

## New Membership Registration 2011/2012

### Member Information *(please print legibly)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one and complete the information that applies to your school / group:**

- IPS-Individual Private School (One family filing own Private School Affidavit)  
 PSSP-Private School Satellite Program (One private school affidavit is filed on behalf of multiple member families)  
 SG-Support Group (Each family is responsible for filing its own affidavit, but support is offered to member families)

Private School/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

As filed with the State of California

Check here if you would prefer to receive your CHEFA Example **newsletter by mail** rather than by email.

### Membership Agreement

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2. I will cooperate with CHEFA in engaging only Christians in positions of responsibility and leadership.
3. I understand that CHEFA will operate as a Christian organization according to the principles of Scripture.
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6. I understand that CHEFA does not accept students as members who participate in, or are enrolled in, a public school system, including Independent Study Programs and/or Charter Schools.
7. I understand that I am solely responsible for my children's conduct at ALL CHEFA events.
8. I agree to hold CHEFA, its leadership, and its members harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to myself, my children, or property.

**Membership dues allow you to receive an HSLDA discount and help to support the following CHEFA activities and benefits:**

<i>The Example Newsletter</i>	<i>CHEFA Convention</i>	<i>Fine Arts Faire</i>	<i>Information/Referral Service</i>
<i>Sport's Saturdays</i>	<i>Graduation (8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Science/History Faire</i>	<i>Moms' Luncheon/Tea</i>
<i>Picture Days</i>	<i>Debate Club/Chess Club</i>	<i>Used Book Sale</i>	<i>Mentor Connection</i>
<i>Youth Fellowship events (CYF)</i>	<i>Yearbook (senior high grades)</i>	<i>CYF Leadership Team</i>	<i>And much more</i>

**This year, I have read the CHEFA Membership Manual, the CHEFA Code of Conduct and Dress, and the above statements, and I certify and agree to each. I agree to enforce these standards as deemed necessary. I agree to hold CHEFA and any members harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to me, to my children, or to my property during a CHEFA event.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Members Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CHEFA Board Member or Membership Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues: \$10 /family for the 2011/2012 School Year, \$20 if postmarked after September 1, 2011**

New members **must** attend a New Members Meeting. Meeting information can be found on our web site at: <http://www.chefa.org> or email new homeschooling questions to Terry Spalding at [newmembers@chefa.org](mailto:newmembers@chefa.org) or by phone at (559) 225-8212

Please turn in registration forms and payment payable to CHEFA Membership at the New Members Meeting. Registration must be signed off by a CHEFA Board Member or a membership coordinator.

In order to server our membership better, CHEFA is seeking information about the number of students in each grade (K-12) in the CHEFA family. This information is only for the use of CHEFA. It will not be shared with anyone outside of CHEFA leadership. Please provide the names and grades of your homeschooled children. We encourage you to enroll your grade 7-12 students in CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF) – see the CYF Registration Form.

Student Names <i>(please print)</i>	Grade	Student Names <i>(please print)</i>	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check#: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHEFA New Members Meetings**

**Fall/Winter 2011-2012**

CHEFA requires all new members to attend one New Members Meeting before joining CHEFA. We believe it is important for you to become acquainted with CHEFA's policies, and gain an understanding of the benefits and responsibilities of CHEFA membership. It is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. It will also help us to get to know you and find out what your specific needs may be.

Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory. After the meeting, you may submit your Membership Application, **\$20.00 Membership Dues** for the year, and any other forms. Attendance at only one meeting is required for membership. Listed below are the meeting dates, times and locations to choose from:

**October 19, 2011 – Wednesday at 7 pm**

at Calvary Chapel of Fresno – 3425 E. Shields Ave., Fresno 93726

**November 3, 2011 – Thursday at 2pm**

Karon Ruiz's home @1919 S. Bundy Drive – Fresno , CA 93727  
Phone: 251-9403 *Please call ahead and let me know you are coming!*

**January 5, 2012 – Thursday at 2pm**

Karon Ruiz's home @1919 S. Bundy Drive – Fresno , CA 93727  
Phone: 251-9403 *Please call ahead and let me know you are coming!*

