Homeschooling Resource Guide

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We hope that this guide will help you and your family on your home school journey. We’ve included information about local groups and co-ops, great educational resources, nearby attractions, and more.

If you would like to suggest an addition or update to this guide, please contact the Youth Services Desk at 856-772-1636 x7360 or ChildrenVT@camdencountylibrary.org

The Camden County Library System’s Mission
We meet the learning, recreational and informational needs of our customers, providing an open environment for our community

The Camden County Library System’s Vision
We are the Camden County Library System, your gateway to the world. With you, we create bridges that begin in Camden County and lead to the destination of your choice. Building on our proud heritage, we use technology to extend beyond our walls.

We exist to bring people, ideas and opportunities together in many resourceful ways. We promote continuous improvement in Camden County by fostering community growth and cooperation. We measure our success by your success.
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Library Offerings

Homeschool Collection
The Voorhees & South County Branches have special Home School Sections of their collections. The collections include textbooks, workbooks, and homeschool guides.

Online Resources
Check out the library’s home schooling subject guide: https://www.camdencountylibrary.org/parents#homeschoolers as well as the countless online resources and databases available with your library card at http://www.camdencountylibrary.org/subscription-databases. Services include live chat-based tutoring with Tutor.com, learning centers and practice tests through Learning Express Library, language learning with Rosetta Stone, and teacher handouts through Facts on File’s Curriculum Resource Center.

Programs and Events
Visit http://www.camdencountylibrary.org/events and check frequently for educational & recreational events that are open to all at no charge. From story times to crafts, guest speakers to live bands, the Camden County Library System offers diverse programming for babies through senior citizens.

The Voorhees Branch holds large book sales twice a year, in October and June. Info here https://www.camdencountylibrary.org/booksale.

Museum Passes
The library offers a pass program for nearby museums and nature centers at all eight branches. Any adult with a card in good standing can check out a pass to attend with no admission charge. Get all the info at http://www.camdencountylibrary.org/pass. Some museum passes are only available at one branch while others are available at multiple branches.

Passes to the following institutions can be checked out from the Camden County Library System:

- Academy of Natural Sciences – Admission for up to two adults and five children; 10% discount at the Academy Shop and Academy Cafe
- Battleship New Jersey – Admission for up to two adults and three children
- Bucks County Children’s Museum – Admission for up to six people
- Camden Children’s Garden – Admission for up to six guests
- Eastern State Penitentiary – Admission for up to six people, not recommended for children under 7.
- Elmwood Park Zoo – Admission for two adults and up to 6 children; 10% discount on purchase made in shop & cafe
- Garden State Discovery Museum – Admission for up to six people; 15% discount at the Discovermore Toy Store
- Grounds for Sculpture – Admission for up to four people
• Morris Arboretum – Admission for up to two adults and four children; 10% discount at the gift shop
• Mütter Museum - Admission for up to four people
• Museum of the American Revolution - Pass provides free admission for two adults and up to four children under the age of 18 (guests not included), member discounts for public programming and 10% off in the Museum Shop and Cafe.
• National Constitution Center - Admission for up to two adults and four children.
• National Liberty Museum - Admission for up to six people.
• Paws Discovery Farm - Admission for up to six people.
• Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts – Admission for up to two adults and four children.
• Penn Museum of Archaeology – Admission for up to two people.
• Philadelphia Magic Gardens – Admission for up to two adults and three children.
• Roebling – Admission for up to two adults and any children under 18.
• State of NJ Park Passes - Free parking at any of the state parks in New Jersey. Location of all state parks
• Wheaton Arts – Admission for up to two adults and any children under 18.
• Woodford Wildlife Refuge - Admission for up to two adults and three children.
Local Groups and Resources

Burlington County Tennis Association Homeschool Tennis (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/Burlington-County-Tennis-Association-Homeschool-Tennis-1923879147668101
Meets at Moorestown Tennis Club

Camden County Homeschoolers (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/494965360949154/
Meet at Voorhees library 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Catholic Schoolhouse
https://camdencountynj.catholicschoolhouse.com/
A supplemental program designed to help homeschool families enrich educational experience inspired by classical elements

Classical Conversations
https://www.classicalconversations.com/
Christian-based group offering programs and academic services. Multiple locations including Magnolia NJ.

