

Sacred Grove Academy

A Pagan Church School run by Church of the Spiral Tree

Summer 2013

NEW DIRECTOR & ADDRESS!

Effective May 25, 2013, Patricia Greer-Middleton has resigned as director of Sacred Grove Academy, and I have stepped in as the new director. My name is Linda Kerr, and I was the creator and original director of Sacred Grove, from its inception in 1999 till I retired in 2007. Patricia has now retired herself and moved to Florida, so I have taken the reins once again.

The new mailing address for Sacred Grove Academy is **P.O. Box 3165, Auburn, Alabama 36831-3165**; our phone and email are still (334) 408-7372, homeschool@sacredgroveacademy.org.

I am currently going through all the records, mail, and emails to make sure I have everyone's up-to-date information, including enrollment status and receipt of attendance forms. If you have sent in your attendance forms, and get a notice from me saying that I have not received them, please just re-mail (or email) your attendance forms. I'd rather get them twice than not at all.

Remember that the deadline to re-enroll each year is August 1, and the deadline for receiving attendance forms is also August 1. All enrollments will officially end on July 1; however, you can re-enroll for the 2013-2014 school year beginning anytime after June 1.

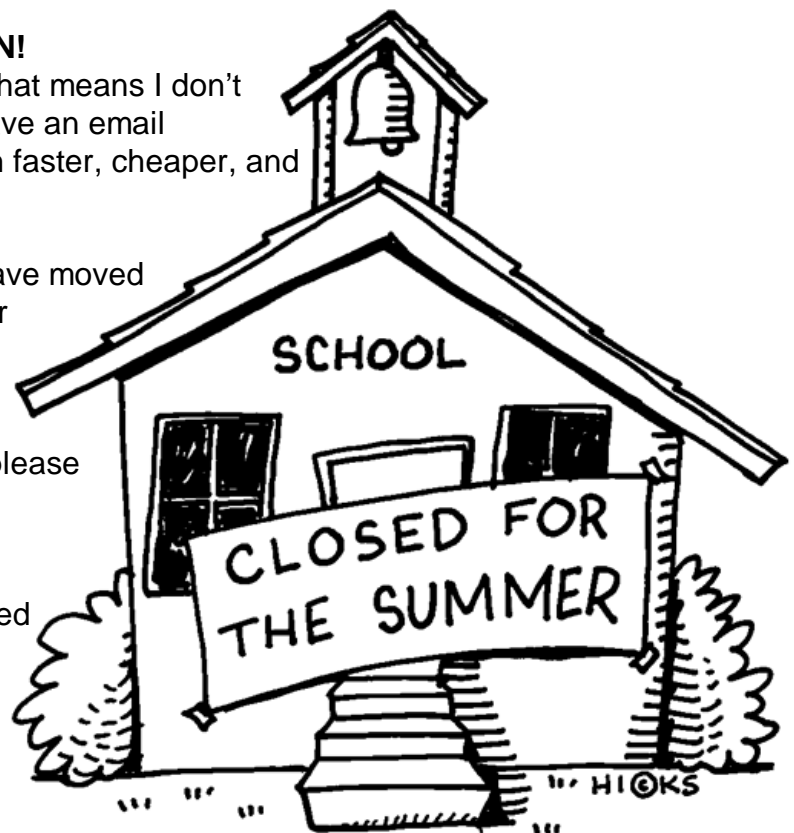
PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!

If you receive this newsletter via snail-mail, that means I don't have a good email address for you. If you have an email address, please send it to me! Email is much faster, cheaper, and more convenient for all.

If you have moved, and *especially* if you have moved to a new school district, please send me your updated address and new school district as soon as possible!

If your child will not be re-enrolling this fall, please let me know.

If you are not already, please join our SacredGroveHS Yahoo group, and our Sacred Grove Facebook group. If you are unable to find these, just let me know, and I can send you the link or an invitation.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Remember to Re-enroll By August 1!

The deadline for re-enrolling is AUGUST 1. The fee is just \$50 per family. Requirements to enroll are the \$50 tuition and your Attendance Forms. You do not have to fill out a new Enrollment Form, unless you have recently moved (see item below, "If You Move"). If you have not re-enrolled by August 1, you'll be considered withdrawn, and I will send the obligatory letter to the school board stating such. You can re-enroll after that time, but you will need to pay the \$25 admission fee per child in addition to the \$50 tuition, and fill out both the Enrollment Form (CSEF) and the Admission Form again.

