



Local RESOURCES for HOMESCHOOLERS

IN BAXTER COUNTY, AR
AND SURROUNDING
AREAS

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Baxter County Library

300 Library Hill Lane · Mountain Home, AR
870-580-0987
baxlib.org

- Variety of print resources
- Meeting rooms and study rooms
- Large play area for children
- Teen and tween spaces
- Special collections for checkout
- Online learning resources
- Computers/WiFi/Printing
- Programs and clubs
- Exhibits
- Genealogy/local history room
- Homeschooling info books

Marion County Library

308 W. Old Main Street · Yellville, AR 72687
870-449-6015
marcolibrary.org

- Books, CDs, DVDs, games, magazines
- Special collections for checkout: knitting looms, telescopes, fishing poles, games, and more
- Teen and tween spaces
- Online learning resources
- Children's department
- Computers/WiFi/printing
- Programs for all ages
- Discord server
- YouTube channel
- Coffee, hot cocoa, and snacks for program attendees

Bull Shoals Library

1218 Central Blvd · Bull Shoals, AR 72619
(870) 445-4265
bullshoalslibrary.org

- Annex building for rent
- Regular programs
- Computers/WiFi/Printing
- Faxing and shredding services
- Books, audio, DVDs

Ozark County Volunteer Library

200 Elm St · Gainesville, MO 65655
(417) 679-4442
ozarkcounty.net/library

- Trading library for homeschool curriculum (bring some if you can, take some for free!)
- Ozark County history resources
- Reading room
- Computers/WiFi
- Book sale room

Fulton County Library

Mammoth Spring, AR: 415 Main Street
Salem, AR: 131 N. Pickren Street
Viola: AR - 223 South
(870) 895-2014

- Digital resources
- Learning center for children
- Computers/WiFi/Printing
- Quiet study spaces

West Plains Public Library

750 W. Broadway · West Plains, MO 65775
(417) 256-4775
westplainslibrary.org

- Homeschooling information books
- Genealogy room
- Community rooms
- Story hour room
- Teen space
- Online resources
- eBooks



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Local school districts may have special rules and procedures you need to follow in order to homeschool or participate in activities with public schools (such as sports, speech therapy, part-time classes, etc.). Please contact your school district for up-to-date information.

Mountain Home Public Schools 2465 Rodeo Dr · Mountain Home, AR 72653	(870) 425-1201 mhbombers.com Facebook: Mountain Home Public Schools
Norfolk School District 44 Fireball Lane · Norfolk, Arkansas 72658	(870)-499-5228 norforkschools.org Facebook: Norfolk School District
Cotter Public Schools Elem. School: 152 Lucille St · Cotter, AR 72626 High School: 181 Mable St · Cotter, AR 72626	(870) 435-6171 cotterschools.net Facebook: Cotter Public Schools
Flippin School District 210 Alford Street · Flippin, AR 72634	(870) 453-2270 flippinschools.org Facebook: Flippin School District
Salem School District 313 Hwy, 62 East Suite 2 · Salem, AR 72576	(870) 895-2516 salemschools.net Facebook: Salem School District
Bakersfield R-IV School District 357 State Highway O · Bakersfield, MO 65609	(417) 284-7333 bakersfield.k12.mo.us Facebook: Bakersfield R-IV School District
Gainesville R-V School District 422 Bulldog Drive · Gainesville, MO 65655	(417) 679-4200 gainesvillebulldogs.com Facebook: Gainesville R-V School



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Mountain Home Christian Academy

1989 Glenbriar Dr · Mountain Home, AR 72653

Do allow homeschoolers to join their sports, 4th grade and up.

Sports Athletic Director as of 2022 is Debbie Woods

(dwoods@mhcaegles.org, 870-421-1288).

Homeschoolers can enroll part-time.

870-424-6622

mountainhomechristianacademy.com

Facebook: [Mountain Home Christian Academy](#)

Ozarks Christian Academy

210 Allen St · West Plains, MO 65775

417-255-1622

ozarkschristianacademy.com

Facebook: [Ozarks Christian Academy](#)



VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

Arkansas Virtual Academy

arva.k12.com

Missouri Virtual Academy

mova.k12.com

Outschool

outschool.com

K12: Online School

k12.com

Connections Academy

connectionsacademy.com



Missouri State University West Plains 128 Garfield Ave. · West Plains, MO 65775	417-255-7255 wp.missouristate.edu
Arkansas State University Mountain Home 1600 South College St. · Mountain Home, AR 72653	870-508-6100 asumh.edu
South Central Career Center West Plains 407 W. Thornburgh · West Plains, MO 65775	417-256-6152 www.zizzers.org/sccc
Greater Ozarks Center for Advanced Technology (GOCAT) 395 Jackie D. Garrett Drive · West Plains, MO 65775	(417) 255-7784 gocat.wp.missouristate.edu
University of Missouri Extension Offices Offering in-person and online programming, publications, services, and information about agriculture and environment, business and community, health and safety, and youth and family.	extension.missouri.edu/locations
University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services Offering in-person and online programming, publications, services, and information about agriculture and environment, business and community, health and safety, and youth and family.	uaex.uada.edu/counties
Baxter County Fair Association 1507 Fairgrounds Drive · Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653 Offering an annual Baxter County Fair with competition opportunities, as well as educational publications and a Memorial Scholarship (application on website).	870-425-6828 baxtercountyfair.org
Baxter County Master Gardeners The Master Gardener program is a volunteer program in which individuals are trained specifically to represent the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service to help with providing approved information on gardening and to develop community programs related to horticulture.	baxtercountymg.com
Arkansas Workforce Centers 1058 Highland Cir, #20 · Mountain Home, AR 72653	870-425-2386 dws.arkansas.gov



CO-OPS/HOMESCHOOL GROUPS

Twin Lakes Family Educators

A diverse group with different backgrounds and ideals. Meets twice monthly for outdoor play and social interaction.

twinlakesfamilyeducators@gmail.com
Facebook: [Twin Lakes Family Educators](#)

Homestyle Christian Educators

A Christian-based homeschool co-op that provides classes, field trips, and more including a library of curriculum resources.

hceozarks.org
hcegroup77@gmail.com

Bakersfield, MO Area Homeschool Co-Op

A co-op of homeschooling families who seek to provide socialization, academic enrichment, and support for one another and our children. Meets twice monthly for play, a short academic activity, or a field trip.

Facebook: [Bakersfield, MO Area Homeschool Co-op](#)

Ozark County, Missouri Homeschoolers - Gainesville

Facebook: [Ozark County, Missouri Homeschoolers-Gainesville](#)

Christian Homeschoolers of North Central Arkansas

This group is meant to provide support and fellowship among Christian homeschooling families while honoring the Lord in all we do. Our region includes the counties of Marion, Baxter, Boone, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Izard, and Fulton.

Facebook: [Christian Homeschoolers of North Central Arkansas](#)

Mountain Home-school Happenings Curriculum Sale

A place to sell your homeschool curriculum in Mountain Home, AR.

Facebook: [Mountain Home-school Happenings Curriculum Sale](#)

Missouri Homeschoolers

Post questions, homeschooling ideas and suggestions, and homeschooling activities/opportunities that are happening in the state of Missouri.

Facebook: [Missouri Homeschoolers](#)

Tri-County Homeschool Community

A group for homeschooling families to build a community together. This group was created for families in Douglas, Ozark, and Wright counties in Missouri. This is a great place to discuss everyday life with like minded people.

Facebook: [Tri-County Homeschool Community](#)

MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers)

A group of moms with young children banding together to share their lives and parenting journeys.

Use the link below to find a group near you.
<https://www.mops.org/groupsearch/>



Wild Arrows Christian Homeschoolers (Mountain View/West Plains)

We are a group of Christian homeschooling families that come together to enrich our children's education. Our co-op meets weekly during our fall and spring semesters in Mountain View, MO.

twinlakesfamilyeducators@gmail.com

Facebook: [Wild Arrows Christian Homeschoolers \(Mountain View/West Plains\)](#)

All Together Homeschool Group West Plains

We are a secular homeschooling group in West Plains, MO. We have park dates, field trips and maybe down the road, to those who want to, start co-op. It's a great way to meet others with something in common.

Facebook: [All Together Homeschool Group West Plains](#)

Beyond Books Homeschool Co-op - West Plains, MO

A Christian based homeschool co-op in West Plains, Mo.

Facebook: [Beyond Books Homeschool Group](#)



SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

Mountain Home, AR area

West Plains, MO area

Please contact your local public or private school for information about participating in school sports.

Twin Lakes Soccer Association

Facebook: Twin Lakes Soccer

(870) 421-5141

West Plains Soccer Association

Facebook: West Plains Soccer Association

(417) 372-1529

City of Mountain Home Youth Sports

(870) 424-7275

West Plains Aquatic Center

Facebook: West Plains Aquatic Center

(417) 255-2963

Kicks N Flips Tumble and Cheer, Baby Gym

Facebook: Kicks N Flips Tumble and Cheer

870-736-6162

West Plains Civic Center

(417) 256-8087

L.C. Sammons Youth Center

(870) 424-7275

West Plains Sports Complex

417-256-7176

Impact Martial Arts Mountain Home

Facebook: Impact Martial Arts of Mountain Home

(417) 989-1321

West Plains sports events, parks and rec

Facebook: West Plains Parks and Recreation

417-256-7176

Colt Combatives Mountain Home

Facebook: Colt Combatives and Fitness

(870) 517-9587

Family Karate West Plains

(417) 293-8949

Phoenix Rising Martial Arts

Facebook: Phoenix Rising Martial Arts

Offers a class specifically for homeschoolers.

