

Home Education 101

Mentoring Class Registration

******Please keep a copy of this completed form for your records.******

This class is offered by TCHE to current members. The class is free and the cost of the book is \$25. The book is yours to keep and it can be used again if you wish to take the course next year.

The book was written by our very own Vicki Bentley. Below is the list of topics covered in the book. The classes will be on 4 Saturdays spread out through Oct-Nov. The time will be 10am-3pm with a lunch break in the middle. We will meet at the UKROPS at Colonial Square (Colonial Heights location) in the meeting room in the back, left of the store, behind the pharmacy.

Chapters include:

1. Getting Started
2. Choosing Curriculum
3. Organizing your Time
4. Learning & Teaching Styles
5. Getting Dinner on the Table
6. Testing and Evaluations-Feb. meeting
7. Teaching Tips
8. Organizing your Home
9. Lessons Learned-June meeting

The books will be ordered when we receive this form from you. There is no refund on the purchase of the books. If you find that you cannot complete the class the books can be used again if you are available to take the class next year. You can review much of the information in them on your own and still get a great benefit too.

If you have any question please contact
Ann Hoopsick, TCHE Support Group Leader 520-5018

Name _____
Address _____
City/state/zip _____
phone _____
e-mail _____

MUST RECEIVE REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 30TH.

Make checks payable to **TCHE** : ____ \$25 book

Mail to: **TCHE PO BOX 1136 Colonial Heights, VA 23834**

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date _____ Check _____ Cash _____ Book ordered _____ RF _____

Dear Precious New Homeschooler:

For over seventeen years, Tri-Cities Home Educators support group has endeavored, with God's help, to meet the needs of homeschooling families in our area. As we have grown, we have recognized that the larger-group experience of the regular meetings can be overwhelming to the new homeschooler, so we are excited to offer something *just for you* – **Home Education 101!**

This “basic course” does not replace the support group, but is designed to offer committed new homeschoolers a smaller-group opportunity to meet with other parents “in the same boat” to learn about topics of interest specifically to first- or second-year homeschoolers. I encourage you to get to know other parents in the group and to form relationships so you will feel like “part of the family” as you attend larger-group events together.

Other topics of general interest to homeschoolers of all “ages” will be covered at the regular support group meetings and topical workshop, which we encourage you to attend.

It will be helpful for you to glance through the workbook's first chapter, **Beginning the Incredible Journey**. You will want to bring a pen or pencil to take notes, as well as any “how to begin” questions you may have. At this point, you have probably already filed a Notice of Intent to Provide Home Instruction with your local superintendent, or filed your Religious Exemption paperwork with the school board (if not, feel free to call me for clarification), so your questions will probably pertain to goal setting, choosing curriculum, homeschool budgets, recordkeeping, resources, terminology, etc.

On the schedule in your introductory packet, you will find a class list with topics, dates/times, and directions. Please note that the meetings are Parents Only because we have a lot of material to cover in a short time and want you to be able to focus fully on the material; thank you for making child care arrangements in advance (nursing babies are always welcome). If you must miss a class, thank you for extending the courtesy of a call to the mentor so she does not await your arrival before beginning the session.

We will be covering two sessions per Saturday with a lunch break between, so please bring your lunch or come prepared to purchase something to munch on; Ukrops does have a cafeteria. *The exception will be the first class*, when we'll have just one session from 10 a.m. till 12:30.

We hope these sessions will help you feel more securely equipped to carry out the work to which you are called, and that you will be blessed beyond measure as you embark on this wonderful adventure!

Joyfully serving Christ,
Vicki Bentley and Ann Hoopsick

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- Session 1: Beginning the Incredible Journey!**
- Research homeschooling*
 - Research the law*
 - Know your support organizations*
 - Set goals for your children*
 - Choose curriculum*
 - Gather supplies*
 - Establish a schedule*
 - Other basics*
 - Q & A*
- Session 2: Organizing Your Time**
- How do I get it all done?*
 - Lesson planning*
 - Basic Time Management for home and school*
 - Sample schedules, lists, etc.*
 - Q & A*
- Session 3: Curriculum Overview**
- Samples of various materials/approaches*
 - Understanding your worldview*
 - Catalogs/resources*
 - Resources to help you make informed decisions*
 - Buying used curriculum*
 - Q & A*
- Session 4: Getting Dinner on the Table the Same Day You Homeschool**
- Session 5: Testing and Evaluations (Will be covered at a regular support group meeting)**
- Yes, you can do it yourself*
 - Test sources*
 - Options for students who don't test well*
 - Acceptable scoring*
 - Portfolios and evaluations*
 - Q & A*
- Session 6: Teaching Tips**
- Session 7: Home Education with Style**
- Learning Styles*
 - Teaching Styles*
 - Q & A*
- Session 8: Organizing Your Home**
- How this impacts home education*
 - Creating a "learning lifestyle" environment*
 - Suggested resources*
 - Q & A*
- Session 9: Lessons Learned! (Will break into small groups in our regular meeting)**
- What I will do again next year*
 - What I will definitely change!*
 - Our family – Before and After*