

Christian Home Educators of Sulphur Springs

P.O. Box 794, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483

Membership Application

Dues:

Existing Members: \$15 per year if postmarked June 1-30, 2011 or **\$20 per year** if postmarked after June 30, 2011

New Members: \$15 per year if postmarked June 1 to December 31, 2011 or

\$10 per year if joining between January 1, 2012 and February 28, 2012 – March 1 and onward is free

Last Name: _____

Husband's Name: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Cell (Include only if you'd like it to be printed in the directory) : _____

Email: _____

Curriculum Used: _____

CHILDREN:

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB mm/dd/yr: _____ Gender: M / F Grade _____

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The membership roster of CHESS is confidential and for the use of its members only. Members are not to give, loan, sell or distribute in any fashion any portion of the roster under any circumstances to non-members of CHESS. Any use of the roster by a member of the HomeSchool group for mass mailing or phone canvassing must have the approval of the CHESS board.

Members shall be defined as any family who 1) homeschools one or more of their children, or intends to homeschool in the upcoming school year. 2) agrees to the preceding statement, 3) agrees to uphold the by-laws, 4) has paid annual dues, 5) has read and plans to uphold the Texas Education Code. (<http://www.nthen.org/tecode.htm>), and 6) has read and signed the liability form, which should be sent along with the application. This liability form HAS to be on file in order to participate in ANY CHESS activity.

I understand and agree to accept the above statements as being representative of the standards of CHESS.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to CHESS and mail completed application to:
CHESS, P.O. Box 794, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483

****Because of your interest in being a member of CHESS, you obviously have a desire for your family's support and fellowship with other likeminded families in this group. As with any other organization, in order to function and excel, active participation must be required of all members. Your participation at all levels is a necessity! Please consider whether it is your "season" to serve.****

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS OF SULPHUR SPRINGS

Release of Liability and General Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in Christian Home Educators of Sulphur Springs (“CHESS”) and CHESS activities, (please list each family member):

_____ (hereinafter referred to as “Family”) agree to the following:

- 1) Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue either CHESS group, its officers, employees, volunteers or other families participating CHESS (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 CHESS activities.
- 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 any facility (i.e., Central Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church – Sulphur Springs, and County Line Baptist Church of Miller Grove) where a CHESS activity (i.e., fieldtrips, co-op, sport events, and other educational opportunities) is conducted, and Family realizes transportation to and from CHESS activities is the Family’s responsibility.
- 3) Family assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage while in or on the premises of any facility where a CHESS activity takes place.
- 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 Texas 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 CHESS activities, for Family, and Family’s heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, releases and forever discharges all Releasees, and their heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of participation in CHESS sponsored activities or any activities in connection with CHESS.
- 6) Family states that both Mother and Father of Family has carefully read the above release and knows the contents of the release and signs this release as Family’s own free act.
- 7) Family releases all officials and professional personnel from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered Family during participation in CHESS activities.
- 8) CHESS 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; I Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by biblically based mediation according to the CHESS By-laws and Code of Conduct. The parties understand that these methods 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 CHESS and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another or against another CHESS family for such disputes, 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.
- 11) We hereby state that we are conducting our home school in accordance with the Texas Education Code and the Leeper decision in that I have had the opportunity to review these documents (links available at www.chess-tx.org).

Date: _____

Signature of Father of Family: _____ **Print Name:** _____

Date: _____

Signature of Mother of Family: _____ **Print Name:** _____