



Forerunner Christian Academy

Info Packet 2011-2012

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FORERUNNER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Fannin County Homeschool Community

WELCOME TO OUR HOMESCHOOL CO-OP!

Our mission is to encourage homeschool families in educating and raising passionate followers of Christ by:

- Providing resources
- Sharing wisdom and direction
- Being a community of fellowship and encouragement
- Offering interactive learning opportunities that will enhance the education and growth of our children.

FCA owns a 20,000 sq ft. facility in Bonham, TX, in which we are able to utilize for our homeschool co-op. It contains a large dining hall, kitchen, playground, and numerous classrooms with teacher and student desks. Tuesday is our main day at FCA (9:00am-2:00pm). Enrichment classes are offered for all age levels throughout this day. Also we will have a potluck lunch each month so our families can visit with each other and discuss ideas and challenges with homeschooling. Thursday is a supplemental day with several options, including credit secondary courses. The facilities are available during scheduled open hours for families to utilize resources such as the library, computer lab with Internet, copying machine, and much more!



Our Co-op Facility in Bonham, Texas

EVENTS AND DATES

- ✓ December 1st – Classes Schedule, Policies and Enrollment forms sent out to families
- ✓ December 15th – Registration, forms and first months Membership fee of \$50 is due (or \$75 for families with preschoolers).
- ✓ January 10th – First Day of Spring Semester

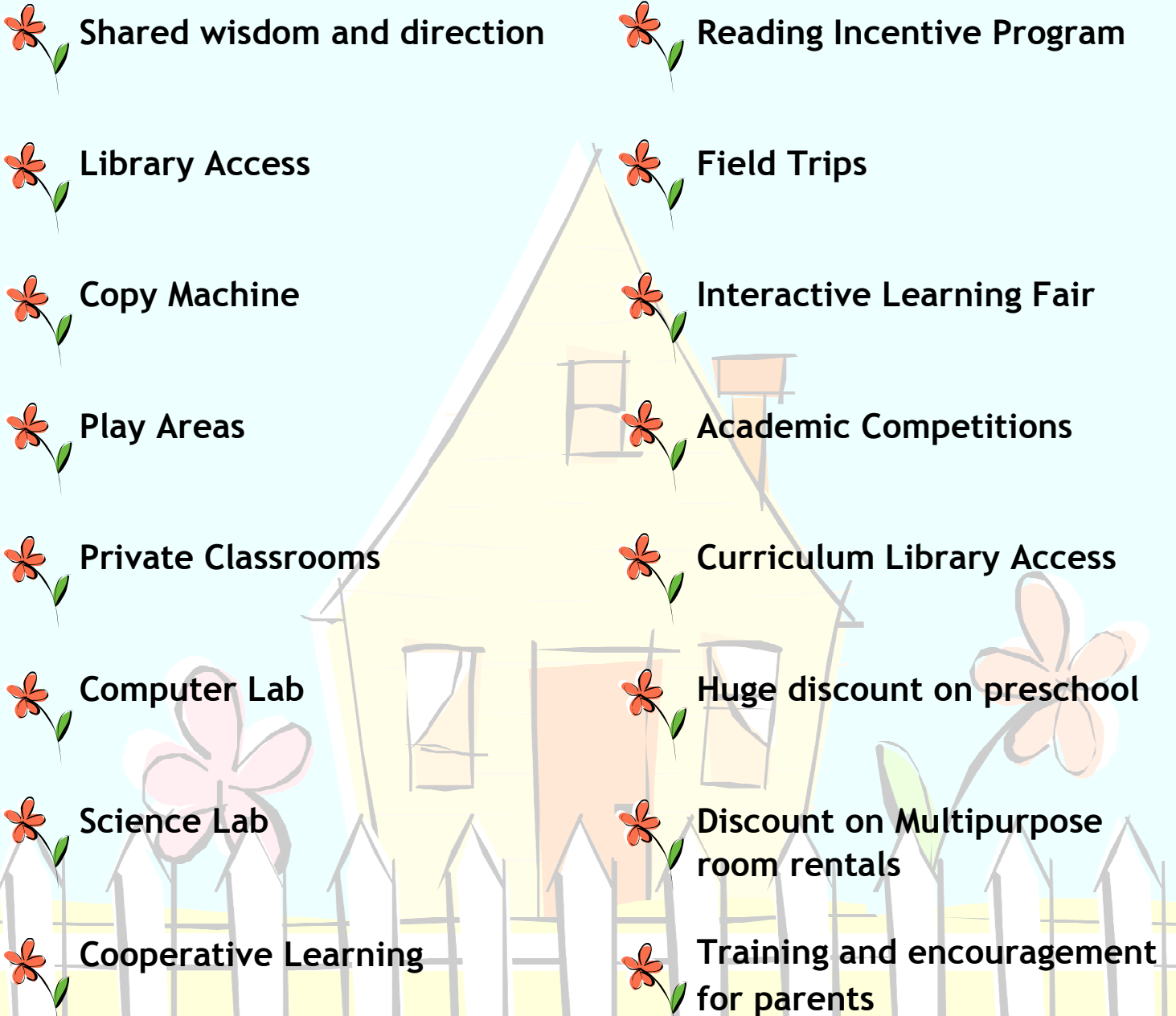
2011 Fall Semester: 14 week Semester – Sept. 6th – Dec. 13th (1 week off for Thanksgiving break)

