paying for the rental of an instrument if necessary, and paying for the music.

Contact: Brad Hughley

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

6050 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46208

317-253-1277

Dance

Dance Creations

This is a non-competitive dance studio with a Christian worldview. Modest dress and kid-friendly music and choreography are employed. Teachers are degreed, loving and professional. Dance classes are offered in Creative Movement for 3 – 4 year olds, Ballet/Tap for 4 – 8 year olds, and Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, and Hip-Hop for ages 5 to adult. There is a Dance Ministry Company and a Performing Repertory Company for youth.

Director: Bev Wohrle

9255 – 9257 Castlegate Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46256

317-579-0117

www.DanceCreations.org

Indy Dance Academy

Offers classes in Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical Dance, Musical Theater, and Tap at their North Indianapolis studio. Occasionally offers beginning dance classes for homeschoolers at the Westfield Washington Public Library. They have expressed willingness to arrange daytime classes for groups of interested homeschoolers.

Contact: Kelly

9401 N. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

317-218-3694

info@indydanceacademy.com

Performer's Edge Dance Theatre

This is a school for the performing arts, offering pre-school through pre-professional training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Contemporary Dance, as well as offering lessons in voice, piano, cello, and pilates.

Director: Ron Morgan

12955 Old Meridian St., Suite 100

Carmel, IN 46032

317-573-8085

www.PerformersEdgeDanceTheatre.com

The Pink Slipper Dance Studio

Offers classes in Hip-Hop, Ballet and Tap, as well as a Mommy and Me ballet class for ages 18 months to two years.

Studio Act 1

5855 E. 211th St, Suite 15

Noblesville, IN 46062

317-877-PINK

www.pinkslipperdancestudio.com

Richens Timm Academy

Offers Irish dance classes. New classes begin each school season, with children's beginner classes being offered at the Indianapolis location on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45, and on Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:45. Some classes are also offered at a Tipton location. Contact the studio for more information.

<http://www.richenstimm.com/>

Drama and Public Speaking

National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA)

The mission of NCFCA is to promote excellence in communications through competitive opportunities where homeschool students develop the skills necessary to think critically and communicate effectively in order to address life issues from a biblical worldview in a manner that glorifies God.

NCFCA offers eleven speech events, which are divided into three main categories; Platform Speaking, Interpretive Speaking, and Limited Preparation Speaking. Each of these categories offers distinct opportunities for students to develop their communication skills.

Two styles of debate are offered in the NCFCA: Team Policy Debate and Lincoln Douglas Value Debate. Team Policy (TP) Debate advocates a change in policy while Lincoln Douglas (LD) Value Debate centers on a proposition of values. All NCFCA debaters learn research skills, respectful argumentation, refutation, organization, and effective presentation and speaking skills.

Hamilton County is part of Region VI, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. You can contact your regional representative for more information through the website below.

<http://www.ncfca.org/>

Fencing

Indianapolis Fencing Club

The first class in their series is the Beginning Fencing Class. This six week class utilizes the foil to teach the basics of fencing. All equipment is provided, allowing students to try the sport without having to make a large investment. Students are required to be at least 9 years of age for safety reasons. Classes are taught at both the Abundant Life Christian Church, 7606 E 82nd Street, Indianapolis IN, and the Monon Center, 1195 Central Park Drive West, Carmel IN.
<http://indyfencing.fencenite.com/contact-us/>

Football

Lions Homeschool Football

The Lions Home School Football Club is a private, not for profit, Christian club organized to provide Christian home schooled Junior and Senior High School young men an opportunity to participate in competitive football, under the tutelage of Christian coaching and in an environment of Biblical principles. There is also an opportunity for young women to participate as cheerleaders. All participants must be between the ages of 11 and 19. A mandatory organizational meeting is held each spring, in April or May, at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 6612 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, IN.

www.lionsfootballclub.com

General Exercise/Fun

Bounce U

Work off some steam with a variety of bounce houses and inflatable play equipment and games. Preschool Play, for kids up to age 6, is on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10am to 12pm. Open Bounce for all ages is on Friday from 12pm to 2pm. Bounce U also offers camps, special and group events, and parties. Check their website for details.

