

CHARIS Co-ops

Wacky Wednesday & Discovery Days/CHARIS Connect

Fall 2018 Information & Schedule

Welcome to the 2018-2019 edition of CHARIS Co-ops. Thank you for your interest! We are a Christ-centered, parent-led co-op offering enrichment classes and fellowship opportunities for homeschool families throughout the school year. The classes and activities listed below are led by our members who serve on teams. Many hands make light work! Please let us know if you have any questions (leaders@mycharis.org).

Two Options - Weekly or Monthly Co-op

There are two options when registering, a weekly co-op, affectionately dubbed "Wacky Wednesdays," and a monthly gathering, known as "Discovery Days." "CHARIS Connect" is a special time for moms to meet once a month for a light brunch, fellowship, discussion and prayer, while their children are participating in monthly Discovery Days activities.

Weekly Option

Wacky Wednesday: Our class offerings and schedules are included below. The schedule is built around parent suggestions and the workload is shared among CHARIS families. Wacky Wednesday enrollment includes Discovery Days & CHARIS Connect. We offer two, 10 week sessions (Fall & Winter), which includes the three Discovery Days that meet each month.

Monthly Option

Discovery Days: At Discovery Days, students will explore a variety of fun and educational activities apart from what they may be learning during the weekly (Wacky Wednesday) co-op. The focus is on fun, enrichment activities in a positive social setting. We send out the schedule for Discovery Days closer to our meeting dates.

CHARIS Connect: Moms, here is your chance for some meaningful conversations, fellowship and fun while your kids are immersed in their own activities at Discovery Days. Parents will attend two of three monthly CHARIS Connect days and assist with Discovery Days student activities on their assigned turn in the rotation. The cost of CHARIS Connect is built into the fees collected for Discovery Days. If your children are registered for Discovery Days, you are registered for CHARIS Connect.

Registration Information

Participating in CHARIS Co-ops is a privilege and option for families enrolled in the CHARIS support group. If you are enrolling for a co-op session, you must first become members of CHARIS for the current academic year. [To become a member of CHARIS, visit our website.](#) When registering for our weekly co-op, Discovery Days & CHARIS Connect fees are included in the registration fees. When registering for our monthly co-op, you and your children are registering for the three Discovery Days & CHARIS Connect gatherings for the session.

Dates to Remember

Fall Session

Wacky Wednesday meets September 12-November 14. CHARIS Connect & Discovery Days dates for our fall session are: September 12, October 17, and November 14.

Winter Session

Looking ahead, our winter session will meet January 23-March 27. CHARIS Connect/Discovery Days will be January 23, February 20, and March 27.

Spring Session

We're excited to offer a spring session this year called Encore. Some activities just don't work for an entire session, but they will work for Encore! More details about Encore, held on Wednesdays from April 10-24, will be coming this fall.

Cost

Weekly Co-op

Registration for the 10 week fall session is \$50/child. This includes the fees for CHARIS Connect and Discovery Days. There is also a registration fee of \$25/family. We are glad to offer two and four installment payment options (details are listed below). Please note, the high school Psychology class requires a textbook not covered by the material fees. Additionally, two of the middle school and high school classes require a teacher gift of \$25/student while one class offered does not have an additional fee (details are listed in the middle school/high school section).

Monthly Co-op

Registration for our monthly co-op meetings (CHARIS Connect & Discovery Days) is \$15/child. There's also a registration fee of \$15/family.

Registration Deadline

Weekly Co-op

The registration deadline for Wacky Wednesday is Wednesday, August 15th. Due to how our co-op is structured, we are unable to accept late registrations. Please contact us (leaders@mycharis.org) prior to the deadline if you have any circumstances that might keep you from registering on time. We are happy to try to work with you. If you miss the deadline, we welcome you to register for our monthly meetings or you can jump into our winter session.

Monthly Co-op

The registration deadline for our monthly meetings, CHARIS Connect & Discovery Days, is August 31.

CHARIS Weekly Co-op

Wacky Wednesday

Fall 2018 Class Offerings & Schedules

Nursery

Optional care will be available for our littlest members by volunteer moms from our group from 9:45-11:45.

