

# Welcome Homeschoolers!

Welcome 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, but our support of your endeavor does not stop there! Ask to be added to our homeschool email list to receive automatic updates on WWPL and community events of interest to homeschoolers, and feel free to contact us by phone, email or in person with any questions.

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 reserve the Maker Space, Story Castle, Community Room or any of our six private study rooms that are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. All rooms may be booked through our website, under the Events tab: <https://wwpl.librarycalendar.com/>. A security deposit may apply for the Community Room.

We offer a wide range of classes for homeschoolers. Some of our recent offerings have included art, chess, creative writing, drama, Lego robotics, science and foreign language. Most of these programs require pre-registration and pre-payment. Please check the Events section of our online calendar, at the link above, for current program information and to register for classes, and pick up a copy of the current semester's homeschool class schedule at the Children's desk. Be sure to also sign up for our e-newsletter and pick up a copy of the monthly Children's calendar to discover other exciting programs that may support your curriculum. Check out our Learning Center (jLC) for curriculum materials, and our Library of Things for educational kits. Please let us know if you have any ideas for programs you would like us to do, or suggestions for jLC or Library of Things materials.

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. 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, or if you find outdated information. 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 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:

<https://hsllda.org/content/hs101/IN.aspx>. A wide range of educational philosophies and methods exist. 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 5/7/2019)

<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 School House; Robinson Curriculum; Time4Learning; ACE *To compare some of the top, on-line homeschools, go to <a href="https://www.consumeraffairs.com/education/online-homeschools/">https://www.consumeraffairs.com/education/online-homeschools/</a>
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/DVDs/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, Story of the World activity manuals, Art Smart program guides, 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, Bullfrog Books, 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 and Caldecott Medal Winners in our collection, as well as most of the honors books. We also have a number of the Young Hoosier Book Award Winners and Coretta Scott King Award Winner books, and the Young Hoosier Book Award nominees for the current school year.

**Educational DVDs:** We offer a wide selection of educational DVDs on nature, science, history, geography, language arts, math and more, in both the children’s and adults’ non-fiction DVD sections. DVDs will also transit from other Evergreen Libraries if WWPL is your home library, as well as for PLAC card holders.

**STEAM to Go Library of Things:** The library is pleased to offer a “Library of Things,” sponsored by Duke Energy, through a Powerful Communities – Local Impact Grant awarded to the Westfield Library Foundation. The Library of Things consists of S.T.E.A.M. kits that can be checked out from the library and cover a variety of subjects including science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. These hands-on kits foster curiosity and learning, as well as critical thinking and problem solving skills.

**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.

**Homeschooling with WWPL:** Stay up to date on homeschool classes and other resources with this WWPL Facebook page especially for homeschoolers.

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

### Science

*Experiment with Science*  
*Great Earth Science Projects*  
*Let’s Explore Science*  
*Living Science*  
*Science Answers*  
*Science for Fun*  
*Science Surprises*

### Math

*Got Math*  
*Math and My World*  
*Math Success*  
*Math World*  
*MathStart*  
*RightStart Mathematics*  
*Question of Math*

### Social Studies

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

**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):

- **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.
- **Just For Kids Access DVD:** A huge selection of educational DVDs covering math; ABCs & 123s; world languages; people & places; sciences; history; health & P.E.; arts & music; and reading & writing.
- **Links** to a variety of sites about kid’s health and safety topics.
- **PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next:** *PebbleGo*, an award winning pre-K to grade 3 database for reading and research, includes built-in reading and research tools for emerging readers. Leveled text, educational games, and multimedia help teach concepts to young researchers. It offers four separate databases covering Animals, Science, Biographies and Social Studies. Databases are simple to navigate and offer key reading supports such as read-along audio and word-by-word highlighting. *PebbleGo Next* covers content appropriate to grades 3-6. Modules include States (grouped by regions), Science (Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science, and The Field of Science), and American Indians (multiple categories). Once you are on the PebbleGo **or** PebbleGo Next 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 DVDs, and a language learning component featuring French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Korean, and German.

Website (Resources):

- **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.
- **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.
- **Hoopla:** Free digital app to borrow eBooks (including picture books and graphic novels); audiobooks; music and movies with your library card! With the new Read-Along feature, text, pictures, and sound come to life with page-turning titles from Disney, HarperCollins, and more. To use, just download the free app, or visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com).
- **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)

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
<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>	Vick Farris
<i>A Survivor's Guide to Home Schooling</i>	Luanne Shackelford
<i>Absolute Beginner's Guide to Home Schooling (eBook)</i>	Brad Miser
<i>Bausell Home Learning Guide: Teach Your Child to Read</i>	Barker R. Bausell
<i>Carschooling: Over 300 Entertaining Games &amp; 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</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>Homeschooler's Book of Lists</i>	Sonya A. Haskins
<i>Homeschooler's 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 – 8 – Year – Old Child</i>	Linda Dobson
<i>Homeschooling Handbook: From Preschool to High School, A Parent's Guide</i>	Mary Griffith
<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 Levidson
<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 Homeschool</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>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: A Manual and Activity Guide for Homeschooling and Alternative Learning</i>	Anna Kealoha
<i>Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 50+ Fun and Creative Learning Activities 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



# 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 (or removed from) 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](mailto: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 Legacy Christian School the first three Tuesdays of each month, from 6:00 to 7:30 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: *Amy Kemerer, Troop Coordinator*

[amyvalbert@gmail.com](mailto:amyvalbert@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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

2000 E 151st Street

Carmel, IN 46033

### **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 Legacy Christian School in Noblesville.

Troopmaster: *Scott Nall*

[Traillifetroop1685@gmail.com](mailto:Traillifetroop1685@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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Jennifer Weber

[ferunc@gmail.com](mailto:ferunc@gmail.com)

## **Archery**

### **Strawtown Koteewi Park**

All private lessons are taught by professional, experienced, certified USA Archery or S3DA Coaches/Instructors. All lessons include instruction time plus up an hour of practice time immediately following your lesson, to work on that day's skill. Lessons are \$25.00 for 30 minutes or \$40.00 for 60 minutes. You may use the Range's equipment (compound, recurve or long bow) or bring your own.

