

LEAF Home Learners Network **"Learning Enrichment Active Fellowship"**

LEAF or "Learning Enrichment Active Fellowship" is a network of home learners that welcomes all homeschoolers in many communities in south-central Massachusetts, northern Rhode Island and northeastern Connecticut.

What is the purpose of LEAF?

The **main purpose** of the LEAF network is **to give families**, interested in participating, **the opportunity to share resources and talents**, field trips and events, learning enrichment opportunities, park and beach days, **and overall fellowship** with others, **in a variety of group settings**.

LEAF is for those families who would like to **maintain connections** with others **throughout the year** through an **ongoing calendar of events** to be **updated by the participants themselves**.

To be a part of LEAF, all that is needed is a **willingness and commitment to actively participate on a regular basis by offering ideas and events to share**.

How does LEAF work?

LEAF is informal, all-inclusive and participant-directed. There is no one leader or group of leaders which plans activities and makes decisions for all network participants. **Every family** in the network is a **fully contributing partner** in the network.

Each family that plans an event or outing is responsible for its coordination. In other words, that family "owns" the event unless help is requested. However, don't hesitate to offer an "idea" for an event even if your family is not able to plan the details at that time; some other family in the network may offer to help or to coordinate the event instead.

Every family in the network is free to make decisions about what to offer in terms of events or field trips, but would be responsible for checking the calendar in the course of planning. Choose to offer an idea or learning opportunity that works for you and your family, and extend that offer to others. We all know life is busy! Attend or plan only those events which work within your family's interests and schedule.

All planned events posted to the network calendar are open to all homeschoolers in LEAF and are not restricted to a select group within the Network. Events or classes may have posted minimums, if necessary, filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Families would be offering to the calendar only those events and ideas they wish and are able to share.

Needless to say (but worth saying anyway!), **the "Golden Rule" always applies**: network participants treat each other with the respect they would hope to receive from others.

How can I participate in LEAF?

If you are interested in being part of the network outlined above, an **email/discussion list** has been set up at Yahoo **for the purpose of connecting network families**. Upon joining the discussion list, you can start posting ideas and events right away, or voice your opinions about how the network will function. ***Have fun and keep those creative juices flowing!***

A **calendar** is available at the discussion list location where **network participants can post their own events**. If there are continuous additions to the calendar there will always be a great variety of events happening from which to choose! This is how the network will thrive and stay connected.

To **join LEAF** go to **<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LEAF-Network/>**

To visit LEAF's **website** go to **<http://learninks.info/leaf>**

For questions or more information about LEAF, please feel free to email Lisa at **KingsDaughterThe@aol.com** or Olivia at **liv2learn@learninks.info**. Inquiries are welcomed!