

LIFE CO-OP CLASSES
REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 15TH!!

Co-op classes are a cooperative learning environment where families come together and help each other educate their children. It is not a drop off class, but rather a place where each family contributes their knowledge, talent, and skill in some way. It may be teaching a class, helping in a classroom, set up or clean up.

Because each family contributes and is counted on for the successful run of classes, students would be signing up for **both** classes within their grade level and participating for the whole 3 ½-hour block. We offer 2 classes per age level .

Due to the nature of co-op classes, families would need to make a commitment for the entire school year. Unfortunately, for this same reason, we cannot add families mid-year.

Co-op Classes meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am-12:30pm during the school year. And are located at the Hopkins Home, 3598 Roberts Meadow Drive South, Tecumseh. We have class offerings for three grade levels: Grades 1st –5th, Grades 6th-8th and 9th -12th.

We make EVERY effort to keep the cost for these classes as low as possible. Class fees include the use of the facility, copies, and manipulatives needed for the classes. Fees are solely for materials or copies, books or supplies your students will be using in class. Unless otherwise noted in the description, fees include all books your students will need. Please note, normal classroom items may be requested for each class, i.e. notebooks, pencils, folders, calculator, etc.

Costs of textbooks needed are not included in the fees for co-op. Textbooks are the responsibility of the parent. We encourage you to find used materials when possible. We include textbook description and details to facilitate obtaining the correct versions and editions of the books. If you have any questions regarding the textbook required, please contact Karen Saxton, saxton@tc3net.com. We will be placing a pre-paid order to Rainbow Resource in August to combine shipping for anyone who will still need books.

Please see full descriptions on the following page for textbooks, fees and explanations. **One—Time Fees are per student for all classes and are for the entire year!**

All fees are due at registration. We know this time of year is full of expenses. Fees can be paid in two installments. If you choose, you may pay ½ the fees at registration and the balance would be due by October 31st.

Fundraising will be available in August and September to help offset costs of Co -Op classes. As details become available, they will be sent out via website updates, e-reminders and the newsletters. **Registration Deadline is August 15, 2013.**

If you are interested in joining co-op class next year or you have questions about co-op classes, materials, textbooks needed, or any other questions, please contact Karen Saxton at 517-486-2062 or saxton@tc3net.com.

2013-2014 L.I.F.E. CO-OP CLASSES

Classes for next year have been decided and the planning is underway. We are excited to offer yet another year of specifically designed classes, tailor-made for our students. Specific school supplies for each class is available for those who wish to take advantage of back-to-school sales.

During the first class block:

High School Students will delve into the intricacies of Government and study the nuances of Economics, using curriculum from Abeka. Each class is one (1) semester each, meeting the high school graduation requirement. Textbooks are available from Abeka. Product numbers and prices are listed below. Please note these are **2nd Edition Books**.

- 61263 Economics: Work and Prosperity \$23.60
- 61298 Economics Test Book \$5.75
- 61328 Economics Quiz Book \$5.75
- 38733 American Government \$22.30
- 38768 American Government Test and Quiz Book \$5.75
- 63665 State and Local Government \$6.40

Middle School Students will stretch their minds and create good study habits in Critical Thinking and Study Skills. What does it take to think critically and not be drawn into a fruitless or circular argument? What is a fallacy and how do you detect it? We will study these as well as Crime Scene Investigation as we solve a crime using clues and deductive reasoning. Second Semester, Study skills will be addressed with ways to improve the way we study and organize. No textbooks are needed however, students will receive numerous copies and need a binder and other normal classroom materials for this class.

Elementary students

AN ELEMENTARY STUDY OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Our elementary students will enjoy exploring physical science during the Co-op year based loosely on the lessons found in "God's Design for the Physical World." Through the 1st semester, we will examine elementary physics with 2 or more hands-on experiments each week and will cover a large variety of physics including forms of energy, electricity, magnetism, waves and sound, light, and motion. During the 2nd semester, we will continue hands-on experiments each week while learning about inventions and their inventors, which will include communications, transportation, modern conveniences, medical inventions, uses of machines, military inventions, and inventions for entertainment. Light homework may be given on occasion. Each student will be asked to supply various household supplies and materials needed for the experiments to keep our costs low. Parents will receive the needed supplies list prior to each semester's 1st class. This class cost for the entire Co-op year per student will cover copying costs and the cost of extra supplies needed for experiments that need to be purchased. For any questions regarding this class, please contact Kathleen Boley at sandkboley@aol.com or 517-436-3863.