Contact: Koteewi Pro Shop

11909 Koteewi Dr

Noblesville, IN 46060

317-776-8472

[tonygirt@koteewiarchery.com](mailto:tonygirt@koteewiarchery.com)

## **Art**

### **Indiana Fine Arts Academy**

**Open Studio** is an opportunity for budding artists to receive guidance in the mediums of their choice starting with the planning of works, materials techniques and instruction through completion. This class is appropriate for those with any level of ability and is an excellent complement to previous instruction or school programs. Each session is 60 minutes in length. Designed for children ages 10 – 17, this class is \$10 per class period, and meets on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

### **Newfields Homeschool Open Studio**

Looking for new ways to learn about art? Expand your family's creativity by exploring a variety of art-making materials in Newfields Homeschool Open Studio sessions. Instructor will provide advice to make curriculum connections and stimulate imaginations.

<https://discovernewfields.org/calendar/newfields-homeschool-open-studio>

### **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](mailto: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. Camps covering a variety of art forms are also offered periodically. Call to enquire.

Instructor: Erin O'Rear

227 Jersey St, Westfield, IN 46074

317-385-0994

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

## **Westfield Washington Public Library**

WWPL offers both an **Elementary Art class** and a **Middle/High School Art class** for homeschoolers. Taught by a certified art teacher and practicing artist with decades of experience, these seven-week classes are offered twice per semester on Thursdays. Her brain-based method of teaching and her unique projects focus on problem solving, creativity and skill building. Students progress at their own level in an organized, step-by-step process. Art history, culture, and group discussions support the art activity. Projects incorporate drawing, painting, construction, collage, and the use of mixed media.

**Elementary Art**, for ages 8 – 11, runs from 3:15 – 4:15 and costs \$50.00 per student. **Middle/High School Art**, for ages 12 -- 18, runs from 1:15 to 3:15, and costs \$85.00 per student. Most supplies are provided.

Contact: WWPL Children's Desk

317-896-9391

[kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us)

## **Baseball**

### **Indianapolis Kings Baseball Club**

The Indianapolis Kings Baseball Club is a private, Christian club organized to provide Christian, homeschooled boys an opportunity to participate in competitive baseball on the junior high and high school levels under the tutelage of Christian coaching and in an environment of Biblical principles. We also seek to enhance their relationships with Christ and help train them to serve Him in a competitive environment. Monday practices will be at 84 Sports in Greenfield and Friday practices will be at Sportzone Indy on the North West Side of Indianapolis.

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

## **Basketball**

### **Indianapolis Homeschool Wildcats**

We are a Christian homeschool organization offering competitive basketball programs for boys and girls from 4th through 12th grade. Above all, we seek to serve and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Our goal is to instill and demonstrate Christ-like character while developing God-given athletic abilities through discipline, training, and an emphasis on fundamental skills in basketball. We compete against other homeschool, Christian, private, and public school teams as members of the Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance (ICBA), Midwest Christian Homeschool Conference (MCHC), and National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championships (NCHBC). The Gathering Place at Community Church of Greenwood has graciously allowed us to rent their court space as our home court and main practice gym.

<https://www.homeschoolwildcats.com/page/show/2044899-wildcat-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](http://www.indyblazers.net)

317-450-7653

### **Northside Lions**

We provide the opportunity for homeschooled young men to play competitive basketball in a Christ centered environment. Our teams are comprised of players from all over the north side of Indianapolis. We have 4 teams including; elementary, junior high, junior varsity, and varsity. Most games are within a 90 min. drive of Noblesville, IN. We predominately play other homeschool clubs, but also Christian schools on occasion.

<http://northsidelions.org/>

### **Northwest Warriors**

The Northwest Warrior club is organized to provide home-educated children at least 10 years of age (as of September 1 of the current season) an opportunity to enjoy competitive basketball while developing Christian character, basketball skills, and physical fitness. The Warriors currently call Traders Point Christian Church their primary home, with home games at Traders Point Christian Academy. Practices are held at the nearby Whitestown Municipal Complex.

The Warriors offer five age levels for competitive basketball: 18 & under (Varsity), 16 & under (JV), 14 & under (Junior High), 12 & under, and 10 & under. Age levels are all based on player age as of September 1st of the current season. Northwest is intended for home-educated children, and player eligibility coincides with the NCHBC National Tournament guidelines, which indicate that parents must be the primary facilitators of the player's education including but not limited to classes at home, co-op environments, and other parent-arranged educational opportunities.

<http://northwestwarriorbasketball.com/>

### **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 126<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Carmel, IN 46033*

*317- 846-1343*

### **Bowling**

#### **Bowl Thirty-Two**

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*

<https://bowl32.com/>

#### **Woodland Bowling Center**

Woodland offers a homeschool bowling league.

*Contact: Steven Frank*

*3421 E. 96<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Indianapolis, IN 46240*

*317-844-4099*

[pd\\_wo@royalpin.com](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> Street United Methodist Church.

*Director: Janet Foster*

*2327 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Indianapolis, IN 46201*

[info@ciybc.org](mailto:info@ciybc.org)

[www.ciybc.org](http://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](mailto:internationalyouthchoir@yahoo.com)

[www.childrenofgarychoir.webs.com](http://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*

## **Cooking**

### **Market District Cooking School**

Students will learn proper knife skills and other culinary techniques. Parents are required to sign waivers for each child participating in the classes. Each class will include a lesson plan that is based around the theme of each class. The Market District Cooking School is located on the 2nd Floor above the restaurant, Table by Market District. Parents need to arrive 10-15 minutes before the class to sign a waiver for each child attending the class. All classes will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Ages 6-12 optimal; ages 5-13 are welcome

Please register and pay through Eventbrite. Search Carmel Market District Home Schooled Co-op. Each class will have a 72 hour cutoff for registering. Any special dietary needs or allergens your student may have must be communicated to Market District 72 hours prior to the event in order for them to accommodate the request.

*Contact: Jason Bolden*

[Jason.bolden@gianteagle.com](mailto:Jason.bolden@gianteagle.com)

## **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](http://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 homeschooleders at the Westfield Washington Public Library. They have expressed willingness to arrange daytime classes for groups of interested homeschooleders.

Contact: Kelly

9401 N. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

317-218-3694

[info@indydanceacademy.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN.

[www.lionsfootballclub.com](http://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>

### **Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Homeschool Programs**

Make learning fun with a schedule of back-to-back programs! You're able to make the most of your time, on the days that work best for you. From fitness to nature to science & technology, with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation your kiddo doesn't have to choose! The best part? You aren't sacrificing quality for convenience. Our programs are led by area experts. Check out <https://carmelclayparks.com/programs/homeschool> for all opportunities and to register.

