



The Village Community School of Sarasota
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Enrollment Packet

Welcome to the Village Community School of Sarasota!

Our homeschool co-operative's vision is to build a village of like-minded families to educate, not indoctrinate, our children.

We wish to prepare them for the rapidly changing world they're about to face with knowledge, hands-on experience, a solid sense of self-worth and God's Word. With outdoor classrooms, acreage to run wild and free, hands-on activities, and a community of family that support and encourage one another, we seek to give our children roots to grow and room to fly.

Our children will have the ability to learn the way they learn best, the encouragement and drive to continually chase their dreams, and the real-world experience necessary to be self-sufficient and capable adults.

The yearly curriculum, which is taught by professional tutors and instructors, will encompass a vast range of education including optional extracurricular classes like: running a self-sufficient homestead, Entrepreneurial studies, Constitutional Studies, growing food, natural medicine, animal raising and harvesting, Herbology and more. We will teach students hands-on vocational skills like carpentry, mechanical work and basic electrical studies. Throughout our program we identify God as the Creator and designer of all things and find interactive and fun ways to incorporate God's Word in our studies. We honor our children as gifts from God and in all things we do, their self-worth and self-esteem is a top priority.

Recognition for different learning styles are part of our foundation, which is why each lesson plan is thoughtfully prepared and enough time is given to allow each child one-on-one attention. Parents are encouraged to learn all of our Life Skills/Extracurriculars alongside their children—we all benefit from knowledge and self-sufficiency! Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to participate in their child's education and growth, with our staff and community.

The Village Community School of Sarasota is open to all homeschooling families in Sarasota, Manatee and surrounding counties. This form includes the membership application form, mandatory waiver of liability and our Statement of Faith.



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Family Information

Parent's First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Number: _____
Desired Program Option: ___1 Day ___2 Day ___3 Day ___Intervention

Student Information

(1st student)

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Age & Birthday: _____

Desired Grade: _____

* We believe that parents know their children best; your child can enter the grade you believe fits their abilities. If parents and faculty believe the child needs to move forward or backward after attending classes, adjustment will be made available. Successful learning includes self-esteem, joy and growth—not just passing tests.

Allergies/Important Info: _____



Student Information

(2nd student)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Age & Birthday: _____

Desired Grade: _____

Allergies/Important Info: _____

Student Information

(3rd student)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Age & Birthday: _____

Desired Grade: _____

Allergies/Important Info: _____

Student Information

(4th student)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Age & Birthday: _____

Desired Grade: _____

Allergies/Important Info: _____



The Village Community School of Sarasota Tuition Fee Schedule

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, if tuition is not received by the 5th day of the month, the student will be immediately dis-enrolled unless prior arrangements have been made with the Director. We accept StepUp as DirectPay!

3 Day Program

\$550 per month

Discounts:

\$100 off monthly fee per sibling, cumulatively

2 Day Program

\$450 per month

Discounts:

\$50 off monthly fee per sibling

3 Day Program

\$350 per month

Discounts:

\$25 off monthly fee per sibling

Intervention (small group private tutoring)

\$150/month for enrolled families

\$350/month for non-enrolled families (a la carte)

Registration Fees

Registration Fees are due within 24 hours of submitting your Enrollment Packet. Payment via website, check, PayPal or Venmo accepted. Payment instructions located on the website "Admissions" page. If your family is not accepted into the program, all fees will be refunded.

All fees must be paid at enrollment to secure your child's registration.

- Tuition Deposit of One Month's Fee (non-refundable)
- Administration Fee: \$150 (non-refundable)
- Materials Fee \$50 (per semester, non-refundable)



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Unconditional and Full Release, Waiver and Indemnification Agreement

The Village Community School of Sarasota, Inc. ("VCS") is a non-profit homeschool cooperative that organizes classes, events and activities, including free play, (collectively "Activities") at 4150 S Shade Ave, Sarasota, FL and other various locations as planned (collectively "Facilities"). "My Family" as used in this form includes every member of your family that will be present at VCS activities. In consideration of the VCS allowing participation in the Activities, I hereby agree as follows:

Assumption of Risk

I, on my own behalf and as parent/guardian of the minors in my Family, hereby agree to, and grant the permission necessary for my Family to, participate in the Activities and expressly assume all the known and unknown risks inherent in the Activities (which may include, without limitation, property damage or loss, minor and major injuries, permanent disability, and death). We understand that VCS does not require participation in any activity or class and we will elect to participate only in activities in which we can safely participate. We agree to cover any and all medical expenses for our family.

