

Premiers Support Group

* **Premiers is a support group** for homeschooling families with children in PreK-3rd grade (many families have older and/or younger siblings who also participate).

It is an extension of Shades Mountain Independent Church Academy (SMICA), and sponsored by Shades Mountain Community Church (SMCC) in Hoover, AL.

* **What's unique about Premiers?** Our goal is to help families connect with one another and with mentors in the homeschooling journey.

* **We have monthly meetings for moms**, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm at Shades Mountain Community Church at 2281 Tyler Rd. in Hoover from August through May.

* **Our meetings cover a variety of topics** pertaining to homeschooling, as well as offer time for fellowship and building community with other homeschooling moms.

We invite mentor moms or specialists in a field of study to speak on a variety of topics:

how to teach reading, math, history, science, getting started in homeschooling, reading aloud to your children, recognizing learning challenges, what to know and when, curriculum topics (every April), child training, praying for your children, home organization and homeschooling, simplifying and using holidays for teaching, using

Scripture to train your children, and a special meeting to encourage dads.

* **Monthly field trips:** We coordinate 6 to 7 field trips per year, as well as offering Children's Theatre, Symphony, and Alabama Ballet offerings. Our trips are on a 4-year rotation, focusing each year around community helpers, sights of interest around town, farm, outdoor/ nature, and food. Places we have visited include area police and fire stations, speakers from dentist's and doctor's offices, Sloss Furnaces, Vulcan, Red Mountain, Oak Mountain, Botanical Gardens, Aldridge Gardens, Publix, Chick-Fil-A, and American Village (we rotate which program we do each year).

* **Park Days:** We coordinate several park days each year, rotating parks around town.

* **Mom's Socials:** We have a Mom's Christmas Party and Mom's Night In, each at someone's home.

* **Group Social Events:** In conjunction with our parent organization (SMICA), we have several social events such as Back to School Party, Chili Cook Off, Ice Skating, Valentine's Party, and Field Day.

* **Talk to us today to find out how to join Premiers**, or visit our website (www.smicacademy.org) and Contact Us to leave a message for our Premiers Coordinator.