2012 Spring Semester: 16 week Semester – Jan. 10th – May 8th (2 weeks off for Spring Break)

For more information, call Mrs. Trudi Fortune, Co-op Director, at 903-227-9094.

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- Shared wisdom and direction
 - Reading Incentive Program
 - Library Access
 - Field Trips
 - Copy Machine
 - Interactive Learning Fair
 - Play Areas
 - Academic Competitions
 - Private Classrooms
 - Curriculum Library Access
 - Computer Lab
 - Huge discount on preschool
 - Science Lab
 - Discount on Multipurpose room rentals
 - Cooperative Learning
 - Training and encouragement for parents

FCA Spring 2012 Co-op Schedule

Period 1 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.	Period 2 10:00 – 10:55 a.m.	Period 3 12:00 – 12:55 p.m.	Period 4 1:00 – 1:55 p.m.
Adventures for Boys K-8 th	Lego Club Younger K-1 st	Science K-1 st	Animals K-1 st
Adam Barker	Ericka Alexander	Mandy Barker	Krista Aguilar
Creative Girls Class K-6 th	MFW 2 nd -6 th	Brain Quest 2 nd -6 th	Texas 2 nd -6 th
Amy Young Emily	Mandy Barker Trudi Fortune	Kathy Brown	Andrea Clement
Institute for Excellence In Writing 6 th – H.S.	Mystery of History 2 nd – 6 th	Golf All ages	Lego Club Older 2 nd -6 th
Ericka Alexander	Susan Young	Mr. Lindsey	Ericka Alexander
Old Testament/New Testament Jr. High-High School	Philosophy High School	British Literature High School	Quilting 5 th – H.S.
Jeff Young	Jeff Young	Susan Young	Betty Sebastian
		Founding Documents Jr. High-High School	Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs 7 th – 12 th
		Jeff Young	Jeff Young

*Lunch will be 11am-11:55am.

** Math Classes taught by Liz Berg are available but not shown on this schedule; please see class details for more information.



FCA Co-op '11-'12 Class Details

Classes listed are not guaranteed to be offered. Classes offered will depend on teacher availability, scheduling and interest in class (minimum student requirement met). Please review the schedule and choose up to 4 classes for your student. If a class you registered for is dropped you will be notified so you can choose another class, if desired. If any changes to the schedule are made, a final schedule will be released one week before the Semester start.

