



CHEVA Membership Application Packet

Christian Home Educators of the Visalia Area

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This *Membership Application Packet* contains 11 pages for you to print, including this instruction page. Please print all eleven pages. Some will be mailed in with your Application and others will be kept for your records.
2. Read the entire *CHEVA Membership Application Packet* carefully.
3. Determine if CHEVA's Christian parent-directed homeschool support group is a good match with your family's values, faith, and goals.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in your commitment to homeschool and to guide you as you fill out the Membership forms. Ask Him to lead you to the areas where you might contribute to our group. Remember that we operate on the volunteer efforts of our membership.
5. Completely fill out the *CHEVA Membership Application*. Both you and your spouse must sign and date the *Application, Statement of Faith, Code of Conduct, Medical Release, and Release of Liability*. Direction on the bottom of each page of the *CHEVA Membership Application Packet* will indicate whether you keep it for your files, or send it back signed along with your Application. A checklist of what to send is listed in #7 below.
6. The fee for 2011-2012 Membership Applications postmarked **by August 1, 2011** is **\$35** per returning family. If your envelope is postmarked after **August 1, 2011** or you are a **NEW** member then your fee will be **\$45**.
Membership runs from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.
Full year's dues are paid regardless of when you join.

7. Mail these 6 titled pages:

- *CHEVA Membership Application (2pgs)*
 - *Statement of Faith*
 - *Code of Conduct*
 - *Medical Release & Authorization*
 - *Release of Liability*
 - FEE based on postmark & Yearbook pre-order ~ Check made payable to CHEVA
- to: CHEVA
c/o CHEVA Membership
PO BOX 7964
Visalia, CA 93290

E-Mail us at: info4cheva@aol.com
Visit our Website: www.cheva.org

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS of the VISALIA AREA (CHEVA)?

CHEVA is a support group for Christian families who feel called by God to educate their children at home; relating God's Word throughout the scope and sequence of privately chosen curriculum.

CHEVA was founded on the realization that there were many moral values that all home educating families have in common, even though religious convictions and curriculum choices differ. It's understood, however, that it is our religious convictions that bind us together. The freedom to share these convictions during group activities is why CHEVA is a Christian organization.

WHAT IS CHEVA's PURPOSE AND MISSION?

CHEVA's purpose is to provide support for families who have a shared commitment to privately home educate their children. It is CHEVA's intent that this organization and all of its activities and publications be God-honoring as we represent Him to each other and to our community. Based on these intentions, CHEVA will strive to:

- 1) To provide information and help to families who are considering Christian, private home education;
- 2) To provide an educational and social context for our children with other families in the Christian, private home education movement; and
- 3) To act as a support network for member families active in their roles as Christian, private home educators.

Due to these decisions and intentions, the following criteria have been established for membership.

CHEVA GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Members have expressed a personal faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, as the only means of forgiveness of our sins.
2. Members can express full acknowledgement and agreement with the Statement of Faith, Purpose, and Mission that CHEVA & CHEA (Christian Home Educators Association of California) have endorsed.
3. Members are actively pursuing home education for a child with legitimate educational goals and a determined course of action to meet those goals.
4. Members are in regular attendance of a local Christian Church.

If you have any questions concerning the CHEVA criteria (1-4 above), or if we can answer any other questions for you regarding home education, please feel free to contact a CHEVA Board Member.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

FIELD TRIP AGREEMENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of CHEVA field trips is to enhance the home education of the members of CHEVA. In fitting with the Statement of Purpose established through CHEVA, it is the desire of the field trip coordinators to assist our families in their endeavor. We believe it is our responsibility as parents to train our children in the ways of the Lord and the field trip coordinators seek to enrich this process through the utilization of our community resources.

WHO MAY ATTEND: Field trips are open to CHEVA members only. Unless otherwise stated as a WHOLE FAMILY event, the activity is open only to the homeschooled child and parents.

