

## TEACH TEXARKANA GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS AND GROUPS

In an effort to keep our children safe and to respect the property in which we are meeting, the following are Guidelines and Rules for TEACH Texarkana Clubs and Groups:

1. A group or club shall be considered part of the TEACH Texarkana organization when it meets at the same location reserved by the TEACH Texarkana organization, or when it uses the TEACH Texarkana name. The group or club shall abide by all TEACH Texarkana rules, guidelines, and Bylaws.
2. To form a group or club, details about the group or club shall be presented to the TEACH Texarkana Board of Officers. If approved, an announcement of the new group or club, and information about it, shall be communicated to the membership via email, website Forum, and/or social media.
3. Every quarter, a representative of a group or club may be requested to present a report to the President or Academic Activities Coordinator.
4. In an effort to provide quality activities and opportunities for our children, all activities under the TEACH Texarkana organization shall only be attended by current members of TEACH Texarkana. Current members are defined as those who have met the standards for membership in Article IV of the Bylaws and have paid their membership dues in full. No visitors shall be allowed at TEACH Texarkana events, except Monthly Meetings and Park Day unless they are guests of members; it is the responsibility of members to inform their guests of the governing documents of TEACH Texarkana and to ensure their compliance with them for the duration of their attendance.
5. TEACH Texarkana is a homeschool organization, and the central focus of homeschooling is family. Therefore, all group and club activities shall be family-friendly; parents are welcome at all activities. To participate in a TEACH Kids activity, unless otherwise noted for the activity, a member shall be between the ages of zero and twelve. To participate in a Bridge activity, a member shall be between the ages of eleven and thirteen. To participate in a TEACH Teen activity, a member and their guests must not have graduated and must be between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. Graduates are encouraged to continue friendships forged in TEACH Texarkana but shall no longer be permitted to attend teen events as guests. Should there be a question regarding the age appropriateness of an activity, parents are encouraged to communicate with the activity coordinator.

6. All clubs and groups shall have at least two adult sponsors responsible for the supervision of the students from the beginning of the activity to the time that the students are returned to their parents' supervision. No students shall be without supervision at any time. All students shall stay in the designated activity area(s) for the duration of the event. If a student needs to leave early, arrangements must be made between the parents and the activity coordinator(s). Parents are invited and encouraged to stay on the premises during meetings and activities.

7. Homeschoolers, as witnesses to the world, should hold themselves to a higher behavioral standard; this concerns appropriate supervision, impeccable conduct, and care and respect for the premises used and the people so kind as to allow their use. Therefore, behavior problems shall be addressed according to #12 and #13, and property damage shall be addressed according to #14, of the Standing Rules for TEACH Texarkana. Copies of these Standing Rules may be obtained from the TEACH Texarkana website.

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