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Welcome Letter

Dear Co-op Families,

It's time once again to register for next term. Thank you for all your encouragement as well as your support in teaching and assisting. We appreciate the many ways that you make co-op happen. Co-op cannot happen without you!

Registration Dates

Returning families have until **May 31** for priority registration. Please register online as soon as you can. After May 31, I will open registration up to waitlisted families.

Registration Procedure

1. You get the packet and before you do anything else, **you print out the important information sheet. You also mark the dates in your calendar.** You double check to make sure that you have all the important phone numbers in your phone.
2. Then you gleefully peruse options. You pick five that are your favorites. This will be hard bc they are so fantastically awesome.
3. **Print the 'Important Information' document for your records.** Hang it on your fridge!!! Mark co-op dates on your calendars. Add important contact information in your phones!!!
4. Did I mention that before you keep reading this you should print out that important information sheet and write down the dates? You did it already? Great - you can continue.
5. You register online using the link provided in the email. When you register, you'll pick your **five** favorite classes.
6. We usually can get a child in three of their top four choices. This year, we will respond with a schedule, and if you don't like it, we'll give you a couple days to change before releasing registration to new families.
7. You can bring your forms and payment to co-op on the 14th.

All class selection will be done online.

Make all checks payable to **CHANGE Cooperative**. If you need to mail me forms, you can mail them to:

Valorie Delp
689 Old Waterbury Rd.
Southbury, CT 06488

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Games, Books and Other Sundries

Ranger in Time Book Series **GR 3rd-6th** **Michelle Stietzel** **\$5**

Read and discuss Ranger in Time historical fiction! We will start with book one, which is set on the Oregon Trail. Class will include exploring the historical time period, Language Arts & hands on activities.

As the Old Saying Goes **GR 3rd-6th** **Pamela Cassidy** **\$0**

We'll examine old sayings: what they mean, how they originated, whether they're found in other cultures, and how they compare to Biblical wisdom

Book Bliss **GR 3rd-12th** **TBD** **\$0**

Bring a book. Read it. This is for all those that need a quiet hour just to regroup and/or catch up on their favorite novel

Strategy Games **GR 5th-12th** **Sandi Kelly** **\$0**

We'll examine old sayings: what they mean, how they originated, whether they're found in other cultures, and how they compare to Biblical wisdom

Study Hall **GR 7th-12th** **TBD** **\$0**

For those students who have heavy homework loads. Priority goes to students who are taking college or AP classes. Students must come with something to do that is studious. Reading, writing, etc. are all acceptable.

Yearbook **GR 7th-12th** **Mary Spinali** **\$0**

Calling all photogs, scrapbookers and more! Join our yearbook team to make the best ever yearbook!! No experience necessary. The class runs for two semesters and it's ideal if you commit to both. Also, there are meetings outside of co-op that are required.

Future Problem Solvers **GR 7th-12th** **Christina Tiska** **\$25**

The Future Problem Solving Program of Connecticut, Inc., prepares Connecticut's students for the future by teaching them essential problem solving skills. *The challenging materials of the Future Problem Solving Program are designed to help students learn how to think, not what to think.* Future Problem Solving motivates and assists students to develop an active interest in the future, improve written and oral communication skills, work cooperatively, develop research skills while learning about complex social and scientific issues, and think creatively, critically and analytically.

Note - There is a competition component to this program that will meet at extension. Students are not required to do competition - this is just an intro. While the program is a bit hard to explain - it is fabulous for creating thinkers.

Hands-On Classes

Pinterest Palooza **GR 3rd-6th** **Christine Aquilio** **\$10**

This is the class for finally doing all those cool activities that are pinned but never executed. It will be a variety of hands-on experiments (magic milk! exploding sidewalk chalk!), art activities (tessellations! pointillism!), puppet plays (make a theater! make puppets!), or whatever else we decide we want to do!

All About Animals **GR 3rd-6th** **Claudia Hochadel** **\$0**

If you love animals, this is for you. Learn about different animals of the world. Then, we will draw the animal we learned about. Bring a pencil or colored pencils.

Woodworking **GR 3rd-12th** **Bob Willaum** **\$240**

Designing and creating small wooden projects using hand tools. All pieces will be doweled together, no nails or screws. Jig saw, back saw, mitre box brace, squares, rulers, clamps sandpaper and glue will be used. Safety strictly enforced. \$30/student/session = \$240. Includes instruction and most supplies and tools - there are a few supplies which are the student's responsibility to acquire - safety glasses, gloves, ruler, a mitre box with back saw combo, and a coping saw. (The items should be able to be purchased at big box stores for approximately \$20 and they will be yours to keep.)

