



# Homeschool Co-op

## 2022-2023 FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

### ART

#### Art

Instructor: Linda Vietmeyer

- Maximum Students: 15
- Minimum Students: 6

As a class, we will review the elements and principles of art, which the students will then apply to their art projects/assignments. Students will also need to bring a sketchbook to class - drawing will be explored and assigned as homework. Class discussions and peer evaluations/critiques will be encouraged. Different techniques and media will be explored.

#### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$125
- Sketchbook

### BIBLE

#### Introduction to the Study of the Bible

Instructor: Jeff DeLay

- Maximum Students: 25
- Minimum Students: 6

This course seeks to increase students' skill and joy in the study of the Word of God and to prepare them for more advanced biblical studies. Toward this end, this course will present an overview in three areas: 1) the origins and transmission of the Bible, 2) the relationships between its parts, and 3) its contents. Depending on the interest of students and their families, a follow-up course may be offered the following semester, providing greater detail on various elements of study.

#### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- Vos, Howard. *The AMG Concise Introduction to the Bible*. AMG Publishers, 2004. (\$11.79 at christianbook.com)
- Optional (a book which will be referenced in class and should ideally be on your shelf): Plummer, Robert L. *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*, 2nd ed. Kregel Academics, 2021. (\$18.99 at christianbook.com)

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE

## Spanish 1

Instructor: Cheryl Hartman

Active class participation, practice with pronunciation, and translating will help the students become comfortable with the Spanish language. There will be regular quizzes, a comprehensive final, and one project per semester.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- Wald; De Ramirez; Spanish Is Fun. Book 1, 5th Edition AMSCO Publishers, 2004. (\$11.79 at christianbook.com)
- Wald; De Ramirez; Spanish Is Fun 5th Edition accompanying workbook.

# HISTORY

## American History

Instructor: Mark Peterson

- Maximum Students: 20
- Minimum Students: 3

This course examines the history of Northern Illinois and the surrounding Great Lakes region. First geography of this region is examined as it plays an important role in its settlement. Even though there is little written history, the First Nations are discussed starting with Cahokia, in 1000 AD. Next the French settlements and rule over this area is examined including its relations with the First Nations particularly the Iroquois. British settlements are then discussed, and their establishment of colonies both in the North and in the South which includes slavery. This course will then follow the establishment of the United States and its War for Independence. Early American History and the lead up to the Civil War are examined. Southern reconstruction and events that lead to World War 1 and covered. In the 2nd semester, starting with 1920, events examined include the Depression, World War 2, Korean War, Cold War, Space Race, and other events up to today.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- US History – Heritage of Freedom (\$48.55)

## **U.S. Constitution/Government**

Instructor: Mark Peterson

- o Maximum Students: 20
- o Minimum Students: 3

New & revised 2nd edition! An understanding of the U.S. Constitution is key to good citizenship and the preservation of our government. In this beautiful hardbound edition of Constitutional Law for Enlightened Citizens, HSLDA Founder and Chairman and Patrick Henry College Chancellor, Michael Ferris, J.D., takes readers on a journey from the Constitutional Convention and the meaning of original intent to an in-depth analysis of pivotal Supreme Court decisions. He explains how judicial tyranny is eroding our liberties and gives the reader guidance on how to understand and approach the Constitution through history, government, and biblical principles. Perfect for any homeschool high school government course, and a must-read for adults concerned about the future of our country, this 592-page edition of Constitutional Law for Enlightened Citizens will equip you to reclaim our nation in the spirit of the American founding. Quotes from Constitutional Law for Enlightened Citizens introduction: "An 'enlightened people' are citizens who know what they believe and know what is going on in our nation." ". . . I firmly believe that a determined group of enlightened citizens can work through the political processes given us by the Founders, challenging and modifying the Supreme Court to return this nation to the intentions and spirit of our founding. We can win this battle, but not without the right principles and not without the required knowledge."

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- o Teacher Fee: \$110
- o Constitutional Law for Enlightened Citizens Hardcover, Michael Ferris (ISBN-13 978-1880665022)

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **American Literature**

Instructor: Jori Caswell

- o Maximum Students: 10
- o Minimum Students: 3

American Literature is a course designed to engage students in historical writings by American authors. Students will learn about the authors as well as the writings themselves and be introduced to literary concepts and language. This course will involve a significant amount of reading. Students will also learn through study questions, class discussions, tests and quizzes, and some short essays.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- o Teacher Fee: \$130
- o 9th grade Abeka Themes in Literature textbook, 5th edition
- o Accompanying quizzes and test booklet, 5th edition.

