THE GOOD AND TRUE ENRICHMENT COLLECTIVE

Family Program Guide

California · Year One Pilot · A Parent-Led Homeschool Enrichment Program

Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in The Good and True Enrichment Collective. We are a small, parent-led community of homeschooling families who meet together each week for literature, science, history, and hands-on enrichment. Our first year is intentionally small, so every child is known and every family has a real part in making the day work.

This guide explains who we are, who can join, what our classes look like, how families serve, and what it costs. Please read it in full before applying, and reach out with any questions.

Warmly,
Mrs. Ambria Humble
Founder

At a Glance

What we are	A parent-led, nonsectarian homeschool enrichment program. We add to your homeschool; we are not a school, a private school, or a charter school.
Who can join	Families homeschooling under their own California Private School Affidavit (PSA), or families enrolled in a California public charter school's independent study program.
What we teach	Enrichment-style Literature and History built on living books, hands-on weekly Science experiments, plus rotating Enrichment (practical arts, art, sewing, candle making, STEM, pottery, drama). No curriculum to purchase.
Who we serve	Year one: Pre-K through high school, starting with just a few families in each division while we gauge interest. As we grow, we hope to partner with a charter to offer larger services and a dedicated facility.
When we meet	Mondays during the school year. If our first year goes well, we'll add Fridays. Hours and location are announced before applications open.
Parents on site	Always. Every child has a parent or legal guardian on site for the whole day. We do not offer drop-off.
Class size	Kept small on purpose: Pre-K & K, 5 students · Lower Elementary, 8 · Upper Elementary, 8 · Middle School, 8 · High School, 6.

Who We Are

A community, not an institution.

We believe education should form the whole child: hands, heart, mind, and life in community. Our classes bring together the best of four traditions. From Classical education we take great books, Socratic discussion, and learning to reason well. From Charlotte Mason we take living books, narration, nature study, and short, focused lessons. From Montessori we take purposeful, hands-on work for our youngest students. From Sudbury we take real student choice and student voice.

You remain your child's teacher. Each family is legally responsible for its own child's education, whether through your own affidavit or your charter school. You choose your core curriculum, keep your records, and handle math, grammar, and writing at home. Our program supplements that work; it never replaces it.

Who Can Join

Every family must be homeschooling legally in California through one of two paths.

Your path	What we need from you
Private School Affidavit (PSA)	A copy of your current year's filed affidavit confirmation. California affidavits are filed every year, usually October 1–15.
Charter independent study	A letter or screenshot confirming your enrollment, plus your charter's approval to use our program (see Fees & Payment).

Starting before October? Because affidavits can't be filed until October 1, PSA families joining at the start of the year may share last year's filed affidavit, or, if you're new to California, a signed statement that you will file during the October window. Your new filed copy is then due by October 31. Families who aren't able to provide these documents aren't able to participate. We keep this simple and firm so every family in our community is on solid legal footing.

At this time, families in Private School Satellite Programs (PSPs) and other arrangements are not eligible.

What We Teach

Class	What it looks like
Literature	Book-club style. Students read the same great books, then come together each week to discuss what they read and make a craft or project tied to the story.
Science	Hands-on biology, all in class. We work through Pandia Press Biology (REAL Science Odyssey) together, with a different age-appropriate experiment every week. There is no science reading at home.
History	Living books. This year every age studies the Ancient World, so siblings share one story. In class: discussion, maps, timelines, building projects, and tasting foods from the cultures we study.
Enrichment	A rotation of practical arts (cooking, homemaking, gardening, caring for clothing), art, sewing, candle making, Greek architecture & STEM, ancient pottery making, and drama.

> **About our books.** There is no curriculum to purchase. Literature and History are built on living books: well-written books by authors who love their subjects, read at home and brought to life together in class. Science is taught entirely in class from Pandia Press Biology, so there is nothing for families to buy for it. Each family only needs the books on our reading list, and charter families can typically use their charter funds for them.

Divisions (year one): Pre-K & Kindergarten (with a parent alongside, Montessori-style) · Lower Elementary, 1st–3rd · Upper Elementary, 4th–5th · Middle School, 6th–8th · High School, 9th–12th.

How the Program Grows With Your Child

Every division studies the same subjects, with the work deepening each year. It never stays little-kid stuff.

Division	The big goal	What it looks like
Pre-K & K ages 3–5	Independence, focus, and belonging	Picture books and read-alouds with a simple craft · nature study and sensory exploration · learning about cultures through stories and food · Montessori-style practical life: pouring, preparing and serving snack, caring for the classroom
Lower Elementary 1st–3rd	The habit of attention and a love of stories	Chapter-book discussions with a weekly craft · hands-on science experiments · history through stories, maps, and timelines · beginner cooking and hand sewing
Upper Elementary 4th–5th	Putting ideas into their own words	Deeper book discussions on character and theme · experiments with recorded observations · models, timelines, and cooking foods from the cultures studied · sewing machines, candle making, and pottery
Middle School 6th–8th	Reasoning carefully and weighing evidence	Seminar-style novel discussions, spotting weak arguments · labs and dissections · comparing civilizations through primary sources · Greek architecture & STEM builds · leading drama and class projects
High School 9th–12th	Expressing and defending ideas clearly	Student-led discussion of classic literature, debates, and presentations · lab science with write-ups · history research projects · real-world practical arts like cooking full meals and hosting · mentoring younger students

Our classes are enrichment, so we don't give grades, credits, or transcripts. Families (and charters, for charter students) handle grading and records, and you're welcome to count the work toward your own homeschool records.