Contact: Erica Foreman

1235 Central Park Dr. East

Carmel, IN 46032

317-848-7275

[eforeman@carmelclaparks.com](mailto:eforeman@carmelclaparks.com)

### **Carter's Play Place**

Carter's Play Place was born out of seeing a void in our local community for a truly inclusive play place for children with all abilities. Carter's Play Place is truly passionate about creating a great atmosphere for both children and adults to be themselves in a warm, inviting environment. Carter's Play Place also offers birthday parties and occupational therapy.

17219 Foundation Parkway, Suite 100

Westfield, IN 46074

317-763-1568

<https://www.cartersplayplace.com/>



### **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>

## **Golf**

### **Pebblebrook Golf Club**

Pebblebrook offers lessons, camps, clinics and leagues for ages 7 and up. Pebble Brook Golf Club is a 36-hole, championship, daily fee golf course facility located on State Road 32 between Noblesville and Westfield. The South Course is a traditional course with mature tree lined fairways and the North Course is a modern Scottish links style design. Both courses offer multiple sets of tee markers to fit every golfer's skill level. Pebble Brook prides itself on offering more available tee times than any other course in the Indy area.

Contact: *Brandon Smart*

765-810-5588

[Brandonsmart25@gmail.com](mailto:Brandonsmart25@gmail.com)

<https://www.pebblebrookgolfclub.com/course/>

## **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](mailto:aplusfrontdesk@gmail.com)

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



### **DeVeau's School of Gymnastics**

DeVeau's Home School Program teaches the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling to children ages 5 – 10, helping them develop balance, coordination, strength and flexibility. Classes are one hour long and offered on Tuesdays at 2:00 and Thursdays at 3:00. Register online.

9032 Technology Drive

Fishers, IN 46038

317-849-7744

<http://www.deveaus.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://thearcticzone.net/site>

#### **Carmel Ice Skadium**

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

1040 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:midwesttkdacademy@gmail.com)

[www.dojos.info/MidwestTKD](http://www.dojos.info/MidwestTKD)

#### **House of Martial 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](mailto:george@houseofmartialarts.com)

[www.houseofmartialarts.com](http://www.houseofmartialarts.com)

#### **Tiger Lily Eastern Arts**

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

Teddy Linder, Instructor

1355 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260  
317-503-8197  
[www.tigerlilyeasternarts.org](http://www.tigerlilyeasternarts.org)

## **Music**

### **Bach to Rock**

B2R uses an innovative approach to music instruction based on the belief that everyone learns faster playing the music they like, whether it's rock or Bach, and the technical foundation is the same. Teachers at B2R use special age and skill appropriate arrangements so that students can begin playing songs in no time. B2R's unique curriculum couples rigorous individual instruction with band "jam sessions," making students motivated by playing in a group. Like sports, a band builds teamwork, develops social skills, fosters self-esteem, promotes peer recognition and leads to lasting friendships. You're never too young to play and create music. Introducing toddlers and very young children to music, rhythm and motion supports cognitive development, learning and motor skills. B2R Early Childhood classes combine structured musical games and activities to promote learning and musical growth and expose children to the fundamentals of music.

Owner/Teacher: Andy Flickner

2480 E 146th St  
Carmel, IN 46033  
317-660-5285

[Carmel@bachtorock.com](mailto:Carmel@bachtorock.com)

### **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](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](mailto: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](mailto:eppertpiano@gmail.com)

### **Indiana Fine Arts Academy**

IFAA offers private lessons in guitar, piano, harp, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion, as well as a group class, Meet the Orchestra! , for children ages 4 – 12, designed to instill a lifelong interest in the music of the orchestra and famous composers. IFAA also sponsors the Nora Community Children's Choir (see description below).

<http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/group-classes>

### **IUPUI Music Academy**

The academy offers a variety of keyboard-oriented preschool and general music classes with computer-assisted instruction to children age 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/>

### **Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy**

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy has been providing music lessons, youth theater, and early childhood music classes to the Fishers and surrounding area since 2004. Our founder, Ji-Eun Lee, immigrated for Seoul, South Korea in the early 1990's. She studied piano performance at Indiana University. After graduating with her Masters of Music she remained in the area as a Church pianist and private teacher. In 2004 she opened the academy after her private teaching had grown too large for her to teach all her students. We don't just love play and teach music. We believe music is an essential part of life. Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy offers lessons in piano, guitar, voice, violin, viola and cello, as well as Mom and Me, Summer Camp, Kidz Rock, and Youth Theater.

<https://www.fishersmusic.com/index.php/en/>

### **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](mailto:abodony@gmail.com)

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

### **Nora Community Children's Choir**

NCCC is a partnership between the Indiana Fine Arts Academy and Union Chapel UMC. The goal is to provide an engaging, diverse, and affordable vocal opportunity on the Northside of Indianapolis. Each participant will receive a solid foundation in vocal production beginning with breath control, vowel placement, ear training, music theory and ensemble singing. Each hour long rehearsal includes private coaching as well as choral singing experiences. Choir members will be engaged in fun games and exercises that will develop their skills in breath, pitch, tone and rhythm.

This choir is open for children age 4 through 15, and runs as a cooperative. As a result, the costs are low as each family assumes a job for the running of the organization. The director has a list of committees and roles for the year that includes marketing, fundraising, uniforms, room helpers, communications, etc. The cost per child is \$10 per month or \$60 per year. Families with multiple children are capped at \$20 per month or \$120 per year. Financial assistance is available if needed. Each participant will need to purchase the NCCC uniform shirt.

<http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/community-choir>

### **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, offers Homeschool Skate Parties 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 drink; \$10 includes admission, skate rental and unlimited pizza and 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](mailto:dbradley@roomtosew.com)

[www.roomtosew.com](http://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 a 401 E 91st Street, Indianapolis, 46240.

P.O. Box 80261

Indianapolis, IN 46280

[Thomas.p.markey2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lroberts@indianafirejuniors.com)

P.O. Bpx 346

Westfield, IN 46074

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

## **Swimming**

### **Fishers YMCA**

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.

The Fishers YMCA also offers **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

### **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>

### **Tiger Tennis**

Tiger Tennis formed in 2002 in Carmel as a group of 4 families that wanted to learn the sport of tennis, and has grown to over 500 kids, ladies and families playing in 78 matches a year and taking lessons. Tiger Tennis offers a variety of lessons, matches, games and camps for kids aged 3 – 19. We teach our lessons and techniques with a focus on the values of Christian sportsmanship, determination, focus and discipline.

