



Support Group

Guidelines

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SECTION 1

DEFINITION OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be “Christian Home Educators of Hattiesburg (CHEH).”

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

This group shall be made up of Christian families actively involved in home educating their children. The purpose of this group is to provide spiritual and emotional support, as well as providing enriching ministry, academic and recreational activities to member families.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A. The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, God’s infallible Word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters to which it speaks. In the English language, we believe the Authorized King James Version to be a complete and accurate version of the original manuscripts. It is complete in its current form with no scriptures missing or lost. The Holy Bible is not to be added to or taken away from. In CHEH matters regarding scriptural interpretation, the KJV will be the guiding source to resolve and answer questions of CHEH business matters; membership; and group activities. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 19:7-11; Prov. 30:5-6; Jer. 23:29; Heb. 4:12; Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; Rev. 22:18-19).

B. We believe there is one God, creator of all things, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (same in substance, equal in power and glory) (Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4-6; Acts 17:24-29; Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:15-20; John 1:1-3; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; I John 5:20; Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 45:6; Isaiah 48:16; Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 9:14; I Cor. 2:11-16).

C. We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead (Isaiah 9:6; Gal. 4:4; John 17:5; Hebrews 10:5; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:34-35; Hebrews 7:26; John 14:11; I Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:22; I Cor. 15; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 19:11-21; 20:11-15).

D. We believe man was created good in the image of God but fell into sin, and is therefore totally depraved, and needs to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit for salvation (Gen. 1:31; Eccl. 7:29; Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12; Ps. 51:5; Gen. 8:21; Eph. 2:1-4; Rom. 3:10-18; Rom. 8:7-8; I Cor. 2:14; Jer. 13:23; John 6:44,63,65; John 1:12-13; John 3:3-8; Titus 3:3-5; Acts 16:14; Ezekiel 11:19; 36:25-27).

E. We believe that salvation is a gift of God given to man by grace alone through faith alone in the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ alone (Jonah 2:9; Eph. 2:8-10; Philippians 1:29; Acts 5:31, 11:17-18; 2 Tim. 2:25; Rom. 3:21-28; Rom. 4:5; Philippians 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-6; Heb. 9:28; John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

F. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to regenerate, seal, indwell, teach, convict, and empower the believer for godly living and service (John 1:13; John 3:3-8; Titus 3:3-5; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; Rom. 8:9; John 14:16-18; 14:26; 16:13; 16:8; Rom. 8:13; 2 Tim. 1:7; Zech. 4:6; Col. 1:29).

G. We believe Christ, the Head of the Church, has commanded the Body of Christ to make disciples of all nations. The universal visible Church will extend to all the people groups of the world; therefore all peoples are of equal importance in the Body of Christ (Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:15; Eph. 2:14-20; 4:4-6; Rev. 5:9; 7:9; Matt. 24:14; Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:4-26; Gal. 3:28; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 20:27; Titus 2:2).

H. We believe that Christian parents have the privilege and responsibility to raise their covenant children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Gen. 18:19; Ex. 12:24-27; Deut. 4:9-10; 6:7-9; 8:5; 11:18-21; Joshua 24:15; I Sam. 3:13; I Chron. 22:6-16; Ps. 44:1; Ps. 71:18; Ps. 78:1-8; Ps. 145:4; Prov. 3:12; 4:1-4; 13:24; 19:18; 22:6; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15,17; Isa. 38:19; Mal. 4:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 2 Tim. 3:15).

I. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God, (Gen. 1:26-27) and that rejection of one’s natural born biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

J. We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one naturally born man and one naturally born woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen. 2:18-25.)

K. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a naturally born man and a naturally born woman who are married to each other, (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4) and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a naturally born man and a naturally born woman married to each other.

L. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God, (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.)

M. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11.) and that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies of CHEH.

N. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of CHEH and to provide a biblical role model to the members and the community, it is imperative that all persons that are members in any capacity, and/or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith in its entirety. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Holy Bible itself (with nothing added to or taken from), being the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with

final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe for purposes of CHEH Statement of Faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline.