Social Science Classes

Debate the World (simulated Model UN) **GR 6th-12th** **Valorie and Meghan Delp** **\$0**

Through simulated scenarios, we will teach you how to debate, make policies, and think about global issues. This class is excellent preparation for those who want to participate in Model UN or for those who just want to see what it's like. There is no pressure to compete. Students will be expected to complete homework and speak in public.

Credit options are available for high school students.

The Founding Documents **GR 7th-12th** **Jeff Wildman** **\$0**

We will delve into the Constitution, The Bill of Rights, The Declaration of Independence, The Magna Carta and discover why our government works!! How is it supposed to work? How is it that a country so young flourishes? Come and learn why the Founding Fathers wrote our Founding Documents!

Science Classes

Dinosaurs by Design **GR 3rd-6th** **Christine Aquilio** **\$10**

Let's get to know dinosaurs! When did God create them? Where did they go? Could you outrun a dinosaur? What is a fossil? We'll learn together, creating an interactive notebook of information, as well as making fossils, "hatching" a dinosaur egg, and other dino-riffic activities. I will be approaching this from a Biblical, creationist perspective.

Grossology **GR 3rd-6th** **Mia Cunningham** **\$0**

Grossology - the science of really gross things about your body. We will cover brain, nasal cavity, eyeball, ear, mouth, digestive system and blood.

Magic School Bus Science **GR 3rd-6th** **Rachel Ewers** **\$15**

Exactly as it sounds - we will do experiments and learn about science based on the Magic School Bus series.

Science Olympiad GR 6th-9th Sarah Wallace* \$30

Join our growing Science Olympiad team! What is science Olympiad? It is a science competition for students who take the time to master a certain event or events, and then attend a competition in the spring. Students who take this class are expected to attend the competition (and no, unfortunately we don't know the exact date but it's generally mid-March.) Parents of students who sign up must help the team.

Chemistry GR 7th-12th Lindy Carter \$15
Experiments

This class will explore all things chemistry! Experiments will loosely follow the Apologia curriculum for high school chemistry.

Dissection GR 7th-12th Sarah Cole \$45

Hands-on learning of basic anatomy and biological systems.
9 dissections planned: owl pellet, frog, rat, cow's eye, crayfish, squid, pig heart, grasshopper, and perch fish. Price includes kit to take home at the end of the semester and all materials.

Music and Drama

Piano Lessons GR 5th-12th Joy Bellows \$240

Come take piano lessons. Each lesson will run 30 minutes. (Students will need to bring a book to wait for 30 minutes of the hour.

Worship Band GR 5th-12th Joy Bellows \$0

Come learn to play worship music!! Students must be able to play an instrument. Class size is limited. Students need to come at 8am for rehearsal and set up. Note to keyboard players - you need to bring your own keyboard!!

Fairy Tale Drama GR 7th-12th Deana Merchant \$0
Take 2

Come explore drama through familiar and maybe not so familiar fairy tales. You will need to

be comfortable acting and speaking in front of others.

Choir **GR 7th-12th** **Joy Bellows** **\$25**

Sing in a choir and learn different kinds of music, vocal technique and more! All experience levels welcome - but be expected to be challenged.

Guitar **GR 5th-12th** **Bob Willaum** **\$240**

Local musician Bob Willaum continues to offer lessons for guitar students. He can teach guitar, bass, mandolin and other, similar string instruments. Students will be split into intermediate and beginning sections based on skill level and prior experience.

Fencing

Fencing **GR 3rd-12th** **Sandra Marchant** **\$80**

Join Coach Sandra to learn or hone your skills in this all-round fabulous sport at co-op! Students who have had at least a semester can sign up for Foil or Epee. (Usually coach has an idea of which is better suited for your child.) Students with no or limited prior experience should sign up for Beginning.

Students do not need their own fencing gear. However, all students have to have long pants and sneakers. Gentlemen need an athletic cup. If you are not wearing long pants, sneakers and an athletic cup (for boys) - coach will absolutely not let you fence.

Art

Pottery **GR 3rd-12th** **Roberta Ajuha** **\$200**

It will be a delightful experience to teach your children the basic fundamentals of pottery, which is a wonderful way to explore your creativity. Using various techniques such as as Pinch Pots, Coil and Slab, we will learn how to transform a lump of clay into a functional or decorative item. Besides having fun, students will take home their work which will bring back memories in the years to come.

