



Apiary Collective Co.

2024-2025 Community Gathering Guide

A Christ-centered community that is grounded in Biblical truth and values, and gathers as an integral part of your family's homeschool year.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

Apiary Collective Co.

Apiary: (āpē,erē) a collection of individual beehives that come together to make a larger community of bees

Collective: signifying a number of persons considered as one group or whole

Purpose Statement

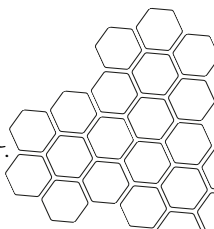
Apiary Collective Co. is a Christ-centered Charlotte Mason community that is grounded in Biblical truth, aiming to nurture our children in the Lord by providing community gatherings of core and enrichment studies to be an integral part of your family's homeschool year by cultivating a life-long love of learning and appreciation for God's created order and beauty.

Educational Principles

- We gather as a Christ-centered community that is grounded in Biblical truth and values, and studies God's infallible Word during community gatherings.
- We employ the methods of Charlotte Mason educational philosophies in our community gatherings using Ambleside Online as our primary book list and curriculum source.
- We share the responsibility of teaching among the parents as each mother commits to play an active role in community gatherings by teaching and/or assisting.
- We desire our students to gain an understanding of science, geography and literature from a Biblical perspective, using living books, and experiencing a beautiful feast of artist study, nature study, art lessons, music, etc.
- We strive to forge friendships, encourage one another, study Charlotte Mason methods, ask questions, and share ideas as a community.

Leadership Structure

Apiary Collective is structured with a Director and Board Members as a voting body. All decisions are made with discussion, prayer, and thorough examination.



Community Gatherings

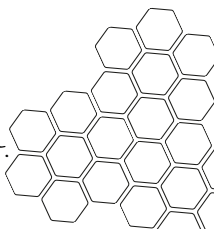
- We meet twice weekly during the school year on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Current Church (14133 N. 137th E Ave, Collinsville, OK 74021).
- Community gatherings will run between August and May with three 12-week terms per year and one field trip per term.
 - First Day: August 13
 - Fall Break: October 7-11
 - Fall Showcase: November 16
 - Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29
 - Christmas Break: December 23 - January 3
 - Spring Break: March 17-21
 - Spring Showcase: May 10
 - Last Day: May 22
- Each family (kids and one primary parent) will attend community gatherings together. There is no student drop-off option.
- Parents play an active role in community gatherings and are required to serve by teaching and/or assisting lessons or in the nursery, helping with setup and clean up, and working together as families to facilitate all aspects of the community gatherings.

Classes

Everyone joins together to start the week with a half hour Symposium before breaking out into the following classes. At times, two classes will be combined for one lesson such as for handicraft and artistic expression or Swedish drill.

Everyone enjoys lunch and recess on the playground following lessons on both days.

- Nursery Bees: Infant - Toddlers (no formal lessons)
- Blueberry Bees: JrK/Kindergarten (8 student maximum)
- Honey Bees: 1st/2nd Grade (8 student maximum)
- Bumble Bees: 3rd/4th Grade (8 student maximum)
- Mason Bees: 5th/6th Grade (8 student maximum)
- Carder Bees: 7th/8th Grade (8 student maximum)



Community Gathering Dates

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Key

	First/Last Day of Community Gatherings
	Exam
	Break
	Fall/Spring Showcase

Schedule

Nursery Bees @ Nursery Room	Blueberry Bees JrK-K @ Berry Patch Room	Tuesday	Honey Bees 1st-2nd	Bumble Bees 3rd-4th	Mason Bees 5th-6th	Carder Bees 7th-8th	
Symposium		9:00 - 9:15 am	Symposium				
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Symposium Content

Hymn *

- Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear
- Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
- There Is a Happy Land
- Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
- How Great Thou Art
- Trust and Obey
- Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- Rejoice, the Lord is King
- Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Folk Song *

- Click Go the Shears
- Gypsy Rover
- Early One Morning
- I's the B'y
- Silent Night
- Keys to Canterbury
- Mairi's Wedding
- All Through the Night
- When You And I Were Young, Maggie
- The Wild Colonial Boy

Poet Study 1 poet per 12-week term

- Robert Frost
- A.A. Milne
- Wendell Barry

Artist Study 1 artist per 12-week term

- Albrecht Dürer *
- Caravaggio *
- Eugène Delacroix *

Composer Study 1 artist per 12-week term

- Ravel
- Antonio Vivaldi *
- Frederic Chopin *

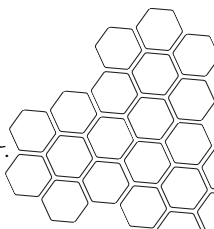
*An Ambleside Online 2024-2025 Selection

Scripture Recitation

- Romans 8:26-39
- Psalm 46:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- Romans 6:1-14
- Proverbs 2:1-15

Poetry Recitation

- The Road Not Taken, Robert Frost
- Going for Water, Robert Frost
- Lines and Squares, A.A. Milne
- Water-Lilies, A.A. Milne
- 1979 III, Wendell Barry
- 1980 V, Wendell Barry



Blueberry Bees Lessons JrK - Kindergarten

Bible

- *The Promises of God Storybook Bible*, Jennifer Lyell

Core Weekly picture books to study social studies, culture, science, geography, history and art projects.