Owner: Renee Bognar

[reneeboqnar1@aol.com](mailto:reneeboqnar1@aol.com)

<http://tigertennisandfitnessprograms.yolasite.com/>

## 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](mailto:KokomoCurtainCall@gmail.com)

### **Indiana Fine Arts Academy**

IFAA offers several theater classes for ages 7 and up. The Academy also has a partnership with Christian Youth Theatre, hosting some of their workshops and rehearsals.

<http://www.indianafineartsacademy.org/group-classes>

### **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](mailto:info@MilestoneTalentgroup.com)

### **Young Actors Theatre (YAT)**

The vision of YAT is to *empower youth for life*. Since 2005, Young Actors Theatre has transformed into the largest youth theatre in Indianapolis. Last year, YAT brought Self-Empowerment Theatre to nearly 2,000 students and reached over 10,000 audience members across the state of Indiana. YAT's core values are: 1) Create a culture of acceptance and inclusion; 2) Every student has a voice and is respected for their individuality; 3) Teach life-long learning and responsibility, which can be applied outside of theatre. 4) The outcome of the student outweighs the outcome of the performance; and 5) Find the fun in the work. With a home base in downtown Indianapolis and performance sites across the greater Indianapolis area, YAT works to provide more than a stage to the youth they serve.

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

## **Track**

### **Body in Training Track Club**

Body in Training is a member club of USA Track & Field, YES Athletics, and the Indiana Youth Track Association open to youth ages 5-18. Our mission is to provide excellent coaching and instruction in track and field events and to provide opportunity for youth to compete to the best of their ability. It is also our goal to teach Biblical principles and values and how to apply them in practice, in competition, and in life. Though our club is a Christian organization based out of Noblesville, Body in Training is open to families of any faith or no faith regardless of where they live or go to school. This can be a great introduction to the sport of track & field or an opportunity to receive more individualized training and personal attention to improve upon past performances. Athletes are divided into training groups of 6-10 athletes, each with its own coach, so that each athlete, regardless of ability or experience, is challenged and instructed appropriately. Body In Training is a competitive club.

<http://www.bodyintrainingtrack.com/index.html>

## **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](mailto:kmislvb@embarqmail.com)



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

### **Northwest Storm**

Northwest Storm Volleyball is located in Northwest Indy, and is for any homeschooled girls in 6th-12th grade. This is a competitive volleyball team, and high school players will be evaluated the first week of practice and placed, by the coaches, on the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. Players will be chosen for teams based on skill level, attitude, willingness to be coached, desire to play, grade in school and availability for the season. Our desire is to place all players who want to play on a team. No try-out is required for Junior High players.

If we have more 6-8th graders than we need for the team, we may offer a "PIT Crew" which stands for "players in training". Some girls may not yet possess the strength, coordination or skill to play, but are interested in learning the game. They would be allowed to attend the JH practice and learn from our coaches. Practices will be held on Mondays from 5-7pm at Chapel Rock Christian Church for all players, as well as on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm at Mount Tabor Baptist, for Varsity and JV only. The season runs from the end of July to October, and home games will be at Mount Tabor. We play away games at various locations.

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/nwstormvball/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/nwstormvball/about/?ref=page_internal)

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# Homeschooling 4-H Groups

(4-H enrollment period begins October 1st)

## **CARMEL 4-STAR 4-H'ERS**

Meets monthly on varying weekday afternoons. The meeting places vary in locations and membership is primarily made up of families who are members of Hamilton County and Northeast Indianapolis Catholic Home Education groups. This club is a mix of boys and girls.

Leaders: Cathi Wahnsiedler (317-849-7851)

Lucy Wahnsiedler (317-550-9440)

## **FRIENDS FOREVER**

Meets 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 home schooled. They have guest speakers, hands-on activities, outside service, and social activities. Annual dues are \$5.00 per family.

Leaders (text or call): Kim Macky (317-529-3839)

Jenny Rumble (317-670-4202)

Tammy Delgado (619-888-7617)

Rosalie Alvey (317-698-2446).

## **MUDSOCKERS**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday (September-June, no meetings in November or December) from 7:00-8:00 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: Lori Fox (317-523-5111)

Beth Michaels (317-773-8187), [jband3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jband3@sbcglobal.net)

Kelly Michaels (317-508-9993), [kmcraftycarrot@gmail.com](mailto: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 to enroll, please contact:

*Purdue Extension Hamilton County*

*2003 Pleasant Street*

*Noblesville, IN 46060-3697*

*317-776-0854*

[www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton)

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# Homeschool Groups & Co-ops in the Hamilton County Area

## Arrow Academy

Arrow Academy exists to fill a need for an experiential learning co-op in Hamilton County Indiana and the surrounding area. The Academy calendar consists of seven, four to five week Quests, and meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 3:00, with field trips and service learning projects on Thursdays throughout the unit. Students participate in one service learning project during each unit and one field trip per month to spark curiosity and provide learning experiences outside “the classroom.”

Each day consists of three hours collaboratively engaged in the Quest challenge for that unit. In addition to the Quest, one hour is allotted for lunch/recess - i.e. social time/free play. Students complete a Passion Project which is intended to incorporate all aspects of our guiding principles and education modules. For this project, students choose a topic they are passionate about and research the topic deeply through reading, interviewing experts, and experiencing everything they can about their passion. They then develop a presentation to share with their peers and the other co-op families. Families are responsible for instruction in the core subjects (Reading, Writing, and Math) so that each student can move at his/her own pace in those areas. For the 2019-2020 school year, Arrow Academy is only accepting students ages 7 to 11 at a second grade or higher reading level.

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

## Boone Prairie School

Boone Prairie is a co-school hybrid model with the children attending classes 3 days a week. While the primary instruction is done at the school, there are many opportunities for the family to participate in the education process at home. Boone Prairie provides a Classical education with Charlotte Mason influence. A classical education is based on great ideas, great books (including primary sources when possible), foundational truths and principles, and enduring traditions and skills. It holds to long-established standards. Charlotte Mason method influences Boone Prairie School curriculum through living books, habits and outdoor learning as weather permits. Living books, usually written in narrative form, are chosen over text books when available.

Our school year runs September through the end of May. Students attend class Wednesday through Friday, except for Pre K, who attend full days (7:55-3:00) on Wednesday and Friday. There is no school the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year, or Spring Break (early March). We are located at 500 E 300 S Whitestown, IN 46075. We can be reached at 1-317-603-1363 or [shawna@booneprairie.org](mailto:shawna@booneprairie.org), or visit our website at <http://booneprairie.org/>

## Classical Conversations

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. Classical Conversations also offers dual credit options for high schoolers through Classical Conversations Plus.