9715 Kincaid Dr. #800

Fishers, IN 46037

317-567-2129

<http://www.bounceu.com/open-bounce/all-ages/fishers-in/#anchor>

Homeschool P.E. Class

This **free** class meets on Tuesdays at Hope Church, 2500 E 98th St, Indianapolis, IN during the regular school year. Three to five-year-olds meet from 10:00 to 10:30 with an emphasis on movement, activity, and cooperative play. Ages six and up meet from 10:30 to 11:30 in a format that introduces a variety of team sports and other physical activity. Tests are given over the rules of various games, and students participate in the President's Physical Fitness Challenge. The teacher is not certified, but has her degree in Physical Education and loves working with children. New students are welcome at any point in the semester.

Instructor: Bobbe Nixon

317-294-2548

heruleshere@att.net

Noblesville Athletic Club

The Noblesville Athletic Club is locally owned and operated, with the goal of serving the needs and interests of the community. From time to time, they offer classes geared especially for homeschoolers, and are responsive to requests for such classes. Past classes include NAC Ninja Warrior and Hip Hop. Call or email for current offerings.

Contact: Bobbi Maskew

411 S Harbour Dr

Noblesville IN 46062

317-776-0222

bbmaskew@yahoo.com

<http://www.nacfitness.com/>

Recreation Unlimited

Has a "Pay to Play" program in their Play Zone every day of the week for children 8 and under. They offer a huge, indoor, climate-controlled play area with over 15 play systems, 3 trampolines, an indoor basketball court, playhouses and Thomas the Tank Engine play tables, all set up on a rubber safety floor. All children playing will be charged \$8.00 admission Monday through Friday, and \$12.00 Saturdays and Sundays. Adults play for free with the purchase of child's play. You may stay as long as you like during our normal business hours. On Thursdays, ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO The Humane Society for Hamilton County.

15150 Herriman Blvd, Noblesville

317-773-3545

<http://www.recunlimited.com/playzone/>

YMCA Homeschool Gym

For ages 5-11 years, this class at the Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St. Fishers, IN will give students the opportunity to learn the basics of various sports as well as promoting social development through teamwork and core character development values. Cost is \$45 for members, and \$65 for non-members. The class meets on Thursdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

317-595-9622

<http://indyymca.ebookview.net/guide.php?orgid=40>

Gymnastics

A Plus Gymnastics Center

Has special class times just for homeschool families, to provide an opportunity for social interaction and physical exercise. The program has larger class sizes than their regular classes, but at a reduced rate because they are able to coordinate a parent helper for each class.

aplusfrontdesk@gmail.com

<http://www.aplusgymnastics.com/#!/homeschool/c1sn2>

DeVeau's School of Gymnastics

DeVeau's Home School Program is designed to provide a physical fitness component to any home school program. Gymnastics is a way to develop coordination, strength and flexibility. Classes are co-ed, for children ages 5 – 10, and meet once a week for 60 minutes.

9032 Technology Drive

Fishers, IN 46038

317-849-7744

<http://www.deveaus.com/>

Horsemanship

Horse Club

The Horse Club, presented by Select Show Horses in Sheridan, Indiana is for girls and boys, ages 6 and up, to learn about horses through hands-on experience in a safe and positive environment. Students learn the proper way to groom a horse and care for its overall well-being. Students also learn about tack, horse anatomy, horse breeds, styles of riding and more. Horse Club sessions may include demonstrations from professionals in the field. There will be no riding during Horse Club, but riding lessons may be scheduled separately. Club members receive a \$10.00 discount off of their first scheduled riding lesson! Horse Club meets on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, for 10 weeks, at a cost of \$125.00. Preregistration is required.

Contact: Missy Gunnels

317-407-8660

mgunnels@brighthouse.com

Ice Skating/Hockey

Arctic Zone

Offers skating and hockey lessons, youth hockey leagues, camps and open skating.

16616 Southpark Drive

Westfield, IN 46074

317-896-2155

<http://theartcticzone.net/site>

Carmel Ice Skadium

Offers skating and hockey lessons, youth hockey leagues, camps and open skating.\

1040 3rd Avenue SW

Carmel, IN 46032

317-844-8888

<http://carmeliceskadium.com/site>

Martial Arts

Midwest Taekwondo Academy

Taekwondo lessons for ages 5 and up. They offer price breaks for families with more than one person training, and are willing to offer a discounted rate for those who would like to do classes as part of their home school credit. Both instructors have been involved in Taekwondo for over 20 years.

230 E. Main Street

Westfield, IN 46074

317-690-6064

midwesttkdacademy@gmail.com

www.dojos.info/MidwestTKD

House of Marial Arts

Offering kid's martial arts, adult martial arts, mixed martial arts, and fitness kickboxing. Day classes are available for homeschoolers. Contact the business for times, as they may vary. Programs are available for children ages 4 and up.

