



## **CHEA CONSOLIDATED POLICIES**

### **I. GENERAL EVENTS POLICY**

All CHEA Events are subject to the following policy:

1. CHEA Events are for CHEA members only (with exceptions noted below).
  - a. Prospective members (those not currently members but considering membership and meeting - by self declaration - the membership requirements as outlined in the application) are welcome to "visit" (meaning attend and observe, but not participate in) one CHEA General Meeting during the year to help them evaluate whether CHEA is the right group for them.
  - b. Recitation & Share Night, and Recognition Night may be attended by extended family of the member.
  - c. Other events may be designated as open to non-members as determined by the CHEA Officer Board.
2. Dress for CHEA events should be modest, with decency and propriety for the occasion. It is difficult to thoroughly define "modest" dress, but the following limitations apply: long shorts (7" inseam minimum), long skirts (at least to the knee), shirts must fully cover torso and shoulders (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops), general modesty and propriety are appreciated, and tight clothing is not appropriate.

### **II. NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY**

Advertising is allowed in the monthly newsletter subject to the following rules:

1. Ad size will be approximately business card size.
2. No one may purchase more than one ad per issue.
3. No more than one page of ads per issue.
4. CHEA members may advertise home businesses, whether homeschool related or not, for example, mechanics, vitamins, science, yard work, etc.
5. Ads from non-members must be homeschool or enrichment related, for example, math or music, etc.
6. Ad cost will be \$5 per one month run. (See NOTE-1 below)
7. Ads from non-members must be accompanied by the name and phone number of a CHEA member who has used the service or who personally knows the advertiser. (See NOTE-2 and NOTE-3 below)
8. Ads are accepted or rejected at the discretion of the CHEA officers.

NOTE-1: If the person is not a CHEA member, then they have to pay for an ad if they are selling something. If the item is not for profit, then there is no charge. CHEA members do not have to pay for an ad to sell something.

NOTE-2: No matter whether it is an ad or a bulletin board item, the non-CHEA person has to be known personally by a CHEA member who is willing to attach their name to the submission. This is to make sure someone in CHEA can vouch for the quality and integrity of the person, their service, or the item they are submitting. If they do not know one person in CHEA, or if no one in CHEA knows them or has ever used their services, or if no one in CHEA knows about the item submitted, then the ad is rejected.

NOTE-3: The person submitting an ad must name a CHEA person who will vouch for their services. The newsletter editor must communicate with said CHEA member to verify that they are aware and give permission for their name to be attached to the ad. They are personally vouching for the person or service.

### **III. FIELD TRIP POLICY**

Field Trips are subject to the following rules:

1. CHEA Field Trips are for CHEA members (and grandparents of member families) only.
2. An adult must be responsible for each child during a field trip. CHEA prefers that one or both parents attend with their children; however, if this is not possible due to extenuating and *rare* circumstances, an Adult Family Member or another CHEA Adult may be designated (by prior arrangement) as responsible for a particular child. Under no circumstances are children to be "dropped off" under the *assumption* that someone else will assume responsibility for them.
3. Field trip participants (both adults and children, male and female) should dress neatly and modestly. It is difficult to thoroughly define "modest" dress, but the following limitations apply: long shorts (7" inseam minimum), long skirts (at least to the knee), shirts must fully cover torso and shoulders (no sleeveless shirts or tank tops), general modesty and propriety are appreciated, and tight clothing is not appropriate.
4. Each family needs to write a thank you note to the place visited.
5. We represent Christ, and people notice homeschoolers when we are in public. Let's strive to always give a good impression: be polite at all times, be sure to show your full attention and appreciation in actions and in speech, and be prompt.

#### IV. ZIPLINE POLICY

ZIPLINE email, in combination with the phone tree (for those without email), is CHEA's method of quickly communicating prayer requests and important information/reminders that warrant the attention of our membership but cannot be delayed for publication in the monthly newsletter.

ZIPLINE notices are subject to the following rules:

1. ZIPLINE is reserved for CHEA members only.
2. Do not distribute CHEA e-mail addresses to anybody outside of CHEA.
3. Your address will be removed from ZIPLINE at your request.
4. ZIPLINE may be used for urgent prayer requests or urgent needs for immediate family of CHEA members only.
5. Legal and political notices will be accepted and forwarded from only Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) and Texas Home School Coalition (THSC).
6. Do not use CHEA e-mail addresses for solicitation purposes (exceptions noted in Examples below).
7. To help protect all our systems from viruses, do not send attachments.
8. Stories will not be accepted or forwarded.
9. Messages that are not edifying will not be forwarded.
10. Submissions violating these rules will not be forwarded. Repeated disregard for these guidelines may result in termination from ZIPLINE.
11. To post a message on ZIPLINE, please send an e-mail to the ZIPLINE Coordinator with the words "CHEA ZIPLINE" in the subject line. **Be sure to sign your message and to type your e-mail address immediately after your name.**
12. To respond to a message posted on the ZIPLINE, please do not hit the reply button. That directs the response back to ZIPLINE. Instead, send responses or individual messages directly to the e-mail address of the person you are trying to reach. The address will be listed immediately after the signature on all forwarded messages.

Examples for appropriate ZIPLINE use are:

1. Reminders for CHEA activities, especially ones that have not been announced well ahead of time or changes that have occurred and are unable to be adequately announced.
2. Asking for advice and suggestions about trading, borrowing or purchasing (but not selling) curriculum.
3. Sharing urgent prayer requests and needs for your immediate family and other CHEA members only.
4. Looking for interest levels for various educational activities and events.
5. Sharing, asking questions, and looking for advice and ideas from the ZIPLINE community.
6. CHEA members may advertise used curriculum they'd like to sell to other members of the group.
7. Notification of classes available to home school students (e.g., COOP classes – even if a fee is involved) may be sent via ZIPLINE if a CHEA member is willing to vouch for the instructor (based on personal experience) and the waiting to advertise in the Newsletter is impractical.