In signing this Statement of Faith, the signer would be agreeing to his/her belief of and agreement with this statement of faith and agreement to abide by our current guidelines (available on our website or in print from our chairman).

Signature _____

Date _____

SECTION 2

OBJECTIVES

- A. To conduct meetings of a regular basis.
- B. To provide information pertaining to the rights and privileges of home education as it relates to Mississippi Law.
- C. To provide information concerning CHEH activities and home education issues.
- D. To provide recreational and educational activities.

SECTION 3

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Christian parents who are currently educating their children at home qualify for membership. The completed application with both parents' / guardian's signature on the statement of faith must be approved by the Sub-Committee. Parents must also agree to Sections 3, 4, and 11 of these Guidelines prior to application approval.
- B. Annual dues are required. Late fee applied after September 1st.
- C. Exceptions will be considered regarding single mothers.
- D. The Mississippi Home Educators Association, (MHEA), shall be considered an honorary member and be sent a copy of membership list. Members may elect to have their name removed from the membership list sent to MHEA.

SECTION 4

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of each member family to work out the education of their own children. It is highly recommended and a qualification for membership and/ or representation by the Home School Legal Defense Association that parents teach at least 51% of the curriculum.

- A. Annual dues must be paid prior to June 1st of the school year. A late charge will be assessed for annual dues paid after September 1st of said school year. Scholarships are available for families with financial hardships. Call chairman for details.
- B. In order for a family to participate in scheduled CHEH activities, membership dues must be current.
- C. Members are required to comply with the Mississippi Compulsory Attendance Law by submitting a certificate of enrollment with their county attendance officer on or before the date specified by law.
- D. Members are required to participate in at least one area of service as listed on the application.
- E. Families must comply with all CHEH activity policies. See Section 11.
- F. A parent must accompany his or her child/children to any activity. If a parent cannot, a release form transferring responsibilities to another adult must be signed. (Copy this form from Section 13 and have the adult who chaperones your child return it to the coordinator of the event.)
- G. Prospective graduates and their parents are required to have been active CHEH members for at least the three years leading up to and including the prospective graduate's senior year. (Active means participating in CHEH functions such as family/parent events, field trips, and youth loop events. Whether a family and prospective graduate is active or not is determined solely by the application/graduation committee. Participation in approximately one half of CHEH functions such as family/parent events and one half of the CHEH Youth Loop events will be used by the application/Graduation committee as a 'rule of thumb' to make this determination.) Any family that was not home schooling for those three years mentioned, but begins home schooling during the student's junior year, may petition the application/graduation committee for membership and graduation participation no later than September 1 of the student's junior year. That family will need letters of recommendation from two current active CHEH member families before the committee will consider the application and consider participation in graduation. If approved for membership and graduation, that family would be required to pay upfront by September 1 of the senior year, a \$100 nonrefundable fee. This new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active status requirement as mentioned above. Any family moving into the Hattiesburg area during the student's junior or senior year will need to provide two letters of recommendation from their previous homeschool support group, one letter being from the chairman of that group and the other being from another member of that homeschool support group or their pastor. After the recommendation letters have been received, the application will be considered. If approved, this new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active" status requirement as mentioned above. The graduate and at least one parent are expected to attend all graduation planning meetings to the fullest extent possible.
- H. All functions sponsored by CHEH are for members only. Grandparents and ministers are always welcome.
- I. Members shall not give out or share any information from the membership roster to other persons or organizations who are not current CHEH members.

J. Members are to follow the leadership of the person in charge of any activity, and conduct themselves in a Christian manner at all times (see Section 11).

K. Members are encouraged to meet and interact with attendance officers and other public officials.

L. Members are expected to volunteer to help set up and clean up any attended CHEH function.

M. Members are encouraged to participate in the field trips provided in their regional area and volunteer to host these field trips and events.

