

# 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](http://opendoorbaptist.com).

## 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.

## COOKING CLUB & A.I.M.

We try to offer a variety of clubs each year. We have hosted several math and book clubs, and last year we had a STEAM Team club that was a lot of fun. This fall we will offer a cooking club! And something brand new this year is our A.I.M. Club (*Assist & Impact Missions*). This club will meet once each month, all year long, with the purpose of building missions-minded kids. Each month will feature a missionary (past or present) and help the kids find meaningful ways of connecting to missions work, and learning how they can get involved... *All clubs will require separate registration, and my have age restrictions or small fees.*



## PARTIES & EVENTS

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!

- ▶ Drive-In Movie Night- October
- ▶ Operation Christmas Child Fall Packing Party- November
- ▶ Minute to Win It Valentine's Challenge- February
- ▶ Pi Day Party- March
- ▶ Career Fair- March
- ▶ Grow! Grow! Grow!- May



## 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, current COVID restrictions have hindered our ability to access a lot the community typically has to offer. We've planned some "just for fun" outings, as well as some that have educational value. And we're restructuring this year with a Spring Career Fair. We may add more field trips as the year progresses and hopefully the climate of the community changes. 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, 2018

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 Oct 4- 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 @

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**LINK UP**

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

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