



## **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. CHEA YAHOO GROUP POLICY**

The CHEA Yahoo Group is subject to moderator discretion to ensure content and usage are consistent with CHEA's principles and guidelines.

### **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 is CHEA's method of quickly communicating information that warrants the attention of our membership. 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:

- a. 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.
- b. Asking for advice and suggestions about trading, borrowing or purchasing (but not selling) curriculum.
- c. Sharing urgent prayer requests and needs for your immediate family and other CHEA members only.
- d. Looking for interest levels for various educational activities and events.
- e. Sharing, asking questions, and looking for advice and ideas from the ZIPLINE community.
- f. CHEA members may advertise used curriculum they'd like to sell to other members of the group.
- g. 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.