SECTION 5 OFFICERS

A. The Officers shall be:

1. Chairman
2. Executive Officer
3. Treasurer
4. Legal Coordinator
5. Editor
6. Communications Coordinator
7. Field Trip Coordinator(s)
8. Librarian
9. Hospitality Coordinator(s)
10. Youth Activities Coordinator(s)

B. Officers who have performed well in their duties may serve up to four (4) consecutive terms in that position.

C. A sub-committee of at least three officers, chosen by the Chairman, will review and approve all applications, and will approve exceptions for the commencement exercise and/or reception.

D. The Steering Committee will be chosen by the Chairman. The Steering Committee's duties will include:

1. Assist the Chairman and Executive Officer in their duties.
2. Give overall direction to the group.
3. Establish annual budget and membership dues.
4. Make changes to the application and statement of faith as necessary.
5. Add offices and officers to the group as needed.

SECTION 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Any member wanting to volunteer for the position of Chairman may contact the current chairman and make their request. Volunteerism is encouraged over nominations.

B. The Chairman will be elected by the membership.

C. The names of the persons volunteering will be received through April 1st.

D. The names will be announced in writing at least one month prior to the election.

E. Each family will have one vote.

F. Election will be at a membership meeting following written notification.

G. Members can petition Steering Committee for absentee votes if a conflict prevents attendance at the election.

H. The new chairman may select/appoint the remaining officers.

I. All new officers will take office June 1.

SECTION 7 QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Persons seeking an office must meet the following requirements:

A. Must have been personally involved in Home Education for at least one year.

B. Must be familiar with the duties of the office volunteered for, follow duties as set forth in Section 8, and be willing to perform those duties.

C. The miscellaneous duties of officers include:

1. Greet guests and members at parent meetings. (Officers are not expected to set up, conduct or clean up after special meetings, talent shows, harvest feast, graduation, etc.)
2. Attend officer meetings.

SECTION 8 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

All officers are non-paid volunteers. It is the responsibility of the membership to assist the officers in all areas of service for the success of all meetings and CHEH activities as a whole.

A. Chairman

1. Call, direct, and conduct all Steering Committee and membership meetings.
2. See that all officers are fulfilling their duties properly.
3. Maintain the slate of officers throughout the year.
4. Provide and administer the nomination and election process for chairman.
5. Mail membership applications to prospective members.
6. Receive membership applications and dues, present applications to the Sub-Committee, and, upon approval, transfer monies to Treasurer.
7. Provide or delegate the mailing of a membership packet to new members.
8. Maintain an updated membership list throughout the year, and provide a membership list to each member in a timely fashion.
9. Keep the editor informed of new members in order that their names appear in the next newsletter.

10. Check Post Office box on a regular basis.
11. Communicate to Executive Officer all leadership information and CHEH activities.
12. Appoint the Steering Committee and Sub-Committee.
13. Delegate a volunteer to maintain and update an information packet at the local library.
14. Maintain contact with Attendance Officers.
15. Approve all unexpected expenses not covered by the Steering Committee.
16. Keep names of families using HSLDA discount for use by MHEA.

B. Executive Officer

1. Assist the Chairman with his duties.
2. Record minutes at Steering Committee and membership meetings.

C. Editor

1. Edit, publish and email a newsletter to all members on a bi-monthly basis. The newsletter should contain information regarding field trips, special meetings, and events and items of interest to the membership
2. Enlist a committee, as needed, to assist in fulfilling these duties.
3. To publish a list of new members' names, addresses and phone numbers in subsequent newsletters as received from the chairman.

D. Treasurer

1. Maintain a checking account for the group.
2. Insure all approved monies are refunded.
3. Collect membership dues from the chairman and keep accurate records of all financial transactions.
4. Make treasury reports available in newsletter as directed by the chairman.
5. Insure all expenditures beyond the established budget are approved by the chairman.

E. Communications Coordinator

1. Recruit members to serve on communications committee.
2. Activate communications when appropriately instructed by the chairman, or his designee.
3. Communications will be activated only in matters relating to home education and CHEH issues.