Owner: George Nae

14598 Clay Terrace Blvd. #160

Carmel, IN 46032

317-575-9333

george@houseofmartialarts.com

www.houseofmartialarts.com

Tiger Lily Eastern Arts

Offering T'ai Chi, Qi Gong, Self Defense, and Escrima.

Teddy Linder, Instructor

1355 W. 96th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

317-503-8197

www.tigerlilyeasternarts.org

Music

Bongo Boy Music School

Located in the Castleton area, Bongo Boy offers a wide range of lessons, classes, programs, camps, workshops and free community activities, serving the Indianapolis community. There's something for any age or skill level.

8481 Bash Street, Ste. 1100

Indianapolis, IN 46250

317-595-9061

http://www.bongoboymusic.com/about_bbm.aspx

Butler Community Arts School (BCAS)

The Butler Community Arts School offers performing arts instruction to anyone ages 5 and up, including adults. Located on the Butler University campus, the instructors are trained Butler students known as "Teaching Fellows." The mission of BCAS is to provide quality arts instruction at an affordable price while also developing community involvement and civic-mindedness in Butler University students. Private lessons are available in : piano; voice; strings; brass; woodwinds; percussion; guitar; composition; and music theory. BCAS also offers group piano lessons for children ages 5 – 6 and for adults 18 and up; children's orchestra for ages 7 – 12; youth orchestra for ages 12 – 17; and a youth jazz program for ages 12 – 18. In the summer, there are camps for just about any musical interest.

4600 Sunset Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46208

800-368-6852

<http://legacy.butler.edu/community-arts-school/about/>

Capital Vistas Orchestra

This community orchestra is for teens and adults with enough experience to practice and play music of easy to moderate difficulty (participants should be familiar with cut time, 16th notes, dotted rhythms and triplets). There are two concerts per year, with several optional Thursday rehearsals, and a Friday dress rehearsal just before the concert (one per semester) on a Saturday. The group is directed by a private music teacher with over 30 years of teaching experience.

Director: John McBurney

317- 693 - 4980

capitalvistas@outlook.com

Carmel Music Center

Offers private lessons from a variety of highly qualified instructors on an even greater variety of musical instruments. Choose a 30 or 60 minute lesson on: banjo; baritone; bass; cello; clarinet; dulcimer; fiddle; flute; guitar; mandolin; percussion; piano; saxophone; trombone; ukulele; viola; or violin. Store hours are 12:00 – 8:30 Monday – Thursday; 12:00 – 7:00 on Friday; and 11:00 – 6:00 on Saturday.

22 W. Main Street

Carmel, IN 46032

317-846-7768

<http://www.carmelmusiccenter.com/>

Eppert Piano Studio

Since 1988, Eppert Piano Studio has nurtured the total development of children through innovative music curricula in the Fishers area. Teacher Sally Eppert believes that ALL children are able to learn the language of music, that ALL children deserve to find the joy of making music through the use of stories and emotions while playing their pieces, and that it is important to teach about music and music theory while learning to play the piano. This premier music program involves families in the joy of their children's musical learning by inviting a parent to come into class the last 10 minutes for sharing time and asking the parent to help with the daily practice at home.

Teacher: Sally Eppert

8580 shoe Drive

Fishers, IN 46038

317-577-8254

eppertpiano@gmail.com

IUPUI Music Academy

The academy offers a variety of keyboard-oriented preschool and general music classes with computer-assisted instruction to children age 4s 3 – 12. Other classes offered include adult piano, voice, and guitar. Private lessons are available for all ages and levels of ability in keyboard, voice, violin, guitar, and woodwinds.

535 W. Michigan Street, IT 378

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317-278-4139

<http://music.iupui.edu/academy/main/>

New World Youth Orchestra

Auditions for Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra are open to string, wind, brass, percussion and harp players through high school age. Auditions for Concert Orchestra are open to string players up to 8th grade. There is no minimum age requirement for either orchestra. New World Youth Orchestras currently does not accept orchestra applications for piano or saxophone. Piano and saxophone applicants may still audition for the Young Artist Competition. Auditions are held in the month of June, typically at Symphony Centre, 32 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. Mail in your application as soon as you can, to schedule an audition for your preferred date and time. Applications will continue to be accepted through the summer. Late auditions will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

