Speaking to a Potential HEDGE Host Church or Facility

Ask if they would consider “hosting” a homeschool ministry.

What is HEDGE? See the other document for this information.

We currently meet two days a week, and the days are somewhat flexible. We cannot easily meet on two back to back days, but in the past we have met on both Mondays and Thursdays and Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other days could be an option as well. We meet from 10:00am to 4:30pm both days, and these times are flexible as well, depending on the availability of the facility.

HEDGE operates on a shoestring budget to keep costs as low as possible for our homeschooling families, and since 2003 we have been blessed to have been hosted by Hopewell Baptist Church (2003-2007), Hillside United Methodist Church (2007-2012), and CrossRoads Community Church (2012-2016).

HEDGE is an opportunity for a church to engage in outreach to the community; an opportunity to come alongside another branch of the body of Christ is to partner with us in raising up the next generation to take Christ to the world.

While HEDGE is not a great income producing opportunity, we also want to ensure we are not an expense to a facility where we meet.

If a church or facility is interested in exploring the idea of hosting HEDGE, we would love to get together to talk further with their leadership.
HEDGE Homeschool Ministry

The HEDGE is a co-operative independent education ministry designed to offer an affordable opportunity for families to join together and share talents and resources to assist and support one another in achieving mutual educational and enrichment goals.

The group is incorporated in Georgia as The HEDGE Homeschool Ministry, Inc. Our web address is www.hedgeonline.weebly.com. Our homework website is hedge.edu20.org.

HEDGE began at Hopewell Baptist Church in Canton, GA, in the spring of 2003, with our first Spring Formal for home-educated high school students serving as our inaugural event. We began offering a variety of academic and enrichment classes on a co-operative basis in the fall of 2003. In 2007, HEDGE relocated to Hillside UMC where we met for five years. Since the 2011-2012 academic year, HEDGE has met at CrossRoads Community Church.

The HEDGE is a discipleship ministry. Members include families from many Christian denominations and a variety of local churches. We embrace the Bible as our common authority for faith and conduct. Although we desire the salvation of all, we are not an evangelistic ministry. We minister primarily to those who are already part of the Body of Christ. We endeavor to teach all classes from a conservative Christian perspective, leaving specific doctrinal training to parents and churches. Parents and teens are required to submit written testimonies of their faith as part of the interview process. We attempt to include in membership only families who share similar educational and spiritual ideology.

HEDGE membership includes families living in Woodstock, Marietta, Acworth, Canton, Kennesaw, Holly Springs, Jasper, Hickory Flat, Waleska, and other areas nearby. While membership demographics change from year to year, HEDGE generally has between 30-50 families with 80-125 students.

What we offer:

- Academic classes taught from a Christian/Biblical perspective
- Labs for science classes with professional lab equipment, microscopes & supplies
- Website for posting assignments & information – www.hedge.edu20.org
- Ballroom dance programs for high school students, including instructional classes, etiquette instruction, informal and formal dances
- Audience of One, our annual presentation, exhibit & performance event
- Individual tutoring by appointment (additional fees may apply)
- Guitar and elementary dance classes (additional fees apply)
- Annual Graduation Ceremony & Reception
- Drama classes for middle & high school students, including a major high school and middle school production in the Spring
• Full color, hard bound yearbook publication
• Senior testing
• Standardized Educational Testing (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) in May (as needed)
• Field Trips
• Family Learning & Adventure Trips
• Mentoring and advisement for new homeschoolers and special student needs
• Family fellowship events (such as end of year Beach Day)
• College admissions information
• Community ministry project opportunities
• Special event & theme days
• Emergency prayer chain, delivered by email and texting
• And more, as new opportunities are presented!