Release and Indemnification

I, My Family and guests hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue VCS, its' directors, officers, volunteer, instructors, and agents, or VCS's chosen venue or the agents of said venue (collectively "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, My Family or guests, or to any property belonging to me, My Family or guests, while participation in the Activities, or while in, on or upon the premises where such Activities are being conducted, whether such loss is caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and regardless of whether such liability arises in tort, contract, strict liability or otherwise to the fullest extent allowed by law (collectively "Claims"). We further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from and against all such Claims, including without limitation, court costs and attorney's fees, that Releasees may incur due to our participation in said Activities, whether caused by negligence of Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Supervision

As parent and guardian of my child(ren), I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for My Family and that Releasees cannot and will not be responsible for My Family before, during or after the Activities.



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Interpretation and Jurisdiction

It is our express intent that this Agreement shall bind the members of my family, spouse, heirs, assigns, and personal representatives, and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge and covenant not to sue the above-named Releasees. It contains the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreement. It shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any mediation, suit, or other proceeding related to the terms of this agreement must be filed in Florida.

Background Checks are required on all adults over the age of 18 that will be staying on campus. A completed Report must be received within 7 days of submitting Enrollment Packet.

There are many companies that will run a check online, and the average fee is around \$20. You are welcome to use your choice of companies however, it must include a National Criminal and Sex Offender report as well as a Florida state report.

Signature of Parent(s): _____
Date _____



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Policy Regarding Enrollment/Dis-Enrollment

The Village Community School thoughtfully prepares each lesson and each month's curriculum. Because of that, instructors/tutors have been paid and materials have been purchased for each grade and grouping based on each student. We ask that every family understand why this policy is necessary and we thank you for your cooperation.

Tuition is due by the 5th of each month (as stated on your Tuition Schedule Sheet). You are signing up for the entire school year. There are no refunds for any tuition or fees paid, even if your family decides to dis-enroll mid school year or mid-month. Likewise, there are no prorations on tuition or fees should your family join mid-year or mid-month.

Should there be a pertinent reason (like moving, failure to thrive, loss of job, etc): you must speak with the Director, and if dis-enrollment is agreed to, a 30-day notice must be given and tuition for that 30 day period is due, regardless of whether your children attend for that 30 day period (which they are welcome to do) or not.

By signing below, you acknowledge receipt and accordance of this policy.

Signature of Parent(s) _____

Date _____



Volunteer Roles

To help the cooperative run efficiently, at least one adult member from each family is required to commit to volunteering. A minimum of 4 hours per month (less if we are at larger capacity and the load can be shared) is required from each family.

Volunteer roles, to fulfill your 4 hour requirement include: morning drop off traffic director, pickup safety officer, teacher assistant (all grades), end of day lock up, teaching a class (such as: cooking, foreign language, playing an instrument, painting, vocational skills, etc), and security staff. VCS encourages parents to volunteer and participate as much and as often as possible, including above the 8hr minimum. We want to know you and your child, and we want to build a community of families that share, laugh and learn together.

Top choices for volunteer roles:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I, and My Family, acknowledge that volunteering is required and though VCS and its' staff will try to accommodate my desired volunteer roles, the needs of the cooperative will be the first priority.

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Family Interview Questions

1. What draws you to our program?

2. What made you want to homeschool (if applicable)?

3. What does your family feel education should, and should not, encompass?

4. How do you teach your child(ren) to resolve conflict?

5. Does your family incorporate anything Holistic or natural in daily life? Does any of that matter to your family?



The Village Community School of Sarasota Standards of Behavior

VCS Code of Ethics

The Village Community School is a supplement to at-home learning and learning through living. Although each VCS family is bound to have slightly different standards of behavior, the VCS Code of Conduct outlines standards that are in keeping with Biblical guidelines on which the majority of us have agreed to and/or are beneficial in a group situation.

