

Home School Information

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Okaloosa County POC for registering homeschoolers

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Walton County POC for registering homeschoolers

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Intent to Homeschool Forms available from the County School Board

Okaloosa Co - <http://www.okaloosa.k12.fl.us/stuserv/ci/>

Walton Co - <http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/default.aspx>

Santa Rosa Co - http://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/specialprojects/home_ed_faq.htm

Rocky Bayou Christian School:

Offers a variety of support for homeschool families including an umbrella program; opportunities to purchase classes (K-12) and curriculum; participate in sports and other extracurricular activities such as Spelling and Geography Bees. Annual Testing: both the Stanford Achievement Test offered in the spring and the California Achievement Test offered year round. Contact the Home Study Assistance Program at hsap@rbcs.org or 678-7712, X 203

Support Groups in Okaloosa Co.

GCHEA - Gulf Coast Christian Home Educator's Association

<http://homeschool-life.com/fl/gcchea/>

Membership Fees - non-FPEA \$18 & FPEA included -\$36

Co-ops

Niceville Co-op: Amy Gracia, gracias4him@centurylink.net

Emerald Coast Co-op (ECC)

This is an elective co-op which meets on Monday from 9-12. Its goal is to provide supplemental educational support and group activities for home schooled children. It is organized to complement the home educator's curriculum with **elective** classes as well as solid subjects to enhance our children's studies in a Christian environment. Contact: Amy Gracia 850-837-3440 or gracias4Him@centurylink.net

Navarre Co-op

NOAH- North Okaloosa Assoc. of Homeschoolers

NOAHomeschooling@yahoogroups.com

Membership Fees - non-FPEA FREE & FPEA included -\$18

CMHomeschools - (Charlotte Mason) Homeschool

heddenhome@gmail.com - Cheri Hedden

Membership FREE - Teaching on the Philosophy of Charlotte Mason - For Moms Only

Classical Conversations A classical Christian education program

www.classicalconversations.com

Niceville, Valparaiso and Destin Campuses

Niceville – Gwyn Pook hipooks@juno.com or Kelli Van Pelt, 797-0315 or kvpschool@aol.com

Meets on Wednesdays at First Presbyterian in Niceville

Valparaiso – Wendy Sepfzik wpsefzik@hotmail.com

Destin – Kelly Binkley binkley2@cox.net

General Categories

Art

Abrakadoodle: ebakker@abrakadoodle.com, www.abrakadoodle.com/fl07; 850-424-5058

Arts on the Beach (music, art & drama for homeschoolers): Chris Ramey & Frank Faust, artsonthebeach@yahoo.com

Full Circle Gallery in FWB: Mercedes - offers daytime homeschool art classes/pottery wheel, painting, etc 29 B SE Eglin Pkwy Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 (850) 362-8041

Victory Performing Arts Academy: Jeff & Ellen Kight, ellen@kight.net

Art Lessons (Destin): Cecilia Haught, cecilia@hotmurals.com

A Class Act Studio (acting): Darla Kain, aclassactstudio@hotmail.com

AMC Talent Agency: Ann Marie Crouch; amctalent@live.com

Bible Study

Community Bible Study: Janet Beasley, beasleyj1957@gmail.com

Camps

Camp Victory Homeschool Days: office@campvictoryal.org

Rocky Bayou Christian School Summer Camps www.rbc.org

Classes

Homeschoolers are eligible to take classes at their local public schools and at Rocky Bayou Christian School

American History (Government) and Economics

Liana Thompson (FWB area) loveli62@embarqmail.com

Tudoring and Classes: Smarts and Arts <http://smartsandartsinc.com>

Classes held in Destin information@smartsandartsinc.com

Upper Math and Science classes offered again in 2013

Algebra I and II, Chemistry, Biology, Marine Biology

Marie Terek terek@gnt.net

P. E. offered at Niceville United Methodist Church 1st and 3rd Fridays of month from 9:30-11:30 for ages 5 and up. Must register at www.gcchea.org.

Cub Scouts:

Destin Cub Scouts: Jennifer Driscoll, jenyfur13@yahoo.com

Curriculum

If you're interested in researching **curriculum**, order a catalog from Rainbow Resource <http://www.rainbowresource.com/index.php#num=326&id=album-4> because their catalog has excellent descriptions of the materials. It usually takes a couple of months for it to arrive, but it's worth the wait at over 1000 pages!

