



LIGHTHOUSE HOMESCHOOLERS, INC.

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New Member Information Sheet PLEASE READ ENTIRE DOCUMENT

We are pleased you are interested in joining Lighthouse Homeschoolers. We suggest you read over our website to learn more about our group. The information contained there will help you decide if Lighthouse is the right fit for your family. We strongly encourage you to attend the information meeting on August 13, 2009. Details are provided on our website.

Our application and membership agreement consists of 3 pages with an additional page containing the Lighthouse T-shirt order form. Please be sure to complete each section of the application and check calculations before submitting necessary fees. Applications must be postmarked by 8/21/09.

When your application is received and processed you should expect to receive an email from our membership coordinator. This email will be from membership@lighthousehomeschoolers.org or from felicia@jonesfamilies.com. If you have any filters on your email please be sure to set them so you can receive communication from these addresses. If you do not hear from Lighthouse via email within 2 weeks you may email one of the above addresses and someone will check the status of your application.

The email you receive will contain important information about meeting location and time and also instructions on joining our on-line discussion forum. Please read the email in its entirety and follow the directions closely. **It is vital that you join the discussion forum as that is our only means of communication between our monthly meetings.**

Please visit the Welcome Table at each of our monthly Teachers Meetings to pick up your nametag. Also, at the first meeting you will need to pick up your New Members Information Packet (unless you received it at the 8/13/09 meeting).

Keep in mind you will not receive written communication from Lighthouse via snail mail. Our newsletters are published and distributed via on-line means only. Again, if you do not receive an email from our membership coordinator within 2 weeks of submitting your application please email one of the addresses listed above.

If you are joining FPEA through Lighthouse Homeschoolers our group submission to them will occur in September. You can expect to receive your membership card directly from FPEA, in your mailbox, no later than October. If you do not receive it, first check the forum for updates from our membership coordinator then contact her at lighthousehomeschoolers@gmail.com. Please include your full name and FPEA member number (if you are rejoining). The coordinator will contact FPEA on your behalf and notify you of the status of your membership.

We look forward to a wonderful, fun-filled year of homeschooling adventures!

“Helping to Light the Way”

Membership Application 2009-2010

Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc.

A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation

Lighthouse Homeschoolers is a cooperative group of homeschooling parents and children. We are Christian-based, but not Christian-exclusive. Our purpose is to encourage family members in their homeschooling efforts by providing information, socialization, fellowship and support.

<i>OFFICE USE ONLY</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	FPEA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handbook
<input type="checkbox"/>	Picture

Please **PRINT** legibly and complete entire application.

New Member Returning Member Years Homeschooled _____ (Returning members) Member Number _____

Last name _____ Primary Teacher _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

It is imperative that you list the email address you will use when registering on our discussion forum!

Primary Phone(_____) _____ Cell Phone(_____) _____

When/why we would use the cell number? _____

- Emergency Only
- Field Trip Only
- Anytime
- None of above (explain on left)

I am available for phone calls during the hours of _____:_____ am/pm AND _____:_____ am/pm.

Please be specific about call times - earliest allowed, latest allowed. Please don't say "anytime."

Names of Children—include last name if different from above <i>(Please include all your children)</i>	Birthdate MM/DD/YY	Gender	*Age on Sept. 1, 2009	This child is homeschooled
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Do you have a homeschool student who will graduate this year? Yes No If yes, please note above.

*Children 10 and older as of September 1, 2009 are eligible to participate in Lighthouse Plus activities.

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Check appropriate boxes and remit total due in one check made payable to Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc.

- Lighthouse Membership Fee \$ 20.00
Membership runs from August 1st to July 31st, fees are not prorated and are non-refundable.
- FPEA Membership Fee (optional, but encouraged)..... \$ 18.00
If you are a current FPEA member, please provide your FPEA number _____
- T-shirts (see attached form, Qty _____ @ _____ each) \$ _____
- Home Education Foundation Donation (optional, but encouraged—suggested \$10) \$ _____

All applications must be postmarked by 8/21/09.

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Mail to: Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc., P. O. Box 631, Highland City, FL 33846
Include Completed Application, Check, Member Responsibility Agreement and T-shirt Order Form (if applicable).
All items must be received before membership can be accepted.

All Members:

How will you be a part of the LH cooperative group this year? Please check **at least one area** that you will work in. You may check more than one. You may also serve in an area that you did not check as you see the need later in the year.