Each person attending an VCS event, whether adult, youth, or child, will be expected to abide by the following standard of behavior. We have all agreed to be held to this standard and we are trusting one another to keep that commitment. It is each parent's responsibility to be knowledgeable about, and to make their own child(ren) aware of, VCS's standards of behavior. Likewise, enforcement of these standards is ultimately the responsibility of the parent(s) of each student. The Commitment Pledge that you and your children sign is your agreement to participate in all VCS events accordingly.

A standard of behavior that encourages everyone to act in a Christ-like manner will make VCS classes manageable for everyone. We trust that this will open new opportunities for our group.



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1 Peter 3:8--Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous...

Respect:

- Teachers, Parents, Caregivers, and Children should show respect for each other in speech, manners, behavior, and attitude. All members should be mindful that they will be looked to by younger peers, for examples of the standard of behavior in a given situation.
- Set a good example and offer deference to younger members.
- Organized group events are an ideal place for homeschool students to practice group etiquette by being respectful of all other children, instructors, parents and other staff members. Children will be encouraged to ask whenever they have a question, and to speak whenever they have something to say. But children should be encouraged to do so in a respectful, and kind manner. Likewise, all instructors and adults will be encouraged to pause their speech as soon as possible to make room for the student to share and ask questions. If the student's question requires an in-depth answer, the instructor and/or parent will make the time to offer that in- depth answer after class. Each child's success matters. Each child's questions, matter. How we speak with and to a child, matters.
- Parents are encouraged to have their children use "Mr.", "Mrs." or "Miss" followed by either the adult's first name or last name (based on adult preference) when addressing the staff or other adults, including Instructors and Class Assistants at VCS. For example, students should be encouraged to refer to the VCS Director as "Ms. Daniella."
- Limiting interruptions, looking for opportunities to serve, and practicing the Golden Rule (Treat others how you wish to be treated) are a few ways all can show respect. Students should try to comply with any instructions or requests from a teacher, assistant, or member of leadership as long as it is not illegal, immoral, or dangerous.
- **We are a peanut free campus.** Please sub almond butter, etc for peanut butter and do not bring snacks with peanuts in them. If you are notified that a particular food is unsafe for someone at VCS please immediately exclude it from your lunch or snacks. Children with severe allergies may be present and it's everyone's responsibility to look out for our children. Please teach your child(ren) the same thing.



Parents/Caregivers Standards of Behavior

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- Talk of a sexual, sensual, explicit, or graphic nature is NOT allowed at VCS. These prohibited topics include but are not limited to: adultery, fornication, pornography, homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender or transsexual lifestyles, prostitution or other forms of sex "work", or any form of sexual activity. Remember: children are listening to everything being said around them, set a good example whether you think they can hear you, or not.
- Gossip can do a great deal of damage. Any small or idle talk about the personal affairs of other parents, neighbors, VCS staff or the Director qualifies as gossip. If you are a party to a conversation that turns into gossip you have a responsibility to shut it down or walk away.
- Arrive at events, trips, workshops, or classes on time out of respect for other families, facilitators, and businesses/organizations that give their time to our children.
- Parents shall be always responsible for the conduct of their children. Furthermore, all adults will be expected to be watchful of all children and be proactive to help in corralling children as needed, when participating on campus.
- Children are expected to be in their appropriate class during co-op time. Children, regardless of age or grade, should stay in designated areas or be always accompanied by an adult. Children ARE NOT to wander alone anywhere on the grounds. If your child wishes to explore or needs to take a walk for emotional/mental reasons, please accompany your child at all times, and be aware of your surroundings. If a parent has more than one child and needs to walk the other child around, let VCS staff know and we will attend to the other child(ren).
- If parents are staying with their children during schooling, we ask that parents help us by removing their disruptive student quietly from the class. Please do not wait to be asked to remove a disruptive child. We all have days we just don't want to do, or be a part of, anything; maybe that day just isn't our day. It is OK to remove your child. Take a short walk and talk as a family. When your child is ready to learn please re-enter them into their classroom quietly.



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I acknowledge these standards of behavior and will adhere to them.