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The Second class block:

In a one-room schoolhouse style, our 2nd co-op class will be for all ages. **1st grade through 12th grade** will meet together to study **Ancient Civilizations**. Using the Greenleaf guides as a backbone to this study, students will explore Egypt, Greece and Rome with hands on activities, Webquests, and student projects. While we will start together as a large group each week, smaller breakout groups will complete projects and activities together throughout the year. These groups will be interactive and hands on learning, specifically designed to challenge and engage the students at their level of study. **To receive credit, High school students will complete 2 individual projects and 1 group project per civilization.**

Families will need:

Bible (any version)

Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt by Landmark Press

Famous Men of Greece by Greenleaf Press

Famous Men of Rome by Greenleaf Press

Good Atlas or maps of Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome

Library Card

Internet Access

High School Government (1/2 credit) Economics (1/2 credit) Ancient Civilizations (1 credit)	\$5.00+ textbooks & normal classroom supplies per student for the entire year
6th-8th Grade Critical Thinking/Study Skills Ancient Civilizations	\$35.00+ normal classroom supplies per student for the entire year
1st-5th Grade Science Ancient Civilizations	\$34.00+ normal classroom supplies per student for the entire year

2013-2014 LIFE Co-OP CLASS SCHEDULE

First Semester

September	3, 2013
September	10, 2013
September	17, 2013
September	24, 2013
October	1, 2013
October	8, 2013
October	15, 2013
Mid-Semester Break	
October	29, 2013
November	5, 2013
November	12, 2013
November	19, 2013
December	3, 2013
December	10, 2013
December	17, 2013

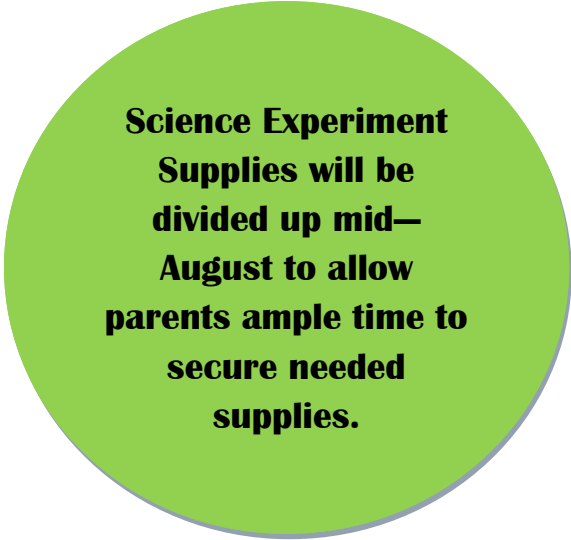
Second Semester

January	7, 2014
January	14, 2014
January	21, 2014
January	28, 2014
February	4, 2014
February	11, 2014
February	18, 2014
Mid-Semester Break	
March	4, 2014
March	11, 2014
March	18, 2014
March	25, 2014
April	1, 2014
April	8, 2014
April	15, 2014

Class Supply Lists

2013-2014

In addition to texts and materials listed in description of classes ,students will need the following.



**Science Experiment
Supplies will be
divided up mid—
August to allow
parents ample time to
secure needed
supplies.**

Elementary Science Students:

Paper	Tape
Pencils	Glue
Crayons	1 In. Binder
Colored pencils	

Please No Markers

Middle School Students:

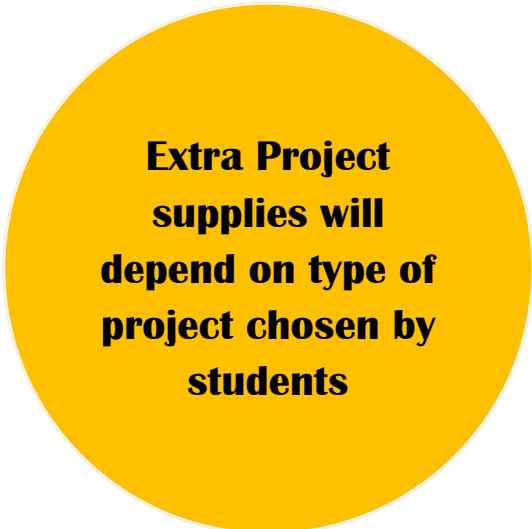
Paper
Pens/Pencils
2 in. Binder w/ 5 section dividers
Highlighters

High School Students

Paper
Pens/Pencils
Notebook

All Students for Ancient Civilization:

Access to Internet	Paper
Extra Fine tip Markers	Pencils/Pens
100 index cards	1 in. Binder
Colored Pencils	



**Extra Project
supplies will
depend on type of
project chosen by
students**