Welcome to

How to Teach a Class
with Homeschool Coop 2020

Thank you for joining us today!
While you are waiting, please take the time to:

- Turn your cameras on.
- Change your Zoom name to your first name and location.
- Grab a glass of water and take a deep breath while
  we wait for our participants to arrive.

We will start promptly in five minutes.

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. What is Homeschool Coop?
3. Who are you?
4. Why do people take classes online?
5. Teaching in person vs. online
6. Choosing activities
7. Making a hamburger
8. Zoom skills
9. Signing up to teach
10. Using Eventbrite

BLUE questions should be answered in the chat!

What is the Homeschool Coop (HSC)?

HSC is an all-volunteer-run, online educational community that brings together people from all over the world to learn, teach, volunteer, and make friends.

HSC is a vacation from the day-to-day and an easy escape from the pandemic blues.

HSC is you and me!

Homeschool Coop 2020
by the numbers

Since March 2020

- **250 volunteers** have taught
- **1300 classes** on
- **350 topics** to
- **7000 participants**, with
- **18,000 tickets** distributed to our events.

6 Reasons to Teach with HSC

1. **We make it easy** - we upload your to Eventbrite and our website
2. **We advertise your event** on Twitter (500 followers), Facebook (1000 followers), Instagram, and our Newsletter (1500 subscribers with a 25% open rate).
3. **Low-stakes** - these are free classes! Participants are forgiving.
4. Build community
5. International following
6. **Have fun!**

Who teaches with HSC? What do they teach?

Professors, librarians, experts, enthusiasts, teens, & kids teach all kinds of topics.

- Young children host virtual playdates, e.g. My Little Pony hangout.
- Middle schoolers host hangouts and teach classes (Harry Potter Hangout, Origami classes, Storytelling to younger children)
- High Schoolers tend to teach more serious topics (debate, astronomy, Economics of a Pizza Shop, Card Tricks/Magic demonstration, Exercise)
- Adults teach kids, youth, and host adult hangouts. **Librarian Kelly Wooten (Duke) recently hosted an event attended mostly by other librarians, in which participants shared their unpopular opinions.**

Getting to Know You

POLL: *Have you ever taught a class online?*

CHAT BOX CONVERSATION:

- If you have taught online please write 1-2 sentences about your experience teaching online. What worked? What didn't work?
- If you haven't taught a class, please tell us about your experience as a student in online classes. What worked? What didn't work?

Why do people take classes online?

- Boredom
- Need to occupy child's time
- Need to feel connected
- Learn something new (this is often secondary)
  - The banter and the conversation is more important than the content.

How is teaching online different from teaching in a classroom?

Limitations?

- Different types of programming work better online
- Hard to teach physical or intricate things.

Advantages?

- Can draw in people from outside of your community.
- Can teach class from any location (including zoos, museums, etc.)

Other considerations

- Age group - attracted to different content
  - Under 6 - 30 minute class limit; movement;
  - Ages 6-10 - 45 minute - 1 hour class limit
  - Tweens/Middle Schoolers
  - High Schoolers
  - Adults
- Physical classes
  - Is it safe?
  - Can you demonstrate it?
  - Can participants do it safely without direct supervision?
- Crafts and handiwork
  - Is it technical or intricate?
  - Does it leave room for personal creativity?

Chat Box Conversation:

What worries do you have about teaching a class online?

How hard is it to teach a class online?

- Depends on YOU!
- Materials/Preparation
  - Depends on you
  - Crafts may need pre-prepared steps for demonstrations
- Audience is forgiving - they do not expect perfection!
- Practice - gets easier over time

Choosing Activities

- Evaluate Zoom suitability
  - **Simple is better!**
    - Remember that people are taking classes to feel connected, not necessarily to learn the material
- Appeal to different kinds of learners - keep your audience engaged!
  - Auditory
  - Visual (Slides are helpful) - max 15 slides per hour of class.
  - Kinesthetic - learning by doing - doing a breakout session could be considered kinesthetic
  - Reading & Writing (Slides are helpful)
- Have a plan B
  - Turn it into a Q & A
  - Talk to students about stuff that interests them; have them show you things from their home (pets, books, projects)...

Chat Box Conversation:

Which kinds of classes that you teach would work well online?

Structuring a Class: THE HAMBURGER METHOD

THE BUN (Opening & Closing) is VERY IMPORTANT for participant engagement and retention!