Date_____

Signature of Parent(s)_____



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Student Standards of Behavior

- All students shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Christ, on homeschooling, and on our families always. Let the command to “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” be your guide. Commit to representing Christ in your attitudes and behaviors toward others.
- Show your appreciation to Instructors, Class Assistants, and guest speakers by being respectful.
- All in attendance should listen quietly and attentively. The use of common manners will be expected.
- Children are encouraged to ask questions and engage. To do so, please raise your hand before making comments or asking questions and wait for the instructor/parent to call on you.
- Refrain from any careless, unkind, or rude behavior.
- Be safe. Don't climb, jump on or run through anything that is unsafe.
- Bullying by using power, strength, information, or popularity to control or harm others is unkind and is prohibited. No hitting, slapping, pushing, biting, scratching, bullying, including cyber bullying etc. will be tolerated. No profanity, vulgar or insulting language. If an incident occurs, child and parent(s) will be called to have a conversation with the Director to address the root cause.
- The adult in charge will lovingly and gently correct students who behave inappropriately during a class or group activity, while away from their parents. If the behavior continues, their parent will be sought immediately. If the behavior continues the child will need to remain with their parent. Student may return when ready to join the class quietly.
- Understand that weapons are strictly prohibited (firearms, knives, tasers, pepper spray, etc.) on students at all times. Talk of weapons or activities with weapons is strictly prohibited. We have a Zero Tolerance Policy on violations of this rule; you will be removed from the school for violating this rule.

Date_____

Signature of Child_____ Signature of Child 2_____

Signature of Child 3_____ Signature of Child 4_____



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Electronic Device Policy

- Students may have “silenced” cell phones and mobile communication devices on their person while at VCS. Each Co-op Facilitator has the right to permit the use of cell phones and mobile communication devices for instructional or emergency purposes. The use of these devices during instructional time without the permission of the Facilitator or in a disruptive manner in the Co-op setting is prohibited.
- During all VCS functions, students shall not use a cell phone or mobile communication device to violate the VCS Statement of Faith or Code of Conduct. Examples of unacceptable usage include but are not limited to:
 - For cheating
 - For cyber bullying or taking/viewing inappropriate pictures or videos
- VCS facilitators, leaders, and parent volunteers have the right to ask a student to put their device away, unless it is an emergency or other compelling reason. Parents are asked to keep their children on task and off their devices when present.
- Cell phones and mobile communication devices that ring, vibrate excessively, or in any other way disrupt the educational process of a class or activity are grounds for device removal from class, to be put in parent's car.
- VCS assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to Co-op or any VCS related function.

Date_____

Signature of Parent(s)_____

Signature of Child(ren)_____



Dress Code for All

Clothing should be modest and have a modest fit. Clothing should adequately cover all private body parts including the midriff and no form-fitting clothing, or visible undergarments will be allowed. Use sound judgment when dressing children.

CLOSED TOED SHOES ARE REQUIRED.

Keep in mind general principles of cleanliness, neatness, modesty of dress, and good personal hygiene.

Shoes must be worn at all times when walking the property, unless students are Grounding or otherwise instructed it's safe to be barefoot. VCS recognizes the importance of our bare feet in the grass, and wants all children to be able to play outside and enjoy the benefits of God's earth. VCS makes all efforts to rid the grounds of fire ants, snakes, insects, etc. however, this is the country and organic pest control can only control so much. Use sound judgment and watch where you are walking when barefoot.

Property

Show respect for others' property by using only what you have permission to use.

Keep personal items inappropriate for classroom activities at home or put away. Any violation of this rule may result in an item being confiscated and held until a parent retrieves it. A few examples

of such items are toys, knives, cell phones, gaming devices, off-topic media, etc. Take care to leave every place in a better condition than you found it.

Restitution for abuse or neglect of others' property, including church property, will be the responsibility of the member causing damage.

Handling an Offense

As we fellowship and build relationships, we trust that all will be thoughtful of others and display Christ-honoring attitudes and actions. When instances arise where there is an offense or concern, approach the matter prayerfully, first considering your own part in the matter. Major instances should be brought to the Director's attention right away.

You should speak directly, in a calm, friendly manner, to anyone who has offended you or caused you serious concern. If you are unable to resolve the problem between the two of you, please

bring the issue to a member of VCS Leadership. They will assist you in further addressing the matter with the parties involved.