- Field Trip Coordinator
- PLUS Field Trip/Activities
- Social Events (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Spring Fun)
- Educational Events (Science Fair, Essay Contest, Recognition Night)
- Community Service
- Support Events (Mom's Meetings, etc.)
- Teachers Meetings Activities

New Members:

How did you learn about Lighthouse Homeschoolers?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighthouse Homeschoolers Website | <input type="checkbox"/> FPEA Support Group List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Flier | <input type="checkbox"/> School Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Member (Name: _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Returning Members:

When joining you agree to contribute a job or service to the group. What act of service did you contribute to Lighthouse last year?

I agree to read the Lighthouse New Member Packet. (Available on our forum website.)

I agree to contribute a job or service to this support group.

I understand that certain information supplied on this application will appear in the Lighthouse Roster (contact info, children's names & birthdates).
The roster is published for the use of members only.

I agree to join Lighthouse's Discussion Forum to enable me to stay up-to-date on group communication.

I understand all communication is conducted on-line and through the monthly Teachers Meetings.

Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date

Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc.

Membership Responsibility Agreement

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STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR

Parents are responsible for monitoring their children's behavior on field trips. Please consider the activities involved in each field trip and the suggested age level. If you feel that your child will not be able to safely handle any aspect of the field trip activity, you should remove your child from participation in the event.

1. No running, jumping, or climbing where inappropriate.
2. No destruction of property.
3. No rowdy or disrespectful behavior.
4. Willingness to accept from other members reports on your child's behavior.
5. No "failure to show" without calling to cancel. This includes a member's tardiness and/or failure to be at a pre-arranged field trip.
6. Payment of necessary trip or event fees by the deadline is required. No hold notices or post-dated checks will be accepted. If your check is returned to an arranger due to non-sufficient funds (NSF) you must, within 10 days of notification, correct the situation by delivering to the arranger either in cash or a money order the total amount due AND any bank charges incurred by the arranger. You will automatically be restricted from all Lighthouse events and trips until the funds are delivered. Notification of the NSF will serve as the 1st offense - VERBAL WARNING of failure to abide by the Membership Responsibility Agreement.

Failure to abide by the Standard of Behavior will result in the following:

1st offense: *VERBAL WARNING*

2nd offense: WRITTEN WARNING and RESTRICTION PERIOD of 30 days in which said member will be restricted from Lighthouse Homeschoolers' activities including special events such as Thanksgiving Celebration or Recognition night if they fall in the probationary period. If the written warning was the result of an NSF you will also be on a cash-only basis for all trips for the remainder of the school year.

3rd offense: WRITTEN WARNING and RESTRICTION PERIOD of an additional 30 days in which said member will be restricted from Lighthouse Homeschoolers' activities including special events such as Thanksgiving Celebration or Recognition night if they fall in the restriction period.

Further problems in this area with a member will result in *DISMISSAL* from Lighthouse Homeschoolers.

Refund policy will be established on a trip-by-trip basis.

RELEASE

Field trips for Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc. are planned, organized and financially handled by volunteer members of the group. It is expected that all funds given to them by participating members will be handled with integrity. If you wish to participate in a field trip, you will be assuming all risks, if any, for your participation. No refunds will be given from the Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc. general operating funds if said field trip arrangers lose or misappropriate funds given to them by members. If you wish to participate in a field trip, you will be assuming all risks, if any, for your participants. Parents are responsible and liable for their family's transportation to and from all field trips. Each participant must assume the risk of physical injury that could result from any of these activities or events. **This release shall be effective for so long as the undersigned are active in any way with Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc..**

AGREEMENT

I have read both the Standard of Behavior and the Release. I agree that my family will honor the set Standard of Behavior at all Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc. functions. I understand that participation in field trips and activities is voluntary. Further, I release Lighthouse Homeschoolers, Inc., its leadership, its representatives and assignees from all liability for any injury to my family or dependents as a result of participation in homeschooling field trips or activities.

Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Witness _____
(other than parent)

Date _____

Lighthouse T-Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Size and Pricing Information

- Child Extra Small (CXS), \$6.00
- Child Small 6-8(CS), \$6.00
- Child Medium 10-12(CM), \$6.00
- Child Large 14-16(CL), \$6.00
- Adult Small (AS), \$6.00
- Adult Medium (AM), \$6.00
- Adult Large (AL), \$6.00
- Adult XL (XL), \$6.00
- Adult 2X (A2X), \$7.50
- Adult 3X (A3X), \$8.50

You may turn in your order with your membership form and include payment in one check.

Order deadline is August 21, 2009.

Shirts will be distributed at the September Teachers Meeting.

Shirts not picked up by the October meeting will be resold. No refunds given.

Contact Esther DeRouen at 816-1645 for more information.

T-shirts are teal with a white lighthouse on the front.
 Lettering is in white and reads
 "Lighthouse Homeschoolers"

Quantity	Size	Price
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____

For office use only: Check # _____ Cash _____ Shirts rcvd _____