Preschool Class Descriptions

Animal Play

Animal Play uses colorful books, songs, games and activities about animals to introduce the alphabet, numbers, shapes & colors. This program is designed to help your child develop excitement for learning. Bible time will introduce creation and other Bible stories that will give a biblical foundation. Students will also learn some biblical characteristics by looking at animals.

Snack Time

Students bring in their own snack & water or juice.

Interactive Alphabet Notebooks

Pack the scissors and glue sticks because we're putting together an interactive alphabet notebook. Each week, students will work at [assembling this keepsake](#). By the end of our co-op year, they will have a colorful collection of what they've learned.

Show & Tell

As we work our way through the alphabet, students have the opportunity to bring in an item for show & tell that corresponds to the letter of the week.

Free Play

Students will enjoy being creative through play. Some activities may include Play-Doh, gym time, ABC exercises, parachute games, playing with toys, etc.

Family Worship

Families will join together in the lunch room as we begin our morning singing praises to God and learning from His word.

All Co-op Worship & Fellowship Lunch

Our middle school & high school students will lead worship and devotions on October 10 & November 7. We'll conclude our morning by enjoying a potluck lunch.

Discovery Days

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Preschool Schedule

09/12/18	09/19/18	09/26/18	10/03/18	10/10/18	10/17/18	10/24/18	10/31/18	11/07/18	11/14/18
Discovery Day schedule of activities sent out closer to date	9:30-9:45 Family Worship Prek-5th	9:30-9:45 Family Worship Prek-5th	9:30-9:45 Family Worship Prek-5th	9:30-10:15 Animal Play Snack	Discovery Day schedule of activities sent out closer to date	9:30-9:45 Family Worship Prek-5th	9:30-9:45 Family Worship Prek-5th	9:30-10:15 Animal Play Snack	Discovery Day schedule of activities sent out closer to date
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K-5th Grade Class Descriptions

Early Civilizations

What was life like long ago in countries such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Babylon? Students will discover the people and customs of ancient civilizations as we weave together Bible, history, geography and science.

Art/Composer/Poetry

Students will learn about the lives of artists, composers, and authors and will be inspired to complete their own creative project.

Large Group Instruction

During large group, students will learn background information about the civilization and artist/composer being studied. This may include use of audio visual resources, seat work, literature, and games.

Hands On Project

Taking what is learned in large group, students will engage in a hands on project to further their understanding of the concepts previously introduced. Students will be placed in one of 5-6 pre-assigned, multi-age groups. The groups will meet in various classrooms.

Gym

This supervised gym time will be a mix of structured activities and open gym.

Hands On Projects & Gym Rotations

On October 10 and November 7, students will not have large group time. Instead, they will hop right into three 30 minute rotations of gym and a hands on project for an early civilization and an artist or composer. This will be done with their multi-age group.

Family Worship

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Middle School (6th-8th) & High School (9th-12th) Class Descriptions

High School

When registering, high school students choose either Psychology or Critical Thinking & Logic.

Introduction to Psychology from a Christian Perspective – 2 session course

from 7sistershomeschool.com:

IS psychology okay for a homeschool high school subject? When you think about it creatively, God was the first and best psychologist:

God cared about healthy relationships. How much of the Bible is dedicated to relationship? LOTS. How about this most important verse: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27*

God cares about what we think about. How much of the Bible is dedicated to our thought life? LOTS. How about this important verse:... *bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5*

God cares about our broken hearts. Isaiah 61 talks about healing the broken hearted, setting captives (addictions) free, comforting those who mourn, giving beauty for ashes...

These are the topics addressed in this psychology course taught from a Christian perspective. This course gives students a good infrastructure for their college-level psychology courses that are usually taught from a more secular viewpoint.

For more information on the course, [visit the course website](#). Class assignments and in class activities will assist students in earning credit. Additional instructions are available in the text to the parent on how to make the course $\frac{1}{2}$ credit average high school level, 1 full credit average high school level, or $\frac{1}{2}$ credit college prep, advanced or honors levels.