- Before Five in a Row
- More Before Five in a Row
- Cottage Hubbard

Activity Centers

A rotating selection of hands-on activities.

Presentations

Developing public speaking skills through show and tell items brought in from home.

Recess / Nature Study

Spending time outside to play together and observe nature.

Homework:

None

Book List:

None

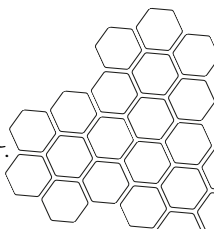
All lesson material will be covered in class.

Teachers may request small craft items to be brought in by the student such as toilet paper rolls, rocks, etc.

Supply List:

(to be brought to class)

- Water bottle
- Snack



Honey Bees Lessons 1st - 2nd Grade

Bible (1x week)

Acts - The study of the beginning of the church using *The Children's Story Bible*, Catherine Vos.

Literature (1x week)

- *Five Little Peppers and How They Grew*, Margaret Sidney
- *Charlotte's Web*, E. B. White

Geography (1x week)

Cross Country, Paul Hanna and Clyde Kohn - A study of the United States following the Page family as they travel from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

Science (2x week)

One term each to study insects, the world of woods, fields and forests, and life around ponds and rivers using living books, object lessons and hands-on activities.

Nature Lore (1x week)

- *After the Sun Goes Down*, Blough and Jeanne Bendick
- *Who Lives in this Meadow?*, Glenn Blough and Jeanne Bendick
- *Let's Learn About Mushrooms*, Phyllis Perry
- *Ostriches*, Herbert Zim

Art (1x week)

Studying and exploring art through a mix of handicrafts and artistic expressions.

Print Handwriting (1x week)

A Reason for Handwriting: Level A

Presentations(1x week)

Developing public speaking skills through show and tell items brought in from home.

Games (1x week)

A selection of board games and Right Start Math games.

Recess / Nature Study (2x week)

Spending time outside to play together and observe nature.

Homework:

None

Book List:

None

All lesson material will be covered in class.

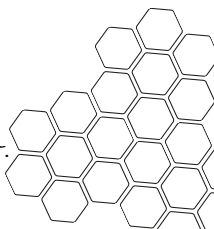
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Supply List:

(to be brought to class)

- Water bottle
- Snack
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Recitation Notebook
- Narration Notebook
- Science Notebook

Additionally, there is a recess/nature study lesson on each community gathering.



Bumble Bees Lessons 3rd - 4th Grade

Bible (1x week)

Acts - The study of the beginning of the church. (ESV translation)

Literature(1x week)

- *Men of Iron*, Howard Pyle
- *Caddie Woodlawn*, Carol Ryrie Brink

Moral Imagination (1x week)

A selection from Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Tanglewood Tales* and *A Wonder Book*.

Geography (1x week)

Marco Polo, Manuel Komroff - Follow along with one of the first Europeans to travel extensively in Asia including along the Silk Road.

Science (2x week)

- 3rd Grade: Combined with Honey Bees for Form 1 science.
- 4th Grade: Combined with Mason Bees for Form 2 science.

Oklahoma State History (1x week)

An overview of Oklahoma state history with corresponding literature and hands-on activities.

Art (1x week)

Studying and exploring art through a mix of handicrafts and artistic expressions.

Presentations (1x week)

Developing public speaking skills through a variety of topics and presentation types including bringing in show and tell items from home.

Math Games (1x week)

A selection of Right Start Math games.

Swedish Drill (2x week)

A form of exercise that aims to work the brain as much as it works the body, while simultaneously building listening skills.

Homework:

The student will have an assigned weekly reading that will need to be done at home to be discussed for lessons such as for Literature.

Book List:

The student will be assigned a book list to purchase for at home readings or to use during class.

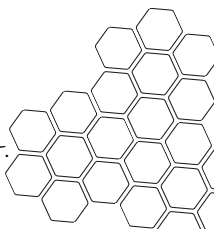
All other lesson material will be covered in class.

Teachers may request small craft items or science items to be brought in by the student such as toilet paper rolls, rocks, etc.

