

# Veritas Homeschoolers Membership Application

## Membership Valid July 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012

Both Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Major Crossroads \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have your permission to add your email address to our website, so that we can email you, and so you can access the newsletter and members only pages? You may unsubscribe at any time. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List all children in your family, regardless of homeschooling status. For each child, please indicate whether they are homeschooled (**HS**), not homeschooled (**NHS**), or Graduated (**Grad**).

Girls' Names	Birth Year	HS, NHS, Grad		Boys' Names	Birth Year	HS, NHS, Grad

Curriculum \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Homeschooling since \_\_\_\_\_

-----The information above will be published in the Veritas Homeschoolers Directory-----

### Veritas Homeschoolers Waiver of Liability

I am homeschooling at least one child in my family in accordance with A.R.S. 15-802.

I understand that I must be present and responsible for supervising my children at all Veritas Homeschoolers recreational and educational activities that my children participate in unless I have authorized in writing an alternative Veritas Homeschoolers member parent to act on my behalf and to be responsible for supervising my children. Veritas Homeschoolers is not responsible to supervise my children.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the group, Veritas Homeschoolers, and all parents that are members of Veritas Homeschoolers, from any liability of any acts done by Veritas Homeschoolers or its members, that are reasonably related to the particular recreational or educational activity while participating in the Veritas Homeschoolers support group.

I hereby consent to participation of my children in Veritas Homeschoolers activities and agree to assume all risks involved. I understand that Veritas Homeschoolers does not provide insurance relative to accidents or injuries as a result of program related activities. I understand that I am responsible for the health/medical care of my children in the event of an injury or accident during any Veritas Homeschoolers activity.

I understand that the return of a signed Waiver of Liability with both parents' signatures is necessary for participation in the Veritas Homeschoolers support group.

Print Names of Both Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

The membership fee for 2011 - 2012 (expires 7/31/12) is **\$15** per family. If you are a missionary family who raises your own support, a pastor's family, or are experiencing financial hardship due to job loss, your fee is waived. (Indicate waiver request here \_\_\_\_\_). Membership dues are half-price after 2/28/12.

Make a **check payable to Jill Winkelman** and mail to **Veritas Homeschoolers, P. O. Box 7155, Chandler, AZ 85246**.

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Welcome to the Veritas Homeschoolers support group! Membership is open to all families currently homeschooling\* at least one child. Membership is concentrated in the Ahwatukee Foothills, south Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa areas. The membership fee for 2011 - 2012 (expires July 31, 2012) is \$15 per family. If you are a missionary family who raises your own support, a pastor's family, or are experiencing financial hardship due to job loss, your fee is waived. Membership dues are half-price after February 28, 2012. Please note that families whose children are exclusively enrolled in a virtual public school are enrolled in the public school system and, therefore, are not eligible for membership in Veritas Homeschoolers. If you need more information about Veritas Homeschoolers, please visit the web site at <http://veritashomeschoolers.org> or e-mail [info@veritashomeschoolers.org](mailto:info@veritashomeschoolers.org) or write to P. O. Box 7155, Chandler, AZ 85246.

*\* Homeschooling for the purposes of this group is in accordance with A.R.S. 15-802. In addition parents (or legal guardians) must personally do at least 50% of the home schooling at the primary level (K-8). At the secondary level, parents must exercise exclusive control of the high school program but need not personally provide 50% of the instruction. However, they must do some of the home schooling. Note: Enrollment in a public charter school, including virtual academies, is not home schooling in accordance with A.R.S. 15-802.*

## **Purpose and Philosophy**

Veritas (vair' uh tahss), which is Latin for "truth," describes what we as parents desire to teach our children, both in the realm of academics and the arena of life. Veritas Homeschoolers is an evangelical Christian support group for those who are home educating their children, including preschool age children. Although Veritas Homeschoolers is a Christian organization with Christian leadership, membership is open to all those wishing to homeschool their children. We acknowledge the need to maintain relationships with other homeschool groups, religious and secular, in order to keep abreast of political trends that might undermine our parental and civil liberties.

The reasons for membership in a homeschool support group are numerous. First, because home educating is a radical departure from public and private schools, a homeschool support group provides emotional support. Working with others with similar goals and ideals gives members assurance that the method of education they have chosen for their children is a sound one. The second advantage of membership in a group is the ability to draw upon the resources of others within the group. Thirdly, group activities can provide friendships for members and their children. Group interaction with people of all ages is the best way to socialize children.

With its framework of support that allows members to be their children's educators, Veritas Homeschoolers makes possible and perhaps even magnifies some of the main advantages of home schooling. Among these are freedom to choose a child's curriculum, closer parent-child relationships, enjoyment of one's children, control of the child's moral environment, personal growth of parents, more individualized instruction for the student, a reduction of the economic pressure of private education, and a greater student responsibility for attaining an education. Veritas Homeschoolers is not here to dictate to parents what and how they should teach their children. Homeschooling parents alone are responsible for the educational experiences of their children. Members are encouraged to remain informed of current Arizona laws regarding homeschooling.

## **Veritas Homeschoolers Statement of Faith**

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was God come in human flesh, being fully God and fully man, except without sin.
- All men have sinned, both by nature and by act. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross. He then triumphed over death by His visible, bodily resurrection.
- Salvation is offered as a gift: free to the sinner. This gift must be accepted by faith, not trusting in any personal work, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.

## **Application Completion**

When completing your application, please fill out the information for the Veritas Homeschoolers Directory, which will be published in October. For the Waiver of Liability, print both parents' names and each parent needs to sign and date the waiver. Make a **check payable to Jill Winkelman** and mail to **Veritas Homeschoolers, P. O. Box 7155, Chandler, AZ 85246**. Membership dues are for July 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012.

Upon receipt of your check, you will receive a Membership Card and a Membership e-mail that gives you access to the online newsletter and the Members Only pages of the web site. We recommend reading the web site pages to get familiar with Veritas Homeschoolers. The September edition of the *Veritas Homeschoolers Newsletter* will be available online in late August. The newsletter is only available via the web site; we do not offer a hardcopy newsletter.

## **Benefits to Members**

- Park Day - September through May, families meet monthly at a local park. While the kids (yes, even teenagers) play, the moms discuss upcoming events, offer suggestions for field trips, and share their homeschooling experiences with the group. This is where you get to know other families and get your questions answered regarding the how and why of successful homeschooling. In this friendly atmosphere, you receive the support you need to teach your kids.
- Newsletter - Nine issues throughout the year (online only; we do not offer hardcopy newsletters)
- Veri-talk E-mail Group - Promotes fellowship by sharing ideas within the ease of e-mail
- Other Activities - Varies, but may include field trips, youth functions, service projects, mom's night out, swim parties, and various classes
- Media Library - IEW writing seminar tapes for rental
- Membership E-mail - Gives you access to the online newsletter and the Members Only pages of the web site
- Membership Card - May be used to obtain educator discounts at local bookstores

## **Contact Information**

E-Mail - [info@veritashomeschoolers.org](mailto:info@veritashomeschoolers.org)

Web Site – <http://veritashomeschoolers.org>

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