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS: When signing up for a field trip, payment must be received by the stated deadline unless arrangements have been made with the coordinator.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: Some field trips have certain criteria, which must be met in order for a group to attend. These may be age/grade related, adult to children ratios, or specific academic requirements such as reading or writing ability. The criteria are often in place for the ease of the venue's staff and we, as a group, need to honor them. These field trips may be repeated each year and children will receive an opportunity to attend when it is appropriate for them to do so. Parents are expected to make other arrangements for children who do not meet those requirements at the time of the field trip. CHEVA students who are attending and have siblings under 5 are usually welcome UNLESS specified in the field trip description.

CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS: To fill openings on a field trip due to cancellations, priority will be given to families on the waiting list. Please do not send someone in your place without contacting the coordinator, if you must cancel. All fees are generally non refundable. Monetary refunds *may* be considered only in cases where families (1) made a conscious effort to contact the coordinator, (2) have a valid reason for cancelling, and (3) will not cause a financial detriment to CHEVA. Families are responsible for remembering which field trips they have signed up to attend. Refunds will not be given to those who forget about the trip or fail to show up without making an effort to notify the coordinator.

WAITING LISTS: Occasionally, more people want to attend a field trip than can be accommodated. In these cases, CHEVA will place families on a waiting list in the order that they signed up. If the waiting list reaches the minimum for group requirements, the coordinator may plan an additional field trip or ask another member to be in charge.

BASIC POINTS OF COURTESY: As we strive to live our lives in a manner pleasing to God and reflect our commitment to Him, we ought to take the time to follow a few simple matters of courtesy. Please be appropriately dressed, acting with acceptable conduct, show up on time or early, stay together as a group if the activity warrants it, etc. Remember that not only do we represent our families and CHEVA; we also represent the entire homeschool community and most importantly, Jesus Christ.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION: Unless otherwise noted in the field trip description, parents will be expected to attend field trips with their own children or have a designated adult responsible (IN WRITING BETWEEN PARENTS) for their children during the field trip.

REFUSAL TO ATTEND: Field trip coordinators reserve the right to refuse anyone the privilege of attending a field trip if they have not followed the field trip policies listed above, are disruptive to the group or venue, or if they place the group in jeopardy of attending the field trip again in the future.

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TERMS OF USE FOR CHEVA DIRECTORY & WEBSITE

The CHEVA Directory and Website were created so that members would have access to up-to-date, accurate information about CHEVA membership, as well as events and opportunities within the group. Information in the Directory and on the Website is **for use by current CHEVA members only and only for CHEVA matters.** Neither can be used to solicit CHEVA members. Neither are to be given in ANY form to a party outside of CHEVA. Termination of Membership will result if this is found to be the case.

Website Forum

To maintain an environment conducive to Christian brotherhood, all users agree to the following basic guidelines and requests when using this system. These guidelines are to be followed in conjunction with any newly posted website FAQ's and along with any additional administrative changes. These may be found on the CHEVA website forum, in the category "Technical Help".

This dialogue is a cooperative endeavor. Remember that although all members have agreed to our Statement of Faith, CHEVA is comprised of many denominations and non-denominational beliefs, and members of all perspectives (and all ages) will be reading your post. Users of this system agree to observe the following rules reflecting common courtesy and common sense.

