


C.O.A.C.H. is organized exclusively for educational purposes. The cooperation is a not-for-profit organization.

The mission of C.O.A.C.H. is to provide support and encouragement to home educators in northeast Michigan. C.O.A.C.H. is a Christian group, though unaffiliated with any denomination or sect, as the Bible is the foundational authority for the Christian faith, the teaching and use of Holy Writ is encouraged in all class and activity settings.

Teachers may be Christian or non-Christian, but teachings which conflict with the Bible or orthodox Christianity are not permitted.

Due to the broadening and overuse of the term homeschooling, C.O.A.C.H. has clarified what homeschooling means for our group. “The parent is organizing and supplying core subject curriculum as defined by Michigan law, it is not being provided from a public-school entity, with the exception of those homeschooled until the point of dual enrollment in college courses.”



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OF
ALPENA-AREA
CHRISTIAN
HOMESCHOOLERS

A K-12 CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL
COOPERATIVE

WHAT IS C.O.A.C.H.?

We are a K-12 Christian home-school cooperative. We offer classes, which are held weekly during fall and winter terms, field trips, and group activities. As a cooperative, all parents are needed to be actively involved in co-teaching during classes and serving on a committee. Nursery and Pre-school are provided during classes for siblings of K-12 students only, as a convenience and benefit to our C.O.A.C.H. families.

MEMBERSHIP

The qualification for membership in this organization is that the parent(s) and their child(ren) commit to participating actively and regularly in C.O.A.C.H. - sponsored activities throughout the academic year as defined by the Board. Participation is to be characterized by cooperation, disciplined and respectful behavior, and attendance of at least one parent at C.O.A.C.H. activities where at least one child from a home is present.

Membership in the organization is fee-based, requiring annual dues to offset costs, which shall be determined by the Board. Any class, course, activity or other function hosted or sponsored by C.O.A.C.H. may require a fee for reasonable costs associated with such class, course, activity or function.

Members of the organization shall have the right to one vote per family on matters submitted to a vote of the membership including election of officers.

New members are accepted in August and December during new member registration.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

We are glad that families and students choose to be involved with C.O.A.C.H. We understand that not every class may be an interest to every child. If a child is disruptive or refuses to cooperate with the teachers, we will ask that child to sit with their parent. It is not the responsibility of C.O.A.C.H. teachers or board members to handle disciplinary issues. We will leave that in the hands of the parent.

If a child, of any age, is not in a class, they are the sole responsibility of the parent and must remain with them. This protects everyone and avoids liability issues.

WHAT DOES A C.O.A.C.H. THURSDAY LOOK LIKE?

10:00 a.m. Greeting, Announcements, Pledge to the Flag and Prayer

10:15 - 11:05 - First Hour Class

11:10 - 12:00 - Second Hour Class

12:00 - 12:30 - Lunch Time

We request that all families not participating in the 7th and up gym hour exit the building promptly at 12:30. This extra hour is to offer an optional gym class for our older students while also allowing our cleaning team time to clean the facility.

12:30 - 1:20 7th and Up Gym

1:30 - Building Will Be Closed

POLICIES

WEATHER POLICY

C.O.A.C.H. classes are cancelled if Alpena Schools are closed due to inclement weather. If we should need to cancel when Alpena Schools are open, we will send an email out by 9 a.m. Thursday morning and also post a notice on our private Facebook group. If there is sufficient reason to close after 9 a.m., we will contact everyone by phone. It is always the choice of the parent to do what is safest and best for their family. Should we have classes and your roads are unsafe, please contact the teacher liaison to let them know you will be unable to attend classes.

SICK POLICY

Our parents and teachers reserve the right to refuse a child they feel is ill. Teachers cannot administer any medications.

Please do not bring a child if he or she has:

- a temperature of 100 degrees or higher.
- had diarrhea or vomited within the last 24 hours.
- runny nose with green or yellow mucus.
- been exposed to a contagious condition (chicken pox, measles, flu, etc.) (i.e. if one child has been vomiting or has a fever, all of your family has been exposed and should remain home)