Supply List:

(to be brought to class)

- Water bottle
- Snack
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Books
- Recitation Notebook
- Narration Notebook
- Science Notebook



Mason Bees Lessons 5th - 6th Grade

Bible (1x week)

Acts - The study of the beginning of the church. (ESV translation)

Literature (1x week)

- *Swiss Family Robinson*, Johann David Wyss
- *The Ark*, Margot Benary-Isbert

Moral Imagination (1x week)

- *Black Ships Before Troy*, Rosemary Sutcliff
- *The Merchant of Venice*, Shakespeare

Geography (1x week)

Richard Halliburton's *Book of Marvels*: A study of the Occident.

Science (2x week)

A selection from Sabbath Mood

- Form 2 Physics: Waves
- Form 2 Weather
- Form 2 Chemistry

Art (1x week)

Studying and exploring art through a mix of handicrafts and artistic expressions.

Presentations (1x week)

Developing public speaking skills through a variety of topics and presentation types including bringing in show and tell items from home.

Math Games (1x week)

A selection of Right Start Math games.

Swedish Drill (2x week)

A form of exercise that aims to work the brain as much as it works the body, while simultaneously building listening skills.

Homework:

The student will have an assigned weekly reading that will need to be done at home to be discussed for lessons such as for Literature, Moral Imagination and Geography.

Book List:

The student will be assigned a book list to purchase for at home readings or to use during class.

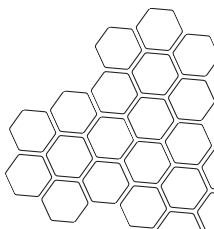
All other lesson material will be covered in class.

Teachers may request small craft items or science items to be brought in by the student such as toilet paper rolls, rocks, etc.

Supply List:

(to be brought to class)

- Water bottle
- Snack
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Books including ESV Bible
- Recitation Notebook
- Narration Notebook
- Science Notebook



Carder Bees Lessons 7th - 8th Grade

Bible (1x week)

Acts - The study of the beginning of the church. (ESV translation)

Literature (1x week)

Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott

Moral Imagination (1x week)

- *Chaucer for Children*
- *The Merchant of Venice*, Shakespeare

Geography (1x week)

- *The Brendan Voyage*, Tim Severin - A study of St Brendan sixth-century voyage from Ireland to America.
- *How the Heather Looks*, Joan Bodger - A study of the lands of the beloved authors of the UK.

Science (2x week)

A selection from Sabbath Mood

- Form 3-4 Physics
- Form 3-4 Chemistry

Art (1x week)

Studying and exploring art through a mix of handicrafts and artistic expressions.

Logic (1x week)

Fallacy Detective, Nathaniel Bluedorn and Hans Bluedorn - Learning to spot common fallacies in thinking and reasoning.

Spiritual Formation & Worldview (1x week)

- *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel - A look at what is worth living for and how people before us have stood by their faith through trials.
- *And the Word Came with Power*, Joanne Shetler - This is the dramatic story of how God set in motion events that knit Joanne and the Balangao people (in the Philippines) together in a spiritual battle that changed them forever.

Presentations (1x week)

Developing public speaking skills through a variety of topics and presentation types including bringing in show and tell items from home.

Homework:

The student will have an assigned weekly reading that will need to be done at home to be discussed for lessons such as for Literature, Moral Imagination, Geography and Science.

Book List:

The student will be assigned a book list to purchase for at home readings or to use during class.

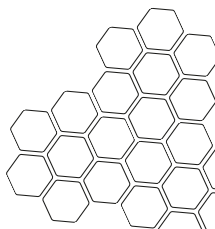
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Supply List:

(to be brought to class)

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- Snack
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Books including ESV Bible
- Recitation Notebook
- Narration Notebook
- Science Notebook



Fees

Enrollment Fee

- \$100 per family
- When a family is accepted into Apiary Collective Co., this non-refundable fee is due and will be deducted from total fees.

Family Fee

- \$500 per family operational fee (less \$100 Deposit Fee)
- This fee covers the facility, liability insurance and background checks, as well as operating costs such as the website and legal filing fees.

Per Student Fee

- \$150 per student curriculum and supply fee
- This fee covers the majority of the curriculum, materials and supplies needed. There will be a short list of general supplies for the student to bring to each community gatherings (ex: narration notebook, science notebook, pencils, colored pencils, etc.).
- In addition, Bumble Bees (3rd-4th grade), Mason Bees (5th-6th grade) and Carder Bees (7th-8th grade) will have 2-8 books they will need to personally purchase to read at home and use in class.

Additional Fees

- Apiary Collective Co. branded tee-shirts will be offered for a group order.
- There may be field trip fees or fees for specific events.

Payments

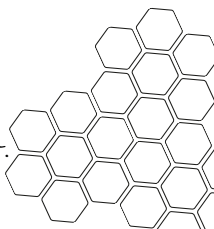
- Payment will be due in full on July 1st, 2024.
- Cash or check payment is preferred.
- Credit card payments will be accepted with a \$25 credit card processing fee.