(870) 291-3740

Team Fusion West Plains

Facebook: Team Fusion: West Plains

(417) 595-4423

Studio H Dance Company

(870) 706-7175

West Plains Martial Arts

(417) 255-9762

Gymnastics Unlimited

(417) 255-3960

The STARS Foundation (dance)

(417) 254-3168



SPORTS AND OUTDOORS, CONTINUED

Mountain Home, AR area

West Plains, MO area

Please contact your local public or private school for information about participating in school sports.

City Pool

870-425-7477 - Seasonal number
870-424-7275 - For off-season questions

Impact Dance Complex

(417) 280-6992

Inclusive Playground at Hickory Park

446 South Hickory Street
Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653

We Tumble

(417) 274-4033

Parks and Playgrounds in Mountain Home

S&S Skateland

april@sandsskateland.com

Annual Sowbug Roundup fly fishing show

West Plains Parks and Recreation

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

West Plains Optimist Club - football, t-ball, cheerleading, youth fishing, spelling bee

Ozarks Football League

Missouri Department of Conservation: offers free print nature curriculum in the Teacher Portal. The West Plains office hosts a hiking trail with loanable exploration equipment for kids.

Camping and recreation information can be found at Recreation.gov

Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce

Find out about local sports and community events.
870.425.5111

West Plains Chamber of Commerce

Find out about local sports, the pool, and community events.
(417) 256-4433

Use the link below to find a Youth Football League near you.

<https://leaguefinder.usafootball.com/>

Bakersfield Summer Baseball/T-Ball - contact Bakersfield R-IV School District for information



CLUBS

Girl Scouts

A skill-building, community service, leadership, social, and adventure-based club for girls.

Use the link below to find a council near you.

[girlscouts.org/en/council-finder](https://www.girlscouts.org/en/council-finder)

Boy Scouts

"The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) provides a youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®"

Use the link below to find a troop near you.

[beascout.scouting.org](https://www.beascout.scouting.org)

Awana

"Awana is a world-wide nonprofit ministry focused on providing Bible-based evangelism and discipleship solutions for ages 2-18."

Use the link below to find a club near you.

[awana.org/find-awana](https://www.awana.org/find-awana)

4-H

"In 4-H, kids and teens complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles."

Use the link below to find clubs, camps, and after-school programs near you.

4-h.org/find/#!menu-builder

Trail Life USA

"Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy."

Use the link below to find a troop near you.

[trailifeusa.com/find-a-troop](https://www.trailifeusa.com/find-a-troop)

Anime Club

Hosted by the Baxter County Library, this club for 5th-9th graders meets monthly to discuss all things anime, and to plan anime-themed events at the library.

Check the library calendar to see when meetings are held.

[baxtercountylibrary.org](https://www.baxtercountylibrary.org)

Teen/Tween Library Councils

Monthly meetings to make friends, discuss books, and help make the library a better place for all. Applications available on the library's website.

Check the library calendar to see applications or contact the library for more information.

[baxtercountylibrary.org](https://www.baxtercountylibrary.org)

Square One Music, Inc.

619 S Baker St · Mountain Home, AR 72653

870-425-2668

West Plains Music

18 Court Square · West Plains, MO 65775

417-256-2216

www.westplainsmusic.com
Twin Lakes Community Choir

"The TLCC is a choral group based near Mountain Home, AR. We have members all across the Twin Lakes area. We have 2 annual performances, and make appearances at local events as well."

870-425-3203

Piano instructors in the Mountain Home, AR area:

- Val Vigil: 870-736-2540
- Rachel Wood Mooney: 870-405-1145
- Tally Eddings: 870-656-2675

Mountain Home Symphony

"A 45-member volunteer orchestra that draws its performing musicians from southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. The group offers concert programs that feature major works from all musical eras."

Facebook: [Mountain Home Symphony](https://www.facebook.com/mountainhomesymphony)
mountainhomesymphony.com/

Willow Springs Arts Council

Includes various art groups including the Willow Springs Theater Guild, the Southern Ozarks Chamber Orchestra, Star Dramatic Company, and the Writer's Guild.

