

## Constitution

### **Article I**

The name of the organization is York Education at Home (YEAH). YEAH is a group of Christian families dedicated to home education, looking to each other for mutual support.

### **Article II**

The purpose of YEAH is to support and encourage Christian homeschool families in York County.

### **Article III**

Criteria for family membership will include:

1. Must currently be homeschooling at least one child in the family (or be a YEAH alumnus).
2. Must have signed the Statement of Faith, membership application, and Conduct Guidelines Policy.
3. Must pay annual fee.

The membership year will be from August 1 through July 31.

Benefits of membership in YEAH will include:

1. The support and encouragement of other Christian homeschool families.
2. Access to various YEAH social media outlets and a directory of members.
3. Opportunity to participate in clubs, special courses, classes, workshops, field trips, and other organized activities including graduation.

### **Article IV**

YEAH will be directed by a Steering Committee consisting of 5 couples representing one voting unit per couple. The committee will be elected by a majority vote, of the YEAH membership, attending the May meeting and will take office on August 1. The newly elected Steering Committee will meet with current Steering Committee before taking office August 1. At the June meeting, the newly elected Steering Committee will elect a Moderator, Secretary, and a Social Media Moderator.

Eligible couples nominated to serve on the Steering Committee:

- 1) Must have homeschooled, as member of YEAH, for at least one year (year previous to nomination);
- 2) Must have been nominated previously by someone in YEAH membership;
- 3) Must be in complete agreement with the YEAH Statement of Faith.

Steering Committee members shall be elected to a one-year term of office. Steering Committee members may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office. After two consecutive terms of office a steering committee member must rotate off for one year before being eligible to serve again. In addition to the Steering Committee, volunteers will fill the following positions: Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, and Web Master. The Steering Committee will choose all volunteer positions. Term of office for volunteer positions will run from September 1 until August 31.

### **Article V**

An official YEAH function (one that has YEAH financial support or is approved or initiated by the Steering Committee) will be planned by YEAH members only. Such a function may be opened to non-YEAH members. All functions and activities shall uphold the YEAH statement of faith.

### **Article VI**

Participation and/or cooperation with other homeschool groups may be permitted as long as such participation or cooperation does not compromise the YEAH statement.

### **Article VII**

YEAH-sanctioned social media may be used to promote official YEAH functions as well as other activities planned by YEAH members. The Apple Loop shall be used for homeschool-related activities or services only.

### **Article VIII**

The Steering Committee will meet monthly.

Regularly scheduled membership meetings, will be held 3-4 times a year.

The agenda will be set by The Steering Committee.

### **Article IX**

Recommendations for amending this constitution must be submitted to the Steering Committee, in writing, 30 days prior to

a regularly scheduled Steering Committee meeting. Proposed change and Steering Committee recommendation will be published in the Apple Loop and presented to the membership present during the next regularly scheduled membership meeting. Discussion and vote, will be held on the constitution change at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting after it is presented. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting.

In the event of YEAH dissolution all remaining cash assets will be used to purchase homeschool materials, to be chosen at the discretion of the current Steering Committee, and donated to the main branch of the York County Library.

#### **Article X**

All members of YEAH (adults and children alike) are required to adhere to the YEAH General Conduct Guidelines. In the event that either adults or children do not follow the YEAH General Conduct Guidelines, the YEAH Steering Committee members have the choice to approach the adult or child (with parents included) either as a committee, or as an individual after meeting as a committee, to discuss the infraction. If the offending adult is in a volunteer position, the Steering Committee has the option to remove that person from such position for a time set forth by the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members have the jurisdiction to approach and discipline in a way that serves the individual and the group as a whole.

#### **Article XI**

A list of names of concealed carry permit holders has been approved by the Steering Committee. Fire/Evacuation drills for our teachers and children at co-op will be held once per semester. YEAH members will comply with the Concealed Carry rules of any establishment visited by YEAH, whether it is the church that hosts co-op or on any field trips.

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