

# Support Groups in and Around Hamilton County

## Anderson Scholars Home-school Cooperative

Anderson Scholars Home-school Cooperative is a parent-led community located in Anderson, IN. Parents and students meet once a week to teach, play, learn and grow from one another. ASHC offers academic and extra curricular classes in addition to talent shows, science fairs, academic exhibitions and a drama department.

<http://www.ashcooperative.com>. You may contact Amy Crane [amcrane@bsu.edu](mailto:amcrane@bsu.edu) for more information.

## Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations will be starting a community in Sheridan in the fall of 2011. We will be offering Foundations for K4-grade 6 (9:00 - 12:00), Essentials for grade 3-grade 6 (1:00-3:00), and Challenge A for grade 7 (all day). We will be meeting on Tuesdays at CCOP. 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.

Please contact Jennifer Mervar 317-409-9715 or [jennifer.mervar@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.mervar@yahoo.com)

## 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.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FLT-Indy>

## Hamilton County Homeschoolers (HCHS)

HCHS is a support group for homeschoolers in and around the Hamilton County (Indiana) area. HCHS is an open and inclusive group and welcomes all homeschoolers, regardless of religion, age, race, or educational philosophy. HCHS has no membership requirements, no dues, and no formal structure. This is a member-led group and member volunteers help to coordinate and facilitate meetings, functions, field trips, etc. Families meet at various parks around the county on Thursdays from May – Oct and have done so for more than a decade.

Contact a moderator to join the yahoo groups list:

Jessica [jessradtke@yahoo.com](mailto:jessradtke@yahoo.com) Tami [chef@parknstore.com](mailto:chef@parknstore.com) Tammy [tammy@marquam.org](mailto:tammy@marquam.org)

There is also an amazing Teen Resource Guide in the files on the HCHS yahoo group site. There's a lot of info in there about homeschooling high school age teens, such as tutors and classes, graduation requirements, SATs, college admission, Driver's Ed, and on and on. This is a lot of information - 151 pages worth. If you need additional support or have further questions about homeschooling a teen, contact: Tammy at [tammy@marquam.org](mailto:tammy@marquam.org)

## HCHS 11-14 Sub-Group

It's hard to say who benefits the most from this group – the 11-14 year olds or the moms who form great bonds and friendships. Younger siblings are welcome. Please contact Sophie at [singingmomof6@prodigy.net](mailto:singingmomof6@prodigy.net)

## HCHS Cooperative Learning Group

This is a newly forming group which will be meeting at Westfield Friends Church on Thursday afternoons beginning Oct 2011. The primary focus is middle school and high school classes, with classes for younger children also available.

To learn more about this group, please contact Tammy at [tammy@marquam.org](mailto:tammy@marquam.org)

## HCHS Teen Social Group

This is a small, diverse group of teens who get together weekly for social activities. Some specific activities are planned, but the teens often prefer just hanging out, playing board games, talking, watching a DVD, etc. The teens make most decisions about their group for themselves. Contact Lydia at [pinkunicorn@prodigy.net](mailto:pinkunicorn@prodigy.net)

## **In-Grace Co-Op**

This is a fairly academic Christian group that offers replacement classes. Parental involvement is required. Annual dues and tuition fees apply. Recent classes include Science, Writing, Spanish, PE, and Art. Groups meet on Mondays at Fall Creek Baptist Church near 71st St. in Indianapolis.

Contact Lisa Anderson at [LisaA@keynote.org](mailto:LisaA@keynote.org) or 841-0866

## **ISI ~ "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."**

(Proverbs 27:17)

The ISI (Iron Sharpens Iron) Homeschool Co-op is a Christ-centered group encouraging the development of Christian fellowship and education with like-minded families. ISI meets each Thursday afternoon in the Noblesville area and provides classes for children of all ages. The group meets for 12-week semesters in fall and spring. Parental participation is expected as part of co-op membership. ISI charges an annual membership fee plus a per-semester facility fee; cost of classes varies. Contact Jackie Reynolds at [isi@thereynolds.us](mailto:isi@thereynolds.us) for more information or to receive a membership packet and application.

## **\*LIFE**

Christian homeschool co-op in Noblesville. Further information not yet provided.

Contact Joanne Miner at: [JoannewithLife@gmail.com](mailto:JoannewithLife@gmail.com)

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

Life Learning Cooperative (in Anderson) offers a wide range of classes for preschool-high school and a drama program, LLC Thespians. Cooperative meets in Anderson on Fridays from 9am to 3pm.

Contact [lifelarningcoop@gmail.com](mailto:lifelarningcoop@gmail.com) for information.