**February 2, 2012 – Thursday at 2pm**

Karon Ruiz's home @1919 S. Bundy Drive – Fresno , CA 93727  
Phone: 251-9403 *Please call ahead and let me know you are coming!*

**March 1, 2012 – Thursday at 2pm**

Karon Ruiz's home @1919 S. Bundy Drive – Fresno , CA 93727  
Phone: 251-9403 *Please call ahead and let me know you are coming!*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karon Ruiz, CHEFA New Member's  
Contact at [newmembers@chefa.org](mailto:newmembers@chefa.org) or at 251-9403.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Myers/CHEFA  
[membership@chefa.org](mailto:membership@chefa.org) or at 559-259-3873.

\*dates and/or location subject to change without notice, so please verify meetings by calling (559) 251-9403.

We thank you for attending and we look forward to meeting you!

*Revised: 10/3/11*

# Volunteer Sign-up Form

"We Would Just Love to Help!"

## 2011-2012 School Year

CHEFA is an all-volunteer organization. Your help is needed for these many activities to succeed. Many of the activities are large and can be broken down so everyone does a small part. If we do not have enough volunteers, the event(s) will be canceled due to lack of interest. If you would like to volunteer for one or many of the things that CHEFA strives to make available to its members, please fill out the form below. Please note that some of the activities listed below are ones that CHEFA has facilitated in the past but do not currently or are new ones that CHEFA would like to offer.

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Family Kickoff                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Days (roller/ice)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Considering Homeschooling | <input type="checkbox"/> CYF Activities                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convention                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonfire  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport's Saturdays        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year Book                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Football (Sept-Oct) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used Book Sale            | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Broomball                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (Oct-Nov)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mom's Tea                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Square Dance                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball (Jan-Feb)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess Club                | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball (Feb-Mar)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debate Club               | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Sponsor (couples only)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (Mar-Apr)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism Club           | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Class Activities                              | <input type="checkbox"/> School Pictures          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Faire           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History Faire             | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduation                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Activities        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Faire             | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring                |

New Ideas (describe below):

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I am excited about getting involved, please contact me:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Please mail to: Mark Myers  
2825 E Salem Ave  
Fresno, CA 93720

or E-mail to: [chefamembership@yahoo.com](mailto:chefamembership@yahoo.com)  
(559) 326-7721

Please remember CHEFA is an all-volunteer organization and activity coordinators may be preoccupied. So if you are not contacted regarding an activity/event you indicated above, please give Brook Gale a reminder call at (559) 225-3632. Thank you.

# CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF) Registration Form 2011/2012 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**This form must be completed and signed before student(s) may participate in CYF activities.**

CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF) offers additional opportunities for CHEFA member students in Grades 7 thru 12 to fellowship and build long-lasting relationships. These activities have included the following in the past: Bonfire (fall), Christmas season event (typically Laser Quest), Broomball (winter), Square Dance (spring), and Banquet (spring). Please keep in mind that these activities may vary based on student participation and parental involvement. CHEFA and CYF events are organized entirely by volunteers; therefore, if members do not step forward to implement them, some activities may not occur. If you would like to assist in event planning, complete the Volunteer Sign-Up Form. CYF traditionally charges \$10 to \$15/student per event to cover the cost, but prices may vary, depending on costs.

In order to participate in CYF activities, your family must be a current member of CHEFA. The student(s) applying must be in Grades 7-12 and must not be enrolled in a public school system program, either traditional, independent study, or a charter schools.

**Member Information** (please print legibly)

Last Name: _____	Home Phone: _____	
Husband: _____	Mobile Phone: _____	Email: _____
Wife: _____	Mobile Phone: _____	Email: _____
Address: _____	City: _____	Zip: _____
Private School/Group Name: _____	Administrator: _____	

**Please be aware that the information provided below may be shared with CHEFA Youth Fellowship volunteers who will be planning and implementing activities for your children. This information is shared strictly for the purpose of planning and sending you information about upcoming events, activities, or classes.**

**AGREEMENT** (Parent *and* student(s) must sign):

1. This year, I/we have read and agree to honor the CHEFA CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS.
2. I understand that I am solely responsible for my conduct at ALL CHEFA events.
3. I understand that parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from events.
4. I will not hold CHEFA responsible if student(s) leave event without the knowledge of the CHEFA activity volunteers or with individuals other than those arranged by parents, and
5. I agree to hold CHEFA, its leadership, and its members harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to myself, my family, or property.