Contact: Adam Bodony, Executive Artistic Director

32 E Washington Street, Suite 950

Indianapolis, IN 46204

317-408-4492

abodony@gmail.com

<http://www.nwyso.org/contact>

Renaissance Music Studio

Renaissance Studios is a community of performing musicians in the arts community of Broad Ripple Village in Indianapolis who wish to pass on their skills and knowledge to the next generation of performers and hobbyist. In guitar instruction, one learns various musical styles, chording, music reading, and music theory. Particular styles of guitar music, such as flamenco, classical, jazz, are also taught. Our piano instruction includes the great music of the past masters of piano literature. Vocal instruction emphasize how to use your unique instrument through proper breathing and diction techniques. In voice lessons you will work on your ear as well as your vocal chords. Violin instruction has an ancient tradition of how to approach its vast repertoire. Instruction is also provided in classical violin or fiddle, banjo, flute, harp, mandolin, music composition, and songwriting. The studio is owned by a former homeschooler, and many homeschoolers take lessons here.

6516 N. Cornell Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46220

317-251-7363

<http://www.renaissancemusicstudios.org/>

Roller Skating

Skateland USA

Skateland USA, on Indy's west side, is offering Homeschool Skate Parties. These events are exclusively for homeschoolers! The parties are from 12:30 to 3:30 on the last Friday of each month during the school year, except for November and December, when they are moved up to avoid the holidays. Seating can be reserved for your group, and the facility also offers a STEM oriented field trip for groups of 30 or more.

\$6 includes admission and Skate rental

\$8 Includes admission skate rental 1 slice of pizza and 1 drinks

\$10 includes admission skate rental and Unlimited pizza/ drinks

Events Coordinator: Brighton

3902 N. Glen Arms Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46254

317-291-6795

<http://www.unitedskates.com/public/indianapolis/index.cfm>

Sewing

4-H Sewing

4-H has sewing programs for kids in grades 3 – 12. The experiential learning activities in the 4-H Sewing curriculum are designed to provide a positive learning experience for youth. Sewing helpers are encouraged to focus on the fun, experience, and accomplishments attained in the project rather than on attaining "perfection."

<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-sewing/>

JoAnn Fabrics

Offers sewing and knitting classes for kids age 8 and up, and teens, at either their Castleton or West 86th Street location, depending on the class.

8714 Castle Creek Parkway

Indianapolis, IN 46250

317-585-9150 or

1361 86th Street West

317-259-4506

<http://www.joann.com/classes/kids-and-teen-classes/>

Room to Sew

At Room to Sew, sewing classes are offered for students as young as 7 years of age! Using a proven curriculum, kids, teens, and adults can learn to sew in a relaxed atmosphere, learning at their own pace. Classes are offered on a weekly basis. While *sewing machines and tools are provided*, students choose fabric for the projects, allowing for unique, creative, and one-of-a-kind designs! Learning to sew is a useful and life-long skill; Room to Sew is a relaxed, fun, and stress-free place to learn this skill. Classes are taught in the instructor's home classroom, located just north of Greenfield Avenue between Stony Creek Marketplace and Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville.

Instructor: Donnell Bradley

dbradley@roomtosew.com

www.roomtosew.com

[facebook.com/roomtosew](https://www.facebook.com/roomtosew)

Soccer

Dynamo FC Indianapolis

Offers camps and clinics, private instruction, and team experiences for youth ages 8 and up. Dynamo Park is located at 401 E 91st Street, Indianapolis, 46240.

P.O. Box 80261

Indianapolis, IN 46280

Thomas.p.markey2@gmail.com

317-432-0950

<http://www.dynamofc.org/>

Noblesville United Soccer Club

This Community Soccer Program is for kids 4 years of age to 18 years of age and it is geared toward the soccer player that wants to enjoy and learn the game of soccer while having fun. Players are placed on teams based on their age using guidelines set by the Indiana State Soccer Association.

Noblesville United Soccer Club

8501 E 196th Street

Noblesville, IN 46062

nuscrec@gmail.com

<http://www.noblesvilleunited.com/>

Westfield Youth Soccer Association

WYSA provides programs for age 4 to age 74 with its recreational program for all ages, youth development and academy programs for developing players under 10, a travel program for competitive players ages 8 and up, and an adult program for those who wish to continue playing after their competitive days are over. Each summer, WYSA hosts soccer camps designed to improve player skills and let the kids have fun.

