



SELAH of North Texas Membership Guidelines

Membership in SELAH of North Texas requires that members *acknowledge* the Statement of Faith. Members do not have to agree to it in its entirety; however, reading it allows families to be aware of the Biblical basis in which the leadership makes decisions and plans activities.

While the Statement of Faith only requires agreement from Board members, the Membership Guidelines apply directly to all SELAH families, during all SELAH activities and events. Please go over the guidelines with every family member.

Behavior:

- Members and their students are expected to act in such a way that their words and actions promote the unity and encouragement of fellow SELAH families. Member families will avoid gossiping to or about other SELAH families.
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accordance with the principles of this group.
- Older students should remember that younger students are looking to them as examples of proper behavior and act accordingly.
- When in public, families are representing not only their family, but also SELAH and homeschoolers in general, and they should act in a manner that will reflect positively on all.
- If a student chooses to act in a manner that is not fitting with these guidelines, the parent or responsible adult should remove the child from the situation. If the parent is not aware of their child's behavior, it is expected that other parents in close proximity to the child will notify the parent so the situation can be dealt with.

Supervision:

- Members are responsible for their children's safety and behavior at all times. Children should be supervised at all times when attending SELAH events, activities and field trips.
- If parents have designated another parent to supervise their children at an event, the activity coordinator should be informed. SELAH will assume that the designated adult has your legal permission to act as that child's authority.

Participation:

- Participation in SELAH field trips, events and activities requires SELAH membership.
- Mom2Mom meetings are open to guests; specifically to moms who homeschool or are interested in homeschooling.

Privacy:

When attending SELAH events, field trips or activities, photos may be taken by members or others. These are public events with no expectation of privacy.

Dress Code:

Member families- adults and children- should consider others when they choose what to wear to group functions. If ever unsure if clothing is inappropriate or not, please err on the side of modesty and choose something else. Certain field trips and events may require dress-up attire, so please dress accordingly.

Social Media:

The selahntx.com website hosted by homeschool-life.com is the primary means of communication within SELAH and each member is expected to join this group. Please be kind, respectful and courteous. This is not the place for sales (except homeschool related), politics or divisiveness. If at any time, the board deems a member to be rude, offensive, divisive or in any other manner bringing undue stress or concern among the group, that member will be removed from the selahntx.com Forums. Inappropriate posts will be deleted by an administrator.

Field Trips:

- Field trip tickets can only be purchased through the SELAH homeschool-life website. When you register for an event through the homeschool-life website you

are committing to attend, and an invoice will automatically be generated for your ticket(s). Please contact the field trip coordinator or SELAH leadership at selahntxleadership@gmail.com if you made an error in ticket selection and need revision to your invoice.

- Registration fees must be paid in full by the event registration deadline in order to complete your registration. No refunds will be issued.
- Under no circumstances should a SELAH family contact a field trip venue regarding a SELAH field trip. Contact the field trip coordinator directly via phone or email with questions about field trips.
- If you miss the deadline to purchase tickets, a waiting list may be available; contact the field trip coordinator directly via email.
- If you sign up for a field trip, you will be expected to attend. Many venues bring in extra staff to assist our group. If we tell them to expect a certain number and many don't show, it not only reflects poorly on SELAH, but may hurt their business as well. Please notify the field trip coordinator and SELAH leadership (selahntxleadership@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you have extenuating circumstances and are unable to attend.
- Wait to enter field trip venues until directed by the field trip coordinator. Arrive at the designated meeting place 15 minutes prior to the start time. The group will not wait for late arrivals. Keep the field trip coordinator's cell phone number handy in case something prevents you from arriving on time.
- Additional waivers or releases may be required at some field trip venues. If you are not comfortable signing a waiver or release, please do not purchase tickets.

Any issues that arise which are not covered in these guidelines will be resolved by members of the SELAH Board.

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