Rocky Bayou Christian School offers a **Used Curriculum Sale** each summer. This is an opportunity for folks to buy or sell used curriculum. Contact RBCS Homeschool office at 678-7712, X 203 or hsap@rbc.org for more information

Read It Again Used Book Store on corner of Partin Dr. and Hwy 20 in Niceville has a section for homeschool curriculum

A Beka curriculum, from Pensacola, available online at www.abeka.org

Copper Penny's Emporium (Used book store in Destin)

Dance

Ballet Conservatory in Bluewater

Northwest Florida Ballet in FWB

Destin School of Music and Dance & Ballet Conservatory: Noreen Poppell, 897-2933, balletnp@cox.net. www.floridaballetconservatory.com

High School Graduation and Dual Enrollment

Rocky Bayou Christian School offers a diploma program for high school students. Contact [www.hsap@rbc.org](mailto:hsap@rbc.org)

Dual Enrollment

NWFSC www.nwfsc.edu/ is our local college with a Dual Enrollment program.
UWF www.uwf.edu/ also has Dual Enrollment

Libraries

Niceville, Valparaiso, Destin and FWB all have great libraries
Apologetics Library available at Rocky Bayou Christian School during the school year on Thursday from 3-7 pm

Military Families

Please check with the Youth Centers at Eglin and Hurlburt AFB to see programs are offered for homeschoolers

Music

Piano Lessons: Sheron Jeffrey 897-0810 and Mindy Denigan, 897-2413, Elizabeth Gantz, 244-2585 (FWB)

Band, Choir offered through Rocky Bayou Christian School as well as your local middle and high schools

Guitar Teacher: Chard Strang, 850-890-0267

Science

Emerald Coast Science Center 664-1261 in FWB offers classes for homeschoolers also has Lego League

Arts and Sciences on the Beach has science, art, music and drama classes. Currently being held at Abundant Life Church in FWB on Thursday from 11 am-3 pm

Speech and Debate

Dabar Speech & Debate Club

An NCFCA Speech & Debate Club (www.ncfca.org)

Meets weekly in Niceville

Contact: Kim Stanton thestantons@valp.net, [850-830-6429](tel:850-830-6429)

Sports

Rocky Bayou Christian School offers sports for students from 5th grades up including football, volleyball, track, cross country, basketball, swimming, golf, tennis, softball and baseball. Contact 678-7712, X203 or hsap@rbc.org

Homeschoolers are also eligible to participate in sports associated with their local middle school or high school

The Florida High School Athletic Association requires the following forms for sports participation: EL 2 (Physical), EL 3, and an EL 7. Log onto their website www.fhsaa.org to locate these forms.

Destin Little League (tball, baseball, softball): www.destinlittleleague.net

Golf Instruction: Reasonably Priced Private Lessons: David Hanson at the Golf Garden/Destin

Destin City League Soccer: Nick Coleman; ncoleman@cityofdestin.com; 850-650-1241; www.cityofdestin.com

Travel Soccer: FC Dallas-Emerald Coast; www.emeraldcoastunited.com
FC Wave; www.wavefc.com

Walton County Soccer: Joe Ribaud; 678-481-3753; southwaltonsoccerclub (on facebook)

Niceville has PAL Soccer

Gymnastics: Emerald City Gymnastics (FWB),

KICKS Taekwondo: Abby Smith, 537-752-1174

Testing Services

Annual Assessment

Rocky Bayou Christian School offers two options, the California Achievement Test offered year round and the Stanford Achievement test offered in the spring.

GCCHEA also offers support for testing and for those who prefer a Teacher Evaluation instead of or in addition to testing.

Diagnostic Testing

Rocky Bayou Christian School offers Diagnostic Testing for students who may have learning challenges

Other Contacts of Interest to Homeschoolers

HSLDA- (Home School Legal Defense Assoc.)

<http://www.hslda.org/>

Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA)

<http://www.fpea.com> offers Annual Homeschool Convention in Orlando each May

Practical Homeschooling

<http://www.home-school.com/groups/FL.html>

Home Educating Family Association

<http://www.homeeducatingfamily.com/>