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (please print)	Grade	Student's Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Send completed form to:** Mark Myers  
CHEFA Membership  
2825 E. Salem Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720

For CYF information and activities, go to [www.chefa.org](http://www.chefa.org) or call Brook Gale at (559) 225-3632.  
For general membership information, contact the CHEFA Membership Coordinator, Mark Myers, at [chefamembership@yahoo.com](mailto:chefamembership@yahoo.com).

*Thank you!*

## Christian Home Educators of the Fresno Area (CHEFA) Membership Manual

Christian Home Educators of the Fresno Area (CHEFA) is a network of home educating families who have an organized system for getting information out to the home schooling community. Our purpose is primarily to be a network of communication and support which allows multiple families to get together and be involved in the organization of various activities which encourage quality Christian education through home school in the Fresno area.

CHEFA is an organized not-for-profit group of Christian families which incorporated in 1995 and established, through by-laws, a Board of Directors and officers with voting rights. The leadership is made up of those who have volunteered their time to organize activities and oversee the organization. Participation in any event is strictly voluntary. No member ever being required to attend any meeting or event, however, new member applicants must attend a CHEFA “New Homeschooler Meeting”.

CHEFA is governed locally by volunteer Board of Directors (consisting of three to five married couples) who serves CHEFA in various capacities of leadership, as well as, in the functions of a board member.

### Statement of Faith

As CHEFA is a Christian organization, CHEFA and its leadership proclaim the following statements of faith:

- 1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- 2) We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 3) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- 5) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- 6) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Membership

By becoming a member of CHEFA you agree to abide by the policies and standards set forth. CHEFA is a vine with many branches, whether someone uses one small aspect of what we offer, or whether they use many, we are one. CHEFA is a source of encouragement, and we consider membership a privilege. One way to encourage one another is to have an attitude of cooperation. The spirit we wish to maintain is that of being available to the area home educators while remaining in the spirit of Christian unity. ***“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6***

We understand that you may not agree with the standards set forth by CHEFA, but to participate in CHEFA events, you must abide by them. We wish to support God’s work and remain as a ministry

to unify the home schooling community, and to be of help to new home schooling families. We hope to serve you as you serve others. Together, we can work to build God's Kingdom.

### **Membership Agreement**

Each applicant and/or member must agree to the following before membership is granted. If a member is in violation of the agreement, membership can be revoked without refund.

- 1) I am a Christian. I am a believer in and a follower of Jesus Christ, the Messiah.
- 2) I will cooperate with CHEFA in engaging only Christians in positions of responsibility and leadership.
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- 7) I understand that I am solely responsible for my children's conduct at ALL CHEFA events.
- 8) I agree to hold CHEFA, its leadership, and its members harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to my self, my children, or property.

### **Release of Liability**

As a Christian group, we seek to follow the biblical mandate, which disallows bringing charges against Christian brothers in civil courts. We also seek to be good stewards of the resources and blessings the Lord has provided. Our organization has never had an instance of injury or damages being charged to the group, yet we believe it is best to be sure all members understand our position prior to any mishaps.

We are an organized not-for-profit group of Christian families. The leadership is made up of those who have volunteered their time to organized activities and oversee the organization. Participation in any event is strictly voluntary, with no member ever being required to attend any meeting or event (however, new member applicants must attend a CHEFA "New Homeschooler Meeting"). **Neither CHEFA as an organization, nor its leaders, nor its members are liable for any injuries or damages, whether connected with a CHEFA event or not.**

Student Supervision: At Every event, parents are responsible for their own children. Children are never allowed to attend any function without a parent or guardian. Occasionally a member will desire to send his/her child(ren) to an activity with another adult member. This practice is discouraged, yet because we understand that occasionally the parent must remain home due to illness in the family, pregnancy, etc., and because of the family-like nature of our group, we do not desire to prohibit it under all circumstances. We suggest that if you find it necessary to send your child(ren) to an event with another adult, it be one who is comfortable enough with your child to correct him/her if necessary. We encourage you to send a MEDICAL RELEASE form with your child(ren) in case of an emergency.