Contact: Lori Roberts

lroberts@indianafirejuniors.com

P.O. Bpx 346

Westfield, IN 46074

<http://www.wysa.org/>

Swimming

Fishers YMCA

Yogi Swim Club

The YMCA of Greater Indianapolis (YOGI) Swim Club is an association-wide competitive team, offering year-round or seasonal program and participating in local and regional competitions. Their age group division (ages 6-14) is two training groups for developmental and advanced swimmers, with weekly practices designed by YMCA/ASCA certified staff. Swimmers must be able to swim two continuous pool lengths of freestyle and show commitment to develop all four competitive strokes. An evaluation will place swimmers with the appropriate training group.

Homeschool Swim Lessons

Specifically designed for Home School students, these classes are held on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 12:40.

9012 E. 126th St.

Fishers, IN 46038

317- 595-9622

<http://indyymca.ebookview.net/guide.php?orgid=40>

Indy Synchro Synchronized Swim Team

Indy Synchro has been a nationally competitive synchronized swimming club for over 30 years. They strive to develop elite athletes and to enrich the lives of their swimmers. The club has regularly had swimmers place in finals at various National events, as well as had swimmers qualify for the US National Teams of all ages. Athletes range in age from 7-18. The club offers beginner classes and competitive programs for swimmers at all levels.

<http://www.indysynchro.org/indysynchro@comcast.net>

Stony Creek Swim Center

Lessons, swim teams, and summer camps.

15550 Stony Creek Way

Noblesville, IN 46060

(317) 773-7399

<http://stonycreekswimcenter.com/>

Tennis**Five Seasons Family Sports Club**

Lessons and programs for ages 3 and up.

1300 E 96th St

Indianapolis, IN 46240

317-582-1550

<http://www.fiveseasonssportsclub.com/indianapolis/>

Indianapolis Raquet Club and Indianapolis Raquet Club East

Lessons and competitive programs for ages 4 and up.

<http://www.indyracquet.com/>

8249 Dean Road

Indianapolis, IN 46240

317-849-2531 or

4901 N. Shadeland Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46226

317-545-2228

Fishers YMCA

For ages 7-11, this clinic style lesson will help kids to learn the game of tennis. This format uses games to assist with the learning approach. Court size, ball type and net height are adjusted to aid the learning process. The QuickStart program has been implemented by the USTA Jr. Tennis League. Participants should provide their own youth racquet.

9012 E. 126th St.

Fishers, IN 46038

317- 595-9622

<http://indyymca.ebookview.net/search.php?orgid=40>

Theatre/Drama**Christian Youth Theatre (CYT)**

CYT Indy offers classes for ages 4 – 18. Students learn from experienced teachers, performers, and technicians, and have the opportunity to participate in a CYT musical production! Classes are held once a week for two hours, and run for ten consecutive weeks. During the tenth class week, a showcase is presented in which each class performs a brief prepared presentation. Week-long musical theater day camps are offered during the summer months for students ages 8-18. Camps are designed to create a hands-on theater experience, and are focused on building performance skills, self-confidence, and teamwork.

17437 Carey Road

Suite 116

Westfield, IN 46074

Phone: 317-721-2497

<https://www.cytindy.org/>

Curtain Call Theatre for Children

The Curtain Call theatrical season runs from August to May and offers three stage productions a year.

The organization welcomes all ages from pre-school to adult, training participants from the stage to backstage theatre skills such as lighting, sound, set design, stage management, props, set painting and make-up. Curtain Call also offers periodic workshops in auditioning, acting, make-up and creative dramatics for young children. Located in Kokomo, IN.
KokomoCurtainCall@gmail.com

Milestone Talent Group

Milestone Talent Group is dedicated to developing the young actor's craft through classes, workshops, and productions. They are committed to excellent teaching in a supportive and close-knit environment.

75 Executive Drive, Suite H

Carmel, Indiana 46032

317-703-7895

info@MilestoneTalentgroup.com

Volley Ball

Indy Silver Lightning

Indy Silver Lightning Volleyball is comprised of homeschool students in Indiana. There are three different teams: Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity. The goal of our team is to provide a safe and productive environment that enables girls to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. We facilitate the development of strength and character in every child that participates

317-439-5612

kmislvb@embarqmail.com

<http://www.islhsvb.com/>

Homeschooling 4-H Groups

(4-H enrollment period is October 1st - January 15th)

CARMEL 4-STAR 4-H'ERS

Meets every 3rd or 4th Friday or Sunday afternoon of the month. The meeting places are at various locations and membership is primarily made up of families who are members of Indianapolis Catholic Home Education groups. This club is a mix of boys and girls.

Leader: Cathy Wahnsiedler
317 849-7851

FRIENDS FOREVER

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. This is a general interest group with membership consisting primarily of children who are homeschooled. They have guest speakers, hands on activities, outside service and social activities.