Abstract Art **GR 3rd-12th** **Heather Brasche** **\$40**

What do you see? There's a whole world of abstract art, and in this class we will be talking about all the big art movements! Each week we will discuss a different master of the abstract world and then students will get an opportunity to recreate the master's style in their own original masterpieces. Come join the fun!

Landscape Drawing and Painting **GR 3rd-12th** **Heather Brasche** **\$40**

Bringing the outside indoors! In this class students will create original works of art from photos they have taken as well as re-creating works of the masters from several art history eras. We will discuss light, texture and perspective in order to paint everything from rocks to bushes, trees, clouds and even water! The final project will be a full color painting for students to cherish for a lifetime!

Botanical Studies **GR 3rd-12th** **Heather Brasche** **\$40**

Nature enthusiasts – this class is for you! Back by popular demand, this class is a lesson in close observation and accurate representation. Each week students will bring in plant samples to draw, ink and even color if they desire. We will study how plants grow and how they have been documented over the years so that we can create our own botanical drawings. Let's stop and smell the flowers – then draw them!

Payment Form

Family Name _____

Please pay only:

- Family registration \$60
- Voice or Guitar \$240
- Woodworking \$240
- Epee or Foil \$80
- Choir \$25

All other fees will be invoiced at a later date based on your student's class schedule.
Bring your forms and \$\$ to co-op on Dec. 14th.

Family Registration Fee \$60 _____

Previous Balance/Credit, if any _____

Guitar/Voice \$240 _____

Woodworking \$240 _____

Epee or Foil \$80 _____

Total _____

CHANGE Co-op

Important Information

Fall 2019

Co-op meets at Walnut Hill Community Church, 156 Walnut Hill Rd, Bethel, CT on the following dates. Please mark them on your calendar.

Dates 2019-2020

Fall	Spring
Sept 13, 27	Jan 10, 24
Oct 11, 25	Feb 14, 28
Nov 8, 22	Mar 13, 27
Dec 13, 20 (party/wrap-up day)	Apr 10, 24
	May 8, 22

General Contact Information

For general co-op questions contact:

Valorie Delp via kvdelp@gmail.com Cell Phone: (203) 482-7865

Active participation in co-op is key. In short, we need you there!!! Co-op doesn't run as well without you! Of course, we understand that sometimes you might have to be out due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances. In that case, please contact Kari Beattie, our Coverage Coordinator, as soon as possible so she can arrange for substitute coverage:

Text: 973-525-7043 Email: Karimbeattie@gmail.com

Communication

changecooperative@googlegroups.com - This loop is used for communicating with families who are currently in co-op. You will be added to this email automatically.

Calendar Check and Responsibilities Agreement

Co-op doesn't work if we have too many families out. Even if you have a really good reason for being out, we still kind of limp along without you! You are important to our program!!! To that end, please make a point to check your calendars and fill out the following:

I confirm that I am planning on coming to co-op on these dates and I have written the dates in my calendar. (Check all that apply...)

- Sept 13
- Sept 27
- Oct 11
- Oct 25
- Nov 8
- Nov 22
- Dec 13
- Dec 20 (party/wrap-up day)

I may have to miss the following date(s)

Because

Please note the following relevant policies:

1. Kids 2nd grade and younger cannot attend without his/her parent. You cannot send in a child in 2nd grade and under with another adult.
2. Due to our insurance regulations - parents need to stay on the property at all times. Even if it's their free hour. (If an emergency arises after co-op has begun, we will make reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis.)
3. Due to our background check policy, parents cannot send children in with grandparents, good friends etc. However, we may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
4. And of course, if illness has been coursing through your family, stay home!!

Floater, assistants and every other role is vital and important for co-op to run smoothly. Not to mention the fact that it's hard to build community when people are missing! We love you and want you there. We know there are times when you have to miss, and should an emergency or illness arise - we want you to skip guilt-free. However, please be conscientious about making sure your calendar is clear.

Kindness Is Not Optional Code of Conduct

Use your speech for building others up. (Ephesians 4:29) We are a diverse group of families from different places spiritually, emotionally, economically and in other ways. Strive to communicate with other group members in a way that is respectful, kind and compassionate. No teasing, gossiping or bullying.

Be supportive and find a way to help. (Philippians 2:14) This is an 'all- hands- on- deck' type of ministry and activity. There is always something to do, but when many people pitch in, it makes the load light. No complaining!

Honor authority (Titus 3:1) If you're asked to do something, please do it with a cheerful attitude.

Solve disputes Biblically (Matthew 18) When someone offends you determine to go speak with that person directly.

