

# Eagle's NEST

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



### Parent/Student Handbook

### 2023-2024

Hello Parents and Students,

Welcome to Eagle's Nest clubs and activities! We are excited to be able to offer these opportunities for our students, and we appreciate all the time and effort our leaders and parent volunteers give to make them possible.

As we begin a new school year, we want to ensure that our clubs and activities are fun and educational for all participants in a caring, Christian environment. Please read through this handbook and make sure all participants understand these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the leader of your club or activity.

We look forward to seeing all the fun and exciting things you do this year!

In Christ,  
The EN Board of Directors

# Eagle's Nest Unity Promise

As a member of Eagle's Nest Christian Home Educators Association (ENCHEA), I agree to follow the Biblical pattern for resolving conflict.

*Proverbs 19:11 states: "A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense."*

If I am offended and I can overlook an offense, I will do so. Overlooking an offense means I will be able to be in fellowship as if the offense had never happened. I will not speak of the offense to anyone, and I will not keep a record of wrongs against the person who offended me. Overlooking an offense means truly putting it behind me without the need to ever discuss it with anyone.

If after prayer and consideration, I am not able to overlook the offense I will follow the plan in Matthew 18:15-17:

*"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."*

This means:

1. If I am offended and cannot overlook the offense (Proverbs 17:9, 19:11), I will contain the conflict by "going and showing them the fault, just between the two of us." If I need counsel, I will consult an ENCHEA leader or Board member. I agree not to involve other parties as this can lead to division. (2 Corinthians 12:20, Proverbs 16:28, James 4:11a)
2. If the conflict is not resolved after I "go and show," I will work to resolve the conflict via a conflict resolution meeting with the help of ENCHEA group leaders or ENCHEA board members. I agree to involve only "witnesses" who might help resolve the differences in a gracious and godly manner. **I agree not to discuss this matter with those who are not directly involved.**
3. If the conflict is still not resolved, I can "tell it to the church." For the purposes of ENCHEA, this would mean scheduling a time to bring my concerns to the board. However, I will not go to the board without informing a group director, as well as the other party. I understand that the other party will also be invited to the meeting so that we can all be heard at the same time.

*ENCHEA Board will never condone any kind of abuse or coverup of sinful behavior but will always investigate fully any serious allegations of that kind. Please report any serious, abusive, or potentially harmful situations directly to the board.*

*Board members are available for Godly counsel about any matter related to ENCHEA. We will gladly offer support or advice concerning conflict resolution, regardless of whether the matter results in a formal investigation or confrontation meeting with another party.*

# Eagle's Nest Conduct Guidelines

**SAFETY:** *"One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless." – Proverbs 14:16*

- Students and adults are expected to use good judgment and refrain from activities that will unduly endanger themselves or other individuals.
- Injuries or dangerous conditions at ENCHEA activities or events should be reported to adult leadership immediately.
- The following items are not permitted at ENCHEA activities and events:
  - Weapons of any kind, including but not limited to firearms, knives, BB or pellet guns, and similar toy weapons.
  - Fireworks or other flammable materials (exception: some flammable materials may be used in science classes, with proper handling, under careful direction and supervision by an adult).
  - Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, vaping, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs without a prescription.
- When interacting with children, at least two unrelated adults should be present. Situations requiring a one-on-one meeting between an adult and child (such as tutoring, ministry, or discipline) must be conducted within view of others.
- Inappropriate use of electronic devices is prohibited. Unapproved recording is prohibited at ENCHEA activities and events.
- Students should remain in the designated areas during activities and events. No unapproved or unsupervised roaming.

**PERSONAL BEHAVIOR:** *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." – Romans 12:10*

- All ENCHEA members are expected to speak to, and interact with, one another in a manner that honors the Lord, with kindness, integrity, and respect. Students and adults shall not use or permit the use of obscenities, racial slurs, abusive language, or any other course or foul language.
- All ENCHEA members are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly, courteous, and respectful manner at all times. Bullying, violence, theft, and defacing of property will not be tolerated.
- When any kind of conflict arises, ENCHEA members are expected to follow the steps outlined in our Unity Agreement.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10*

- ENCHEA families are expected to meet the service requirements and financial commitments for the specific ENCHEA programs and activities in which they choose to participate.
- ENCHEA families are encouraged to show a spirit of service by cheerfully helping with activities and events.
- It is ENCHEA policy to always leave spaces better than we found them. This includes cleaning up after yourself, helping with general clean-up at activities and events, and notifying leaders if you arrive to find a space messy, dirty, or damaged.

**ATTIRE:** *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

- Students, parents, and guests are expected to dress appropriately at all ENCHEA activities or events. The goal of each individual should be to present a modest appearance that honors the Lord.
- Please note the following guidelines:
  - Shirts must hang below the waistband of the pants or be tucked into pants. Midriff (bare skin) should not be visible between your top and pants/skirt while you are sitting, standing, walking, or doing any other activity. No tank tops may be worn (male or female). Sleeveless shirts may be worn as long as no bra strap is showing. Backless, low-cut, see-through, or excessively tight-fitting tops are not permitted.
  - When leggings (any skin-tight stretchy pants/shorts) are worn, the shirt/top must completely cover the backside.
  - Pants and shorts must not reveal skin higher than the tip of your index finger with your arms resting at your sides. This includes skin visible through holes or rips. Skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Opaque leggings may be worn under skirts to meet the length requirement. Pants must not expose your underwear, midriff, or backside. Wear extra layers or a belt if necessary.
  - Clothing that displays rude, disrespectful, or obscene language or images should not be worn to ENCHEA activities or events.
- Some programs, such as Eluminatus or Voyagers, may have additional dress code rules. Students should follow those rules when attending those activities.
- Some social events, such as pool parties or dances, will have different dress code requirements. All attendees should dress according to the event-specific requirements.

## Club Participation Guidelines

- Participants should make every effort to attend all club meetings. Missing scheduled meetings may limit the participant’s role in competitions, performances, presentations, or any other events that require practice and preparation. This is at the discretion of the club leader.
- Parents, please be aware that you must meet all financial and volunteer requirements for your child to continue participating in EN clubs and activities. If you have any questions or concerns related to your obligations, please speak with the club leader.
- Participants should only enter and exit the church building through the main lobby. Please remain in the areas designated for EN use; do not wander through other areas of the church building or play on the elevator. Participants may get advance permission to use the elevator if needed due to physical limitations or to transport large/heavy items.
- Parents, please be sure to pick up your children in a timely manner. If a student is picked up more than 10 minutes after the meeting or activity ends, the parent will be fined \$1 per minute.
- Please use the upper parking lot. The middle and lower parking lots are reserved for church use. The speed limit on campus is 15mph.
- Each club may have additional participation guidelines. Your club leader will communicate these to you.