

# Creating or finding a Co-Op Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help you determine what kind of co-op you want to create or find. No answer is right or wrong; it just depends on what community you want to build or be part of for your children's educational and personal development.

## 1) Purpose of the Co-op: (check all that apply)

- Community/friendship for children
- Community/friendship for parents/family
- Shared learning or group work
- Play Group or Adventures or Field Trip Group
- Academics using same curriculum with accountability for school work
- Just need a drop off for my children to learn from someone else
- Multi-age interaction
- Peer-only interaction
- Share same educational approach (what approach/theme: \_\_\_\_\_)

## 2) What ages do you want the children to be?

- Same age/grade range (list range) \_\_\_\_\_
- Families with children of all ages
- Minimum age/grade? \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum age/grade? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3) Feelings toward homeschooling

- Passionate about homeschooling (just starting and/or experienced)
- Interested in or new to homeschooling, so trying it out to see how it goes
- Homeschooling because of mandates or curriculum I disagree with
- Homeschooling as a problem-solving choice for familial needs or student needs
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Frequency Level

- 4-5 days per week
- 2-3 times per week
- 1 time per week
- 1 time every two weeks
- 1 time per month

## 5) Time of Day

- Mornings only
- Afternoons only
- All day only, 8-3 pm
- Depends on day
- Anytime matters

## 6) Locations

- Stay in the county
- Up to a 15-20 min. drive
- In my home
- Don't care

**7) Type of Co-op (check all that apply):**

- I want a drop-off
  - I don't care who teaches it - but someone other than me
  - I want to pay licensed teacher to educate my child
  - With a regular rotation of parents teaching the children, including me
  
- I want the homeschool parents to attend the co-op
  - I don't care to be friends, I just don't want the responsibility for other kids
  - I want to be friends with the other moms (or dads) and want them to see this co-op as a way to build friendships with other homeschool parents

**8) Commitment Level - It helps if everyone has the same commitment level**

- Attend at every meet-up unless illness or vacation
- Commit to attending as regularly as possible
- Come when you can - doesn't matter how often

**9) Size of Co-op**

- Very Small: 3-8 school-aged children
- Small: 9-15 school-aged children
- Medium: 16-25 school-aged children
- Large: 26-35 school-aged children
- Very Large: 36+ school-aged children

**10) Leadership**

- I can/want to lead
- I can/want to co-lead
- I want others to lead
- I want others to lead, but I am open to leading in the future

**11) Educational Interests (check all that apply)**

- Academic subjects using this specific curriculum/approach/structure/routine:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Book Club
- Life Skills
- Nature-based Learning
- Interest Led Learning (specify i.e. bilingual, STEM, Coding, Cooking, Crafts, Art, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Religious connection and learning
- Adventures/Field Trips
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12) Restrictions/Preferences that need to be considered**

- My child's special needs
- Allergies
- My work schedule
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

A co-op community can be a wonderful gift to your child and to you as a family. Finding the right co-op can lead to lifelong friendship, enriching academic opportunities, or even just give you the free time you need.

## **Types of Co-ops**

### **Casual Co-op**

This is a monthly or weekly meet-up for learning and fun outside own your chosen curriculum. There aren't a lot of rules with this one, just more of a focus of building friendships and living a homeschool life together.

### **Formal Co-op**

A formal co-op is typically one with a high commitment requirement, academic or curriculum focus with a shared foundational approach to homeschooling. This co-op tends to meet more regularly and requires high accountability.