



A NOTE FROM THE ADMIN

As many of you know, School of LIFE was created during the pandemic out of a necessity to connect with like-minded families - offering friendship and secular resources for homeschoolers. It was inspiring to watch as we worked together providing classes, meetups and field trips to families throughout Fort Bend County.

As time has passed, families have come and gone, some moving away and others returning to public school. Still, our group has grown to nearly 400 Facebook followers with many active families. I am excited to see what this new academic year brings to us all.

2024 has been a time of change for my family as well. I have gone back to work teaching daytime and evening classes. My daughters' passions for theater dictate classes, rehearsals and performances at least 4 days a week while still camping with Scouts, tennis and school lessons and a part-time job for the teenager. Additionally, my husband is starting a motorcycle repair business and the family responsibilities that requires expand daily.

With all the commitments demanding my attention, some things have moved to the back burner, and not just family dinners and a clean house. Unfortunately, I had to stop many of the activities that School of LIFE was providing. I was disappointed in my inability to maintain the level of commitment I had set out to provide, but have not been able to fit everything in.

I am not ready to let School of LIFE fall away as many homeschool groups tend to do. So I am renewing my commitment to a new version of this community resource and you may be able to help me do it.

Essentially, you will see fewer meetups and groups created by School of LIFE, but more links to other groups hosting events in Fort Bend and beyond.

School of LIFE will continue to function on Facebook with both a public facing page and a private community group. There you will find links to events, answers to your homeschooling questions and a diverse group of resources provided by our family network. The website will undergo the most change. Please review the chart for details.

What's Gone

- The domain (fortbendschool oflife.com)
- Books in the Park, Skate Club, Preschool in the Park and Kinder Connections.
- Members only calendar
- Halloween Bash
- VIP Memberships
- Evening meetups for parents
- Field Day
- Parent Night Out events

What Stays

- Resource articles for families
- Main Street Theater shows
- Annual Dewberry Farm Field Trip
- Members only photo gallery
- Kids Swap Shop in January
- School of LIFE Supporters and Event Memberships
- Monthly Event Emails
- Members only RSVP page
- Annual Events like the Art Show and Cultural Festival (3 per year)

What's New

- A free website address (school oflife.go daddysites.com)
- Book Buddies, LIFE Lessons
- A public calendar with secular events and activities for families and kids.
- Links to other secular homeschooling groups, clubs and classes.
- More field trips to fine arts venues
- Monday afternoon meetups for adults

If you are the coordinator of a secular group, or you are interested in starting a microschool, co-op or facebook group, School of LIFE is here for you to promote your work and provide resources to help make it a success. Reach out to me if you want to plan a field trip, coordinate a book club or get moms together for brunch!

If I have learned anything in this journey, it is that we are best when we pool our knowledge and resources and there is no limit to what we can offer our children when we work together. I look forward to many more years of community with you all.

Yours in LIFE and learning,
Stacey Hall