Adventures for Boys

Ages K-8th

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: n/a

Materials: Various supplies throughout the semester may be needed from home.

Instructor: Adam Barker

Max #: Min #:

In this age of video games and cell phones, there must still be a place for knots, tree houses and stories of incredible courage! Come join us as we explore the exciting and sometimes dirty adventures of being a boy....we'll learn to tie knots, make fires like the Native Americans, build a catapult, and much more.

Wacky Science

Ages K-1st Grade

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: n/a

Materials: old, giant t-shirt to wear as a cover up, various items throughout the semester may be needed from home.

Instructor: Mandy Barker

Max #: Min #:

Explore the wonder of God's creation as we investigate through fun, hands-on science experiments. Kids will learn foundational principles of life, earth, and physical science in an active and creative way!

Legos Club I

Ages K-1st Grade

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: \$5

Required supplies: some Legos to share if available

Instructor: Ericka Alexander

Max #: Min #:

Each week students will practice team work, problem solving, and fine motor skills by building different lego structures.

Lego sets are needed and we will keep them in different stations to avoid mixing sets.

Animals

Ages K-1

Time Frame: one semester

Materials needed: Handouts on each animal studies (teacher provided)

Instructor: Krista Aguilar

Max #: Min #:

Supply Fee: n/a

Kids will learn about different animals, their habitat, behaviors, feeding habits, characteristics, differences, and about the different animals on each continent. Class will include hands-on activities with some of the animals (as available) and possible field trips to farms.

Creative Girls Class

Ages K – 6th

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee:

Materials needed:

Instructor: Amy Young & Emily

Max #: Min #:

In this class your elementary age girls will learn what it means to be creative. We will draw, paint, and do cool crafts, such as jewelry making. We will also learn music skills, like basic rhythm and note reading. The girls will read children's classics like Charlotte's Web aloud in class, and have fun writing essays and short stories. Together, we will explore books, music, and art, learning how to find beauty and how to create it.

Brain Quest

Ages 2nd – 6th

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: n/a

Materials needed: Need pen and construction paper

Instructor: Kathy Brown

Max #: 10 Min #: 2

Does your child enjoy solving puzzles? This course will challenge your child and enhance his/her critical thinking skills. We will have fun and solve puzzles including brain teasers, mazes, crossword puzzles, hidden word searches, Sudoku, hidden object pictures, and much more! Puzzles include paper games as well as monitored online games.

My Father's World

Ages 2nd-5th grade*

Time Frame: full year (two semesters)

Supply fee: n/a

Instructor: Mandy Barker

Co-Instructor: Trudi Fortune

Max #: 20 Min #: 3

**Younger and older students may be permitted into the class if the families are doing My Father's World at home.*

Based on My Father's World Countries and Cultures curriculum, students will learn about multiple countries & cultures with a large emphasis on geography skills. Hands-on multisensory learning will be our focus.

Texas

Ages 2nd-6th grade

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: n/a

Required materials: supplies needed will be emailed weekly for children to bring to the following class.

Instructor: Andrea Clement

Max #: Min #:

We will learn about all things Texas! The Texas state _____ is _____. We will learn about the state bird, flower, flag, and the state tree. We will also learn about a few of the lesser known state things. For instance, did you know Texas has official state pastries or that the state of Texas has two official peppers? We will be singing, tasting and crafting. This will be a fun class to not only learn a little about the state we call home, but instill pride for Texas' great heritage!

Mystery of History Creation to Christ

Ages 7-12 years old

Time Frame: one year

Supply fee: n/a

Required materials: The Mystery of History Vol. 1 (\$43); large 5 subject composition spiral with pockets; map colors

Instructor: Susan Young

Max #: Min #:

The Mystery of History is a curriculum unparalleled in its field. Created as a guide through the annals of time, The Mystery of History will lead all ages clearly through the labyrinth that many find this subject to be. Up until now, most world history and bible history have been separated. Linda Hober has taken the initiative to tell the whole story in a way that few have before. With a classical approach, she weaves the story line together of both world and Bible history in Volume 1. Subsequent volumes continue to weave the message of the Gospel through the ages.