Our House System

One community, four houses.

Every student is placed in a house and stays in it for as long as they're with us. Houses mix ages on purpose, so little ones have big kids looking out for them, and one day they'll be the big kid. Houses are small teams inside one community, never cliques.

What houses do	How it works
Student government	Each house elects a House President through a real campaign and debate. Older students serve as leaders, and houses can bring proposals to the program, like a new club, festival, or project.
A job for every age	Every child has a house role, from greeters and messengers for our youngest to stewards, mentors, and historians as they grow.
House points	Students earn points for kindness, service, hard work, reading, and chores. Points are tallied weekly, and the winning house is celebrated at the end of the year.
Caring for our space	At the end of each day, students clean by house with age-appropriate jobs, and a parent checks the younger students' work.

Community Projects

Learning that reaches beyond our walls.

Throughout the year, houses and divisions take on projects that serve our local community, such as collecting supplies for local families, caring for a community garden or park, making cards for seniors, or hosting a showcase where students share what they've learned. Students help choose and lead these projects, and the responsibility grows with age.

Celebrations

Community is half the fun. We'll start our first year with:

Celebration	When
Halloween party	October
Christmas party	December
Valentine's Day party	February
Book club parties	When a division finishes a book together
Field Day	End of the year

Holiday parties are festive community celebrations with food, games, and crafts.

A Sample Meeting Day

Times below are an example; the final schedule is set once enrollment is known.

Time	What happens
10:00 – 10:20	Morning gathering and announcements
10:20 – 11:10	Literature: discussion and craft
11:15 – 12:05	Science: experiment or lab
12:05 – 12:50	Community lunch
12:50 – 1:35	History: discussion and hands-on project
1:40 – 2:20	Enrichment rotation, first block
2:25 – 3:05	Enrichment rotation, second block
3:05 – 3:20	Clean-up by house and dismissal

Your Family's Part

This program runs because families pool their talents.

1 · Stay with your children. A parent or legal guardian stays on site with their children for the entire day. This is a firm rule. It keeps our community close, and it's part of how we follow California's child care rules.

2 · Serve. Every family serves in one of three ways: leading a class, assisting in a class, or helping with setup, lunch, and clean-up.

3 · Get cleared to lead. Parents who lead or assist in a class complete a California Department of Justice fingerprint background check (Live Scan) and a tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment before the year begins. Charter schools require this for any class they help fund, and we ask it of every class leader so all of our children are protected the same way.

4 · Get your books. There is no curriculum to buy. Each family provides the living books on our reading list, and charter families can usually have these paid for by their charter.

5 · Do the home reading. Each week, students read their division's assigned chapters at home and narrate what they learned. Every discussion and project is built on that reading.

6 · Sign our Community Agreement. It describes how we treat one another, care for the space we meet in, and keep our community free of gossip and division.

Fees & Payment

Family fees are charged once per family. Supply fees are charged per student. Everything is a flat yearly amount.

Fee	Amount	What it covers
Family Facility Fee	$300 per family, per year	Our meeting space for the full year. Required of every family.
Family Program Fee	$450 per family, per year	Insurance, filing fees, accounting, and everything it takes to run the program. Reduced or free depending on how your family serves.
Supply Fee	Pre-K & Elementary $450 · Middle $550 · High $650, per student, per year	Every supply your student needs in class each week: experiment and lab materials, project and craft supplies, and practical arts materials. Reading list books are not included.

How your family serves	Family Program Fee
Lead a class	Free
Take a set volunteer role	$300 ($150 off)
Help as needed	$450 (full)

Example: a family with two elementary students and one middle schooler, serving in a volunteer role, would pay $300 facility + $300 program fee + $900 elementary supplies + $550 middle school supplies = $2,050 for the year.

These are Monday-only prices. If we add Fridays in a future year, Friday pricing will be shared then.

PSA families pay us directly on the schedule shared with admitted families. Payment plans are available.

Charter families follow a different process, set by California law and your charter:

- ☐ Ask your charter teacher to approve our classes for your student before the year begins. We'll provide whatever your charter needs.
- ☐ Once approved, your charter pays us directly by invoice. We can't accept charter payment before approval, and we can't be paid with funds your charter has reimbursed to you.
- ☐ Any cost your charter won't cover, such as the facility or program fee, is paid by your family.

> Each charter keeps its own approved vendor list and rules. If your charter hasn't approved us yet, let us know which charter you're with and we'll begin the vendor application with them.

How to Apply

- ☐ Read this whole guide.
- ☐ Confirm your path: your own affidavit, or charter independent study.
- ☐ Submit an application. (An application, not a registration: it doesn't automatically reserve a spot.)
- ☐ Provide your affidavit or charter enrollment documentation.
- ☐ Choose how your family will serve, and complete Live Scan and TB clearance if you'll lead or assist a class.
- ☐ Sign the Community Agreement.
- ☐ Pay the facility fee to secure your spot (or, for charter families, receive your charter's approval).

Questions Parents Ask

Is this a school? No. It's a parent-led enrichment program. Your child's school is your own home-based private school or your charter school.

Do I need to buy a curriculum? No. Literature and History use living books, and Science is done entirely in class, so you only need the books on our reading list.

Can I drop my kids off? No. A parent or guardian stays on site the whole day.

Do you teach math, grammar, or writing? Not in year one. Those stay with your family's own curriculum at home.

Will there be Fridays? Not in year one. If this year goes well, we plan to add Fridays.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ambria Humble.