Any special guests (grandparents, relative, etc.) who accompany members to any event are under the sole responsibility of that member for behavior, damages, injuries, etc.

**When you sign the membership application, you are agreeing to hold CHEFA and its members harmless in the event of any damages or injuries to you, your children, or to your property.**

### **Homeschool Basics**

It is the policy of HSLDA and CHEFA that a student's parent or legal guardian must administer 51% or more of the student's education.

**School Enrollment Options** - Most home educators in California enroll their children in a home education school that has been established by the filing of a **Private School Affidavit (PSA)** with the county Office of Education. Below are three different options for enrolling your children.

**Individual Private School** (One family filing own affidavit): To do this, you will need to file your own Private School Affidavit (PSA) and keep records that are required by the state. If you choose this option, An Introduction to Home Education (available from CHEA) has all the information you need about how to begin your private home school.

**Private School Satellite Program (PSP)** (One private school affidavit is filed on behalf of multiple member families): These are private schools which have been established by a home schooling family, as stated above. In addition, they have met other requirements for administrating a private school, and are allowing other families to enroll in their private school. You will be responsible for purchasing your own curriculum (none of these schools provide it), and you will be teaching your child(ren) in your own home. The school will provide support, record keeping, and some socialization opportunities such as park days, field trips, holiday parties, etc. Most of these schools charge tuition to cover such costs as newsletters, insurance and record keeping services.

This was once referred to as Private School Independent Study Program (ISP). However, due to **confusion with the Public School Independent Study Program (ISP)**, the Christian Home Educators Association of California (CHEA), California Home School Network (CHN), Home School Association of California (HSC), Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), and Private and Home Educators of California (part of FPM) jointly recommend terminating the use of the term "independent study programs" when referring to multi-family homeschooling situations. It is the California Department of Education's (CDE) position that an "independent study" program, as outlined in the Education Code, can only apply to public school home study programs.

**Support Group** (Each family is responsible for filing its own affidavit, but support is offered to member families): This is a group of families who have each filed their own private school affidavit and keep their own records, but still desire to get together occasionally for organized activities. These are usually smaller groups and charge little or no tuition.

**Public School Independent Study Program (ISP)** are publicly funded or subsidized programs where parents can teach their children at home or the student can complete a self-study public school curriculum with oversight from public school administration. These study programs are not eligible for CHEFA membership.

**Charter schools** are publicly funded elementary or secondary schools that have been freed from some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools, in exchange for some type of accountability for producing certain results, which are set forth in each charter school's

charter. State laws and regulations governing charter schools vary widely. [National Education Association (NEA) website].

### **Public School ISP's & Charter Schools**

It is CHEFA policy that **students enrolled in publicly funded independent study program or Charter schools are not eligible for CHEFA membership or participation in its events.** Power and control are an issue when public school officials exercise authority over home schooling parents enrolled in their ISP's by bringing them in line with requirements and regulations applicable to the public schools.

### **Legal Protection**

Home educators in California have enjoyed considerable freedom educating their children. However, the legal climate in California can vary from school district to school district and could change statewide at anytime. We highly recommend you join Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). Members of CHEFA are eligible to receive a discount for HSLDA dues. Learn more about HSLDA at their web site, [www.hsllda.org](http://www.hsllda.org)

### **CHEFA Events**

Because we are a network, CHEFA depends on its membership to volunteer in various capacities to make events possible. Being a CHEFA member entitles you to receive our newsletter publications, and the ability to participate in CHEFA sponsored events.

