

**Raymore Home Educators (RHE)  
Membership Application  
2010-2011**

**Please check one - New Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal:** \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (This information will be listed in the directory.):

Name	Date of Birth	Grade	Hobbies/Interests

**Emergency Contact Information (member/spouse will be the initial contact. The space provided is for an alternative).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues: All Members = \$20.00**

The newsletter is distributed by e-mail. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please check here \_\_\_\_\_, and enclose an additional \$10.00 with your Membership Dues

**Raymore Home Educators Waiver of Liability**

I, my heirs, assigns, and/or next of kin, hereby waive and release, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge Raymore Home Educators (RHE), any of its associations, members, family members, or the personal homeowners insurance of any members from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action lawsuits, damages and liabilities of every kind and nature for any damage to person(s), child/children or personal items, including lost or stolen items, during any meetings, field trips or any other activities organized by RHE or by any of its volunteer members.

**I fully understand the above information presented to me in this Waiver of Liability**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to Raymore Home Educators, Attn: Denise Lovell/Treasurer: P.O. Box 252, Raymore, MO 64083**

## Raymore Home Educators (RHE) Policies and Procedures

### Mission Statement

Raymore Home Educators is a support group for home schooling families. RHE provides opportunities for parents and their children to form relationships within the home school community by way of field trips, social events, and group activities. In addition, RHE provides an atmosphere for the exchange of teaching techniques and curriculum information, pertinent home school current events, and information regarding seminars and conferences. In all of these activities, Raymore Home Educators represents the home school community in a manner that honors Jesus Christ.

### RHE Statement of Faith

We welcome all families with similar goals and requirements to join us in our journey to give our children the best education possible. Many members have found a common focus of Christian faith. Expressions of faith, including, but not limited to prayer, are freely shared at many meetings and activities, and are protected within the bounds of RHE membership. This common bond is encouraged but is not a prerequisite for membership.

### RHE Framework and Policies

The leadership team evaluates the framework and policies annually, appealing to the Lord for His direction and wisdom. The general framework may change, and policies may be added or improved, as needs in the group warrant. Members are encouraged to give input at any time, as well as every spring through a written evaluation.

### Membership Requirements:

- A. Open to anyone who is interested in or actively engaged in home education
- B. Payment of \$20.00 annual dues
- C. Provision of at least one service to the group
- D. Registration form, signed liability waiver, and signed policies and procedures

### Benefits:

1. Available to members who have paid their dues **and agree to provide at least one service during the year**
2. Monthly newsletter, website/membership directory, incentive programs, participation in field trips, social events, and group activities

### Service Opportunities:

1. Members are strongly encouraged to use their skills and talents to aid, encourage, and inspire others in the group
2. Members indicate their desired area of service on the annual membership form.
3. Service Opportunity Positions for the current year are listed on the website.

**Members are expected to find their own substitutes.**

### Monthly Meetings:

1. Open to RHE members and prospective members (one time trial visit)
2. Held at First Baptist Church of Raymore, who has graciously allowed the use of their facilities.
  - a. In order to maintain a good relationship with the church, we have set up rules of behavior for children and their parents, which can be found on the website. **It is the philosophy of this group that parents are responsible for their children.**
3. Adults who have volunteered to supervise in the classrooms must have a helper with them at all times. This helper can be a teen assistant. Teens who have volunteered to help must always have at least one adult with them.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Field Trips:**

1. Field Trips are initiated and planned by a volunteer Field Trip Coordinator
2. Field trip rules are enforced
3. The signed liability form is required as a reminder that parents are responsible for the safety of their children

**State Organizations:**

RHE networks with, and supports the efforts of, Families for Home Education (<http://www.fhe-mo.org/>). Members are encouraged to belong to this group.

**Legal Information:**

1. Legal services are not provided by RHE
2. Membership in HSLDA is encouraged

**Privacy Guidelines:**

It is agreed that any personal contact information regarding RHE members will not be furnished to anyone that is not a current RHE member. The RHE website password is not to be given to anyone that is not a current member of RHE. Member information should never be used for mass email distribution, mass mail communication, or for solicitation.

**Conflict Resolution:**

As in any group situation, conflicts and misunderstandings can happen. RHE has adopted a biblical approach to conflict resolution, as found in *Matthew 18:15-17*, “*Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.*”

RHE encourages you to approach conflict in the following manner:

1. Address the member you have a problem with directly, alone, and explain in a gentle manner what you have found offensive. Try in earnest to reach a resolution.
2. Do not discuss the situation among other members.
3. If you feel you cannot resolve the situation on your own, please bring the matter to a member of the leadership team.

Please indicate the capacity in which you wish to serve. **ONE SERVICE COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING** (i.e. one commitment of childcare at a monthly meeting OR giving a presentation at a monthly meeting OR volunteering at an event, OR accepting a coordinator position, etc.).

**Please remember that RHE is strictly a volunteer group and it takes a collective effort to make it run smoothly.**

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I fully understand the above information presented to me above, and agree to abide by the RHE Policies and Procedures

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_