

# LINK

## HOMESCHOOL GROUP

*Connecting Christian homeschoolers for enrichment, fellowship and fun...*

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### WHAT IS LINK?

LINK is a Christian homeschool group created by the families of Open Door Baptist Church in Lynnwood, Washington. We welcome any homeschooling family in the community to join us for activities and fellowship.

### LINK PHILOSOPHY

People homeschool for many different reasons and in many different ways. Some of us strive for academic excellence and vigorous study, and some just want to make sure their children receive a Christian education. Some adhere to a strict schedule, and others are more relaxed (maybe you take days off in the spring to chase butterflies).

Our goal with LINK is to provide something for every type of homeschooling family. We all have limited time and a lot of ideas, so LINK is committed to staying focused on what helps all homeschoolers, and not over-scheduling. You will not be asked to spend your time running to a new event each week. There is no required volunteer commitment. There is just an educational, social or enrichment opportunity provided to your children on a regular basis.

### LINK MEMBERSHIP

***Do I have to join?*** *Participation in Open Door Baptist Church weekly services and special events is always open to anyone.* Those interested in LINK Homeschool Group are welcome to attend their first two activities without membership, to see if their family is a good "fit" (*with the exception of Mom's Night-these are for members only*). After the first two events, participation in LINK activities requires membership. Membership also gives you access to the LINK Facebook group with the most updated event info and a discussion page for homeschool questions, comments and support.

***How do I join?*** Each family must acknowledge our statement of faith and agree to adhere to the code of conduct at all homeschool activities. These are both part of the membership form. Membership forms are available at all activities, in the church office, or any time online @ **opendoorbaptist.com**. To join:

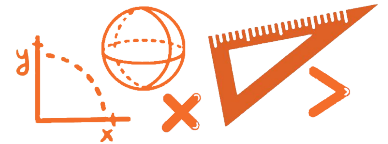
- ▶ Complete a membership form (*paper or online*)
- ▶ Pay the annual fee of \$25 per family (*cash, check or online*)

## STUDENT SHOWCASE

Homeschooled children do book reports, science experiments, art project, etc., but where do they present them? A Showcase provides our children the opportunity to experience public speaking and present a school project or emerging skill. Presentations could be of any educational nature, such as: musical performance, science projects, book reports, poetry reading, and more. This could also be an opportunity for public recognition of specific achievements. Showcases will be held on weekday evenings so that family members may attend; students will register their entries/performances in advance so they may be acknowledged on that season's program. *(Anyone is welcome to attend the Showcase, but submissions will only be accepted from members.)* Each evening will end with potluck refreshments and fellowship.

## STEAM TEAM AND CRAZY 8'S MATH CLUB

We have offered our off the wall Crazy 8's Math Club for a while. This year we are excited to offer **STEAM Team**, our first STEM themed Club. We will meet for a 9-week session this fall (registration is required), and each week we will work together on a new hands-on challenge that tests our science, engineering, math and even our artistic skills. Crazy 8's may be offered in the spring and other clubs may be available as time permits.



## PARTIES

Sometimes parties are project focused but mostly just to have fun and celebrate. These events give your child that break from the routine to hang out with their friends or meet new ones!



- ▶ Back-to-School Bonfire- September
- ▶ Snow Day Party- February
- ▶ To Catch a Thief Mystery Party- April

## FIELD TRIPS

Field trips, as the name suggests, are an opportunity for children to learn hands-on, to apply the things they are learning out in the world. While there exists a plethora of activities and locations, every homeschooling family has a different curriculum, and as we've mentioned, different philosophy. The opportunities for cultural, historical, scientific and more stimulation truly abound in our area, but due to the effects of COVID-19 our options are severely limited this year. We are trying to focus on outdoor activities that allow us to observe nature and historical markers.



LINK Field Trips will be listed as events on the Facebook group page, but when you become a member, you are more than welcome to post your outings and findings on the group discussion page. For example:



**Wendy Kennedy**

August 19, 2019

Hey, I just found out the Seattle Museum of Art offers free admission on the first Thursday of every month. Thinking of taking Ava on the Sept 5- Anyone in? Let me know!

## MOM'S NIGHT

Homeschooling moms have a special challenge of being both parent and teacher. This means that we spend all day, every day with them, and while we love our children, a break is always nice. Mom's nights are kid-free evenings (that means no children allowed) hosted at a LINK Member's home. This is the time to ask advice of each other, present ideas, or forget about homeschooling entirely and just relax. These get-togethers are always scheduled in the evening, so they won't affect school hours.



## LOCATION

All LINK events (with the exception of Mom's Nights) will take place in the Open Door Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The church is a convenient drive from many areas- located at:

**17014 44th Ave West  
Lynnwood, WA 98036**

Senior Pastor  
Jason Murphy  
and his wife Mary



*For more information on Open Door visit the website @*

**[opendoorbaptist.com](http://opendoorbaptist.com)**



**LINK UP**

Still have questions or need assistance? Call, text or email

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