Leader: Gina Reese
317-920-7838

lukeginar@sbcglobal.net

MUDSOCKERS

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday (October – June) from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Annex Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The club is a mix of boys and girls taking a variety of projects. Meetings are geared toward helping 4-H'ers feel comfortable working as a group and having fun too. Everyone is given the opportunity to give a casual talk or demonstration which is incorporated into the agenda. In August an awards dinner is scheduled to honor all members of the club

Leaders:

Valorie Gelwicks, 317-594-8834, gelwicks@sbcglobal.net

Beth Michaels, 317-773-8187, jband3@sbcglobal.net

Kelly Michaels, 317-773-8187, kmcraftycarrot@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about starting a new 4-H group in Hamilton County, joining a Hamilton County group not aimed specifically at homeschoolers, or would like an enrollment card, please contact the Hamilton County Extension Office:

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service

Hamilton County Office

2003 E. Pleasant Street

Noblesville, IN 46060-3697

317-776-0854

<https://extension.purdue.edu/Hamilton/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=6039>

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Homeschool Support Groups in/around Hamilton County

Acorns to Oaks

Fun and educational activities for ages 11 and under. Contact: Erika Organ, spastikbandanna@gmail.com

Classical Conversations (Sheridan)

Classical Conversations is a Classical Christian community that consists of programs that are facilitated by a trained parent-director. Seminars are led by trained parent-tutors who model the classical tools of learning. Contact: Marie Hendrickson, mariehendrickson@att.net 317-750-5079

Cornerstone Home Educators

Cornerstone Home Educators (CHE) exists to provide home-educated students educational enrichment within a Christian environment and from a Biblical perspective, as well as a cooperative network for the families. Website: www.IndyCHE.org

Families Learning Together (FLT)

FLT is an inclusive and diverse group, open to all regardless of faith, educational philosophy, or methods of homeschooling. The purpose of FLT is to provide social and learning opportunities for children and parents, to share ideas and resources, and to have fun while doing it! Children range in age from infants to teenagers. Contact: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FLT-Indy>

Hamilton County Homeschoolers

HCHS is an inclusive social group for homeschoolers of all ages. They meet frequently for field trips, holiday parties, library days and, in good weather, for Thursday park days at parks throughout Hamilton County. Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HCHSfamilies/>

In-Grace Co-Op

This is a fairly academic Christian homeschool group that offers replacement classes for all ages. Parental involvement is required as parents teach classes and assist where needed throughout the school day. Students have homework to complete Tuesday – Friday. Annual dues and tuition fees apply. Recent classes include Science, Writing, Spanish, PE, and Art. In-Grace Co-Op meets on Mondays, 9:30 – 3:30 at Fall Creek Baptist Church near 71st St. in Indianapolis. As a group, we also organize various field trips and attend theater productions in the area. Contact: Rebecca Schaffer, rebeccalynnschaffer@yahoo.com, 765-620-4551. Website: ingracecoop.com. Interested families should contact us in early spring to begin the application process.

ISI

The ISI (Iron Sharpens Iron) Homeschool Co-op is a Christ-centered group encouraging the development of Christian fellowship and education with like-minded families. ISI meets for 12-week semesters in fall and spring. Parental participation is expected as part of co-op membership. ISI charges an annual membership fee plus a per-semester facility fee; cost of classes varies. Contact: Jackie Reynolds, isi@thereynolds.us

Life Learning Cooperative (Anderson)

LLC is a nonprofit group of homeschooling families in east-central Indiana who have joined together for the last fourteen years to develop cooperative learning activities for our families. We offer a wide range of age-appropriate classes and activities for preschool through high school-aged students. Our high school classes can be used for credit. While not requiring new members to sign a statement of faith, our classes and curriculum are faith-based and reflect a Christian world view. We also offer organized picnics and play dates through the summer, as well as class and group field trips.

We are member led and organized by an elected steering committee of parents committed to supporting and encouraging life long learning for all of its members. LLC also has a large support group of veteran parents and families with contacts within the homeschooling community and beyond to help assist our members in finding and making the most of unique homeschooling opportunities and pursuits.

LLC meets on Fridays beginning in September and ending in April at First Baptist Church, 907 N. Raible, Anderson. Contact: lifelarningcoop@gmail.com

Master's Study

Take some time to learn more about The Master's Study by visiting our website at www.themastersstudy.org

Northpoint

Northpoint Homeschool Classes provide a Christian environment that offers high academic standards, home education values, and a Biblical worldview for homeschool students beginning Kindergarten through 12th grades. Teachers are Christians implementing a blend of homeschool education and traditional classroom. Classes meet at Fishers United Methodist Church.

