

INTRODUCTION TO DHCH

Welcome to Desert Hills Christian Homeschoolers! We are glad that you decided to join our group, and we hope that it will be a blessing to you. This is an independent support group organized and operated on a volunteer basis by homeschooling parents for the purpose of assisting and encouraging homeschool families as well as those considering the choice of home education for their children. It does not serve as a substitute for the parent-teacher role in any of the required core subjects (reading, grammar, math, science, social studies).

DHCH was founded on solid Christian principles and the group upholds a Biblical worldview. While we don't ask everyone who joins the group to agree with every word in our Statement of Faith, we require Board Members and Leaders to acknowledge that they honor and respect it. We do encourage all members to read the Statement of Faith so that they understand exactly where our group is coming from and know that Jesus Christ is the Lord we serve. We feel strongly that Christians are called to be a light in a dark generation, and we would not be able to do that if we had to dilute our expressions of faith so as to not offend anyone.

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to introduce yourself by sending an e-mail to dhcs@yahoo.com. Perhaps you can tell us a little about yourself and your family, where you came from, how long you've been homeschooling, and let us know what you're seeking in regard to homeschool support. We are all here to help one another! This will also enable us to better understand what our member families would like to get out of the group.

DHCH is as unique as the combination of individual members that belong to the group at any given time. Many people come from places where they had previously belonged to a support group where they developed close friendships, which they also hope to find here. Many others are new to homeschooling, and they are actively seeking resources and mentoring. Some families regularly participate in group events and others don't. It might take a while to get a feel for how our group functions and what it can do for you, so be patient and understand that everything may not fall into place at once.

Finally, remember that although we try to do the best we can, no support group is perfect. Keep in mind that the leaders and volunteers are fitting DHCH duties around their own family responsibilities, and we never seem to have enough volunteers. There is always room for improvement, and we welcome any suggestions. But we can't do it without YOU! If there are things that you think the group could do better, offer to help implement those ideas. If there is something the group could have done to make you feel more included, volunteer to set that up so future members will benefit. While we will never compromise on our Mission Statement or Statement of Faith, we are willing to adapt our strategies and programs to meet the needs of our members. This is YOUR support group!

Our hope and prayer is that we will continue to encourage and support you and your family throughout your homeschooling journey. God bless you and your homeschool adventures!