[www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com)

[www.classicalconversationsplus.com](http://www.classicalconversationsplus.com)

Contact:

Abby DuBois, [adubois@classicalconversations.com](mailto:adubois@classicalconversations.com) 317.502.3397

*Support Representative for the Carmel, Lebanon, Westfield & Zionsville areas*

Marie Hendrickson, [mhendrickson@classicalconversations.com](mailto:mhendrickson@classicalconversations.com) 317.750.5079

*Support Representative for the Noblesville & Sheridan areas*

Shawna Howell, [showell@classicalconversations.com](mailto:showell@classicalconversations.com) 513.532.4067

*Support Representative for the Fishers area*

### **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/>

### **Homeschool Meet N Play**

Fun and educational activities for kids of all ages. Contact: Erika Organ, [spastikbandanna@gmail.com](mailto:spastikbandanna@gmail.com)

### **Indy Tween Homeschoolers**

This is an inclusive group of tween (9 – 13 year old) homeschooling families that meet on a regular basis in Northern Indianapolis and Hamilton County. The purpose of the group is fun and friendship. Siblings are welcome, but activities and field trips will be tween-focused. Group discussion about tween homeschooling is welcomed here. The group discusses resources and experiences and gives gentle, friendly advice. There are currently over 100 member families.

Contact: Anna Chambley, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/198984750720088>

### **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 71<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rebeccalynnschaffer@yahoo.com), 765-620-4551. Website: [ingracecoop.com](http://ingracecoop.com). Interested families should contact us in early spring to begin the application process.

### **Life Learning Cooperative (Anderson)**

LLC is a nonprofit group of Christian 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](mailto: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](http://www.themastersstudy.org)

## Natural Indy Schools

A sister group to Natural Indy Moms and buy/sell/trade groups, this group focuses on alternative schooling options and various teaching methods such as Montessori, Co-op, Homeschooling, Unschooling, Reggio, Waldorf, etc. Please request to join this closed Facebook group for Indianapolis and surrounding areas, at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/640926036037238/>

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Teachers are Christians implementing a blend of homeschool education and traditional classroom. Classes meet at Grace Church in Noblesville.

Contact: *Emily Cochran*

317-403-9119

[admin@northpointclasses.com](mailto:admin@northpointclasses.com)

## 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/> You may also visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rootsandwingsindy/> or email us at [rootsandwingsindy@gmail.com](mailto:rootsandwingsindy@gmail.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](mailto:michelle_bryce@ameritech.net)

## The Classical Academy

The Classical Academy is a classical, Christian, university-schedule, private school serving the greater Indianapolis area in Fishers, Indiana. Our collaborative model allows parents to participate in their children's education while retaining all the benefits of professional teachers and a school community, at a fraction of the cost of a traditional five-day school. Parents assume the role of "co-teacher." The on-campus teacher introduces new concepts in class, and prepares detailed lesson plans and a checklist for each subject that parents use at home with their student. Children attend Academy classes 2 -- 3 days a week. On alternating days, they are given detailed assignments to complete at-home under the guidance of their parents <https://www.theclassicalacademy.co/>

## **Wisdom Builders**

Wisdom Builders is a Christian program for edification and enrichment. It is not a school, but offers a variety of courses led by qualified tutors and mentors. Families decide what courses will work best for them. All tutors, mentors, aides, and families proclaim to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Programs for young children have included history, art, music, drama, physical education, ballet, science with labs, general or physical science, math games, pre-algebra, Saxon Math 8/7, Saxon Math 7/6, and Saxon Math 6/5, Spanish, Latin, French, grammar, writing, phonics, literature, historical crafts, geography, Indiana History, social science, Bible, beginning piano, cooking, sewing, speech, business.

Courses for teens have included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Biology, Advanced Biology, Algebra I & II, Geometry, advanced math or Pre-calculus, grammar and composition with literature, Spanish I, II, & III, French I, II & III, Latin I, sign language, Bible courses, US history, world history & geography, speech, world literature, American literature, British literature, fine arts, writing classes, American government and economics, psychology, drama, computer, health, and sewing. All classes take place on Mondays and Tuesdays at First Baptist Church in Carmel.

*Director: Donna Rollins*

*1010 E. 126th St.*

*Carmel, IN 46033*

[Donna@wisdombuilders.net](mailto:Donna@wisdombuilders.net)

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# Statewide Organizations

## Classical Conversations (CC)

The mission of Classical Conversations is *To Know God and To Make Him Known*. The purpose of Classical Conversations is to lead the home-centered education movement by teaching parents and students the classical tools of learning so that they can discover God's created order and beauty --and as a result-- enable others to do the same. Classical Conversations fulfills its mission and purpose by establishing and supporting Classical Conversations communities across the United States and in several countries, and by empowering parents in the classical, Christian teaching of their children through Parent Practicums. We enable parents everywhere to equip their children with a Christ-centered worldview and the classical "tools of learning" in order to impact the world for God's glory. For information regarding CC, visit our main website:

[www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com) For more information regarding our dual credit options for high schoolers, visit our CC+ website: [www.classicalconversationsplus.com](http://www.classicalconversationsplus.com) To find a local parent practicum near you, visit our parent practicum website: [www.parentpracticum.com](http://www.parentpracticum.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](http://www.iahe.net)

*Region 6 (Hamilton County) Representatives: Contact the IAHE Office*

*P.O. Box 217*

*Stilesville, IN 46180*

*317-467-6244, ext. 206*

[info@iahe.net](mailto:info@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*

*317-467-6244*

[Info@IndianaHomeSchooling.org](mailto: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.html>

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# 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/>

## **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/>

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## **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 Black Home Educators (NBHE)**

The motto of NBHE is *Empowering Parents to Educate Children for Excellence*. The goal of this organization is ultimately to see strong families with healthy parent child relationships. NBHE also desires to see every child provided with the excellent education they deserve, and believes that these two goals can be achieved simultaneously through parent directed education. The organization hosts an annual National Conference that offers inspirational talks, practical how-to workshops, and useful resources for parents. NBHE is a grassroots organization that functions on the basis of parents volunteering to help other parents.

<http://www.nbhe.net/>

**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.

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

**National Home School Association (NHSA)**

The NHSA provides comprehensive support, programs, activities, and resources to the nationwide community of homeschoolers. By working hand-in-hand with our Sponsors and Affiliates the NHSA works to assist in the organizing, coordinating and advancing of the homeschooling movement for the benefit of ALL homeschoolers.