### **Planning Meeting**

A planning meeting for the year's upcoming CHEFA activities is held in June or July. At this meeting the budget is presented by the leadership team. All those who have taken leadership positions within CHEFA and all member ISP/Support Group leaders are asked to attend the planning meeting, however all CHEFA member are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### **Public Events**

Some of the events offered by CHEFA are open to the greater home educating community. You are welcome to invite fellow home educators who may not be members to attend or take advantage of these events/functions of CHEFA. CHEFA also encourages families who are considering home educating their children to attend some of the "Open" events.

### **Services and Activities Currently Offered**

There are several activities and services that CHEFA offers every year. All but four services are open to CHEFA members only. Most of the activities only exist if someone volunteers to lead them. Here is a list of the activities and services currently offered by CHEFA:

New Homeschooler's Contact.....	Open
Used Curriculum Sale.....	Open
ISP & Support Group Referrals.....	Open
Homeschool Convention.....	Open
HSLDA Discount.....	Members
Sports Saturdays.....	Members
School Pictures.....	Members

Fine Arts Faire .....	Members
Mom's Luncheon/Tea .....	Members
Science or History Faire .....	Members
8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation .....	Members
Newsletter .....	Members
Yearbook .....	Members
CYF Activities/Classes .....	Members

### **Code of Conduct & Dress (See Attachment A)**

We, the families of CHEFA, represent the home educating community and, most importantly, our Lord Jesus Christ, to those around us. In recognition of that, we should behave in a manner consistent with the instruction presented in God's Word. We understand that you may not agree with the standards set forth by CHEFA, but to participate in CHEFA and CYF activities you must abide by these standards.

All students are expected to maintain high standards of conduct. They shall comply with all CHEFA regulations and submit to the authority of any adult in charge, teachers, and board members. **All parents and students, by virtue of membership, have accepted the Code of Conduct and Dress Code, and have agreed to comply.** Students are expected to dress modestly at all CHEFA related events.

In situations where the nature of dress is not specifically covered in a detailed manner, the adults in charge, who have been given authority by the CHEFA board, reserve the right to use their own discretion in determining the appropriateness of the attire or behavior. **CHEFA reserves the right to ask anyone to leave a CHEFA event upon the violation of these standards. Parents are expected to enforce these standards at all CHEFA functions.**

### **CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF)**

CHEFA Youth Fellowship (CYF) offers additional opportunities for CHEFA member students in Grades 7 thru 12 to fellowship and build long-lasting relationships. These activities have included the following in the past (activities vary based on student participation and parental involvement):

Bonfire (fall), a Christmas season event, Broomball (winter), Square Dance (spring), Banquet (spring), and Broomball (summer). Occasionally, CHEFA will organize special classes for CYF students. CHEFA does not always publish CYF classes or activities.

In order to participate in CYF activities, the student's family must be a current member of CHEFA, be in Grades 7-12, and must not be enrolled in a public school system program, either traditional, independent study, or a charter schools.

Even though CYF is an entity of CHEFA, to join, eligible students must fill out a separate membership form and acknowledge they agree to adhere to the CHEFA Code of Conduct. This form is available in the CHEFA membership packet.

### **CYF Leadership Team**

The CYF Leadership Team is small group of CYF student representatives who work with parent sponsors and CYF Directors to brainstorm, plan, organize, and implement CYF activities and events. These students representatives act as liaisons between their fellow class mates and the CHEFA board members; providing activity ideas of the students.

The CYF-Leadership Team consist 6 to 8 students, preferably 1 boy & 1 girl from the Senior, Junior & Sophomore Class who represent the larger CYF students (7th – 12th grades).

#### Qualifications of Student Leaders

- Must be registered as a CYF members (being a member of CHEFA does not automatically make students members of CYF).
- Must be in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade next school year.
- Must be previously active and involved in CHEFA CYF activities.
- Be available to help and participate in the functions of CYF and follow through until completion.
- Must be willing to work in a team of student leaders.
- Must be a positive role model and adhere to the CHEFA Code of Conduct and dress.

#### **Leadership Team (See Attachment B)**

As a ministry, CHEFA is completely run by volunteers, and the leadership team is filled with individuals who desire to further the cause of private Christian Home Education. The role of the leadership team is to help those volunteers who have accepted responsibility for the different events, to administrate CHEFA funds, set and enforce CHEFA policies, to oversee CYF activities, to maintain communication with CHEA of California, and to help new home school families seeking information about home education in the Fresno area. The leadership team is comprised of husband and wife teams that volunteer to take responsibility for board positions. As positions become available, opportunity will be given for others to volunteer. If you would be interested in filling a position, please contact someone on the leadership team.

