

# Host Orientation Training Notes:

## Tips for hosting a successful homeschool Now USA Meeting



### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF A HOMESCHOOL NOW USA MEETING?

- Introduce homeschooling.
- Give highlights of homeschooling:
  - Socialization
  - Getting into college
  - Resources
- Leave parents with follow up actions: attend a homeschool conference, contact local homeschool groups, sign up for Homeschool Now USA email.

### HOW DO I PREPARE FOR A MEETING?

- Review the free downloadable slide presentation.
- Practice out loud.
- Bring some of the resources you use to show the families (do not sell books).
- Request your FREE handouts from [HomeschoolNowUSA.com](http://HomeschoolNowUSA.com)

### HOW DO I FIND A LOCATION TO HOST A MEETING?

- Here are some suggestions for places to contact:
  - Churches and other community activity centers
  - Family friendly restaurants
  - Bookstores
  - Other local businesses
  - Libraries
  - See more at [HomeschoolNowUSA.com/HostEvent](http://HomeschoolNowUSA.com/HostEvent)
- Best ways to approach facility manager:
  - Go and meet manager in person for best results.
  - Avoid phrasing request as yes/no. Instead, offer alternate dates/times.
  - Mention to manager the way this event will generate free marketing and bring new customers to the venue.

### NOTES

## HOW DO I PROMOTE MY MEETING?

- Add your event to the [SchoolChoiceWeek.com](http://SchoolChoiceWeek.com) website.
- Add your event to social media, invite your friends, and encourage them to invite their friends.
- Email your local homeschooling groups to let them know you are having this information meeting.
- In addition to using the large Homeschool Now USA posters in your meeting kit, you can download the official Homeschool Now USA [flyer](#), duplicate it, fill in your information, and post the flyers at locations that families like to visit within a 5–10 mile radius of your event. Many restaurants, coffee shops, churches, libraries, post offices, community centers, doctor’s offices, bookstores, drycleaners, and laundromats offer bulletin boards where you can post announcements. Recruit homeschool students or families to help you out. This is a great way for teens to get hours of volunteer experience and learn about marketing.
- Contact your local MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) groups.
- Contact the local media. (They know it is School Choice Week and will be looking for stories!)

## STRUCTURE AND DURATION

- Should last one hour.
- Introduction—5 minutes
- Homeschool overview—10 minutes
- Homeschool FAQ—25 minutes
- Point them to resources (local homeschool groups and mention sponsors)—5 minutes
- Q&A—15 minutes
- For more details, download Suggested Meeting Agenda from [HomeschoolNowUSA.com/toolbox](http://HomeschoolNowUSA.com/toolbox)

## RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR MEETING RUN SMOOTHLY

- Optional: sign-in sheet (host keeps)
- Follow-up request forms for attendees (return to [HomeschoolNowUSA.com](http://HomeschoolNowUSA.com))
- Homeschool Now USA handouts (if desired, order from [HomeschoolNowUSA.com](http://HomeschoolNowUSA.com))
- School Choice Week Kit (if desired, order from [SchoolChoiceWeek.com](http://SchoolChoiceWeek.com))
- Information about local homeschooling resources (whatever you’d like to provide)

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