As a true nationwide organization, the NHSA can offer opportunities and support previously unavailable to homeschoolers (Terra Scholars) who love learning and consider the whole world their classroom.

It is our goal to offer enough opportunities, resources, programs and support that virtually every homeschool family will find a reason to join us.

<https://www.nationalhomeschoolassociation.com/index.php>

# Online Resources

## **A Spectacled Owl**

Begun as a way to bring giveaways to people and share reviews about products with readers, this blog quickly took off and now shares articles and information on parenting, crafts/DIY, gardening, recipes and more. It includes a *Homeschool for Free* section.

<https://aspectacledowl.com/>

## **Activity Village**

Thousands of colouring pages, kids crafts, educational resources, puzzles, printables of all sorts, worksheets, sudoku for kids and lots more fun activities for kids! Some resources are free, but many are accessible only to members for 17.5 pounds sterling per year, which is about \$22.00 U.S. dollars.

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

## **American Academy**

The American Academy offers a private, online, and fully accredited path for students around the world to recover credits, work ahead, take courses not available at their schools, augment their homeschool education, or earn a high school diploma from start to finish. With a rigorous curriculum aligned to national standards, The American Academy offers more than 100 online classes in core subjects like English, math and science, and in electives such as psychology, marketing and child development. Each course is \$238.00 per semester.

<https://www.theamericanacademy.com/>

## **Annuity.org**

The mission of Annuity.org is to educate people about annuities and structured settlements and empower them to make informed financial decisions based on their unique needs. They also offer resources to help teach your children how to manage money, from early childhood through college.

[annuity.org/financial-literacy/how-to-teach-kids-about-money/](https://annuity.org/financial-literacy/how-to-teach-kids-about-money/)

[annuity.org/financial-literacy/students/](https://annuity.org/financial-literacy/students/)

## **Brightly**

Tips and book recommendations to help you raise kids who love to read.

<https://www.readbrightly.com/>

## **Buggy and Buddy**

This website is an extensive resource for parents, homeschoolers, and classroom teachers to find ways to inspire creativity and self-confidence in their children while promoting learning and fun.

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/>

## **Classical Conversations Plus (CC+)**

The Classical Conversations Plus Program encourages families to "Stay and Save" all the way through Challenge IV graduating from high school within the Classical Conversations program. Students have the opportunity to obtain official college credit that aligns Christian scholars with collegiate assessment in an extended community while honoring the home school family. In a very uncertain and secular dual enrollment arena, we maintain admirable college standards that are stable, God-honoring, and relevant to our classical, Christian curricula.

[www.classicalconversationsplus.com](http://www.classicalconversationsplus.com) [www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com)

## **Common Sense Media**

Free lesson plans on digital citizenship, plus in-depth reviews by experts to help you find the right app, game or website for your classroom. Provides links to other, educational sites.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

### **Cosmic Kids Yoga**

Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed specially for kids aged 3+, used in schools and homes all over the world.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga/featured>

### **Curriculum Fair in a Box**

A fee-based program which provides samples of various curricula for comparison  
[http://www.3moms.com/html/homeschool\\_curriculum.asp](http://www.3moms.com/html/homeschool_curriculum.asp)

### **DuoLingo**

Duolingo's gamified approach effectively and efficiently teaches reading, listening, and speaking skills in over 30 different languages, for free. Combining the best of AI and language science, lessons are tailored to help you learn at just the right level and pace.  
<https://www.duolingo.com/>

### **Edutopia**

Although the primary audience is traditional school teachers, there's plenty of useful information here for homeschoolers. The site includes articles and DVDs on a variety of topics, including Arts Integration; Character Education; Curriculum Planning; Financial Literacy; Game Based Learning; Learning Styles; Project-Based Learning; Social Studies; Science, and more.  
<https://www.edutopia.org/>

### **EngageNY**

A set of pre-K to grade 12 English language arts and mathematics curricula created by the New York State Department of Education. Includes Algebra I and II, Geometry, Precalculus, and advanced topics (free).  
<https://www.engageny.org/>

### **Gifted at Home**

A blog that provides information and inspiration for homeschooling a gifted child.  
<https://www.giftedathome.com>

### **Global Village School**

Global Village School (GVS) offers a progressive, accredited, individualized K-12 program. Students engage with online and text-based curriculum, with many families taking advantage of our teacher services. Families benefit from our unique private school/homeschooling hybrid, which allows us to partner with families around the globe to create engaging, creative, flexible, and personalized school experiences. Our Whole Child, Healthy Planet K-8 curriculum guides and our high school homeschool diploma courses integrate peace, justice, and diversity studies with the core subjects. We recognize students as individuals with unique needs, interests, and learning styles. We adapt our homeschool curriculum to our students, rather than forcing students to adapt to the curriculum.  
<https://www.globalvillageschool.org/>

### **GoNoodle**

GoNoodle DVDs get kids moving to be their strongest, bravest, silliest, smartest, bestest selves. Over 14 million kids each month are dancing, stretching, running, jumping, deep breathing, and wiggling with GoNoodle.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoNoodleGames/featured>

### **Homegrown Learners**

This blog by a former public school music educator and homeschool mom includes information on reading for kids, homeschooling middle and high schoolers, notebooking, classical education, music education, and more.  
<http://www.homegrownlearners.com/>

## **Homer**

We combine your child's unique passions and interests with their age and reading ability to create a motivating program that supports their learning. With just 15 minutes of practice per day, HOMER is proven to increase reading scores by 74%. Designed for children ages 2 – 8, the program costs \$7.95 per month after the free trial period, for up to four children.

## **Homeschool Buyers Co-op**

Save 20%-90% on your homeschool curriculum! By pooling the purchasing power of our entire membership, we are able to call major educational publishers and homeschooling curriculum providers and negotiate much better prices for our members than they can get on their own. Membership is free!

<https://www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/>

## **Homeschool.com**

Homeschool.com was created to empower parents to create the ideal school for their child at home! Homeschool.com's founding principle is to consistently provide resources, information, and support to all homeschooling families. All the resources you need for grades pre-K through 12.

<https://www.homeschool.com/>

## **Homeschool Hideout**

This site offers loads of creative and budget-friendly homeschooling and homemaking ideas and encouragement, from one homeschooling mom to another.

<https://homeschoolhideout.com/>

## **Homeschool Reviews**

Read reviews of various packaged curricula.

<http://www.homeschoolreviews.com>

## **Homeschool Spanish Academy**

Offering live, online classes for preschoolers through adults, HSA provides an affordable and flexible way to learn Spanish. Schedule classes when it is convenient for you, and work with a certified teacher to learn grammar and vocabulary, and practice conversational Spanish. Course materials, quizzes and progress reports are included in the fee. Various packages and payment plans are available.