Note:

- All fees (enrollment, family, student, and any others) are non-refundable.
- Apiary Collective does not accept enrollment from families who have students enrolled in public charter schools (i.e. EPIC).

Financials

The financial purpose of Apiary Collective is to serve the local Christian homeschooling community, not for profit or financial gain. There are no paid positions.



Policies

The following items can be found under the Policies tab of our website (www.apiarycollectiveco.com). The policies will be signed by the primary parent during the online enrollment form process.

- Statement of Faith
- Parental Policies and Expectations
- Student Code of Conduct
- Financial Policy
- Sick Policy

In addition, these paper forms will be completed and signed by the primary parent after the online enrollment form has been submitted.

- Adult Liability Waiver
- Student Liability Waiver
- Background Check on Primary Parent

Parental Policies and Expectations

As a community of cooperative homeschooling parents, we ask all attending parents to be involved in some capacity. This will also ensure parental participation and commitment to our group for the entire school year. This does mean that you come prepared to teach or assist each week. Books will be provided to the lesson teacher by Apiary Collective Co. All teacher books will be returned to the community at the end of the school year. We will provide direction on what we are looking to teach but the actual weekly content and lessons will be up to you based on the curriculum selections.

As a part of Apiary Collective Co., I agree to:

GENERAL

Every participating parent will:

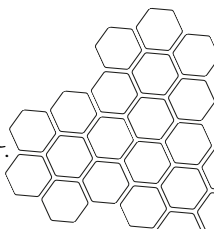
- Submit to a background check.
- Commit to the community for the entire school year (unless unforeseen circumstances arise, such as illness, moving, etc.)
- Pay the nonrefundable enrollment, family and student fees in full.
- Sign a Statement of Faith. Teachers and assistants commit to teaching only that which aligns to the statement of faith.
- Return all books provided by Apiary Collective Co. at the end of school year in good useable condition.

Conduct

- Everyone will obey all community rules and regulations.
- Each participating parent will conduct him/herself with behavior, words and dress in a way that is Christ-like and honoring to God.
- Each student will address adults as Mrs./Mr. (First Name) as a sign of respect.

Communication and Social Media

- Each family will use the selected communication avenue. (Ex: homeschool-life.com, Telegram texting app, etc.)
- Parents are welcome to take pictures during community gatherings but may not post them on social media if they include the faces of individuals outside their immediate family. Apiary Collective Co. will not post pictures of faces on its social media platforms either.



Parental Policies and Expectations

TEACHING/HELPING RESPONSIBILITIES

Each participating parent will:

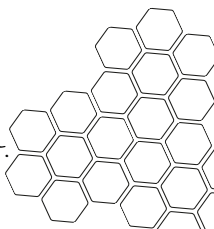
- Be present and well-prepared to teach and/or assist lessons as assigned by Apiary Collective Co.
- Be responsible for finding a substitute teacher or assistant to cover assigned lessons if unable to attend a community gathering and to notify the Board of the plans.
- Arrive on time (no later than 8:50 am) and leave the building no later than 1:00 pm.
- Help with cleanup responsibilities.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Remain on campus for each class day. (If an urgent circumstance arises and I need to leave campus, I will first talk with a Board Member before I leave my child(ren) in the care of another adult.)

RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY

- Parents will be responsible and accountable for their children, including their actions. If a student intentionally or unintentionally breaks or damages church property, it will be the responsibility of the parent to resolve it.
- Teachers will inform parents at the beginning of the year (with a tentative schedule), or weekly on the Telegram app about any homework expectations for the following week. There is no homework for children up through 2nd grade. Third and fourth graders may have very limited homework, and 5th+ will have homework for several classes, though it mainly consists of reading chapters or writing a narration/drawing before the next lesson time.
- Parents will guide and assist their students as needed to complete their homework.
- Students will arrive prepared for lessons with all necessary homework, notebooks, books, pencils, other supplies, etc.

COMMITMENT

- When joining, families will commit to the entire school year.
- As is the nature of a co-op, all families involved depend on one another to carry the responsibilities of teaching our children. Thus, if anyone drops out, all families will be affected. Therefore we ask that you take enrollment in Apiary Collective Co. seriously.



Statement of Faith

We believe:

- There is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God is the literal creator of all that exists, both visible and invisible.
- Jesus Christ is God, born of a virgin, came in human flesh, being fully God and fully man, except without sin. Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
- The Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
- Man is by nature sinful and is inherently in need of salvation, which is exclusively found by faith alone in Jesus Christ and his shed blood. Christ's death provides substitutionary atonement for our sins.
- God created male and female, in His image to glorify Him. Marriage is a God ordained institution consisting of the union of one man and one woman.

Foundational Scriptures

- And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15
- For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36
- Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
- The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip. Psalm 37:31
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:2-5
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17
- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:5-7