ENOCH – Education Network of Christian Homeschoolers of New Jersey
http://www.enochnj.org/index.php
Holds an Annual Convention in May

Gloucester County Christian Home Schoolers Association
http://homeschool-life.com/nj/gcchsa/
Non-profit Christian-based home school support group
Holds annual spelling bee

Homeschool Sell, Grab & Go (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/741888945969289/
Local homeschool buy and sell group. The idea is to Eliminate shipping and costs & share resources. You must be willing to pick up your items.

Homeschool World’s Exhaustive list
http://www.home-school.com/groups/NJ.html
Check here an often-updated list of homeschool groups in New Jersey

Mid Atlantic Music Academy
http://www.midatlanticmusicacademy.org/
Band performance group based in Haddon Heights, NJ
New Jersey Homeschool Association
http://jerseyhomeschool.net/
Provides information about homeschooling in New Jersey

NJ Homeschool Dances (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/DANCES4TEENS/
Holds the Cinderella Ball (spring) and Masquerade Ball (fall) at the Palace in Blackwood NJ

South Jersey Homeschool Choir
http://southjerseyhomeschoolchoir.webs.com/
Choral performance group based in Marlton, NJ

South Jersey Homeschool Forum (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/291511407664562/
Connecting homeschooling families in the South Jersey area

South Jersey Homeschool Key Club
https://sjhskeyclubweb.wixsite.com/sjhskeyclub
Service program for high school students

South Jersey Homeschool Moms (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/251874941978256/
Homeschool/unschool moms to share events, classes, discussion

South Jersey Homeschoolers (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/sjhomeschool
Christian-based group that shares curriculum, events, and support

West Jersey Homeschoolers (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestJerseyHomeschoolers/
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/WestJerseyHomeschoolers/info
Homeschool discussion

Wild + Free South Jersey (Facebook Group)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1872661466387891/
Plan field trips, nature outings, and more

Will-Moore Gymnastics
http://www.willmoorgymnastics.net/class-schedule-homeschool/
Homeschool classes for first grade and up, Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in Mount Laurel.
Local Co-Ops

**Academic Co-op Community**
[https://www.facebook.com/ACCHomeschoolCoop/](https://www.facebook.com/ACCHomeschoolCoop/)
Meets Tuesdays at Mantua United Methodist Church

**Active Imaginations**
[https://www.facebook.com/activeimaginationshomeschool](https://www.facebook.com/activeimaginationshomeschool)
[http://activeimaginationshomeschool.weebly.com/](http://activeimaginationshomeschool.weebly.com/)
Social and activities-based homeschool co-op in Mickelton, NJ

**Excelsior**
Christian Classical/Charlotte Mason Homeschool Cooperative in Moorestown
Weekly co-op classes on Wednesdays from 9:45 AM-2:00 PM at Maranatha Church in Moorestown

**HIS Homeschool Co-op**
[https://www.hishomeschoolcoop.org/](https://www.hishomeschoolcoop.org/)
Christian-based educational and social network for home-school families
Meets at Fellowship Community Church & Mt Laurel Evangelical Free Church in Mt Laurel

**Living Water Home Educators (LWHE)**
[http://www.lwhe.org](http://www.lwhe.org)
[https://www.facebook.com/LivingWaterHomeEducators](https://www.facebook.com/LivingWaterHomeEducators)
Christian-based group that has classes September- May
Holds an annual Science Fair, Spelling Bee
Burlington County, NJ

**South Jersey Muslim Homeschoolers (SJMH)**
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634667343415660/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1634667343415660/)
Encouraging and assisting Muslim families to home educate in south New Jersey with a Muslim worldview.
Great Online Groups

Affording the Homeschool Life – Facebook Group  
https://www.facebook.com/groups/594052600614228/

Crossing Over to Homeschooling – Facebook Group  
https://www.facebook.com/groups/CrossingOverToHomeschooling/  
https://www.crossingovertohomeschooling.com/  
Great for newbies

Secular Homeschool Families – Facebook Group  
https://www.facebook.com/groups/SHF.CLOSED/

Academics

Products we use and liked (paid)

Education.com  
https://www.education.com/  
Resources for PreK-5

The Great Courses  
http://www.thegreatcourses.com/  
Available streaming online or on DVD

IXL  
http://www.ixl.com/  
Practice Math & Language Arts, K-12

Math U See  
https://www.mathusee.com/  
Math learning for K-12

Outschool  
https://outschool.com/  
Small online classes for K-12 either self-paced or scheduled, including health classes
A Reason For
https://areasonfor.com/
Christian-based science, handwriting, spelling, and guided reading

Sonlight Christian Homeschool Curriculum
https://www.sonlight.com/

Study Island
http://www.studyisland.com/
Test prep, literacy, enrichment, and more.