#### **Requirements for the Leadership Team:**

- Both husband and wife must be Christians, believers in and followers of Jesus Christ. They must agree with and sign the CHEFA agreement letter and statement of faith.
- They must be able to make decisions. Some decisions will not always be popular with everyone. They need to be open-minded enough to hear each side of every conflict of policy change, and yet allow the Holy Spirit to guide in each decision. The team comes together to make all final decisions.
- Commit for a minimum of two years.
- Agree to attend all meetings that require their presence.
- Have the capability and the knowledge to manage the responsibility of the positions they will be filling.

#### **CHEFA Success**

The ultimate success of CHEFA will depend on God's purpose for it and the quality of its volunteers.

*“Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12*

## Attachment-A

# CODE of CONDUCT and DRESS

We, the families of CHEFA, represent the home educating community and, most importantly, our Lord Jesus Christ, to those around us. In recognition of that, we should behave in a manner consistent with the instruction presented in God's Word. We understand that you may not agree with the standards set forth by CHEFA, but to participate in CHEFA and CYF activities you must abide by these standards.

Goal Statement – All parents and students are expected to maintain high standards of conduct. They shall comply with all CHEFA regulations and submit to the authority of any adult in charge, teachers, and board members. **All parents and students, by virtue of membership, have accepted the Code of Conduct and Dress Code, and have agreed to comply.** Students are expected to dress modestly at all CHEFA related events.

### **As a member of CHEFA/CHEFA Youth Fellowship:**

- I will strive to be an example of Christ-like character in word, deed and conduct.
- I will act and speak in a manner worthy of God who calls me. I understand that unkind remarks, profanity, coarse jokes, conversation involving occult or sexual situations, or other language unbecoming of a Christian is unacceptable at CHEFA activities (1 Thessalonians 2:12; Eph 4:1; 5:4).
- I will encourage wholesome friendships.
- I will look upon fellow students as brothers and sisters in Christ and refrain from demonstrating romantic personal affection at all CHEFA activities. I understand that all CHEFA activities are non-dating events. (Gal 5:24; Rom 12:10; Eph 5:3).
- I will have an attitude of compassion for the differences, needs or disabilities of others. (Matt 7:12; James 2:1-9; Gal 5:22-23).
- I understand that the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or weapons during any CHEFA activity is prohibited (I Cor. 6:19; Matt 5:16; Gal. 5:19-21).
- I will arrive on time for classes offered by CHEFA.
- As a young man\woman, I will purpose to dress in a way that will bring glory to God and my family. I will strive to conduct myself in dress and deed in a manner that will not cause my brother to stumble. Clothing should draw attention to the face, not the body (I Tim 2:9-10; I Cor. 8:9, 6:20; Exo 20:12).

#### **GIRLS:**

- o Dresses and tops must be worn that cover undergarments.
- o No backless or strapless tops, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, or revealing necklines. At no time should skin be visible on the front or back of the midriff.
- o Shorts, dress, and skirt length should be modest (no more than four inches above the knee).

#### **BOYS:**

- o Pants must cover undergarments.
- o Shirts must be worn at all times during CHEFA classes or events.

#### **BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS:**

- o No clothing articles, belt buckles, or pins advertising tobacco, alcohol, or that suggest lewd, violent, or improper language or gang related symbols are allowed.
- o No gang or punk-like attire.
- o Hair should be neat, clean, and well groomed.

***In situations where the nature of dress is not specifically covered in a detailed manner, the adults in charge, who have been given authority by the CHEFA board, reserve the right to use their own discretion in determining the appropriateness of the attire or behavior. CHEFA reserves the right to ask anyone to leave a CHEFA event upon the violation of these standards. Parents are expected to enforce these standards at all CHEFA functions.***

## Attachment-B

# CHEFA Leadership Team 2011-2012

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