Requirements:

Students must [purchase a copy of the text](#).

In order to participate in class, it's necessary for students to complete reading assignments and homework when assigned.

\$25/semester teacher gift paid at registration

Critical Thinking & Logic

Would you like to sharpen your reasoning skills? Learn about logical fallacies? Play critical thinking games? Solve mysteries? This is the class for you! Note: This class will be taught by parent volunteers and does not require a \$25/teacher's gift. This will be a combined middle school & high school class.

Middle School

When registering, middle school students choose either Creative Writing or Critical Thinking & Logic.

Aspiring Writers – 2 session course

Love stories? Want to write your own? Maybe you already tried and got bogged down in the details, or you just aren't satisfied with the results. It happens to all writers! Come and learn some of the methods writers use to craft their best stories. We will alternate between teaching weeks, when we'll learn techniques to hone our skills, and sharing weeks, when we'll read aloud what we've written and discuss it. Sharing takes courage, so this will be a place to encourage each other. This workshop is geared towards students who already have an interest in writing and are ready to do some each week. Translation: there will be homework. (If the idea of writing homework sounds fun, you're a good fit for this class!)

Requirements:

In order to participate in class, it's necessary to complete homework when assigned.

\$25/semester teacher gift paid at registration

Critical Thinking & Logic

Would you like to sharpen your reasoning skills? Learn about logical fallacies? Play critical thinking games? Solve mysteries? This is the class for you! Note: This class will be taught by parent volunteers and does not require a \$24/teacher's gift. This will be a combined middle school & high school class.

Other Classes & Activities Offered

No sign up required. Students are automatically enrolled in the following:

Bible Study

As culture's expectations of today's youth wavers, we see opportunity to come alongside our youth to encourage and call them to lead by example. With 1 Timothy 4:12 as our guide ("Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."), this class will address biblical responses to the issues facing today's youth using a blend of parent led devotions, worship, and student led discussions.

Gym

Students will enjoy a chance to play a pick up game, shoot some baskets, or if not the gym type, engage in conversations.

All Co-op Worship & Fellowship Lunch

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Payment Plans

Listed below are the payment amounts for the two payment and four payment options. If you have middle school and/or high school students, enrolled in Psychology or Aspiring Writers please see the last chart for the additional amount due for teacher gifts.

Mail either two or four checks with the payment amount and post-dated checks to the address listed below. Checks should be made out to CHARIS. The registration deadline for the session is August 15th.

Send your checks to :

CHARIS

PO Box 48

Sugar Grove, IL 60554

If you have any questions, please email leaders@mycharis.org.

Two Payment Option

# of Kids Prek-High School	Total cost of registration (\$50/child+ \$25 registration)	Amount due at registration 08/15/2018	Post-dated check for 09/15/2018 also due at registration
1	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
2	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
3	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
4	\$225.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
5	\$275.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
6	\$325.00	\$175.00	\$150.00
7	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$175.00
8	\$425.00	\$225.00	\$200.00

Four Payment Option

# of Kids Prek-High School	Total cost of registration (\$50/child + \$25 registration)	Amount due at registration 08/15/2018	Post-dated check for 09/15/2018, 10/15/2018, and 11/15/2018 also due at registration
1	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
3	\$175.00	\$55.00	\$40.00
4	\$225.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
5	\$275.00	\$95.00	\$60.00
6	\$325.00	\$115.00	\$70.00
7	\$375.00	\$135.00	\$80.00
8	\$425.00	\$155.00	\$90.00

Additional Gift Amount for Middle School & High School Students

If your middle school and/or high school student(s) is enrolled in the Aspiring Writers or Psychology class(es), please add the following amount to your payment plan.

If your student(s) is taking Critical Thinking, no gift amount is due.

Please note: there is a cap of \$75/family for the gift amount

# of middle school and/or high students in your family	Total gift amount (\$25/student)	Add this amount to each of your checks for the two payment plan	Add this amount to each of your checks for the four payment plan
1	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$6.25
2	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$12.50
3 or more	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$18.75