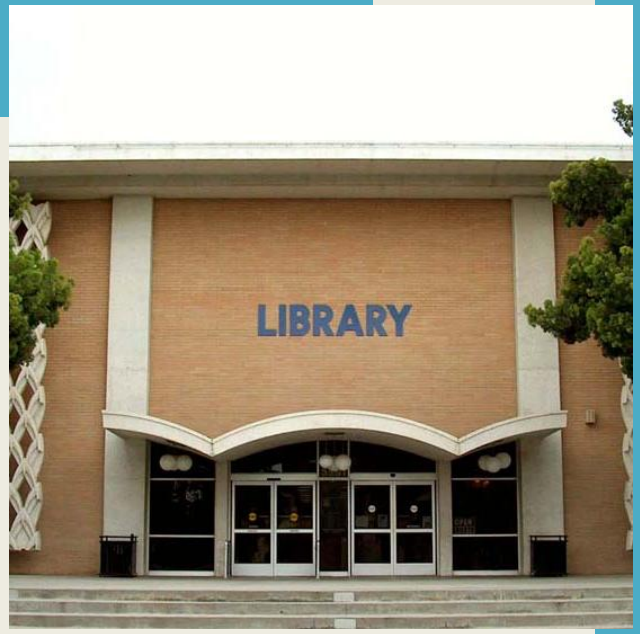
Homeschooling Co-op Style

The 1, 2, 3's of Starting a Co-op

#1 Find a few families to join your co-op.

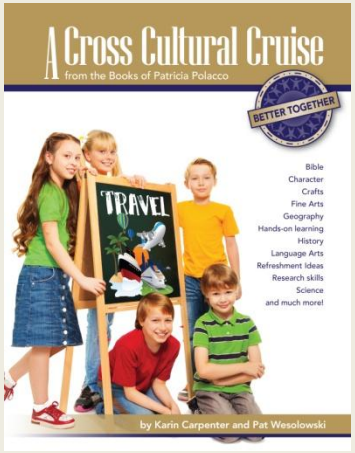
If this is your first co-op, keeping it small will be easier on you as the leader.

You can choose families who have children close in age to your children, or you can include families with children of various ages.



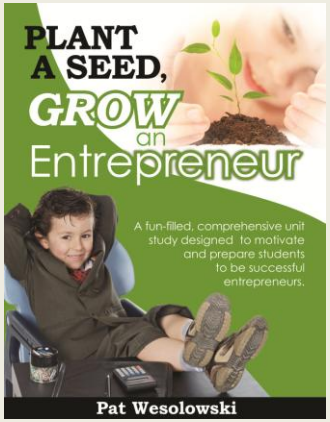
#2 Choose a place to hold the co-op.

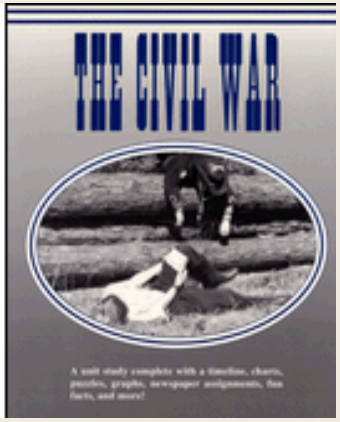
Home, church. library, place of business, public park/community hall . . .



World History

Famous People





Geography

3 Choose a topic

Broad:

- Geography
- World History
- Famous People

More specific:

- Civil War
- Inventors & Inventions
- Entrepreneurship

Literature based:

- Cross Cultural Cruise
- American Girl books
- Magic School Bus

#4 Choose a day and time for the co-op. Many prefer mornings so the children will be at their best. Staying for lunch gives the parents time to discuss the co-op and whether changes need to be made for the next week. Children love staying for lunch because they have more time to visit and play. Some families avoid Monday co-ops finding that they end up preparing on Sundays and they would prefer to avoid that. Our co-ops have been as short as 2 hours to as long as 7 hours. Three hours works well for most co-ops. We have had evening co-ops so the dads can be involved!