F. Field Trip Coordinator(s)

1. Field trip coordinator(s) will be segregated by regions as needed to encourage friendships in local areas and allow for activities requiring and/or accommodating only small groups. The Sub-Committee will determine the number of field trip coordinators needed.
2. Select a committee to help plan and coordinate monthly field trips, social, ministry and educational functions for their regional area.
3. Present the chairman or his designee with a list of proposed events and dates. The purpose of this submission is to eliminate conflicting dates with planned group meetings and activities.
4. Field trip coordinator(s) are responsible for finding a host for each event.

- a. The host is responsible for arriving early and staying until the field trip or event is completed.
- b. Insure that the field trip or event area is as clean or cleaner than when we arrived.
- c. Insure a note of thanks has been written to the person/company that hosted the field trip or event.
- d. If no host is available, the field trip or event will be, or may be cancelled

5. Give notice of upcoming events at membership meetings.
6. Provide editor with field trip information to publish in the newsletter.
7. Insure that all members participating in the event conduct themselves in a proper manner.
8. Provide maps for out-of-town field trips and events.

G. Hospitality Coordinator(s)

1. The Sub-Committee will determine the number of coordinators needed.
2. Recruit volunteers to assist in hosting special events.
3. Make arrangements for refreshments as needed at meetings.
4. Enlist and coordinate the clean-up after special events (Thanksgiving Feast, Legislative meeting, etc.).

H. Legislative Coordinator

1. Be familiar with the state laws regarding home education and be able to explain them to others.
2. Keep membership informed of pending legislation regarding the law as it relates to home education through membership meetings, available communications, and mail.
3. Be the contact person for HSLDA discount when applicable.
 - a. Mail HSLDA forms to members upon request.
 - b. Keep a list of members using discount.
 - c. Give Chairman a list of members using discount.
 - d. HSLDA discount is for paid CHEH members only and on yearly basis meeting HSLDA's requirements. ALL discounts are verified by HSLDA through MHEA's designee.

I. Librarian

1. Provide placement of the CHEH library in a central location. The Sub-Committee must approve the location.
2. Maintain the library.
3. Maintain record keeping of materials borrowed.

J. Youth Activities Coordinator(s)

1. The Sub-Committee will determine the number of coordinators needed.
2. Recruit volunteers to plan, coordinate and carry out field trips, social, ministry and educational functions. Students participating in the youth activities must have reached the seventh (7th) grade and be at least twelve (12) years old.
3. Future expansion of youth activities may call for age and grade segregation. This will be determined by the Youth Activities Coordinator and Sub-Committee.

4. Present the Chairman or designee with a list of proposed events and dates. The purpose of this submission is to eliminate conflicting dates with planned group meetings and activities.
5. Youth Activities Coordinator is responsible for finding a host for each event.
6. Give notice of upcoming events at membership meetings as well as provide the editor information to publish in the newsletter.
7. Insure that all members participating in the event conduct themselves in a proper manner (See Section 4H and Section 11).
8. Provide information to parents and students regarding GED, ACT, Scholarships, Drivers Education, etc., as available.
9. During events, chaperones and parent hosts are the only persons allowed to transport students from one event to another. Exception: students may transport themselves during events, but may not transport other students without written permission signed by parent.
Students arriving in the same vehicle may leave in the same vehicle.