<https://www.spanish.academy/>

## **Homeschool Talks podcast**

Homeschool Talks is an informative podcast about all things homeschooling. We feature exciting interviews with homeschoolers from all walks of life. Each episode is packed with practical tips, inspiring stories, and more.

<https://hslida.org/content/podcast/>

## **Homeschooling with WWPL**

Westfield Washington Public Library's Facebook page for the homeschool community shares information about classes and resources available at WWPL, as well as a variety of homeschooling articles and information about resources available online throughout central Indiana.

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

## **How Wee Learn**

Lots of ideas for teaching letters, numbers, science, art and nature studies, as well as printable resources – some free and others for a reasonable price. Activities and resources are primarily for preschool and kindergarten children, but some are for elementary age, and unit studies for up to age 12 are coming soon.

## **HSLDA Online Academy**

HSLDA Online Academy courses include weekly, live sessions with qualified instructors. Subjects include Language Arts; Science; Mathematics; Government and Moot Court; Foreign Languages; Logic; Life Skills & Business; History; Economics; and Computer Skills. HSLDA members receive a discount on each class.

[academy@hsllda.org](mailto:academy@hsllda.org)

## **Imagination Tree**

Educational crafts, activities and resources for infants through early elementary-aged students.

<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

## **Indiana Career Ready.com**

Get connected to the careers that are most in-demand now and in the future. The career cluster framework helps students discover their interests and their passions by empowering them to choose the educational pathway that can lead to success in high school, college and career. \* *When linking to the "Indiana Career Explorer" function, enter "home school" into the "site, center or organization" field.*

<https://www.indianacareerready.com/Home/Index>

## **Indiana Department of Education**

Links to Indiana academic standards and resources. Please note that if you leave this page and visit their Homeschooling page, **you are not required to register your homeschool with the DOE** in the state of Indiana!

<https://www.doe.in.gov/standards>

## **Indiana History for Kids**

In this guide you'll find fun facts about famous Hoosiers, plus suggestions for historical fiction set in Indiana, recommendations for non-fiction books on a variety of Indiana history topics, and links to fun websites and apps.

<https://iupui-lis.libguides.com/c.php?g=1034923&p=7501945>

## **Indy with Kids**

This is a great source of information on kid-friendly activities and events in the greater Indianapolis area, including restaurants with free kids meals, best preschools, and a special homeschool section. Calendars are updated regularly!

<https://indywithkids.com/indy-with-kids/>

## **Kahn Academy**

This nonprofit aims to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. Created by experts, Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers.

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

## **Keystone School**

Online education programs offer quality learning in a non-traditional environment for students in K – 12. If you're seeking a different full-time learning environment or need to supplement current schoolwork, Keystone's programs are designed to meet your goal. Students can learn from any location, 24/7. Pricing varies by program.

<https://www.keystoneschoolonline.com/>

## **Kids Book Series.com**

Search for book series by age, grade, reading level and genre. The site also notes if a book in the series has been a best seller or award winner, or been made into a television show, movie or musical.

<https://www.kidsbookseries.com/>

## **Language Lizard**

This company's mission is to promote literacy in both English and home languages; support multicultural classrooms and communities; provide engaging resources that make language learning fun; and to celebrate diversity. They offer bilingual books in over 50 languages, multilingual posters, free multicultural lesson plans and more.

<https://www.languagelizard.com/>



### **Learning with LEGO Bricks**

This group is for sharing ideas for learning with LEGO® bricks. This could include build ideas, activities using LEGO® bricks, instructions and even LEGO® themed printables.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/homeschoolingwithlegobricks/>

### **Living Life and Learning**

This site shares kids printables and activities with a focus on math and science, homeschooling tips, parenting ideas and organizing tips.

<https://www.livinglifeandlearning.com/about>

### **MIT Open Courseware**

MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW) is a web-based publication of virtually all MIT course content. OCW is open and available to the world and is a permanent MIT activity.

<https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm>

### **Modern States**

Modern States believes that access to affordable education is fundamental to any philosophy that respects all individuals, and fundamental to the American dream. Modern States' initial program, Freshman Year for Free™, allows students earn up to one year of college credit without tuition or textbook expense. The courses are designed to prepare students for the major "Advanced Placement" (AP)\* or "College Level Examination Program" (CLEP)\* tests offered by the College Board, including subjects such as History, Computer Science, Math, English and Economics.

<https://modernstates.org/>

### **Mom Informed**

This site's article on getting started with homeschooling includes information about homeschooling's history, approaches, organizational strategies, resources and more. The site also offers helpful, general parenting information.

<https://mominformed.com/guide-to-homeschooling-children/>

### **NRICH**

Run by the University of Cambridge in England, NRICH provides a library of resources and curriculum-mapping documents for students ages 3 to 18 (free).

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

### **National Geographic**

National Geographic provides multiple ways for young people to explore the world — from live connections with National Geographic Explorers to fun ways to learn about science, technology, history, and more. Resources can be accessed from any device and can be used independently or collaboratively with a family member.

[https://media.nationalgeographic.org/assets/file/National\\_Geographic\\_Education\\_-\\_Family\\_Guide\\_September\\_2020.pdf](https://media.nationalgeographic.org/assets/file/National_Geographic_Education_-_Family_Guide_September_2020.pdf)

### **Old Schoolhouse**

Access to the current issue of *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*, "Homeschooling with Heart" blog, and a variety of homeschool resources.

<https://www.theoldschoolhouse.com/>

### **Online Scribblers**

This platform includes courses designed for students in grades 3 to 12 with at least moderate keyboarding skills and an interest in improving their writing while exploring new fields. Students have a full week to complete work. All courses are asynchronous and presented in written format with easy to understand examples and text. In addition to writing classes, Online Scribblers has recently added reading comprehension classes. Classes, workshops and tutoring are offered during first and second semesters, as well as in the summer. Prices vary.

<http://www.sandiegoscribblers.com/ourmission.html>

### **PowerGirlFitness**

Fun and effective fitness taught by girls for girls, featuring 10 year old, National Level competitive dancer Jessy Lipke. Recommended for teen girls at all levels of fitness. Exercise in your own home. No experience or equipment required. Progress through 3 levels of difficulty (beginner, advanced, elite) as you get stronger.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PowerGirlFitness/featured>

### **ReadWriteThink**

ReadWriteThink's mission is to provide educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials.

