

# EASTSIDE EXPLORERS

... on this journey together

## WELCOME ♥ BACK

Welcome back friends! I know many of you are wrapping up your summer and beginning school. We can't wait to start seeing all of your faces again!

We have had quite a few new families join us since last year  
**We welcome each of you and thank you for letting us be a part of your homeschool journey.**

We are excited to get to know you!

## Introducing this year's VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

Eastside's Board provides leadership, accountability, and direction for our group. We are made up of home-educating parents who volunteer their time, energy, talents, and resources to help promote, enrich, and support homeschooling families in Arizona.

We covet your prayers and feedback as we seek to lead Eastside Explorers in a God-honoring direction.

Learn more about these members on our website (Directory > Volunteer Leaders)!

**Rachael Porter**, President [president@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:president@eastsideexplorers.org)

**Leah Perrien**, Vice-President [membership@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:membership@eastsideexplorers.org)

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**Abby Locatis**, Secretary [admin@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:admin@eastsideexplorers.org)

**Brianne Marsh**, Director of Education [education@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:education@eastsideexplorers.org)

**Danielle Anderson**, Director of Community [community@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:community@eastsideexplorers.org)



### FIELD TRIPS

Thank you to our FIELD TRIP Planning Team for organizing so many fun outings!

Check out the EE Calendar to sign up for field trips!

Have a field trip idea? *Let's do it!*

Field Trip Liaison: Brianne Marsh  
[education@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:education@eastsideexplorers.org)



### SMALL GROUPS

Teen Group    God's Girls  
Crusaders    Moms' Group  
Tweens       Dads' Group

Thank you to these group volunteers for planning special time together!

Small Group Liaison:  
Danielle Anderson  
[community@eastsideexplorers.org](mailto:community@eastsideexplorers.org)



### PARK DAYS

Beginning in October  
@ Desert Horizon Park  
1:00 pm-3:00pm

Come when you can and leave when you must. It's the perfect time to catch up while the kids play!



2022-2023

YEARBOOKS ARE

**IN!** We will have them to distribute at our Kick-off event so the kids can autograph the books. If you'd like it before then, contact Rachael Porter.

**T-shirt orders** will be available for pick up at Kick-off!

Around the  
**EE WEBSITE**

- Find families who live near you or have kids the same age using our **DIRECTORY**.
- Post on the **FORUM** your questions, ideas, things to sell, or just some encouragement for other moms!
- **RSVP** to all of our events, parties & field trips as well as see local homeschool days on our **CALENDAR**.
- **PAY** for any EE events and field trips in the upper-right '**BALANCE**'.
- Find **CONTACT** information for any member and Class Day teachers.

Join our private  
[Facebook page.](#)



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Eastside Explorers is a completely volunteer-led homeschool group.

At least one parent from each family must commit to serve in Eastside on a short-term, volunteer basis by **planning/assisting once per semester in an area of your choice**. Contributions by our members are not only minimal, but they are a necessity in making Eastside successful.

**Each member must commit to the following\*:**

- Agree to follow our By-Laws, Code of Conduct, Terms
  - Respect our Statement of Faith
  - Understand that EE leaders are unpaid volunteers who give their own time and talents. It is your responsibility to see to it that you fulfill your volunteer commitments, submit payments, or stay active within the group. While we are here to fully support you and your family, we expect each family to be proactive in their membership.
  - Fulfill your volunteer commitment promptly by contacting our Membership Team to coordinate immediately after registration or renewal.
  - Be an active participant - attend a minimum of ONE non-class day event per month (i.e., park day, field trip, small group, party, etc.)
  - Watch your children at all events or coordinate help from another parent
  - Submit yearly membership dues and update your Family Profile
  - Communicate promptly with leadership - this involves reading emails and responding within a reasonable timeframe
  - Pay any field trips, class days, or other fees at the time of sign-up. Non or late payments may result in removal from events, classes, or the EE group.
  - Be a friend - we have many new families and members without any extended family out here. Share a smile, set up a playdate, get to know each other, and have fun on your homeschool journey together!
- \* Any conflict or non-fulfillment of these items may result in being removed from the group.

**Thank you to each of you for helping to make Eastside a success!**

Your fulfillment of your volunteer 'job' is an important part of our group and necessary to make everything run smoothly!



*Class Days are Coming!*

**Our first day is September 11th!**

Classes are held on **Mondays at Immanuel Bible Church** (6017 E. Greenway Road).

**REMINDERS:**

- Bring a full water bottle (no other beverages) and a lunch/snacks.
- Please do NOT come if you are sick!
- Doors to the church will remain locked throughout the day.
- If you are late, please text Rachael to have the door opened for you. Please do not knock on the doors.
- If you are absent, please email your teachers.
- Please refer to the class descriptions for each teacher's policies.

1st Semester  
**EVENTS**

In addition to our wonderful weekly classes, Park days, field trips, and Small groups, Eastside hosts opportunities for your family to participate in fun-filled special events.

This 1st semester we will be having:

- FAMOUS AMERICAN WAX MUSEUM (Nov. 3rd)
- FRIENDSGIVING (Date TBD)
- CHRISTMAS PARTY (Date TBD)

*Looking Ahead...*

We will look forward to these activities 2nd semester:

- VALENTINES DAY PARTY
- GEOGRAPHY FAIR
- MARKET DAY
- END-OF-THE-YEAR SHOWCASE

*Details to come!*

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**

If you'd like to arrive a few minutes before your first class to help get those first day jitters out of the way, please do! Mrs. Porter and the teachers will be standing out front to greet students, show them the way, help them get to each class throughout the day.

Students will be released to the cover patio by their teacher after their class is over.

**CLASS DAY CONTACT:** Rachael Porter 480-66-8953