Grades K-6 Contact: Shawn Moore, 317-717-1439, Northpoint Homeschool Classes, 7399 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250, northpointclassesk6@gmail.com

Grades 7-12 Contact: Kathy Badger, 317-403-9119, Northpoint Homeschool Classes, 7399 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46250, northpointclasses@comcast.net

Roots and Wings Co-Op

This group strives to provide a community of support for homeschooling families in Indianapolis and surrounding areas who are seeking to enrich their children's social and learning experiences through regular activities and a cooperative. Though secular in our approach, we are an inclusive group who welcomes diversity. Roots and Wings accommodates families with children of all ages! Information is available on our website: <http://rootsandwingsindy.com/>

TEACH Homeschool Cooperative

We are a Christ-centered, parent-led weekly homeschool co-op that meets every Monday at Noblesville Baptist Church. We currently have no set fees other than a requested donation of \$5 per family per week payable to the host facility to help cover the costs of utilities and restroom supplies. This can be paid in full at the beginning of the semester or split into three monthly installments. There may be small supply fees for individual classes. Participants must agree to a limited background check. Class schedule available on our Facebook page. Request membership in TEACH Homeschool co-op of Hamilton County. Contact: Michelle Bryce, michelle_bryce@ameritech.net

Wisdom Builders

Wisdom Builders is a Christian homeschool program that meets at First Baptist Church, which is on the corner of 126th and Keystone in Carmel. They offer a variety of classes that parents can pick and choose for their children. The classes are for students in preschool to high school and are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Subjects are taught by qualified, Christian instructors and from a Christian perspective. Some of the classes offered include Spanish, French, Latin, History Biology Chemistry, Physics and other science classes, Excellence in Writing, Literature, Grammar, Algebra Geometry, Pre-Calc and other math classes, Art, Drama, PE, Ballet, Music, Phonics, Sewing, Computer, Indiana History, Special Units, and Math Games. There is also a preschool program from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for ages 2 to 5. The preschool is very much activity-oriented, with activities centering around a letter each week. High school classes use Apologia sciences, Saxon math classes, Abeka English, Abeka History, Memorial Press for Latin, and Bob Jones Spanish.

In addition, Wisdom Builders has two sport teams, middle and high school cross country in the fall, and middle and high school track and field in the spring. We compete against area public and private schools.

Contact: Donna Rollins, director, donna@wisdombuilders.net, 317-578-8979. Web site: www.wisdombuilders.net

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Statewide Organizations

Homeschooling in Indiana

Are you a parent considering homeschooling your child? An experienced homeschooler looking for more support and ideas? Are you looking for information you can use to convince others that home education is a great choice for your family? You'll find answers to all your questions right here! Especially designed for homeschoolers in Indiana, this website has great resources, information, support and ideas.

<http://www.homeschoolinginindiana.com>

Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE)

The Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE) is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1983, which supports and encourages families interested in home education.

Their primary functions are maintaining visibility as home educators with civil government leaders, influencing the legislative process to protect the freedom to home educate, publishing information of interest for home educators, and sponsoring seminars and events to encourage families. The annual spring convention offers help for those getting started in homeschooling and encouragement for veteran homeschoolers. Check their web page at <http://www.inhomeeducators.org/> or their curriculum resources at www.iahe.net

Region 7(Hamilton County)Representative: Amy Canaday

317-773-3855

R7@iahe.net

Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling (IFHS)

The mission of IFHS is to advocate for the homeschooling community, to support and educate families by connecting them to resources, and to inspire students to achieve their potential by providing recognition and opportunities, especially in the areas of high school, college, careers, and life goals.

<http://www.indianahomeschooling.org/>

P.O. Box 17385

Indianapolis, IN 46217

317-308-6411 or 800-465-2505

Info@IndianaHomeSchooling.org

Indiana Home Educator's Network (IHEN)

IHEN exists simply to help Hoosiers homeschool. They provide county contacts, an on-line monthly newsletter, and a website full of valuable information for Indiana homeschoolers.

