

Moving Mountains Co-Op Student Handbook 24-25

Mission Statement: Moving Mountains Homeschool Co-Op exists to support homeschool families by coordinating various enrichment opportunities and classes. We aim to provide a space for children to form positive relationships with peers and thrive in a group setting, to stoke their love for learning and to enjoy the beautiful property at Camp Berea.

Family Expectations: Parents must stay for the duration of the co-op. All members are required to teach or assist in at least one class per month, and/or to set up, clean up or provide supplies such as a craft. We also have other roles such as listening to Bible verses, coordinating field trips and onboarding new families. Moving Mountains teaches from a Christian perspective and we include leaders from a variety of ecumenical backgrounds. All local families are welcome, provided they respect the faith and convictions of others and adhere to the student handbook. All parents must sign the code of conduct/student handbook annually in order to participate.

Space Use: We are guests of Camp Berea and must respect their property, staff and any other groups onsite. Please keep the noise to a minimum when in the welcome center since there are offices upstairs or if employees are working in the gym. It is strictly forbidden to climb on or behind the stage or other closed/off-limits areas. Only use the designated classrooms and bathrooms that have been assigned to your group. Children must be within sight and may not wander off outdoors as there are many dangers including the waterfront, delivery trucks, work trucks and steep drop offs. All families must sign a release form from Camp Berea as well as from Moving Mountains Co-Op.

Reference Policy: We are primarily growing by word-of-mouth recommendations. Families not known to the coordinators may be asked to have a reference form (which we'll provide) filled out by a non-family member, such as a Sunday school teacher, sports coach, other teacher, etc.

Teacher Leads

Overall and 2nd-4th: Rachel VanDuzer

K/1st: Amanda Myles:

5th-8th: Jackie Garcia and Sharon Phelps

Fees: Fees are collected per 10 or 11-week term and may be adjusted based on how many families attend and how many classrooms we need. Since we rent the rooms regardless of attendance, no refunds will be given for missed weeks. A separate fund for supplies may be proposed.

Inclement Weather: We will post our final call for weather the morning of the storm. Most weeks we will try to reschedule for the Friday of the same week if a number of people can still attend that day. We will communicate via our Facebook page primarily in the event of closures.

Dress Code: Modest, non-controversial and non-political clothing is expected. If at the waterfront, Camp Berea policy is that swimsuits may only be worn at the waterfront. Only modest one piece swimsuits for girls. Swimsuits must be covered up when leaving the waterfront and boys must put their shirts back on. Shoes must be worn everywhere except the waterfront.

Illness Policy: You are the best judge of your child's health. Please use your judgment and stay home and notify your teacher/coordinator if your child has contagious symptoms within the last 24 hours such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.

Communication: Acceptance in the Facebook group will be granted for registered participants. Members will likely be removed if they are no longer active members.

Code of Conduct

This code of conduct is meant to preserve the integrity of the group and to allow the children who are interested in learning to be able to focus and flourish. The response of the teachers and co-op coordinators to violations of these standards will be appropriate for the circumstances. Please see a co-op coordinator if repeated violations are interfering with your child's experience.

1. In addition to the laws of the land and Camp Berea, I will follow these rules to the best of my ability.
2. I will respect God, my teachers and my fellow students by refraining from profane and crude language or behavior including inappropriate or violent physical contact.
3. I will treat my fellow classmates with respect, looking out for their welfare. I will refrain from cruel words and deeds. Actions that intentionally exclude, taunt, or intimidate are not allowed. If a fellow classmate asks me to stop a behavior I will respect their wishes.
4. I will use my words to build others up, not tear them down.
5. I will show respect for my teachers, listening quietly and following their directions.
6. I will show respect for my teacher and classmates' time and will not cause a disruption in class. I will be punctual.
7. I will respect the property of others' and will not take or intentionally damage anything.
8. I will not use electronic devices during class time unless specifically instructed to.
9. I will respect the rules and property at Camp Berea.
10. I will not bring weapons of any kind including toy weapons (unless specifically directed to bring for an activity like archery or outdoor survival.)
11. If I violate these policies, I understand I must seek reconciliation. If I violate policies repeatedly and no resolution has been made, I understand that my family may be asked to leave the co-op permanently depending on the severity of the offense.
12. For parents: I will take responsibility for my children. If they violate a policy, they will spend quiet time with me and we will seek a resolution. I understand that when children are enjoying free play outdoors, I will keep them in my sight at all times. I understand I am not to be alone with a child other than my own. I understand that there are differing views in our group on topics such as theology, politics, school board issues or school choice/vouchers. To preserve the unity of our group, I will not bring up these topics in a divisive manner or disparage others' convictions on these issues.
13. I have read the student handbook and my children and I will abide by this to the best of our ability.

Parents Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Child(ren's) name(s): _____
