

Berean Homeschool Group (BHG) Application for Membership

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

(By submitting your email address you are agreeing to being put on the BHG yahoo loop)

Facebook Name: _____

(required to be invited to the BHG secret facebook group)

Children's Names & Grades: _____

Church Membership: _____

BHG membership fee of \$25 made payable to Julie Hull, Treasurer, is enclosed (**\$20 if hand delivered or postmarked by Wednesday, August 17**).

I agree to volunteer to help with at least one activity in the course of the school year.

I have read and signed the BHG By-Laws and returned them to the BHG Director:

Signature

BEREAN HOMESCHOOL GROUP BY-LAWS

Statement of Faith:

Berean Homeschool Group (BHG) holds to the Declaration of Faith as stated in the Berean Baptist Church (BBC) Constitution and By-Laws, Article IV.

We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. II Timothy 3:16,17 (See IV.I)

We believe that God is eternally existing as one in His essence yet, three in His persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (See IV.II)

We believe in the Genesis account of creation as being neither allegory nor myth, but a literal historical account of the direct immediate creative acts of God without any evolutionary process; that man (spirit, soul, and body) was created by a direct work of God. Gen. 1-2:25 (See IV.III)

We believe that sin separates man from God; that there is no remission of sin apart from the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and man's repentance. Romans 6:23 (See IV.V)

We believe salvation of sinners is only of grace, a free gift of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Eph. 2:8-9 (See IV.VI)

Purpose:

Berean Homeschool Group is a ministry of Berean Baptist Church. The purpose of BHG is three fold:

To provide resources to assist the family in training their children academically through field trips, science and history fairs, helpful parent meetings, etc.

To encourage strong, traditional family units by preparing students spiritually with a solid theological foundation that emphasizes Christ-likeness, servant leadership, a biblical world view, and a strong work ethic through ministry opportunities.

To strengthen the student through these educational and theological goals, so that they may vigorously and purposefully pursue God's will for their lives.

Positions/Procedures:

Participation in BHG will be open to members of BBC and members of churches of like faith. Membership in BHG requires agreement with the BHG By-Laws and payment of an annual membership fee. This agreement will be in the form of signature and payment. Application for membership can be downloaded at <http://www.bereanhomeschool.org>.

BHG will recognize the following positions: BHG Director, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Field Trip Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, and Administrative Counsel.

The **BHG Director** may be filled by one person and will be appointed by the Administrative Pastor of BBC. Duties will include offering support to members of BHG, holding at the minimum quarterly meetings, overseeing all activities of BHG, and communicating with the leadership of BBC.

The **Treasurer** will handle all the money for BHG. The Treasurer will provide a financial accounting twice a year. A member of BHG who is not an officer in BHG will be asked to perform an audit of funds and expenditures once per year.

The **Newsletter Editor** will format approved activities and submit information into a newsletter and publish it on a monthly basis.

The **Field Trip Coordinator** will coordinate field trips for the BHG. All BHG field trips must be submitted for approval to the BHG Director. Field Trips may be organized by other members of BHG but must be communicated to the Field Trip Coordinator. Upon approval of BHG field trips, the information will be communicated via the homeschool yahoo loop, the website calendar, and the newsletter.

The **Special Events Coordinator** will be responsible for coordinating events such as the Science Fair, History Fair, Geography Fair, and Achievement Testing. The Science Fair, History Fair and Geography Fair will not require membership in BHG. Achievement testing will be provided for BHG members only. BHG will require that testing facilitators be members of BHG or BBC.

The **Administrative Counsel** will be comprised of two members-at-large of BHG. This position will be appointed by the BHG Director and the Administrative Pastor of BBC.

Only faithful members of BBC may volunteer for these positions. The volunteer will commit to serve for a term of one year. A single volunteer may fill more than one position at the same time and may serve more than one term. All volunteers must be approved by the Administrative Pastor of BBC. New positions may be created by the BHG Director and approved by the Administrative Pastor as need arises.

Rules of Conduct:

Participants in BHG will dress modestly and behave appropriately for all activities/classes. Chaperones must make personal arrangements for childcare and take responsibility for the children in their care. No running inside of buildings, parking lots, climbing on furniture or banisters will be permitted. No name-calling or rude behavior will be tolerated. Music and movies should not be topics of conversation. BHG field trips may be opened to other homeschool groups or to the church family at the discretion of the BHG Director. Participants will be expected to abide by the Rules of Conduct for BHG members.

As we are associated with BBC, we recognize we are a testimony of Jesus Christ and our church, as well as our choice of education. We must exhibit the highest Biblical standards of personal conduct and be willing to apply Biblical principles in all that we do.

Living in accordance with these By-Laws, I desire to be a part of BHG.

Printed Name

Signature

Date