Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Home Educators
(JBABHE)

Member Packet 2026-2027

Off We Go, Over Hill Over Dale, Anchors Aweigh, From the Halls of Montezuma, and From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone…

JBAB Home Educators is a homeschool support group for military families living in the greater DC area that offers a variety of activities for its members. We welcome homeschool families from every branch of the military, DHS, and Coast Guard, whether you are active duty, reserve, or retired. If you have access to Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, JBABHE may be a great connection for you!

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Membership in JBABHE enables your family to:

- Access www.jbabhe.com which provides access to the calendar, forum, and more
- Communicate with veteran homeschoolers for support and homeschooling resources
- Access information on local activities and area special events
- Access information about community service volunteer opportunities
- Print Student ID and Teacher ID Cards (via the website)
- Participate in JBABHE group classes, field trips, events, clubs, and sports with access to multiple base facilities (*some costs or fees may be required depending on activity*)
- Obtain a discounted membership to Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)
- Participate in age-specific social events and clubs
- Participate in annual proctored group testing
- Participate in academic based fairs, conferences, and competitions
- Access information for additional military-focused student/family events
- Attend multiple free clothing-swaps and book/curriculum swaps

Our organization is governed by a Constitution and By-Laws, which may be accessed and reviewed through the "JBABHE Board Info" section of the website after signing up.

How Do I Join?

Step 1: Sign Up!

To sign up you must visit our website (www.jbabhe.com) and click on "REQUEST MEMBERSHIP" in the left column of the website. After filling out a form with your information, you will be asked to pay an **annual family membership fee of $60,** which is due within two weeks. The fee covers:

- Annual website hosting and PO Box costs
- JBABHE-sponsored events
- JBABHE Homeschool House Insurance
- All other expenditures approved under the Constitution and By-Laws.

The fee is $30 if you are signing up after January 1st of the academic year.
**For E6 and below, there is membership assistance available. Please bring this up with our Welcome Coordinator when you meet with them.*

Send your check or money order to:
JBABHE
1516B Carswell Circle
Washington, D.C. 20032

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Step 2: Meet with our Welcome Coordinator!

To ensure the safety and security of our members and to communicate effectively, each new member will meet face-to-face with our Welcome Coordinator, Monica Galloway, or a designated representative to check your DoD issued ID and your base access. This is a **required** part of the application process, so please make sure to set aside time to meet with her to ensure your admittance JBABHE. If you need assistance in the sign-up process, please contact Monica Galloway at welcome@jbabhe.com.

Step 3: Get plugged in!

Every Member Participates (EMP)

JBABHE offers many opportunities to our members because of our volunteers. As parents, and the primary educators of our children, we aim to cultivate a spirit of involvement for our children to emulate. Our organization has implemented a policy that Every Member Participates (EMP) a **minimum of 12 hours per year** (or 6 hours if joining halfway through) per family within the JBABHE group without monetary gain. Our Volunteer Coordinator reviews the hours on a monthly basis to ensure all members are achieving this goal. We welcome everyone's unique talents and encourage volunteer participation. There are many ways to serve! Simply connect with the Volunteer Coordinator or Activities Director for suggestions.

JBABHE EMP hours may be earned by:

- Serving as a board member (satisfies the annual EMP requirement!)
- Leading a field trip
- Organizing a sport
- Organizing or leading a class for students or parents
- Filling an important JBABHE position (Yearbook Coordinator, Age-Group Social Coordinator (BAYS, BATweens, or BATS), JBABHE House Manager, Mentoring Mom & Dad's Coordinator, Mom's Night Out Coordinator, etc.)
- Helping with set-up, clean-up
- Bringing food for activities (One hour per event for all donations to that event)
- Cleaning at the JBABHE House (there is a schedule on JBABHE.com)
- Organizing or leading one of the events or gatherings listed below (like Parent's Night Out)
- *Your creative idea here!*

More About JBABHE

One of the best benefits of being a member of JBABHE is the ability to connect with other homeschooling families! Our membership reflects a wide-variety of approaches to home education and no matter which you choose, our members remain available to offer advice via our forum or face-to-face meetings with fellow members at parent support programs. Some of these include:

- Mentoring Moms & Dads
- Parent's Night Out
- Information on Area Home Education Conferences

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JBABHE also offers several parent-led social groups for specific ages as well as family-centered events which are all listed on the calendar of the website. These groups/classes can vary from semester to semester.