## **College Writing Skills**

Instructor: Jori Caswell

College Bound Students

- Maximum students: 6
- Minimum students: 3

This class is a higher-level writing class aimed at students who are nearing the end of their high school years and are looking to sharpen their writing skills in preparation for college.

In this course, students will go more in depth with their essay writing skills, focusing on how to: build a strong thesis statement, write smooth transitions, create eye-catching openings, and wrap things up with a great conclusion. There will be heavy emphasis on research, in-text citations, creating a bibliography/works cited page, and building a strong argumentative research paper.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$130
- Notebooks, pencils, folders. Handouts will be provided.
- \$10 copy fee is being requested to pay for the cost of printing these handouts.

## **Gavel Club**

Instructor: Debbie Leininger

- Maximum Students: 20
- Minimum Students: 4

Gavel Club is a public speaking club. Participants increase their self-confidence as they become better speakers and leaders.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$50
- \$30 copy fee is being requested to pay for the cost of printing handouts.

## **Writing & Composition**

Instructor: Jori Caswell

- Maximum Students: 10
- Minimum Students: 3

This two-semester course focuses on strengthening the core skills of how to write clearly and effectively. It builds upon the student's prior understanding of proper grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and general writing skills. It will continue to help students improve their knowledge in these vital areas. As the class progresses, students will learn basic essay writing skills including: choosing a topic, proper paragraph structure, and building a good opening, body, and conclusion. The second semester will begin teaching more advanced writing techniques such as research, citations, and forming an effective argument.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$130
- Notebooks, pencils, folders. Handouts will be provided.
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# MATH

## Algebra I

Instructor: Mark Peterson

- Maximum Students: 20
- Minimum Students: 3

Students will develop the understanding they need to resolve more complex problems and functions with this step-by-step course. Covers topics including signed numbers, exponents and roots; absolute value; equations and inequalities; scientific notation; unit conversions; polynomials; graphs; factoring; quadratic equations; direct and inverse variations; exponential growth; statistics; and probability. Kit includes 564-page hardcover student text, softcover answer key, and test booklet.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- Saxon Algebra 1, 3rd Edition (<https://www.christianbook.com/>)

## Algebra 2

Instructor: Mark Peterson

- Maximum students: 20
- Minimum students: 3

This Saxon Algebra 2 Home Study Kit includes the Student Textbook, Test Book/Answer Key Packet, and Solutions Manual. Traditional second-year algebra topics, as well as a full semester of informal geometry, are included with both real-world, abstract and interdisciplinary applications. 129 lessons cover topics such as geometric functions, angles, perimeters, and proportional segments; negative exponents; quadratic equations; metric conversions; logarithms; and advanced factoring.

Student Text is 577 pages, short answers for problem/practice sets, an index and glossary are included; hardcover.

The Homeschool Packet includes contains 32 student tests and test solutions with work shown along with the final answer. The Answer key portion shows only the final solution for the practice and problem sets found in the student text. 44 pages, paperback.

The Solutions Manual features solutions to all textbook practices and problem sets. Early solutions contain every step, while later solutions omit obvious steps. Final answers are in bold type for accurate, efficient grading.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- Saxon Algebra 2, 3rd Edition (<https://www.christianbook.com/>)

## **Financial Freedom for High School Students**

Instructor: Steve Glaze

Maximum Students: 15

Minimum Students: 3

The Foundations in Personal Finance for Homeschool course is a complete, dynamic, high school curriculum that teaches students about saving, investing, credit, debt, money management, and more from a biblical perspective. Specifically licensed for homeschool use only, this kit includes five DVDs with 12 hours of instruction from Dave Ramsey and a team of experts; a teacher's guide CD-ROM complete with activities, case studies, answers keys, and assessments; and one student text. High School.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Foundations in Personal Finance for Homeschool Kit, New Edition by Dave Ramsey (<http://www.cbd.com>)
- \$110 teacher fee

## **MUSIC**

### **Chorus**

Instructor: Jeff DeLay

Maximum Students: 50

Minimum Students: 6

Students will learn vocal technique, music reading, expression, and other skills as they rehearse choral music.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

Teacher Fee: \$110

\$10 materials fee for sheet music and educational materials.

## **SCIENCE**

### **Anatomy/Physiology**

Instructor: Dr. Bob Kunz

This fully revised Advanced Biology curriculum includes sixteen modules that cover human anatomy and physiology, including the skeletal, nervous, endocrine, lymphatic, digestive, respiratory, and reproductive systems. Student text includes study questions, laboratory exercises, and illustrated module study guides. Softcover.

### **Teacher Fee, Text Book, Supplies**

- Teacher Fee: \$110
- Shannon; Yunis, *Advanced Biology* 2nd Edition
- Dincher, *Exploring Creation with Advanced Biology: The Human Body*, 2nd Edition Student Notebook
- Kaplan Medical Anatomy Coloring Book

# SPORTS

**Petra Homeschool Co-op** is pleased to offer competitive sports teams through the Rockford FIRE sports program which includes girls' volleyball and boys' basketball.