Teachers Pay Teachers
https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/
Teacher resources and lesson plans

Teaching Textbooks
http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/
Online subscription

Time4Learning
https://www.time4learning.com/
Online curriculum for PreK-12

Products we used and liked (free)

Calculation Nation
http://calculationnation.nctm.org/
Math games for upper elementary – middle school

DIY.org
http://www.diy.org
Learn new skills and connect with others

Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool
http://allinonehomeschool.com/
Collection of curriculum and lesson plans

Enchanted Learning
http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html
Curriculum & other materials
Free Rice
http://freerice.com/
Answer questions from a variety of subject areas. For each correct answer, 10 grains of rice is donated through the World Food Programme.

Hoffman Academy
https://www.hoffmanacademy.com/
Learn to play the piano

Hooda Math
http://www.hoodamath.com/
Math games. Search by grade level, game type, and math subject

Khan Academy
https://www.khanacademy.org/
Practice exercises, instructional videos, learning dashboard for a variety of subjects.

NeoK12
http://www.neok12.com/
Educational videos, lessons, and games for K-12 kids

Pinterest
http://www.pinterest.com
Visual bookmarking site – great place to search for lesson plans, craft ideas, recipes, and more

Sheppard Software
http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/
Educational games and activities in a wide variety of subject areas.

Spelling City
http://www.spellingcity.com/
Game based spelling learning tool.
Tips & Thoughts

Classroom
Designate a room in your house your ‘classroom’. Have a desk or table, your library, and school supplies.

Customize!
Use family interests and experiences in your curriculum. Planning a trip to Disney? Give the assignment to create an updated ‘World of Tomorrow’ exhibit for Epcot Center.

Family Tree Project
This was a favorite assignment from one of our writers. Learn about the history of your own family while learning to use genealogy resources.

Find a Co-Op
Homeschool co-ops offer community, educational opportunities, and support.

Find an Extra-curricular
Explore a passion and meet others with the same interest.

Get a homeschool ID!
Some co-ops offer them. You can also use the letter the school sent when acknowledging your letter of intent. The Home School Legal Defense Alliance also offers IDs. Some businesses offer discounts to HS Families.

Work in your PJs!
Take advantage of the logistical perks of homeschooling. Set your own schedule. Avoid afterschool and weekend crowds. Do your math lesson in your pajamas!
Places to Go

Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
http://www.ansp.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Self-Guided visits include Teacher’s guides. The museum presents on various topics daily, Sept - June.

Adventure Aquarium
https://www.adventureaquarium.com/Groups/Specialty-Days/Homeschool-Week?fbclid=IwAR3CE-rFIViaabzArGyykMxqjBS7sJsv2V8WBxp6ri-1kLrhPlumSGM--ns
Camden, NJ
Homeschool weeks: during special weekdays, homeschool families received special pricing

Barnes & Noble Deptford
http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/store/2891
Deptford, NJ
Large homeschool material section, some events offered

Brandywine Zoo
http://www.brandywinezoo.org/
Wilmington, Delaware
Family programs and workshops offered

Camden County College
http://www.camdencc.edu/
Blackwood & Cherry Hill, NJ
Register for class starting at age 11
Eligible for a library card with a valid Camden County Public Library card

Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge
http://www.cedarrun.org/
Medford, NJ
Offers Homeschool classes the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of the month, Sept-June (excluding Dec).
10am or 1pm. Knee-High Naturalist (Ages 3-4), Nature Nuts (Ages 5-7), and Eco Explorers (Ages 8+)

Cherry Hill Skate Center
http://www.cherryhillskatingcenter.com/
Cherry Hill, NJ
3rd Friday of every Month, 1-3:30 Home School Skate
Delaware Valley Earth Science Society
http://dvess.org/
Berlin, NJ
Promoting interest & knowledge in the earth sciences.