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

### **Scholastic**

Free lesson plans, unit studies, activities, printables and more for grades K – 12.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/home/>

### **Science Sparks**

Science Sparks is passionate about making science fun for kids. All activities are easy to do and use only equipment and materials commonly found around the home. Science for kids doesn't have to be complicated and boring, but can be great fun for both children and adults. The site has fun facts, experiments, projects and worksheets for ages 4 – 11.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/>

### **Secular Homeschool.com**

A community and information source for non-religious homeschoolers, eclectic homeschoolers, freethinking homeschoolers AND anyone interested in homeschooling irrespective of religion. Share information and resources, and connect with secular homeschoolers across the world. The site includes an extensive curriculum guide.

<https://www.secularhomeschool.com/content/#/gallery>

### **Spanicity**

Check out Spanicity for dozens of short audio lessons on Spanish basics. Take grammar courses in beginning, intermediate, or advanced levels, or use the dictionaries and quizzes in Microsoft Excel. The site offers Basic Spanish modules on the Alphabet, Most Popular Words, Numbers, and Spanish Verbs. In addition, there are 30 lessons to learn Spanish step-by-step.

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

### **Stanford on iTunes-U**

Stanford on iTunes U is an archive of audio and DVD content from schools, departments, and programs across the university on Apple's popular iTunes platform. The site includes Stanford course lectures, faculty presentations, event highlights, music and more.

<https://itunes.stanford.edu/>

### **Study Spanish.com**

This site offers hundreds of free online Spanish classes with read-and-repeat audio tutorials. Use it to study grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and common idioms. The site offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced Spanish study tracks.

<https://studyspanish.com/>

### **TeAch-nology.com**

For over a decade, TeAchnology has been providing free and easy to use resources for teachers dedicated to improving the education of today's generation of students. We feature 46,000+ lesson plans, 10,200 free printable worksheets, rubrics, teaching tips, worksheet makers, web quests, math worksheets, and thousands of other great teacher resources. We are the online teacher resource that is designed to help busy Kindergarten through High School teachers.

[http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/](http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/)

## **Thrively.com**

Thrively helps parents and teachers guide K-12 students through a journey to develop their strengths, interests, and aspirations and discover their own genius.

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

## **Time4Learning**

Affordable, on-line curriculum for pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, covering language arts, math, science and social studies. A lesson planner tool, printable worksheets, learning style guide, and homeschooling guide are also available from this site.

<https://www.time4learning.com/>

## **Traveling Homeschoolers**

Traveling Homeschoolers was created when we outgrew our Carolina Homeschooler website. Although we still offer local/regional trips for families in South Carolina, our travelers come from all over the United States, Canada, and beyond! The group travels to DC and an international destination every year, to Boston and Philadelphia and New York City every couple years, and offers a rail journey most years. The majority of families on each trip are meeting for the first time. You won't feel like an outsider, and will most likely make new lifelong friends.

<https://www.travelinghomeschoolers.com/>

## **Tufts University Free Online Courses and MOOCs**

<https://www.classcentral.com/university/tufts>

## **twinkl**

Over 525,000 teacher-created resources are downloadable from this site, for \$5.00 per month (unlimited downloads). Resources provide entire schemes of work, lesson planning and assessments, online educational games, augmented reality and more. Materials can be filtered by grade, topic, or subject area.

<https://www.twinkl.com/>

## **Udemy**

Online classes in math, art, computer science, music, language, health & wellness, and more. Many FREE classes, but no course is more than \$199.99, and there are frequent sales. Type "classes for children" in the search bar to find loads of classes for kids!

<https://www.udemy.com/>

## **Utah State University Open Courseware**

A free and open educational resource for faculty, students, and self-learners around the world. Offers courses in the following areas: Anthropology, Biological and Irrigation Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Education, Electrical and Computer Engineering, English. Family, Consumer and Human Development, History, Technology, Languages, Philosophy, Speech, Physics and Theatre Arts. The website includes images/graphics, quizzes, other interactivity, learning assignment and teacher's guide. For more information please go to: <http://ocw.usu.edu>

<https://www.merlot.org/merlot/viewMaterial.htm?id=288822>

## **Waldorf Inspired Learning**

You will find inspiration and strategies here for creating your own Waldorf homeschooling plan. Whether you are new to Waldorf or experienced, you will find scores of articles and resources on the site, to help you on your Waldorf homeschooling journey, including a blog dedicated to providing practical solutions and Waldorf homeschooling support.

<https://waldorfinspiredlearning.com/welcome-to-waldorf-inspired-learning/>

## **Westfield Washington Public Library Website**

*Departments (Children's)*: Links to children's books and audio books, educational DVDs and games, internet safety information, and this downloadable packet of homeschooling information.

<https://wwpl.lib.in.us/departments/children/>

*Resources:* Access to a variety of databases, including: “Biography in Context;” “Bird Watcher’s Digest” bird identification guide; “Driver Education” program; “Indiana Career Explorer;” “Testing and Education Reference Center;” and “Inspire,” where you can access level one of Rosetta Stone, ACT and SAT test prep materials, and “Explora” for elementary, middle, or high school (via “Databases A – Z), which provides access to full text articles with bibliographic information.

<https://wwpl.lib.in.us/departments/research/>

### **Wide Open School**

Everything on Wide Open School is carefully curated for quality by the editors at Common Sense. The site is updated daily with easy-to-use Daily Plans and new resources from partner organizations. You'll also find tools for English-language learners, support for learning and thinking differences, resources for getting set up with low-cost internet and devices, and more. Free and open to all.

<https://wideopenschool.org/#grades-3-5/>

### **Woodside Learning Center**

Woodside helps students harness their strengths, push beyond their weaknesses, and learn that challenge is not a bad thing. We believe that learning can be fun! Woodside offers classes in study skills & test prep, personal finance, and writing. Students participate in weekly lessons via the internet, and in addition to weekly lessons and readings, they interact with other students and the teacher via weekly text based discussion forums and activities. Although students work asynchronously, student interaction is an important part of the learning process; therefore, all enrolled students work on the same activity each week. Class weeks run Monday-Sunday. All assignments are due at the end of the week. Most classes are \$135.

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

### **youcubed**

Founded by Stanford University mathematics education professor Jo Boaler, youcubed provides high-quality math tasks that can be searched for by grade (K–12) or topic. Some tasks have been created by the researchers who run the site, while others are drawn from a variety of sites, including NRIC (free).

### **Zearn.org**

Free interactive math curriculum and teacher resources for grades K through 5.

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

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