Facebook: [Southern Ozarks Community Orchestra](https://www.facebook.com/SouthernOzarksCommunityOrchestra)
 Website: www.willowspringsartscouncil.org/


Twin Lakes Playhouse

600 West Sixth Street · Mountain Home, AR 72653

(870) 424-0444

twinlakesplayhouse.org

 Facebook: [Twin Lakes Playhouse](https://www.facebook.com/TwinLakesPlayhouse)
The Avenue Theatre West Plains

307 Washington Ave · West Plains, MO 65775

(417) 372-5638

theavenuetheatre.org

 Facebook: [TheAvenueTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/TheAvenueTheatre)



FIELD TRIPS

Mountain Home, AR area	Bull Shoals, AR area
<u>Mountain Home Berry Farm</u> Facebook: <u>Mountain Home Berry Farm</u> Seasonal festivals, fruit picking, and farm store. (870) 425-7028	<u>James A. Gaston Visitor Center</u> Environmental education learning center and feature interpretation of the river, dam and lake, and their histories. 870-445-3629
<u>Mountain Home Police Department</u> -(870) 425-6336	<u>Bull Shoals Caverns</u> Guided cave tours. (870) 445-7177
Mountain Home Fire Department - (870) 425-2611	<u>Bull Shoals White River State Park</u>
	<u>Peel Ferry</u> (870) 436-5666
<u>Rapps Barren Settlement</u> Historic buildings in a village setting.	West Plains, MO area
<u>The Sheid</u> - (870) 508-6280 Cultural events for all ages.	<u>Harlin Museum</u> 417-256-7801
<u>Twin Falls Trail</u>	<u>West Plains Fire Department</u> 417-256-2424
<u>Little T's Mini Golf</u> - (870) 701-3066	<u>West Plains Police Department</u> 417-256-2244
Norfolk, AR area	<u>Butler Park and Splash Pad</u>
<u>Norfolk Fish Hatchery</u> (870) 499-5255	<u>McWilliams Pumpkin Patch</u> 417-256-6470
<u>Jacob Wolf House</u>	
Mountain View, AR area	Yellville, AR area
<u>Ozark Folk Center</u> (870) 269-3851	<u>Fred Berry Crooked Creek Nature Center</u> (870) 449-3484
<u>Blanchard Springs Caverns</u> (870) 757-2211	<u>Yellville, AR Splash Pad</u>
Thayer, MO Area	Mammoth Spring, AR area
<u>Grand Gulf State Park</u>	<u>Mammoth Spring State Park</u>

Other Areas to Explore

Branson, MO
Hot Springs, AR
Bentonville, AR
Carthage, MO

Saint Louis, MO
Murfreesboro, AR
Fayetteville, AR
Columbia, MO

Kansas City, MO/KS
Rogers, AR
Pine Bluff, AR
Hannibal, MO

Little Rock, AR
Eureka Springs, AR
Camdenton, MO

**Ozark County Historium**

361 Main St · Gainesville, MO 65655

"Our mission is to collect, preserve, and celebrate the unique history and heritage of Ozark County, Missouri."

417-679-2400

ozarkcountyhistory.org

Baxter County Historical and Genealogical Society

"The Society promotes public interest in the history and genealogy of Baxter County, Arkansas, and acquires, restores, preserves and maintain documents, photographs, digital files and databases, as well as physical objects pertaining to the history of the people and places of Baxter County, the surrounding Ozark region and the State of Arkansas, for the benefit, education and research of the general public."

870-425-2551

baxtercountyhistory.org

Meetings held at the Baxter County Library. See baxlib.org for next meeting date.

Baxter County Library

300 Library Hill Lane · Mountain Home, AR

870-580-0987

baxlib.org

Genealogy room and reference collection

West Plains Public Library

750 W. Broadway · West Plains, MO 65775

(417) 256-4775

westplainslibrary.org

Genealogy room and reference collection



OTHER RESOURCES

<u>Homeschool Legal Defense Association</u>	"HSLDA is the trusted movement leader that makes homeschooling possible by caring for member families and protecting and securing the future of homeschooling."
Facebook: HSLDA	
<u>Twin Lakes Literacy Council</u>	"Our mission is to empower and enrich our community through teaching literacy."
Facebook: TLLC	
(870) 425-7323	
Tutoring and volunteering opportunities available.	
<u>Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce</u>	Provides calendar of annual events, as well as more information about the Twin Lakes community.
870.425.5111	
<u>Volunteering opportunities</u> in Mountain Home	
<u>Families for Home Education (Missouri)</u>	The purpose of FHE is to protect the inalienable right of the parents of Missouri to teach their own children without further state regulation and control. Workshops, support groups, resources, lobbying, and more.
<u>Midwest Parent Educators</u>	Encouragement for homeschool families. Serving Douglas County, Missouri.
<u>MATCH (Missouri Association for Teaching Christian Homes)</u>	www.match-inc.org
Missouri Association of Teaching Christian Homes, Inc. is organized for the purpose of providing service and support to home educators and support groups within Missouri.	