Be considerate .(Philippians 2:4) Please remember that some families are more conservative than others. Be thoughtful in choosing what you wear. Dress modestly.

Be an example (1 Timothy 4:12) Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Our family agrees to the KINO Code of Conduct

Parent: _____

Children 3rd and up sign below: _____

Allergy Policy Statement and Procedure

We are, in essence, a big mom group. We have always had an allergy policy that has been reflective of the students we have. However, with an increased number of younger kids who have severe allergies, we decided to put something in writing.

Please do not bring stuff with tree nuts to any co-op sponsored gathering...

If we sponsor it, whether it's a field trip or graduation - please do not bring things with nuts in it.

Please do not bring nuts to the break room...

I know - who doesn't love a good peanut? But we have very small children with very severe allergies. We don't want you to inadvertently ingest that yummy pecan crusted peanut butter coffee cake with extra almonds in it... and then go handle a baby or young child who has a severe peanut allergy. And sure, we could all agree to wash our hands... but if it was your child with the life and death allergy... you'd be extra grateful for other's consideration - no? So let's love on our moms and kids with severe food allergies and just stick to jelly donuts.

What about other allergies?

If you carry an epipen for it, we will have a policy on it. We have too many people to accommodate every food sensitivity and preference, but we will definitely deal with the life threatening ones.

Mom/Kid Responsibilities

Keep your epipen on your person, if applicable.

If your child has an epi pen, please bring it and please keep it on your person. You probably know this and do it already.

For little ones 2nd grade and under, label their name tags.

If you have a little person, please label their name tag with what they cannot have. In addition, if you pack their snack, note that on the name tag as well so the teachers know. (For the first few times we meet, it is ideal to talk to the teacher as well so she knows.) So your child's name tag might say: Valorie - tree nuts - brings snack - pink bag.

Snacks in grades 2nd and under

We will provide either animal crackers, pretzels or similar type crackers and water. If you want or need your child to have something else, please bring it to the snack room and make sure the moms know.

Policy Statements

Statement of Mission: Co-op is a gathering of families who have at least one child homeschooled in grades 3-12, and who join together to provide enrichment learning to their children in a Christ-honoring environment.

Statement of Faith: While no signed statement of faith is required from members, all members and teachers are asked to respect Judeo-Christian principles, as expressed in these core beliefs:

- The Bible is God's infallible Word, inspired by Him and written by man, to which nothing may be added or removed.
- God is Father (Creator of Heaven and Earth), Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit, a triune Godhead.
- Jesus is fully God, fully man, without sin, born of a virgin, suffered, died, rose again ascended to heaven, and will return.
- Life after death is eternity determined by one's personal acceptance of Christ as Savior.

Statement of Service: Each time Co-op classes meet, all parents serve a minimum of 2 hours and older students assist in cleanup of the facility. In case of absence, adults must contact the Coverage Coordinator to arrange for a substitute. Teachers, please provide your Class Assistant with a suitable lesson plan and materials to use in your absence. All members are asked to respond to reasonable requests for volunteers, supplies, etc.

Statement of Responsibility: Members agree to fulfill all service, behavioral and financial obligations, including the above policies and any updates or clarifications the Committee may provide orally or in writing. Members also agree to abide by guidelines of the host facility regarding parking, room use, sign-in procedures and other requests. Failure to comply with Co-op policies and/or facility regulations may result in termination of membership or loss of privileges without recourse.

Statement of Attendance: Members agree that barring any illnesses or emergencies, they will attend co-op as indicated on their form.

Your family's participation signifies agreement with all policies and with the following liability release:

As parent or legal guardian of a participating child, I understand that Co-op is not a drop-off program and that I must remain at the Co-op location through the duration of any program. I accept and retain full responsibility for the safety and well being of myself, my children and my guests at all times. In the event of an urgent situation, I agree to use the Transfer of Responsibility form to express in writing my authorization for another consenting onsite adult to act as guardian for my children. I further agree that the Co-op Committee, participants, teachers and/or facility staff are neither liable nor responsible, severally or individually, for any injury to

any person, nor for any damage or loss of personal property, which may occur during or while traveling to or from any group activity. I agree to hold harmless any/all event coordinators and/or any facility or location where group activities take place. I understand that participation signifies my consent to this waiver as a binding agreement, unless I specifically request, in writing, a written release. I also understand that any facility hosting a Co-op event may require their own Hold Harmless Agreement and that I must complete, sign, and submit any such agreement as a prerequisite to participation in any Co-op events held at that facility.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____