If history is taught in your home, The Mystery of History will unfold connections in history for you and your children like nothing else. If you study the Word of God, The Mystery of History will give you a solid chronological foundation to build on. There are no academic limitations to this syllabus.

Lego II

Ages 2nd grade and above

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: \$5

Instructor: Ericka Alexander

Max #: Min #:

Students will develop team work, engineering and problem solving skills by planning and meeting different Lego challenges each week.

Simple beginning robotics may be involved in this class.

Institute for Excellence in Writing – Medieval History

Ages: 6th grade and above

Time Frame: one semester

Instructor: Ericka Alexander

Max #: Min #:

Materials needed:

Supply Fee: none

Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) teaches children to hone the skills needed to think clearly and express themselves eloquently and persuasively. In this unit, students will get acquainted with such figures from Medieval history as Charlemagne, the Vikings, William the Conqueror and more. They will use stylistic writing techniques including creating outlines, summarization, sequential story writing, writing reports from single and multiple references, creative writing, essays, and critiquing stories (book reports).

Golf

Ages 5th-12th Grade

Time Frame: full year/ 2 semesters

Supply fee: n/a

Required supplies: Golf clubs and golf balls

Instructor: John Lindsey

Max #: 10 Min #: 2

Students will learn the rules and etiquette of golf. They will also learn stance, swing and putting skills.

Junior High and High School Math

Ages 6th-12th

Time Frame:

Supply fee:

Supplies needed:

Instructor: Liz Berg

Max #: Min #:

Please contact Liz Berg to know times, materials, fees and availability of classes. Her classes meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a core class. Liz Berg - 903-640-3935

This class will have a teacher fee. Fee will depend on number of students enrolled. Instructor is a certified teacher, willing and equipped to teach any Math classes 6th-12th grade as there is a demand.

Quilting

Ages 10 and older

Time Frame: one semester

Supply fee: n/a

Supplies needed: n/a

Instructor: Mrs. Betty Sebastian

Max #: 7 Min #: 4

Learn to quilt a piece for a pillow.

Biblical Concepts in our Founding Documents

Ages 7th-12th grades*

*(maybe as young as 5th-6th grade)

Time Frame:

Instructor: Mr. Jeff Young

Max #: n/a Min #: 1

Supply fee: n/a
Supplies needed: Bible

An exploration of some of our governments' founding documents – the Mayflower Compact, the U.S. Declaration of Independence, and the Texas State Constitution – to understand the many biblical concepts contained in them.

Survey of the Old Testament/New Testament

Ages 7th-12th grades

Instructor: Mr. Jeff Young

Time Frame:

Max #: n/a Min #: 1

Supply fee: n/a

Supplies needed: Bible

This class would be a survey of the Old Testament or New Testament, showing historical setting, major themes, authors, sections and genres. It would help students see each book of the Bible in its place in the whole history of God bringing salvation in Jesus Christ. It will stress the Holy Spirit-inspired perfection of the whole Bible. Ideally the OT class would be offered in the Fall, then the NT in the Spring.

Learning Language Arts Through Literature – British Literature

Ages High School

Instructor: Susan Young

Time Frame:

Max #: 10 Min #: 3-4

Supply fee: n/a

Supplies needed: Book (\$21.50) plus readers

The Novel Unit – Frankenstein, Emma, A Tale of Two Cities, The Time Machine, and Animal Farm

The Poetry Unit – includes poetry of notable British poets from the Romantic, Victorian and Modern Age. Included are Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, etc. The course gives a historical overview of poetry, helping students to learn from the past and enjoy writing poetry of their own.

The Essay Unit – includes the process of writing 3 five-hundred-word essays, including one essay interpreting poetry.

