



## Welcome to Living Water!

*Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare,  
'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'*  
John 7:38

Living Water is a homeschool cooperative that provides a Christ-centered environment to support parent-directed education. Our organization meets one day per week, with classes ranging from Nursery to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our focus is primarily school-aged children in Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, however, we provide nursery, toddler and preschool classes for younger children. Each class is led by the parents themselves and offers numerous extra-curricular and core enrichment classes to help children grow throughout the year. Beyond the designation of homeschool cooperative, we want Living Water to be a ministry to the children and parents. We want the fellowship with other homeschool parents and the structure of a formal organization to be a blessing to everyone involved.

If after reading our Statement of Faith, you feel that Living Water may be the right choice for you and your children, please continue to our Registration page to consider in what way you would like to become involved. If you would like more information, please visit us on the web at [www.LivingWaterHS.com/California](http://www.LivingWaterHS.com/California) or e-mail us at [LivingWaterHC@gmail.com](mailto:LivingWaterHC@gmail.com).

### What is Living Water?

- The Living Water Cooperative (Co-op) provides electives and academic enrichment classes in a Christ-centered environment to support parent-directed education.
- Parents lead and teach classes, coordinate events and provide opportunities for children to grow and learn through unique and exciting experiences.
- Living Water Co-op is a parent-led and run co-op. Each family is responsible to participate in the co-op every week.
- Each family will have an opportunity to contribute in a different area each session. These areas could include: Art, Music, Physical Education, Science, Drama, History, Teacher Assistants, Nursery Teachers, Preschool Teachers, Substitutes, Coordinators, Hall Monitors, and more.
- Living Water offers resources for Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade one day a week.
- If you are a new or seasoned homeschool parent who would like to provide extracurricular activities and core enrichment classes to your homeschool education, or think that your child would benefit from fellowship with other Christians in an educational environment. Living Water is here for you.

## **Statement of Faith**

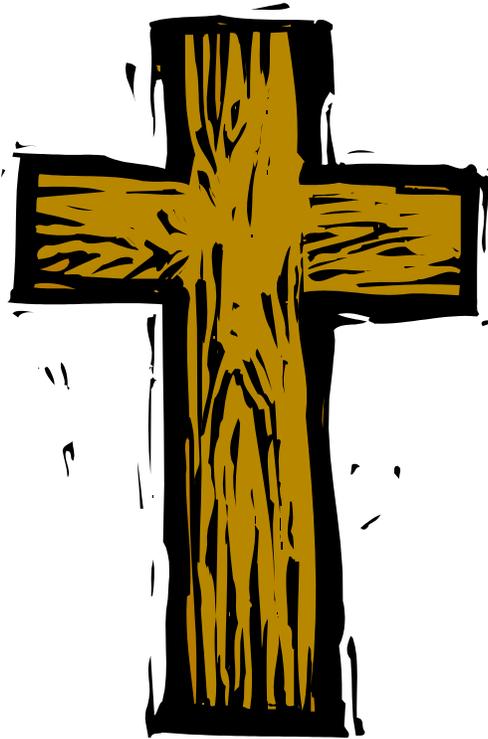
We believe that there is one God who has always been and always will be. He is manifest in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, and understanding begins in knowing Him.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, manifest in the flesh, born of a virgin. That He is the Savior of all mankind. We believe that he died on the cross for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended to Heaven. We believe that He will return again and raise those who have believed in Him to reign with Him in power and glory throughout eternity.

We believe that salvation is found nowhere else except in Jesus Christ.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the final authority of faith and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details, and that all true knowledge is consistent with its revelation.

We believe in the unity of all believers who, through faith, have received salvation through God's grace by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe that children belong to God who has given the responsibility and authority for their education to their parents.



# Living Water Policies



Please carefully read the following policies.

## **New Membership Policy**

Anyone desiring to become a part of the Living Water Homeschool should contact us via phone or email. Note: The oldest child in your family attending should be at least 5 years old by December of the first LW session.

Procedures:

1. Please read the Living Water Handbook, then complete and submit the registration form online.
2. A phone interview will be coordinated to answer any questions from the prospective member.
3. Families may visit anytime during a session (just let us know you are coming) and may join late depending on class size and availability, however the full session fee should be paid.

## **Attendance Policy**

Attendance is important to a consistent and effective program. Our parent-leaders and their children should make every effort to be on-time and present for every class. If an unexpected circumstance arises, please contact the Communications Coordinator as soon as possible to facilitate the scheduling of a substitute teacher. We allow 3 unexcused absences per year.

## **Illness Policy**

If you or your children have experienced a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other contagious illness with 24 hours of scheduled activities, please stay home. Also, please contact the Communications Coordinator as soon as possible to facilitate the scheduling of a substitute teacher and to submit a prayer request.

## **Guest Policy**

We encourage guests to attend a weekly session with your family. Please make them aware of our Statement of Faith and Core Values. As with all of our children, we do request that the guest's parent or guardian remains onsite during the visit in case of an emergency or special requirement.