## **Master's Study**

THE MASTER'S STUDY IS more than just a "homeschool group." We don't exactly fit the traditional notions of a school or academy. We aren't a cooperative, and we're a bit more than a group that meets at the library every third Tuesday. Our focus is to inspire a love of learning that grows out of a true liberal arts education. Meeting weekly, THE MASTER'S STUDY is a true tutelage - a program that enhances a home educator's existing program through a study of the liberal arts from a historically Classical Christian perspective. Our program for grades PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> meets every Monday starting early September and ending late May. In true Classical style, our entire school rotates on an historical four-year cycle that includes Creation to the Fall of Rome, The Fall of Rome to the US Constitution, The US Constitution through the 19th Century, and Modern Times. Additional studies include: art, music, recitation, science, and Latin. Our high-school program builds on the very seeds we plant in the youngest of students. Meeting twice weekly, these students study a humanities core of history, literature & composition, logic, and rhetoric while opting into other electives such as math, science and language. Take some time to learn more about The Master's Study by visiting our website at [www.themastersstudy.org](http://www.themastersstudy.org).

## **Northpoint**

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

Contact Information/Mailing Address 7-12:

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Northpoint Homeschool Classes

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Indianapolis, IN 46220

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Contact Information/Mailing Address K-6:

Shawn Moore 317-717-1439

Northpoint Homeschool Classes

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Noblesville, IN 46060

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## **Pilgrims in Progress**

This is a Christian homeschool cooperative consisting of up to 15 families. We are actively seeking new members for the 2011-2012 school year. We meet near 136th and Meridian St. in Carmel, IN. Since 1991, we've remained a hands on learning co-op for children ages K-12. pre-school is included for families with children ages K-12 participating. Mom's participate in the teaching weekly on Thursdays 1-4 pm Sept.-April. We include field trips, sports activities, drama, as well as the weekly academic classes, etc. For more information please Contact Toni Hughes Graff at [317-388-9622](tel:317-388-9622) or [tonigraff@hotmail.com](mailto:tonigraff@hotmail.com)

## **Roots and Wings Co-Op**

This group strives to provide a community of support for homeschooling families on the north side of Indianapolis 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! Subscribe to their online list by sending a blank message to: [Roots and Wings Co-op-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Roots_and_Wings_Co-op-subscribe@yahoo.com) or visit [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Roots and Wings Co-op/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Roots_and_Wings_Co-op/)

## **Tipton Area Christian Home Educators (TACHE)**

TACHE (Tipton Area Christian Home Educators) is a home school support group serving families primarily in Tipton County, Hamilton County and the Elwood area (Madison County). Their goal is to "enrich one another through shared group experiences within a Christian atmosphere." TACHE offers access to supplemental enrichment classes (such as art, dance, arts & crafts, choir) six Mondays/semester, drama for ages 8-18, Stanford Testing, high school graduation, chess club, field trips, spelling and geography bees, family & teen social events, Parent/Teen Spring Cotillion, Christmas & Spring Programs, etc. They also have a library that contains an abundance of curriculum for members to check-out for the academic year. Weekly e-mails are sent to TACHE members to distribute information regarding community opportunities that might be of interest to home school families. TACHE also has a website which has an event's calendar, photo gallery and prayer & news forums. Membership, class registrations as well as activity sign-ups are all handled through the website. TACHE is an open support group. Membership fees are \$30.00-\$40.00/year depending on when you join. New members are welcome to join anytime during the school year. Contact Alan and Susan Roy at [royfamily@iendeavor.com](mailto:royfamily@iendeavor.com) or 765-292-2455 -or- Marty and Teala Mainzer at [7mainzer@ccrtc.com](mailto:7mainzer@ccrtc.com) or 765-292-2833 for more information or check out their website at: [www.homeschool-life.com/in/tache](http://www.homeschool-life.com/in/tache)

## **White River Christian Home Educators (in Anderson)**

Offers nursery, preschool, and co-op classes up through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Meets at Eastside Church of God in Anderson. They also offer drama, with 2 productions per year. Contact Janet Gernand [765-759-6924](tel:765-759-6924) [janetbabyart@aol.com](mailto:janetbabyart@aol.com)

## **Wisdom Builders**

Wisdom Builders is a Christian homeschool program that meets at First Baptist Church, which is on the corner of 126<sup>th</sup> and Keystone in Carmel. They offer a variety of classes that parents can pick and choose for their children. The classes are for students in preschool to high school and are from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Subjects are taught by qualified, Christian instructors and from a Christian perspective. Some of the classes offered include Spanish, French, Latin, history, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and other science classes, Excellence in Writing, Literature, Grammar, Algebra, geometry, Pre-Cal and other math classes, art, drama, physical education, ballet, music, phonics, sewing, computer instruction, Indiana History, special units, and math games. They also have a preschool program from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for ages 2 to 5. The preschool is very much activity oriented with activities centering around a letter each week. High school classes use Apologia sciences, Saxon math classes, Abeka English, Abeka History, Memorial Press for Latin, and Bob Jones Spanish. Contact Donna Rollins, director of Wisdom Builders, at [donna@wisdombuilders.net](mailto:donna@wisdombuilders.net) or 578-8979. Web site is [www.wisdombuilders.net](http://www.wisdombuilders.net).

\* Information for groups marked with an asterisk was not verified in July 2011. All others were verified and updated as needed. We try to re-verify all groups information annually. Changes/additions can be added quarterly. If you know of a support group not listed here, please contact Tammy in the Children's Department.