**FIRE stands for Faith, Integrity, Respect, and Excellence.**



## Eligibility Requirements

Students are not required to enroll in a Petra academic class to participate on a Rockford FIRE sports team.

ALL players must be home schooled for at least 51% of their current education. Full eligibility requirements may be found [here](#). By registering for Rockford FIRE, you are agreeing that your student is eligible according to NCHC standards. If your player is not eligible according to these standards, the entire program can be removed from the conference. If you have a question about eligibility, please contact your team's coach.

Students who are enrolled in a Petra academic class:

- must have a 70% or higher grade in all Petra academic classes.
- must have a 75% or higher attendance record for Petra classes.
- player on academic probation may not participate in games or practices.

Once a student has been listed as a ninth grader, that student will be limited to the next four consecutive seasons of participation. A tenth-grade student has three more seasons of participation. An eleventh-grade student has two more seasons of participation. A twelfth- grade student has one season to participate.

Any student reaching the age of 19 prior to September 1 shall not be eligible for participation in Rockford FIRE sports.

Once a student has graduated or gone through a graduation ceremony, he/she will no longer qualify for a Rockford FIRE sports team regardless of his/her age.

Any student who is under disciplinary action and transfers from a public, private, or another home school program/co-op must wait one year before he/she is eligible to participate in Rockford FIRE sports.

Each player must receive a medical examination once every 365 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. These physicals must be submitted to the appropriate FIRE team coach.



## Rockford FIRE Volleyball

The Rockford FIRE Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity Team is a competitive team that provides both instruction for newer players as well as advanced instruction for returning players. If your daughter is a newer player, I strongly recommend summer camps and practices for them to get started on the basics.

Girls participate in weekly practices, Junior High 1-2 matches per week, and 1 - 3 weekend tournaments. JV 1-2 matches per week, 1-3 weekend tournaments, and 2-5 tournaments for V level. Practice and games run from August to late October.

Level of play is determined by ability not-grade level. Player placement (JV or V level) per coach's discretion. Tryouts will be necessary if the number exceeds maximum and to determine level of play. Sign-ups will end June 30.

Mandatory parent meeting will be scheduled after spring signups. FEES:

Registration fee of \$175 for each family due to Hallstrom Homeschool Workshops. Registration for volleyball closes on August 1st.

Athletic Fee of \$300 for Junior High players or \$50 fee for 5th graders who are wanting to practice. Athletic fee of \$400 for JV/Varsity players, to be paid to Rockford FIRE Volleyball through Hallstrom's website at [www.hallstromhomeschool.org](http://www.hallstromhomeschool.org).

Athletic fees are due 50% by August 1st and the other 50% by September 1st. The athletic fee covers regular season games and tournament entry fees. (Hotel, food, and transportation costs for tournaments are not included).

Practice times: August M, T, TH 5:30-7:00, September-October M, T, TH when there is no game (times are subject to change). A complete schedule will be given at the parent meeting.

It is imperative that parents ensure that their students are eligible considering the [NCHC Eligibility Requirements](#). If they are not, the entire program may be removed from the NCHC conference. By registering, you are agreeing that you have read and understood these requirements and that your student satisfies them.





## Rockford FIRE Basketball

Age Eligibility - A player who is at least 10 by Sept. 1st, but not over the age of 12 on Sept 1st is considered eligible to play in the 12-and-under age group. A player who is 14 (and under) on Sept 1st is considered eligible to play in the 14u age group. A player who is 16 (and under) on Sept 1st is considered eligible to play in the 16u age group. A player who is 18 (and under) on Sept 1st is considered eligible to play in the 18u age group. At the coach or parents discretion, players may play in a higher age group.

Tryouts may be implemented depending on how many players sign up. Practices begin in October and continue until scheduled games are completed.

Team practices TBD but are usually held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning in October.

Fee: Registration fee of \$175 for each family due to Hallstrom Homeschool Workshops. Athletic fee of \$500 for 18U, \$400 for 16U, \$300 for 14U and \$140 for 12U to be paid to the Rockford FIRE through Hallstrom's website [www.hallstromhomeschool.org](http://www.hallstromhomeschool.org). Athletic fees cover all regular season games. (Regional and National player fees and hotel/food costs are not included.)

It is imperative that parents ensure that their students are eligible considering the [NCHC Eligibility Requirements](#). If they are not, the entire program may be removed from the NCHC conference. By registering, you are agreeing that you have read and understood these requirements and that your student satisfies them.