



## How to Start a Learning Co-Op

### Social Learner

Social learners thrive when they collaborate, problem-solve, and play alongside peers. A homeschool co-op not only supports academic growth but also nurtures friendship, teamwork, and curiosity.


This simple guide walks you step-by-step to create a co-op that works for your family and others.

**Goal:** Build a co-op where kids learn, collaborate, and connect!

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### Step 1: Define Your Vision

- **Purpose:** ☐ Academic ☐ Enrichment ☐ Social ☐ Mix
- **Frequency:** ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Monthly
- **Subjects/Projects:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Format:** ☐ In-person ☐ Virtual ☐ Hybrid

 **Tip:** Start small — one subject, one day a week, a few families.



## Step 2: Invite Families

- Local homeschool friends
- Facebook homeschool groups / Homeschool Hall
- Co-op listings: [Homeschool-Life.com](https://www.homeschool-life.com), Outschool Groups



**Action:** Create a 1-page “About Our Co-op” with goals, values, and expectations.

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## Step 3: Pick a Structure

- 👤👤👤 Learning Circle: Rotate teaching roles weekly
- 🗣️ Role-Play Co-op: Storytelling & simulations
- 🔬 Project-Based: Experiments, trips, presentations
- 💻 Virtual: Zoom, Google Meet, Discord



**Tip:** Mix formats as your co-op grows.

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## Step 4: Plan Interactive Activities

- 💬 Debates & discussion prompts
- 🏗️ Team-building projects (LEGO, Rube Goldberg, comics)
- 🔬 Science fairs, mini plays, group journaling
- 🎮 Game-based learning: Jeopardy, scavenger hunts, escape rooms



**Action:** Ensure every child leads, speaks, and contributes.



## Step 5: Stay Organized & Flexible

- Shared Google Calendar
- Group chat: Signal / WhatsApp / GroupMe
- Rotate responsibilities
- ✨ Adjust schedule & format as needed



**Reminder:** Focus on community, not perfection.

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## Bonus: Name Your Co-Op

- Curiosity Crew
- The Learning Village
- Mini Minds Co-op
- Trailblazer Tuesdays



### Keep It Centered on Connection:

- Laugh over experiments
  - Celebrate reading breakthroughs
  - Enjoy park meet-ups ✨ The magic is in the relationships, not the curriculum.
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