1. Always be respectful of other users, the email/website system, and the administrators. We provide the forum feature in good faith; please use it in good faith.
2. Please stay within the topic area of the category to which you are posting a message, and within the topic of a thread which you may be joining.
3. Be descriptive, specific, and succinct in your postings and subject line. This way your opinion or point can be clearly understood and referenced.
4. Because your post may be more pertinent to another category or discussion, it may be moved at the discretion of the administrator. "Extras" such as duplicate posts will be removed as needed.
5. Since this site is interactive, and everyone who participates in CHEVA forums is in this together, please treat others the way you wish to be treated. One way to guard against misunderstandings is to re-read and pray over your post before clicking to send.
6. If you wish to copy and retransmit (i.e. Forward) any information out of these forums, you must first get the permission of the original author of the message and/or a site administrator.
7. Members have the responsibility to make all appropriate changes to their family's website profile, which includes the family photo.
8. We share our personal information solely for the use of our fellow CHEVA members. You agree not to share personal information about our CHEVA members with others outside the group. Sharing a member's website password or any family information would be a violation of privacy and will be cause for corrective action by the CHEVA board.
9. Solicitation for personal funds is prohibited. CHEVA offers members the opportunity to advertise their businesses through our "CHEVA Chit Chat" category at no cost to current members. In order to continue to advertise with CHEVA, membership must remain current. Advising members of garage sales, mission trips, fundraisers, etc., through the proper forum category is allowed.
10. This forum is not the appropriate venue for the resolution or airing of personal disputes with members, leaders, groups, co-ops, clubs, churches, etc.
11. Any personal attacks or "flaming" will not be tolerated. ("Flaming" is defined as hostile and insulting interaction between users.) Should anyone use inappropriate language, start a personal attack, or respond with anger or disrespect (examples would be bold and/or capital letters, exclamation points), that post will be deleted and that member will be banned from using the website.
12. Discussions about moderator or administrator actions or policies are welcome in personal email or private messages, but should not be discussed in public forums.
13. Calls to action against any company, business, or person for their actions or attitudes that are anti-homeschool or anti-Christian are permitted. However, attacks on businesses over their fees or services are not permitted.
14. Messages posted at this site are the sole opinion and responsibility of the member posting.
15. You agree not to hold CHEVA leaders, website administrators, or the CHEVA group liable for anything stated within the forums.
16. Remembering that CHEVA is a Christ-centered, volunteer organization administered by volunteers, you understand and agree that if you fail to abide by the stated guidelines or if you give "cause" by any actions, not limited to those specified above, you may be banned from the use of the CHEVA website with possible additional corrective measures taken by the CHEVA board.

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CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

As a member of CHEVA, you agree to uphold the rules and standards of CHEVA at all times while participating in any function that CHEVA is in any manner associated with.

CHEVA is a Christian, parent-directed, and parent-run homeschool support group that holds Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and the Bible as the inspired Word of God. All members are to recognize that the Bible teaches that Christians represent Christ and His body here on earth. No member should at anytime conduct himself or herself in a fashion that would bring reproach to Christ or to CHEVA and the homeschooling community.

With the Bible as our example and guide, CHEVA sets forth the following conditions for membership:

1. All members will be expected to sign-up for at least one volunteer duty during the school year. If this is physically impossible, then please contact a Board member.
2. Since the Bible instructs us that God establishes authorities over us, all members are expected to uphold the laws of our city, state, and country. Furthermore, all members are expected to respect the authority of the CHEVA Board and/or its designated representatives.
3. Since God has established the family as the mechanism by which children are to be trained and guided, all parents are recognized as the leader and authorities in their homes. Parents are expected to have control over their children at any function they attend bearing the CHEVA name in any manner or association.
4. CHEVA respects the God-given rights of parents and will at all times include parents in the disciplinary action of their children. All members are expected to cooperate with the CHEVA organization.
5. Consequences for refusing to follow the aforementioned rules will result in discipline ranging from simple removal from an activity for a brief amount of time to suspension from the group for a trimester or more. Any parent/guardian that doesn't wish to abide by the rules of CHEVA and submit to the authority will forfeit their membership, as well as dues paid. If, at a later date, they wish to return, they must be willing to abide by the rules, submit to the authority of the association, and pay the appropriate dues.

CHEVA Membership Application

This 2011-2012 Membership valid 8/1/2011 thru 7/31/2012

Parents' Last Name _____ Father _____ Mother _____
OR Guardian's Name & Relationship _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Please list information for all of your children infant - 12th grade & the means of education

1. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

2. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

3. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

4. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

5. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

6. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

7. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

8. Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
____ A Private Satellite Program from a private Christian School. Name of PSP: _____
____ Filing our own private school affidavit. School Name: _____
____ Correspondence school. School Name: _____ From the State of: _____
____ Other (please explain) _____

CHEVA Membership Application (con't)

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"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously..." Romans 12:6, 7

CHEVA activities are provided to members as God provides the means and volunteers to carry them out. We depend on our members to help.