SECTION 9 GRADUATION

- A. The commencement exercise (and/or reception) is an important but optional event and is not mandatory or obligatory of CHEH to provide. Fulfilling the duties of the commencement exercise and/or reception is the responsibility of the graduating parents. The commencement exercise and/or reception may be cancelled if deemed necessary by the Graduation Coordinator and Sub-Committee. The needs and responsibilities not delegated or volunteered for are deemed unnecessary and will not be fulfilled, i.e. invitations, photos, diplomas. The commencement exercise can be held without a reception and vice-versa. The preferred location for the ceremony is a church. If no church is available, suggestions will be considered for other venues; however, the final decision will be made by the Graduation Coordinator and Sub-Committee. Any cost will be divided equally among graduate families. Every effort will be made to secure a cost-effective location. For this reason, at least one parent must accompany the graduate to the planning meetings beginning in January.
- B. Graduation Coordinator is in charge and responsible to oversee all aspects of the CHEH commencement exercise and/or reception. All ideas/decisions must be acceptable to Chairman prior to action.
- C. The Graduation Coordinator is responsible to:
1. Locate a suitable place for the commencement exercise and/or reception.
 2. Meet with the graduating families to discuss and delegate responsibilities to graduate families and general membership.
 3. Keep Chairman and/or his designee informed of all plans and activities. Approval of Chairman is necessary.
 4. Secure volunteers to set up commencement exercise and/or reception.
 5. Secure volunteers to clean up after commencement exercise and/or reception.

6. Use available CHEH members and/or persons from the home education community as master of ceremonies, special music and commencement speaker, if applicable.
- D. CHEH colors are gray and silver for cap and gowns, tassels, diploma covers, and are best for other items such as decorations, etc. Display boards at commencement reception are best if uniform and within color scheme.
- E. Attire for graduation: Boys—black or navy pants with black or navy shoes or khaki pants with brown shoes; white collar shirts with or without tie. Girls—dark colored dress with black or navy shoes. Attire should be professional for other participants in ceremony.
- F. CHEH does not sponsor, host or encourage senior parties or prom-type events/atmosphere. CHEH holds to a conservative Christian standard opposed to that of the world as a witness of our faith. Any such event must be held outside the realm of CHEH and without CHEH funds.
- G. Prospective graduates and their parents are required to have been active CHEH members for at least the three years leading up to and including the prospective graduate's senior year. (Active means participating in CHEH functions such as family/parent events, field trips, and youth loop events. Whether a family and prospective graduate is active or not is determined solely by the application/graduation committee. Participation in approximately one half of CHEH family/parent events and one half of the CHEH Youth Loop events will be used by the application/graduation committee as a 'rule of thumb' to make this determination.) Any family that was not home schooling for those three years mentioned, but begins home schooling during the student's junior year, may petition the application/graduation committee for membership and graduation participation no later than September 1 of the student's junior year. That family will need letters of recommendation from two current active CHEH member families before the committee will consider the application and consider participation in graduation. If approved for membership and graduation, that family would be required to pay upfront by September 1 of the senior year, a \$100 nonrefundable fee. This new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active" status requirement as mentioned above. Any family moving into the Hattiesburg area during the student's junior or senior year will need to provide two letters of recommendation from their previous homeschool support group — one letter being from the chairman of that group and the other letter being from another member of that homeschool support group or their pastor. After the recommendation letters have been received, the application will be considered. If approved, this new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active" status requirement as mentioned above. The graduate and at least one parent are expected to attend all graduation planning meetings to the fullest extent possible.
- H. NO out-of-state participants will be considered because of differences in state laws governing home education.
- I. Any and all extenuating circumstances will be dealt with by the Steering Committee, Graduation Coordinator and Sub-Committee on a case-by-case basis, and their decision will be final and in the best interest of the graduates and CHEH.

SECTION 10 AMENDMENT OF GUIDELINES

- A. Individual members may propose changes by presenting them in writing to the Steering Committee or Chairman. These proposed changes submitted by a member would then be worded and voted on by the Steering Committee. If the proposed change is accepted by the Steering Committee, that section of the guidelines must be mailed to the membership four (4) weeks prior to voting. ALL proposed changes must be made in this manner. There will be no discussion or requests of changes at the membership meeting.
- B. Each CHEH family has one (1) vote.
- C. Two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the time of voting is required for ratification.
- D. Members can petition the Steering Committee for an absentee vote if a conflict prevents attendance at the time of voting.