The Book Review Unit – gives the student an opportunity to read good literature and write a summary, concluding with their opinion of the book.

A Christian Introduction to Philosophy

Ages 9th-12th grades

Instructor: Mr. Jeff Young

Time Frame:

Max #: n/a Min #: 1

Supply fee: n/a

Supplies needed: Bible

For too many church-going students, their first encounter with the principles of philosophy is in a faith-shaking, heartbreaking freshman Philosophy 101 course taught by a confirmed atheist professor, who takes advantage of the young student's ignorance. This class will provide an introduction to the study of philosophy from a biblical, Christian perspective.

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Ages 7th-12th grades Instructor: Mr. Jeff Young

Time Frame: Max #: n/a Min #: 1

Supply fee: n/a

Supplies needed: Bible

Each class session we will study one hymn – it's author, its biblical references, its poetry, and its music – then learn to sing the hymn. As we sing, we will study music notation, sight-reading and healthy singing habits. We will discuss and practice how to sing well in church congregations and in choirs.



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FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Directions: Complete the following Family Registration Form and submit it to **Trudi Fortune**, Co-op Director or **Peggy Burt**, Financial Director, by the semester registration due date. Please note that you will need to complete a new form each semester. Class sizes are limited and will fill up quickly, so turn in your forms early to guarantee a spot for your children in the classes. If a class becomes full, your child will be placed on a waiting list. Payment for each co-op family is \$50 per family per month. Enrolling children in the FCA Preschool Program is an additional \$25 per family per month. A \$25 late fee will be assessed for insufficient funds or late payments. Please see the Co-op Policy Handbook for a detailed description of financial policies. Payments by check should be made out to "FCA".

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Semester: _____ Fall 2011 _____ Spring 2012

Enrolling in Preschool: _____ Yes* _____ No _____ # of preschoolers

**See Preschool Director for Preschool Packet.*

Select a Payment Option:

- Pay for entire semester in full at the beginning of the semester (\$250 or \$375 if adding preschool). May be paid by check/cash or by automatic bank draft. Complete attached Bank Form if needed.
- Pay monthly by automatic bank draft (\$50 on the 5th of each month or \$75 if adding preschool). We will NOT accept checks/cash for monthly payments. You will need to complete the attached Bank Form. Registration will not be complete until both forms are completed and turned in.

By signing below, parents/guardians are agreeing to the payment terms selected above and to the financial policies stated in the Co-op Policy Handbook. If payment is rejected due to insufficient funds or if payment is late, parents/guardians understand that a \$25 fee will be assessed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Date

CLASS ENROLLMENT FORM

List each child's name below and the class in which he or she is enrolling. Classes offered will depend on teacher availability, scheduling and interest in class (minimum student requirement met). Please choose up to 4 classes for your child. If a class you registered for is dropped you will be notified so you can choose another class, if desired. If needed, a final schedule with class times will be released one week before the semester start.

Name of Child	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
1.				
2.				
3.				
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9.				
10.				

Note: Parents in the FCA co-op will be taking on roles on the co-op days to help support the co-op and are required to remain on campus during the times their children are in class. Please select how you are helping on co-op days:

- _____ Teaching a Class (see Trudi Fortune for a Teacher Application)
- _____ Teacher's Aide (see Trudi Fortune for class assignment)
- _____ Non-teaching Role (see Trudi Fortune for a list of jobs)

Thank you for your participation in our Co-op! If you have any questions, please contact Trudi Fortune at 903-227-9094.



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AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTIONS (ACH DEBITS)

I, _____, (Name) hereby authorize Forerunner Christian Academy hereinafter called FCA, to initiate debit entries to my checking or savings account indicated below at their depository financial institution and to credit the same to such account. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Depository Account Name: _____

Depository Financial Institution: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____ Checking Savings

City / State: _____

Payment Amount: \$ _____
(This is the amount debited from your account)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until FCA has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford FCA and their bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____