**Membership Rules and Requirements**

Membership demonstrates a willing heart to serve the group. All members are required to participate in co-op in a responsible manner. The success of our group depends on the cooperation and participation of our members. It takes all of us to make Roots and Wings run well.

**Student Responsibility and Expectations Policy** (Parents please review these yourself and with your child(ren) prior to the first day of co-op.)

1. Show courtesy, thoughtfulness, and respect to all teachers/parents, other students and host church staff, as well as the building and premises.

2. Be willing to accept guidance and correction from adults and/or teens in charge of classes and activities.

3. Remain within designated boundaries of the host church. You may NOT use areas of the church/premises that we have not been invited to use.

4. There is no gossip or conversation that is not edifying to God. Do not speak ill of or put down other members/students/children/adults.

5. No foul, abusive, or coarse language. No crude or cruel joking around. No bullying. This will not be tolerated.

6. Running rough-housing, horseplay, climbing on/being disrespectful to church property, biting, kicking, slapping, and/or pushing is not permitted, even in jest.

7. Do everything without complaining and arguing. Philippians 2:14

8. Students need to be in their assigned classrooms.

9. Students are not to wander hallways, sanctuary, or outside without supervision.

10. Church equipment is not to be touched without permission out of respect to our host church.

11. Students are not permitted to use their cellphone during group time and lessons.

**Fees**

A $40.00 non-refundable fee per student is due at the time of registration. Any family with three or more students will pay a flat fee of $100.00. You understand that by requesting a membership to Roots and Wings, you are doing so with the intent to participate from September until May. Membership for each year must be renewed each July. If you leave the co-op at any time, during any session, you will no longer be considered a "member", and your privileges will be revoked. Certain conditions for leaving for an extended period of time and then returning will be considered on a case by case basis. Extra fees above and beyond registration may include a facility fee, field trips, special events, etc.

**Conflict Resolution**

We do realize that with so many different personalities, conflicts and misunderstandings may arise. This may be due to poor communication or if there are different expectations. We must agree as a whole on how to deal with these situations before they arise.

Please first pray about any conflicts/differences that arise. Most can be resolved by overlooking and forgiving the person who offended you. If God gives you peace over the issue, please move on and do not discuss it with others.

After you have prayed, if you still feel the conflict/difference must be addressed, please use Matthew 18:15-20 as a standard for your resolution. Matthew 18:15-20 states, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Take the problem first to the person you feel has offended you. If you cannot reach a satisfactory resolution, please ask for the assistance from another objective person to mediate.

 If you still do not feel at peace, the problem may be taken to the Roots and Wings advisory committee. They will have the final decision. Above all, please do all of this with "a spirit of love and gentleness.” 1 Corinthians 4:21

**Communication**

Primary communication will be via the GroupMe app. We will also utilize email at times. Please save Rootsandwings.connect@gmail.com to your contacts. Please check GroupMe frequently for news and updates. It is YOUR responsibility to know what is going on. If you choose not to utilize GroupMe, you will need to find a friend in the group who is willing to share info with you.

**Payment Deadline**

Fall 2023 Registration payment deadline is August 15, 2023. Families must pay through Venmo by searching our email (rootsandwings.connect@gmail.com) BEFORE August 15, 2023 or mail a check postmarked before August 15, 2023 to Roots and Wings at 20328 James Bennett Road, Sanderson, FL 32087 to participate. There will be no exceptions.