SECTION 11 CHEH CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the parents, understand that our family is a representative of our home educating support group, home education community, and most important, the Lord Jesus Christ. We, the parents, understand that all the officers are volunteers and are volunteering their time, efforts and energies to benefit our children and us. We respect these volunteers as we should be respected when we volunteer. We agree to conduct ourselves in a reasonable manner when participating in all group activities. This includes (but is not limited to) dressing appropriately, following instructions, respecting authority, careful treatment of property, polite behavior towards others and no smoking, alcohol, drugs, foul language, or obscene gestures. Open displays of romantic affection, i.e. boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, are not appropriate at CHEH functions. Pregnant teenagers are considered to be parents and shall not participate in CHEH student activities. CHEH's stance is that life begins at conception. CHEH believes that the Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin, and cannot condone any type of homosexual behavior at any CHEH event. We understand that failure to comply will result in our being asked to refrain from future participation.

SECTION 12 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

In the event a matter not in keeping with Biblical Christian character is brought to the attention of the Steering Committee, with evidence of attempted reconciliation when appropriate, the Steering Committee will determine whether any disciplinary action is necessary. The final disciplinary action will be determined by a majority vote of all the officers.

SECTION 13 RELEASE FORMS

The following forms are to be copied by the parents and used when necessary:

- Liability Release Form
- Parental Responsibility Release Form
- Statement of Right to Privacy (submitted with the Certificate of Enrollment)

The right to privacy statement was developed by CHEH and approved by our attorney at HSLDA. While it may not stop the giving of our children's names out to other persons or organizations, it will bring to the official's attention our right to privacy. You may attach this to your Annual Certificate of Enrollment with your local attendance officer.

SECTION 14 MISCELLANEOUS

The purpose of the CHEH web site is to be a communicative tool for CHEH members, families researching home education and the home education community at large. It shall contain information designated by: (1) The CHEH web master; (2) The Chairman; and (3) The Steering Committee. The person designated to operate the web site should be knowledgeable of Internet working and web site operations. Information installed on the web site shall be for the educational, cultural, and encouragement of CHEH members ~ remembering, this web site's purpose is a ministry tool and should be a reflection of the group's mission and purpose. Links to other web sites and points of interest shall reflect this purpose also. Links added and deleted will be determined by: (1) The designated CHEH web master; (2) The Chairman; and (3) The Steering Committee.

CHEH Release of Liability and Arbitration Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in CHEH, (Please print below: first name of each parent or legal guardian, each child in the family, even those not attending CHEH, and any other family member who is likely to come.)

(herein after referred to as "Family") agree to the following:

1. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue either CHEH or the host facility, their officers, employees, board members or other families participating in the CHEH (hereinafter referred to as 'Releasees') from all liability to Family for any loss or damage and any claim or damage on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of a Family member while Family is participating in CHEH activities on the premises of the host facility.
2. Family agrees to indemnify Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost Releasees may incur due to the presence of Family in or on the premises of the host.
3. Family assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage while in or on the premises of the host facility for any purpose participating in the activities of CHEH.
4. Family expressly agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of MISSISSIPPI and that, if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance, shall notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
5. Family, in consideration of being permitted to participate in CHEH, for Family, and Family's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, release and forever discharges all Releasees, and their heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, or whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries, death or property damage resulting from participation in CHEH or any activities in connection with CHEH.
6. Family states that both mother and father of Family or legal guardians have carefully read the above release and know the contents of the release and sign this release as Family's own free act.
7. Family releases all officials and professional personnel from any claims whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered Family during participation in CHEH.
8. CHEH operates under Biblical guidelines and believes that the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by legal arbitration. The parties understand that legal arbitration shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement or any dispute arising out of any activities or events associated with CHEH and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against CHEH, except to enforce an arbitration decision.
9. This agreement shall be binding on each member of the Family, their personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.
10. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

BOTH Parents' Signatures

Date _____

Date _____

STATEMENT OF RIGHT TO PRIVACY

The attached information is submitted as requested by the Mississippi Department of Education. It is limited in use by that department and the local Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement Officer. It is not to be released to or shared with any other agency, official or person.

Parent, custodian or legal guardian Date

(Copy this page and attach to each yearly enrollment card that you submit to the attendance officer.)