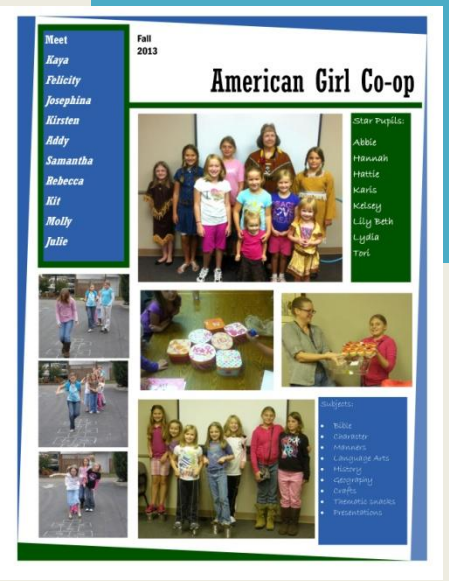
	Bible verse/listen and bring reward	Craft	Snack	Geography	Experiment	Set-up/ Clean-up	Photos Take email to me	Teaching	Newsletter
1 Jan 16	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie	Lynn	Beth	Sue	Jan	Ruth
2 Jan23	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie	Lynn	Beth	Sue	Jan
3 Jan 30	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie	Lynn	Beth	
4 Feb 6	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie	Lynn	Beth
5 Feb 13	Beth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie	Lynn
6 Feb 20	Lynn	Beth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Susie
7 Feb 27	Susie	Lynn	Beth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan	Ruth
8 March 6	Ruth	Susie	Lynn	Beth	Sue	Jan	Ruth	Sue	Jan

Possible Assignments:

- Set-up
- Clean-up
- Bible/Character
- Snacks
- Crafts
- Experiments
- Games
- Nursery
- Newsletter
- Photography
- Teaching

#5 Divide up the workload

Make charts that either assign weekly jobs per person or that have a rotation of jobs, depending on the desires of the parents involved.



#6 Take pictures and publish a newsletter.

Recording each week's events in a newsletter creates a wonderful keepsake, provides documentation of the co-op for your portfolio, and allows you to share your child's activities with interested family members and friends!

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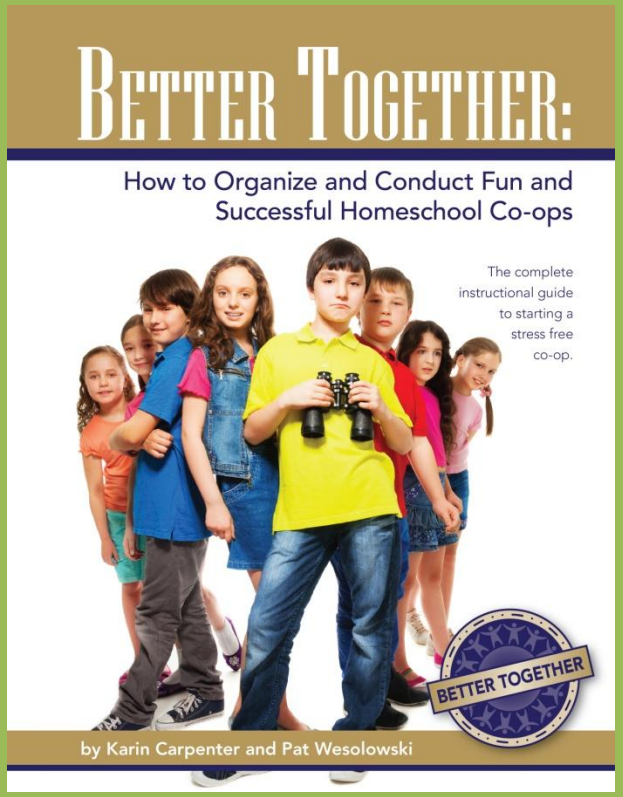

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