Are you willing to serve in an area that CHEVA might need help in?

Yes

No ~ If no, please explain on the back of this form what could prevent you from serving.

Would you be willing to lead a committee? _____

Would you be willing to serve and help on a committee? _____

Please "check" any of the following events / areas you are willing to help with:

Park Days _____ Field Trips _____ Yearbook _____ Meals 4 Moms _____ Ski Day _____ Holiday Parties _____ Spelling Bee _____

Mom's Night Out _____ CHEVA Family Camp _____ Home School Showcase _____ Graduation Celebration _____

Teens' Activities _____ New Homeschoolers Open House _____ Parade Float _____ Anywhere the need is _____

Please list other activities you would like to help CHEVA provide: _____

Are you new to homeschooling? _____ Would you like to attend an Open House for new homeschoolers? _____

*If you are a new member, please choose a username to access the member forum and calendar of events. Please choose a name that others can identify your family by (i.e. Doe Family, JDoe, JohnDoe)

Would you like to serve as a Mentor Mom? Yes ___ No ___

(A "Mentor Mom" is one who is willing to mentor, by phone, email, or in person, new home schooling mothers in curriculum choices as well as other daily home school concerns.)

If yes, then:

What curriculum are you most familiar with?

How many years have you home educated? _____ What grade levels have you taught? _____

How would you prefer to help? Phone _____ Email _____ In person _____

You may pre-order the 2011-2012 CHEVA yearbook with your membership fee.

If you order before Aug 1, the cost is \$25.00 per yearbook. After Aug 1, the cost is \$35.00.

**Please include this cost when mailing in your membership fee.

Yes, I would like to pre-order the yearbook. Quantity _____

**CHEVA reserves the right to deny membership to anyone*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- We believe there is one self-existent God who has always been and always will be, manifest in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. The gift must be responded to in an individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.

Name of local Christian Church that your family attends _____

Address of Church _____

Name of Pastor _____ Pastor's phone number _____

How often do you attend this church? (please circle one) <1 per month 1 per month 2-3 per month weekly

* If you home church, please explain on the back of this form (i.e. leadership form, number of families attending...)

BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH APPLICATION

Father/Guardian _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Mother/Guardian _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

*****Please go over with your family and have each student sign. Thank you.*****

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

1. Adults and children will treat others with courtesy in speech and action.
"Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king" 1Peter 2:17, Matt. 7:12, Gal. 5:16-26, Gal. 6:9-10, Eph. 4:1-6, 4:15, 25-32, Eph. 5:4
2. Children will also treat adults with respect as they act worthy of respect. Correction by a non-parent should be verbal only (no physical contact). Adults – Proverbs 16: 22 "Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the discipline of fools is folly. Children – Proverbs 13:13 "The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, but the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded."
3. Parents are primarily responsible for the training of their children; children are to submit to their parent’s authority.
Eph. 6:1-4, Col. 3:20, Matthew 15: 3-7, Heb. 12:9-11, Prov. 1:8; 13:1,24; 15:5; 19:18; 23:22-25; 29:17, Ex. 20:12, Lev. 19:3, Deut. 5:16; 8:5; 32:46, Mal 1:6.
4. Adults and children will be positive representatives of Christ with modest appearance, in the care of public/others’ property, and in abiding by “host” rules. I Cor. 10:31-11:1, Eph. 5:15-17, I Thess. 4:1-12.

Student’s Code of Conduct

1. I agree to be nice to everyone and use kind words when I am at a CHEVA activity or event.
2. When I forget, I will know because: (a) My parent will remind me, (b) Another adult will remind me, (c) Another child may remind me.
3. When someone reminds me I broke a rule, I will find a solution by: (a) Explaining what happened, (b) Apologizing for doing something that offended/hurt someone, and (c) Committing not to do it again.
4. I will obey my parents. I agree that they will give me my consequences.
5. I understand that repeat offenses may result in suspension of CHEVA participation or privileges.

