

## PLEASE READ AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

### **Thank you for your interest in the Home Educators Network (HEN)**

The purpose of **HEN** is to coordinate home school activities for Omaha and surrounding areas as well as serve and respond to local home school support groups and families.

Some activities of **HEN** include:

Support Groups - inform area support groups of upcoming events, seminars, training, workshops, etc.

Communication - publish a monthly newsletter with coming events, articles of encouragement, member support group news and legislative information; provide an E-mail tree for time-sensitive communication with members; and maintain a comprehensive website with valuable resources and links of interest to homeschoolers.

Education - for potential and current home educators and the general public.

Legislation - keep home educators abreast of legislative and local education issues impacting home education.

#### HEN Board

The HEN Board is here to serve you. Our names and areas of responsibility are listed below and on the inside cover of each edition of HEN News. If we can be of assistance, please contact us. We will respond to you within a few days. E-mail is the preferred method of communication.

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#### Benefits of Joining HEN

**Comprehensive monthly newsletter** - At the beginning of each month, you will receive the newsletter. If you do not receive your copy, please check the expiration date on the label of your most recently received newsletter and contact the HEN secretary at the phone number or E-mail address listed above. You may contribute to the newsletter by writing an article, giving a report on an activity or event (past or future), placing a note in the classified section, or submitting a photograph. Submit your article and photos electronically to:

[Newsletter@OmahaHEN.org](mailto:Newsletter@OmahaHEN.org), or send them before the 10th of the month to: (please do not drop off at residence)

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**Directory** - All families will receive a copy in September of each year, or at the time of membership for those joining after September. Inclusion in the directory is optional for those who indicate their desire to be listed by marking the appropriate place on the membership application. If you would like to change your status, contact the HEN Secretary (listed above). Due to printing limitations, only one family name can be listed. Please select one last name by which to have all family members listed.

**E-mail Tree** - HEN offers an E-mail tree to share time-sensitive information, opportunities, legislative alerts, and announcements of specific interest to homeschoolers.

**Membership Card for HEN activities and discounts** - After your application is processed, you will receive an identification membership card. Upon presentation of your membership card, you will receive reduced or free admission to HEN sponsored events, such as the summer conference and the used curriculum sale. Please keep this card with you, as it will be required to obtain discounts available to HEN families.

**New Homeschooler Orientation Meetings** - Bi-Monthly New Homeschooler Orientation Meetings give new home schoolers the opportunity to ask questions, obtain help with Rule 12 & 13 papers, receive lots of helpful information about resources and activities available for homeschoolers in the Omaha area, as well as connect with other parents who are just beginning the home education journey.

**Opportunities for leadership** - This organization is for you and by you. Many of our volunteers are repeat helpers. It shows they enjoy the work and are not overburdened with something they can't handle.

**Published resources and information on educational opportunities and activities** - Whether you're new to Home Education or just new to Nebraska, we have information and resources available to help you, including information on activities, programs, field trips and clubs for homeschoolers, as well as information on Standardized tests and school pictures.

**Representation as part of a professional home education organization, which is an HSLDA Discount Group** - HEN Members are entitled to a 15% discount on membership in the Homeschool Legal Defense Association.

**Summer Conference** - HEN hosts an annual conference in July which features a variety of workshops and speakers discussing topics of interest to homeschoolers, as well as an exhibit hall featuring representatives from area businesses, colleges, organizations, groups and clubs of interest to homeschoolers.

**Used Curriculum Sale** - HEN offers an annual used curriculum sale in the spring where homeschoolers are invited to purchase tables to display used curriculum items for sale, as well as shop and purchase from other homeschoolers.

**Website** - HEN has a comprehensive website at [www.OmahaHEN.org](http://www.OmahaHEN.org) which contains up-to-date information on groups, contacts, and current events available for homeschoolers, numerous helpful links, listings for Homeschool clubs, support community resources, as well as archived articles from past HEN Newsletters, including book reviews, articles and FAQ's about homeschooling.

#### Other Important Information

##### **Membership renewal:**

Your membership expiration date is printed on your identification card and a reminder is printed on the label of your Newsletter several months before expiration. You will also receive a renewal form a few weeks prior to your expiration date. So that you will not miss any issues of the HEN NEWS, please send the completed renewal form and payment by the 15th of the month prior to expiration to:

HEN Renewal, P.O. Box 460664, Papillion, NE 68046

Since we are a totally volunteer organization, it is important to send your correspondence addressed to the proper area or person. E-mail is the preferred method of communication. Your thoughtfulness in this area allows us to meet the needs of our families and help serve the home school community.

##### For membership information:

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##### For newsletter contributions: (Deadline: 10th of each month)

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