

# HOMESCHOOL GROUPS

@ WILDFLOWER SCHOOLHOUSE



## PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE



## MISSION

**“LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS.”**

We build character in young people, creating unique life experiences in a faith-based and nurturing environment.

# KEY MESSAGES

## A CARING COMMUNITY:

Appreciation and respect for others and all living things are the underpinnings of our program.

## A FUN VIEW OF FAITH:

Homeschool groups at Wildflower Schoolhouse help young people associate faith with fun. We teach life and character skills, helping participants take healthy risks and to step beyond their comfort zones. They build character, becoming more competent and more caring. They develop emotional and social skills that complement their intellectual competencies.

## LASTING FRIENDSHIPS:

Our homeschool groups provide the optimal environment for friendships to grow. Shared experiences are the foundation upon which courage, self-esteem, cooperation, and responsibility are constructed.

## PERSONAL GROWTH:

Our program is the ultimate character builder. Friendships develop and grow. Participants become more independent and self-reliant. New challenges are faced and new relationships are formed. Kids acquire confidence and initiate the lifelong process of self-discovery. They get in touch with their physical self and well-being. It is an incredible opportunity for personal growth.





# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Homeschool groups meet at Wildflower Schoolhouse in Trufant, MI from 10am to 2pm every Tuesday. Please do not drop your child off early. Pickup is at 2pm each day. Please arrive on time for pickup.

The drop-off/ pick-up address is:

Wildflower Schoolhouse

239 First Street

Trufant, MI 49347

What to bring:

Sack lunch, water bottle, weather appropriate clothing, backpack.

Parents will receive a medical form via email after registering, which should be printed, signed, and returned upon arrival on the first day.



# GENERAL GUIDELINES

- We are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all of our participants. To ensure safety and comfort for all, we ask everyone to act appropriately. We expect children to behave in a responsible way and to respect the rights and dignity of others.
- It is very important that we be completely respectful as guests of Wildflower Schoolhouse and treat the property with respect.
- Participants are not permitted to use any electronics, including cell phones. In case of emergency, parents can contact staff directly.
- The entire group will remain together at all times.
- Participants should keep their water bottles full and with them at all times. They should not share water bottles.
- Closed-toe shoes are required for all activities.
- Enjoy the experience!



# BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT



Our code of conduct does not permit language or action that can hurt or frighten another person or that falls below a generally accepted standard of conduct. Specifically this includes:

- Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name calling, and shouting;
- Physical contact with another person in an angry or threatening way;
- Harassment or intimidation with words, gestures, body language, or other menacing behavior;
- Behavior which intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property;
- Carrying or concealing any weapons or devices that may be used as weapons.

Staff are trained and expected to respond to any reported violation of our code of conduct. Our policy invites staff to provide participants with meaningful redirection when needed, followed up with reflection time and/or a parent phone call. Extreme cases of misbehavior could ultimately result in dismissal from the program.

# HEALTH INFORMATION

## **ILLNESS**

If your child is sick, please keep him/her at home. If your child is in attendance, they will be encouraged to fully participate.

## **MEDICINE**

If possible, take care of medication at home. A program coordinator will administer prescription and over-the-counter medications to children ONLY when the parent or legal guardian has indicated to do so on the medication form. All medication must be in the original container with the child's name on the label.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

All precautions will be taken to prevent serious health risk to all participants. In the event that a minor injury occurs, a staff member will administer first aid.

It is imperative that parents indicate their health insurance information on their medication form prior to the start of the session. When assigning emergency contacts, we ask that parents consider individuals who can be easily reached if the need arises.

Wildflower Schoolhouse does not pay for treatment due to injury while participating. Health cost/treatment is the sole responsibility of the guardian. In the event of a major injury or health problem, the following procedures will be followed:

- 911 will be called.
- Staff will administer immediate first aid until professional services arrive.
- Parents will be contacted. If we cannot reach parental parties, emergency contacts will be notified.



# WHAT DO KIDS GET OUT OF HOMESCHOOL GROUPS?



Thank you for choosing our program.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!**

- The Wildflower Schoolhouse Staff