<http://www.ihen.org/>

Indiana Homeschoolers

Indiana Homeschoolers is a networking e-mail list for all homeschoolers in the state of Indiana. It is intended to help link parents who homeschool or are thinking of homeschooling, and provide information about support groups, activities, legal issues, and homeschooling news in general, throughout the state and nationally. This is an inclusive, open and relatively unmoderated list, open to homeschoolers of any religious belief or none, and any style of homeschooling. All are welcome! This list is affiliated with the Indiana Home Educators' Network (IHEN).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IndianaHomeschoolers/>

Indiana Pagan Homeschoolers (IPH)

IPH is a group for Pagans, Wiccans, Heathens, and Earth Spiritualists who homeschool or unschool their children in the state of Indiana. Families who have children that attend public or private school and who supplement their children's education after school and on weekends/holidays (aka "afterschoolers") are welcome as well, but we ask that at least one member of any family wishing to participate in our group be a practicing Pagan, Wiccan etc. or at the very least be considering an Earth based path.

<http://inpaganhomeschooler.tripod.com/id2.htm/>

Indiana Unschoolers

A group for relaxed educators to share ideas, ask questions and find like-minded families. Feel free to come and join the roller coaster of unschooling!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/INunschoolers/>

National Organizations

The Adventist Home Educator

The mission of The Adventist Home Educator ministry is to encourage Seventh-day Adventist families in living out their faith while homeschooling.

<http://adventisthomeducator.org/>

Alliance for the Separation of School and State

Today we're faced with two choices: state schooling and independent schooling. This group explores the history of these options so you'll understand the state of affairs we now find ourselves in. Their goal is to serve as a beacon of education and hope, helping you to understand not only why we face a crisis in education, but what you can do about it.

<http://www.schoolandstate.org/>

Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO)

AERO's goal is to advance student-driven, learner-centered approaches to education. AERO provides information, resources and guidance to families, schools and organizations regarding their educational choices. AERO disseminates information internationally on topics such as: homeschooling, public and private alternative schools, and charter schools.

<http://www.educationrevolution.org/>

Alternative Educators' Network (AEN)

AEN has created an unmoderated, open e.list for discussing Alternative Education ideas; ideas that go beyond the monolithic system of public education that we have today. The popular discussions and frequently asked questions are, for the most part, centered on homeschooling. But this list is not limited to JUST homeschooling. Private Schoolers, Charter Schoolers, and even public school teachers and administrators are welcome to join in the conversation.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltEdDiscourse/>

The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

HSLDA is a non-profit advocacy organization established to defend and advance the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children and to protect family freedoms. Through annual memberships, HSLDA is tens of thousands of families united in service together, providing a strong voice when and where needed.

<http://www.hsllda.org/default.aspx>

The National Academy for Child Development (NACD)

NACD designs very specific home educational and therapeutic programs for infants, children and adults considered to be/have: Learning Disabled, Dyslexic, Distractible, ADD, ADHD, Hyperactive, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Williams Syndrome, Tourettes Syndrome, Rhetts Syndrome, Fragile X, Developmentally Delayed, PDD, Autistic, Cerebral Palsy, Brain Injured, Comatose, Retarded, Minimal Brain Dysfunction, Normal, Accelerated, and Gifted.

<http://www.nacd.org/get-started/>

National African-American Homeschoolers Alliance (NAAHA)

NAAHA is a nonsectarian networking and informational organization serving the national African-American and international Black home schooling community. The group seeks to empower parents with the tools to home school their children well by providing the largest and most comprehensive online database of home schooling, supplemental and educational information for African-American and Black homeschoolers worldwide.

<http://scwalton0.tripod.com/id46.html>

National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network (NATHAN)

NATHAN is a Christian organization that encourages homeschooling families with special needs children and equips parents to confidently homeschool their children with special needs or disabilities.

<http://www.nathhan.com/index.htm>

National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI)

The mission of NHERI is to produce high-quality research on home-based education; to serve as a clearinghouse of research for homeschoolers, researchers, and policy makers; and to educate the public concerning the findings of all research on home education.

<http://www.nheri.org/>

Roman Catholic Family Home Education Information Center

This is a page where you can come and locate information about the saints, home educational academies, the Blessed Mother, the Eucharist, the angels, and order orthodox Roman Catholic materials. The site also provides links to sites that offer free or low-cost programs that may be beneficial to your home education needs.

<http://wordgallery.net/cathfam.htm>

Room 613

All Jewish homeschoolers are invited to connect here to make friends around the world, share ideas, help each other, and learn together. Room613 has an extensive discussion forum and private messaging system for its members, along with many other useful tools for communication and collaboration, to expand and enrich your homeschooling experience.

<http://www.room613.net/members/room613/adminpages/about>