- Opening activity can be as simple as everyone saying their names and where they are from or an icebreaker
- The meat consists of 2-5 learning goals expressed in segments/activities: slides, videos, polls, Cahoots, topics
- Activities: Slides, videos, polls, Cahoots, questions (to be answered live or in the chat), physical activity, craft, story...
- Closing activity can be a recap of the class and a thank you
- Share extra resources for the kids to use outside of class

REMEMBER YOUR BUN!

BREAKOUT SESSION (7 minutes): Detailed Class Example or BRAINSTORM

Please self select into groups of 5, with one reporter.

Details: subject, age range, length of session, one-time class/ongoing

What does your hamburger look like?
- Top of the bun - welcome/icebreaker
- Meat - 2-5 activities
- Bottom of the bun - recap and thank you

REMEMBER YOUR BUN!

Zoom skills

1) If you use your own Zoom room: preparing the room
   a) Can include registration (may be a barrier to participation)
   b) Turn off annotation
   c) Turn on waiting rooms (can include a waiting room note)
   d) Prepare polls in advance
2) Waiting rooms - letting people in
3) Sharing screens - share your own; allow others to share
4) Feedback - Mute/unmute
5) Video - share screen first and click box to turn on sound or it won't work
6) Chat - share links
7) Removing people from the room
8) Other features - Breakout rooms, polling

Homeschool Coop Volunteer Chris Schabow is available for Zoom practice. Reach out to her at: chrisschabow.hsc2020@gmail.com. Please note that she is on PST and is likely available in afternoons/evenings EST.

Our Zoom room or yours?

- Best to use your own platform so that you can control the environment.
  - Can use any platform that you have access to - Zoom, WebEx, GoToMeeting, Google Meets
  - Teachers must upload their own meeting link into Eventbrite.
- Homeschool Coop offers teachers a free Zoom room if teachers do not have their own.

Some of Our Classes

Crafts ◆ Animal Hang Outs (Cat Chat, Pup Talk) ◆ Astronomy ◆ What Is Defund the Police? ◆ Current Events Discussions ◆ Storytimes (for all age groups) ◆ Poetry ◆ Crossword-making ◆ Chats with People from Different Professions ◆ Social Justice Band ◆ Herbs & Hormones ◆ Intro to Bullet Journaling ◆ Minecraft Hangout ◆ Hamilton Fan Club ◆ Gardening ◆ Flower Dissection ◆ Brain Dissection ◆ Circuits ◆ Writing ◆ Coding ◆ History ◆ World Tour: India ◆ Social Emotional Learning ◆ Economics of a Pizza Shop ◆ Immigration in Political Cartoons Debate ◆ TikTok Dances ◆ Origami ◆ Mix & Moan ◆ Origami ◆ D&D ◆ Origami ◆ Songwriting ◆ Chat with the NYS Librarian ◆ YOUR CLASS HERE!

Signing Up to Teach a Class

- www.homeschoolcoop2020.com
- Prepare Bio, Class Name, Short Class Description
- **How often? Ongoing best if you want to block out that time**
- Link to an image - use one w/ a creative commons license
- Tweetable 140 character class description; longer class description for Eventbrite
- Availability - [check the calendar](), first, to ensure that there are no conflict.
- Need a little help with tech? You can request facilitation.

What happens after I sign up?

After you sign up, you'll receive an email from homeschoolcoop2020@gmail.com entitled **"Your event "[*name of your class*]" has been published"** in the subject heading. If you don't receive this email within 3 days, please send an email to us.

Inside you'll find passwords to access Zoom (if you are using our Zoom room) and Eventbrite.

Eventbrite is Your Friend

Login to Eventbrite to:

- **Change your description, image,** etc.
- **Change/add dates**; please also email us so that we can update our calendar.
- Find out **how many people signed up for your class**. 40-50% usually show up.
- **PRO TIP:** To increase class attendance, s**et up a separate email that includes the Zoom link 4 hours before the class so that people don't have to rely on the Eventbrite click-through.**

Using Your Own Online Room

Using your own room gives you lots more control. Plus, you can collect registrations on your platform.

If you decide to use your own room, you can email the URL to homeschoolcoop2020@gmail.com .

Recording Your Class

In general we request that teachers not record classes. However, we understand that agency partners may have different needs. If you are interested in recording your class, please reach out to us.

How to Sign Up to Teach a Class or Get a Facilitator

- Fill out the form at www.homeschooolcoop2020.com
- Email homeschoolcoop2020@gmail.com to request a facilitator.
- Talk to Jasmina & Becca if you need help brainstorming or fleshing out class details.
- Reach out to Chris for one-on-one Zoom tutorials
- Come to Jasmina's Saturday class for support.

Thank you for coming!