

INFORMATIONAL FLYER FOR NEW FAMILIES

Christian Home Educators Science & Sports Institute

(CHESSIE) 2026-2027 School Year

Science Classes are taught from a Christian Perspective



- What? Lively hands on science classes for students with sports, free play, and visiting with friends.
- Who? Homeschooled students
 - Grades K&1&2 (Mrs. Cothran)
 - Grades 2-7 (Mrs. Pierson)
 - Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry (Mrs. Shelton)
 - Physics (Mrs. Basener)
- Where? A local church
- When? CHESSIE meets on Thursdays from Sept-May
- Questions? Please ask through the contact form of the website
- Parent Service Hours: We depend on the work of CHESSIE parents to keep the students safe each week at CHESSIE & to keep our day running along smoothly. CHESSIE is a community where we support & encourage one another and the service jobs are very manageable with many around to support and answer questions. Service shifts are 1-2 hours in length each week and include sign-in & out table monitor, parking lot supervision, building monitor, field supervision and end of the day cleaning. If you have younger children at home, they are welcome to tag along. You will be able to review a job description and receive training before the school year begins. Families sign up for their service hours per semester, once in the summer and again around the new year in January. Sign-ups are done online and the order is based on how long a family has been at CHESSIE (seniority). While the number of hours can vary depending on registrations at CHESSIE, most families will need to sign-up for about 5 hours per semester and serve at least 3 of those before they can hire out subs to work the remaining hours. A sub list is created each year and you can choose to serve as a (paid) sub or use subs if you need to pay others to work some of your service shifts. Pay is \$15/hour.



- CHESSIE statement of faith: can be found at the bottom of the website home page. It is important for families to know that CHESSIE is a Christian homeschool group and teachers respect and adhere to these beliefs when teaching science.
- Checklist: Families are required to read through the CHESSIE enrollment checklist when they register their child for classes. This details what families are agreeing to when they join.
- Material fees: Parents are required to pay a fee of \$50 TO \$60 per student to pay for the materials for their science class for the school year. This is due with registration forms. Material fee for K-7 (\$60 for the year) all other classes (\$50 for the year)
- Class space: Is filled on a first come, first served basis. Many of our classes are currently full with waitlists.
- Sports: Our sports activities are held outside. If it is raining, students can play games under the trees to the left of the church, or on the porch or under the pavilion. Parents know the needs of each of their children and may choose to pick them up early if the parent knows that the child will not enjoy being at CHESSIE when it rains or when it is very cold. Our staff will call parents if a child is uncomfortable and wants to go home. We find that most students love being at CHESSIE regardless of the weather. There may be an occasional Thursday where the weather is bitterly cold or pouring rain where the staff decides that sports need to be cancelled.
- Drop off and pick up: For ease of transportation, when more than one child in a family is participating in science classes, siblings may come early or stay later until all members of the family are done with classes. The exception to this is for the kindergartners, who should be picked up after being at CHESSIE for 2 hours. These little ones tire out if they stay with us longer than this. They are with us for one hour of sports and one hour of science.
- Please check the website: for updates on registration and fees for the school year.
- CHESSIE facebook page: Current members will be invited to join the private CHESSIE facebook page. This is optional, but provides an area for families to communicate homeschool friendly things and for families to see photos of what the students were doing on Thursdays during sports and science.
- Website: The CHESSIE website handout page and the service hour page & roster are password protected. The password for the new school year will be given out at orientation the last Thursday in August. Please put the password in a safe place.