- Bolling Area Young Ones (BAYS) - Ages preschool through 7 - *Park Days, Show and Share, Art, age-appropriate field trips*
- Bolling Area Tweens (BATweens) - Ages 8 through 12 - *Scavenger hunts, kickball, craft clubs, age-specific field trips and educational opportunities*
- Bolling Area Teens (BATS) - Ages 13 and up enrolled in Middle or High School - *Yearbook club, monthly social activities, Flight Trampoline Park, laser-tag, age-specific field trips and educational opportunities*
- Family Events – *Fall & Spring Activity Sign Up Nights, Science Camp or Art Camp, Free Clothing Swaps, Free Book Swap, Christmas/Holiday Parties, Ice Cream Social, Pioneer Day/International Fair, Valentine's Day Party, Art Fair/Academic Fairs, End of the Year Party/Graduation*

JBABHE Board

Since this is a family-support organization, every family is requested to attend at least one board member meeting per school year. The board discusses long-term planning for the group, takes action on urgent business, acts as mediator between members and JBAB Officials, facilitates general membership in a leadership capacity, and evaluates the framework and policies of the group annually.

JBABHE Board Members & Staff 2026-2027

Director:

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Navigating the Website

After meeting with the Welcome Coordinator or other designated representative, you will be able to log onto www.jbabhe.com and access our forum, calendar and other pages.

Facebook Group

If you would like to be added to the private JBABHE Facebook group, please search for *JBAB Home Educators* and request to join. If you have problems joining, contact the webmaster at info@jbabhe.com.

Admittance to the Facebook group will only be granted following your full approval to the JBABHE group (membership request/sign up, meet with Welcome Coordinator to check ID, and payment of group dues).

JBABHE Dedicated House

The installation has provided JBABHE with a house in the Doolittle residential area to host classes, activities, and events. As a member, you have access to this house for activities benefitting our members. There are two classrooms in the JBABHE House, one large (14 seats) and one small (10 seats). If you would like to hold a class at the JBABHE house, contact the Activities Director or the House Manager. Although other groups may use the house, JBABHE remains responsible for its condition and entry control. Please leave the house neat and clean. After filling out a JBABHE House Key Access Agreement, the House Manager will then give you the code to access the key to the house. RELOCK the key into the lockbox immediately. To ensure the safety and security of all attendees, background checks may be required. If you have any questions please contact the JBABHE House Manager, Gretchen Jones, at gretaj65@gmail.com.

Any questions or concerns about JBABHE, please do not hesitate to contact the director at director@jbabhe.com.
For website issues: If you encounter problems with the website, problems with the membership form or updating membership, or for other website questions please contact the webmaster, Ashley Schultz at info@jbabhe.com.
For general questions: For general help questions that haven't been answered by this packet, please contact a board member or post your question to the Forum under the appropriate category.
If you would like to organize a class on base: Contact our Activities Director, Chavie Cox, at activities@jbabhe.com for coordination and posting to the calendar.
If you would like to organize a field trip: Simply secure a location/make a reservation, add your activity to the calendar, and advertise it through the Forum.
If you would like to sign up for an activity or need more information about an activity: Log onto the website www.jbabhe.com. After logging on, click on "JBABHE Calendar" in the left column. Click on a particular event to view contact info and event details.
To update your email preferences for Forum updates: Log onto www.jbabhe.com and click on "Profile" in the top right-hand corner. Scroll down to your update preferences. If you wish to receive emails directly from the website, please adjust those settings in your own email account.

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Resources at the JBABHE House

There are supplies at the house that can be used for classes or events. There is also a microscope owned by the group that can be borrowed. Contact our Vice Director at assistant@jbabhe.com.

Resources & Helpful Links

Homeschool in DC

- *The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) DC Homeschooling website*: http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-homeschooling-program
- *The Homeschool Notification Form can now be completed online at:* http://homeschool.osse.dc.gov

Homeschool in Virginia

- *HSLDA Homeschool Law Sheet for Virginia* https://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/Virginia.pdf
- *Guidelines for Home Instruction in Virginia* http://www.doe.virginia.gov/students_parents/private_home/home_instruction/home_instruction _handbook.pdf
- *Home Educators Association of Virginia (HEAV)* http://heav.org/virginia-homeschool-laws/
    - HEAV annually hosts one of the largest homeschool conventions in the nation during the early summer and you do not need to be a Virginia homeschooler to attend.

Homeschool in Maryland

- *Maryland Homeschool Law Fact Sheet* http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/nonpublicschools/npdocs/fact_sheets/np_fact_hom e_instruction.htm
- *HSLDA Homeschool Law Sheet for Maryland* http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/maryland.pdf

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) (www.hslda.org) Several of our members are also members of HSLDA. It is not necessary to become a member of HSLDA in order to homeschool or to be a part of JBABHE, but members are encouraged to join if you are interested in legal protection or to access the wealth of resources HSLDA offers its members.

JBAB School Liaison Officer (SLO): The JBAB school liaison officer is the representative for all your educational needs and other school-related resources. Contact the SLO, Mr. Daniel Dunham (202-404-1652), anytime you have questions or need further assistance with your child's educational needs.

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