## **Dress Policy**

- a) Clothing should be modest.
- b) Hemlines should be at least knee-length.
- c) Bare midriffs, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, and/or visible cleavage are unacceptable.
- d) Underclothing should not be visible.
- e) Tennis shoes and loose comfortable clothing are required for Physical Education class.

### **Supply Policy**

We attempt to provide some very basic resources for the weekly classes. These items may be insufficient for a complete lesson; therefore, please be prepared to bring your own materials.

### **Privacy Policy**

We desire our homeschool to be a safe environment for our members. Everyone should respect the privacy of our families. We will not release names, phone numbers, or any personal information of any member to any third-party without the express permission of that member. Please let us know if you would not like your information on the Living Water Contact List.

### **Liability and Medical Release Policy**

All member families agree and understand that neither the co-op, its members, nor the facility ownership are liable for any injuries incurred during co-op events.

### **Discipline Policy**

To maintain a safe and harmonious environment, we ask that all parents consistently enforce the discipline policy. Please lead the children to respect those in charge, respect others, and respect our facilities. "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31

Procedure: 3-Count Discipline Program

1. 1st count is a warning
2. 2nd count is separation from the group and activities until the child agrees to co-operate
3. 3rd count, the child will be removed from co-op activities and placed with their parent for the remainder of the day. If the parent is teaching, then the assistant teacher will teach the remainder of the class.

### **Treat Policy**

Due to allergies and personal preferences, we must discourage the distribution of candy. However, you may bring stickers or other types of rewards for the children in your classes.

### **Family Policy**

We encourage both husbands and wives to take part in Living Water. Although our courses will be primarily lead by stay-at-home moms, we encourage the fathers to understand and support Living Water's core values.

**Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6**

## Faculty Positions for Co-op Classes

Each family will have a different responsibility for each session, including: Classroom Teachers and Teacher Assistants (K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade); Nursery Teachers and Assistants; Preschool/Toddler Teachers and Assistants; Lunch and Hall Monitor Coordinator; Hall Monitor; Assembly Coordinator and Substitute. The Faculty Positions Interest Form will be emailed to you shortly after you register.

### Classroom Teachers (K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Develop and plan weekly lessons for the session.
- Create one substitute lesson and turn it in to the LW Leader by the first day of the session. (Just in case you are out, so we will have a plan).
- If you know you will be out on a given class day, prepare your assistant to teach the class in your absence or arrange for an alternate substitute.
- Facilitates and manages classroom activities for specific age groups.
- Teachers are responsible for setting up their room and returning their classrooms to the specification of the facility. This includes taking out the trash at the end of the day.
- Teachers are responsible for working with the leadership regarding the subject matter to be taught. Subject matter being taught will follow the statement of faith and not contradict it.

### Teacher Assistant (K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Assists the teachers during the class.
- Teaches the class if the teacher is absent.
- Assists with the movement of the students between classes and to/from lunch.

### Preschool/Toddler Teachers

- The preschool teacher will work with the leadership to design a fun class using the current preschool topics.

### Preschool/Toddler Teacher Assistant

- Assists the teachers during the class.
- Teaches the class if the teacher is absent.

### Nursery Teacher

- Works with leadership to plan fun activities, and creates a safe environment for our little ones to play.

### Nursery Teacher Assistant

- Assists the nursery teacher during the class.
- Teaches the class if the teacher is absent.

### Lunch and Hall Monitor Coordinator

- Oversees lunch for school-aged children at co-op each week.
- Coordinates and assigns Hall Monitors.

### Hall Monitor

- Hall monitor routinely checks all classrooms and halls during co-op.
- Assists with transition times between classes.
- Assists with bathroom breaks during and between classes.

### Assembly Coordinator

- Leads children through time of sharing and prayer before and after co-op.

### Substitute

- Available to substitute if a regularly scheduled person is unable to attend.

## **Living Water Leadership**

The Leadership consists of a board including a leader, treasurer, and communications coordinator who each serve in their respective areas to coordinate the schedule, handle the financial obligations and costs, and to function as general managers of the co-op. The Founding President also provides support as needed. Together with our spouses, we will make a commitment to create a Christ-centered cooperative group.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the administration of Living Water, please read the positions below and prayerfully consider where you would like to serve.

### **Administration Positions**

#### Field Trip Coordinator

- Searches out exciting field trips that align with class topics and are appropriate for all ages.
- Advertises and coordinates field trips, which includes providing directions and information on any fees, if applicable.

#### Marketing Director

- Oversees all communication and marketing materials.

#### Web Site Developer

- Creates and maintains our Web site.

#### Celebration Planner

- Organizes and plans special fun events, such as a Christmas party, graduation, field day, and monthly birthday celebrations.

Thank you for your interest in Living Water Co-op!  
Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information.  
God bless you!

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**I have no greater joy than this,  
to hear of my children walking in the truth.**

**3 John 1:4**