

Homeschool Ko-op Parent Helpful Info

THANK YOU for being a part of America's Keswick Homeschool Ko-op!

- Important info – Phone – 800-453-7942
- James Serpico – Dir. of Programming – jserpico@americaskeswick.org, ext. 1030
- Website – www.americaskeswick.org - click on “Events” tab to find Homeschool info

Class days – 10am – 4pm, lunch/chapel @ 12 noon in the Gym – snack shop open 12:15-12:50pm (drinks, chicken fingers, french fries, hot dogs) *menu subject to change

Calendar

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| - Day #1 – 2/18 | Day #4 – 4/1 |
| - Day #2 – 3/4 | Day #5 – 4/15 |
| - Day #3 – 3/18 | Day #6 – 4/29 - Showcase in Gym (4:30-6pm) |

FAQs -

What do I do when I arrive on campus?

- Go to the Welte Activity Center main entrance (look for the Check-in sign on the road and the large building on your left with the sunlights/pool) and check-in at the front desk.
- For parents, check-in at the front desk and pickup your name badge, map, schedule.
- For students, pickup your wristband, memory verse card and schedule.

What's the deal with the memory verses?

- The word of God is powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword.
- Our hope is that the students will learn the Word of God during their time here. If they recite a memory verse (one per week PLEASE) to a staff member, we will provide them a hole punch and if they earn all FIVE punches by the end of the semester, we will give them a special Snack Shop treat.

How long are class periods?

- Classes are 50 minutes, starting on the hour and ending 10 minutes before the next hour (Example 2:00pm-2:50pm). Please be ON TIME to drop off/pick up your children. Students have other classes to get to, and the teacher using the room next may need a few minutes to set up their class for the next hour.

What is the protocol for student safety?

- We have an OPEN DOOR policy for all classrooms.
- No students are allowed in private spaces (offices, apartments, homes, trailers, closets)
- If a child needs to go to the bathroom, a teacher or helper may escort them. If a child needs help in the bathroom, please be available as the PARENT to help; **parents are required to be available on campus at all times.**

How do I contact someone if need be???

- If you have an issue or need help during the class day, please contact one of our team members (we will be wearing Keswick nametags). There will also be a radio at the Activity Center front desk which can be used to contact Ko-op leadership. There will also be a staff member at the Activity Center front desk.

How do I find out about important info???

- Announcements will be made each week during chapel. We encourage **all** to attend chapel each day at noon. It would be a great help if you could work with us to make sure all parents and families are in the gym for announcements and chapel. We especially need help near the snack shop/WAC lobby/Fireside area.

What if my child did not get into a class???

- PLEASE direct these questions to James Serpico. DO NOT approach a teacher with questions regarding class rosters. Some classes have waitlists, some kids might be in the wrong age range, etc. We want to make sure we are fair to all families, so please direct them to us.

My child is 5-7...

- If you are the parent of a 5-7 year old, please make sure you or an older (12+) sibling drops them off at the start of class and comes to pick them up at the end of class. Please present your name badge with your children's name/s on the back to the teacher when picking up.

Is there a Dress Code???

- Please dress appropriately for Keswick's Homeschool Ko-op, so that you feel comfortable and relaxed. However, Keswick has certain rules about what is not allowed; for girls, very low-cut shirts, shirts with spaghetti straps, shirts that reveal the stomach, and very short shorts/skirts/dresses; for boys, no cut-off sleeves, no tank tops, and appropriate shorts (especially for gym class). As for bathing suits, a one-piece modest swimsuit for women and swim trunks for men are the acceptable attire. Please wear sandals or shoes at all times to avoid accidents. Guests who are not dressed appropriately will be asked to change.
- If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact one of the Ko-op leaders

Bikes/scooters/wheeled vehicles???

- Kids under the age of 17 are required to wear helmets when using a scooter, skateboard, hoverboard, one-wheel, roller skates, in-line skates, etc. If you are around campus and see a child doing one of these activities but not wearing a helmet, please give them a gentle reminder, or tell one of us. *As a parent, please know that you do have a voice in these areas of safety.*

What is the “Showcase” ???

- This is an opportunity for teachers, students and families to celebrate the end of the semester together. Feel free to invite family members to this event! Date: the last class day of the semester, 4:30-6pm

Are parents allowed in class???

- In order to ensure safety, and to continue to keep this a low cost program - We need additional and committed helpers! Beginning this semester, all adult helpers will be asked to complete a background check in order to be permitted in classrooms. (Keswick will cover the cost of the background check.) This applies to classroom helpers and substitute teachers.

What is a HELPER???

- HELPERS sit in with the class to HELP the teachers and students. Some simply sit and provide additional eyes/ears for safety. Others pass out supplies. And others help students with their work.
- If you know anyone who might want to be a helper, please have them contact us.

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