Deptford Skate Zone
https://dscdeptford.com/hours-pricing/special-events/
Deptford, NJ
Home school skate first Friday of each month, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Edelman Planetarium at Rowan University
http://www.rowan.edu/planetarium/
Offer free nights open to public. Will schedule free planetarium field trips for a group.

Every Kid in a Park
https://www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/
Free pass for fourth graders to visit national parks

Fernbrook Farms
https://www.fernbrookfarms.com/center/homeschool-classes/
Bordentown, NJ
Hands-on outdoor science and nature classes

Fort Mott State Park
http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/fortmott.html
Pennsville, NJ
Self-guided tour & programs throughout the year

Franklin Institute
https://www.fi.edu/
Philadelphia, PA
Offers Homeschool Workshops for students Ages 7-14, 10:30-2:30 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture
http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/
Hamilton, NJ

Historical Society of Moorestown
http://moorestownhistory.org/
Moorestown, NJ
Historical place, Offers NJ History Speaks programming
Hollydell Ice Arena
https://www.hollydell.com/page/show/3842223-public-skating
Sewell, NJ
Homeschool skate 2nd Tuesday of each month

Howell Living History Farm
http://www.howellfarm.org/
Lambertville, NJ
Offers public and kids programs. Facility of the Mercer County Park Commission

ISC Cherry Hill
https://isccherryhill.com/hours-pricing/
Cherry Hill, NJ
Hosts homeschool Physical Education days

Kids Bowl Free / Kids Skate Free
http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/
http://kidsskatefree.com/
Get free passes to bowl and skate at participating locations

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
https://www.kimmelcenter.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Regularly offers free concerts and kids’ events

Longwood Gardens
http://longwoodgardens.org/
Kennette Square, PA
Hosts home School Days

The Makers Workshop
https://www.themakersworkshop.net/
Laurel Springs, NJ
Offers homeschool arts and crafts classes

Mann Center for the Performing Arts
http://www.manncenter.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Workshops/demos/lectures through Judith Gitlin Arts Teach, annual free Young People’s Concert Series
Marine Mammal Stranding Center
http://mmsc.org/
Brigantine, NJ
Offers summer programs

Moozie’s Play Café
http://www.mooziesplaycafe.com
Turnersville, NJ
Fun clean safe play with special events

National Constitution Center
http://constitutioncenter.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Website includes free educational resources

National Parks
http://www.nps.gov/index.htm
Offers lesson plans, Junior Ranger program

NJEA Convention
http://njeaconvention.org/
NJ Education Association’s Annual Convention is open to the public

Opera Philadelphia
https://www.operaphila.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Sounds of Learning Signature Program uses opera to teach lessons across the curriculum. Registration required; no cost.

Penn Museum
http://www.penn.museum/
Philadelphia, PA
Offers workshops and other activities to the public

Philadelphia Museum of Art
http://www.philamuseum.org/
Philadelphia, PA
Homeschool Museum Classes – 2 hours long, first Wednesday of the month October-June. Children’s Arts Classes offered. Website has free lesson plans and teacher materials.
**Pinncale Parkour Academy**  
Cherry Hill, NJ  
Specialized parkour programming designed to meet the schedules and needs of homeschooled students.

**Princeton University Museum of Art**  
[http://artmuseum.princeton.edu/](http://artmuseum.princeton.edu/)  
Self-guided tour materials available for download, online activities. Free admission.

**Rowan College Burlington County**  
[http://rcbc.edu/](http://rcbc.edu/)  
Take college classes for high school credit. Offers homeschool counselor  
Pinelands Institute for Natural & Environmental Studies offers educational programs:  
[http://www.rcbc.edu/pines](http://www.rcbc.edu/pines)

**Rowan College Gloucester County**  
[https://www.rcgc.edu/Pages/Home.aspx](https://www.rcgc.edu/Pages/Home.aspx)  
Take college classes for high school credit at a 65% discount for homeschool students. Offers homeschool counselor

**Royal Cinema / United Artist Cinema**  
$1 movie tickets early morning June – Aug

**Wetlands Institute**  
Stone Harbor, NJ  
Offers monthly Homeschool Program (Ages 5-13) on the first Friday of every month / third Thursday of every month, September – May.

**Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center**  
Millville, NJ  
Home School Classes available for booking