Method of Conflict Resolution

Adults and children will utilize the following to resolve conflicts with one another:

1. Go to the person who offended you and calmly try to clear up the matter without retaliation. Proverbs 25:8-9, Matt. 18:15, Prov. 24:29, Eph. 4:32.
2. Matter still not resolved? Child - speak with your parent. Adult - speak with the parent of the child involved.
Matt. 18:16
3. If the parties cannot handle such disputes directly, CHEVA will expect that the guidelines of Matthew 18 are followed through their own church leadership. Prov. 20:19, 2 Cor. 12:20, Roman 1:29 I Cor. 6:1-8, Matt. 18:17

BOTH PARENTS AND ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN & RETURN WITH APPLICATION

Father/Guardian_____

Mother/Guardian_____

Child#1 _____

Child#2 _____

Child#3 _____

Child#4 _____

Child#5 _____

Child#6 _____

Child#7 _____

Child#8 _____

CHEVA - MEDICAL RELEASE & AUTHORIZATION

Name of Child: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Health problems, medical or food allergies: _____

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Health problems, medical or food allergies: _____

Add additional children onto the back of this form.

We the undersigned parents/guardians of the minor child(ren) named above, do hereby authorize and consent to any x-rays, examinations, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis and treatment and emergency hospital care which is deemed advisable by and is to be rendered under the general or specific supervision of any member of the medical staff and emergency room staff licensed under the provision of the Medical Practice Act and on the staff of any acute general hospital holding a current license to operate a hospital from the State of California Department of Health Services. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority to render care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. It is understood that every effort shall be made to contact the undersigned prior to rendering treatment to the patient(s), but that any of the above treatment will not be withheld if the undersigned cannot be reached. This authorization is given pursuant to the provision of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California. The undersigned also assumes the responsibility for any of the costs connected with such treatment and hereby releases Christian Home Educators of the Visalia Area (CHEVA), its leaders and members from any liability. This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under any emergency circumstances in my absence.

BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN and RETURN WITH APPLICATION:

Father/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name _____

Mother/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Other # to reach Mother: _____ Other # to reach Father: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Relationship to child(ren)** _____

Phone # _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone: _____

Insurance _____ Policy or Group #: _____

CHEVA - RELEASE OF LIABILITY

As a Christian group, we seek to follow the Biblical mandate, which disallows bringing charges against Christian brothers in civil courts. We also seek to be good stewards of the resources and blessings, which the Lord has provided. We believe it is best to be sure that all members understand our position prior to any mishaps.

We are an IRS-approved "not for profit" organization. The leadership is made up of those who have volunteered their time to organize activities for the group.

CHEVA leaders and members cannot be held liable for any injuries or damages, whether connected with a CHEVA event or not. Parents are responsible for their own children. Children MUST be under the full care, conduct, responsibility, and supervision of their parent(s) or a parent-appointed adult. If you send your child to an event with another adult, it should be one who feels comfortable correcting your child, if necessary.

Any special guests (grandparents, relatives, out-of-town friends, etc.) who accompany members to any event are under the sole responsibility of that member for behavior, damages, injuries, etc. It is expected that any member or his child(ren) or guest(s) who damage property or who cause injury, willfully or not, will take personal responsibility for his/their actions. CHEVA will not be held liable in any way in such situations.

Any person, member or not, who has a claim will be directed to discuss the offense directly with the party he believes to be responsible. The outcome of such a problem is not CHEVA's responsibility. If the parties cannot handle such disputes directly, CHEVA will expect that the guidelines of Matthew 18 are followed through their own church leadership.

I voluntarily agree to accept any and all risks of injury, death, or damages of any nature to my family or anyone that I may bring to a CHEVA function. I also agree to protect and hold harmless CHEVA, its Board, and volunteers from any and all claims, loss, damages, injuries or expense arising out of, or from any other occurrence related to a CHEVA meeting, class and/or event.

I understand that by attending any CHEVA event, any member of my family or guest may be photographed for the purpose of inclusion in the CHEVA yearbook.

I assume full responsibility for my children's behavior and for assuring their supervision at all times.

I also assume full responsibility for any damage or injury caused by my children's actions or actions of a guest I bring to a CHEVA function.

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Father/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Mother/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____