Don't Forget Your Attendance Forms!

Attendance forms for 2012-2013 are due now (keep a copy for yourself). The absolute deadline on these is AUGUST 1. We are required by Alabama state law to keep this in our files, but are not required to show it to anyone. Your completed attendance forms are essential to fulfilling the letter of the law, and without them, you will not be able to re-enroll for the following year, even if you have sent the \$50 tuition fee!

If You Move:

If you move to a new residence within the state of Alabama, and you move into a *different public school district*, you MUST send in a new Enrollment Form for the new school district, **immediately** (don't wait for re-enrollment time!). You do not have to inform the previous school district that you have moved, but you do need to let the new one know that you are enrolled in a church school; otherwise you will be subject to truancy laws.

Renew Over the Internet:

We accept payments either via check sent regular mail, or over the web

using PayPal. You can use this free service to pay for your renewal this summer. You can also email us your attendance forms, so you won't have to use a stamp for anything! To use PayPal, go to <<http://www.paypal.com>>, click on Send Money, and use this email to send to: <homeschool@sacredgroveacademy.org>. To email your attendance forms, you will need to either keep them updated daily in Word or some other program on the computer, or scan in your hand-written copies. Then just email the electronic file to us the above email.

Withdrawal Policies:

All enrollments end on July 1. If you do not re-enroll by August 1, you will be considered withdrawn, but may re-enroll at any point in the future, as long as all other policies have been adhered to. You don't need to send any sort of withdrawal notice during this July-August period. After August 1, an official letter to your local school superintendent will be sent stating that you are no longer enrolled in Sacred Grove Academy (as required by state law).

You can also officially withdraw from Sacred Grove at any time during the school year. ****No refunds will be given at any time.**** Families withdraw for various reasons, including sending their children back to public school, or moving out-of-state. To officially withdraw during the school year, just send a notice to Sacred Grove by mail or by email, stating that you are withdrawing. An official letter to your local school superintendent will then be sent stating that you are no longer enrolled in Sacred Grove Academy (as required by state law).

Removals & Improper Withdrawals:

NOTE: After *any* official or improper withdrawal or removal, an official letter to your local school superintendent will be sent stating that you are no longer enrolled in Sacred Grove Academy, and we will send a letter to your last known address stating the same. If you are not enrolled anywhere else, you will be subject to truancy laws.



You will be removed from enrollment with Sacred Grove if:

- You do not send your child's previous years' attendance forms in by August 1;
- If you write a worthless check, and restitution is not made within 30 days (civil charges may apply); or if any other fees are in arrears and are not paid within 30 days.

In the above cases, until your fees or forms are mailed in to us, no records or information will be released about your child to you or to subsequent schools that may request such, nor will we provide diplomas, transcripts, letters giving date of withdrawal for purposes of GED, driver's license, or other reason, or any other information requested about that child. Furthermore, if attendance forms are not received within 12 months of your withdrawal (for example, 2012-2013 forms sent in by August 1, 2013), all of the above will apply, *and* no one in your family will be allowed to enroll or re-enroll in Sacred Grove Academy at any point in the future for any reason.

You will be considered to be improperly withdrawn if:

- If your summer or winter newsletter is returned undeliverable because you have moved and not sent in a change of address, and we cannot then get in touch with you by phone



or email; as we will have no way of knowing whether you are still in your original school district or even in the state (Note: if your newsletter comes back, we make a reasonable attempt to contact you before removing you from the rolls);

- We discover that you have enrolled your child in a different school when that school sends us a request for your child's records, and you have not officially withdrawn (NOTE: We will NOT send any information without receiving an official withdrawal from you!)

In the above cases, no one in your family will be allowed to enroll or re-enroll at any point in the future for any reason, and no records or information will be released to you or to subsequent schools that may request such, nor will we provide diplomas, transcripts, letters giving date of withdrawal for purposes of GED, driver's license, or other reason, or any other information requested, AT ALL for that child.

****A note about records and transcripts:** Unless you have told us to keep your records for you when they are sent to Sacred Grove by your former school, we will always forward them on to you. Therefore, when you withdraw and place your child in a new school, please advise that school that Sacred Grove does NOT have your child's records (unless you have requested we keep them)! This will save a bit of time and frustration on everyone's part when you are trying to get your child enrolled in a new school.

- Linda Kerr



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Attendance Form Version A

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Year: _____

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MONTHLY TOTAL

ANNUAL TOTAL

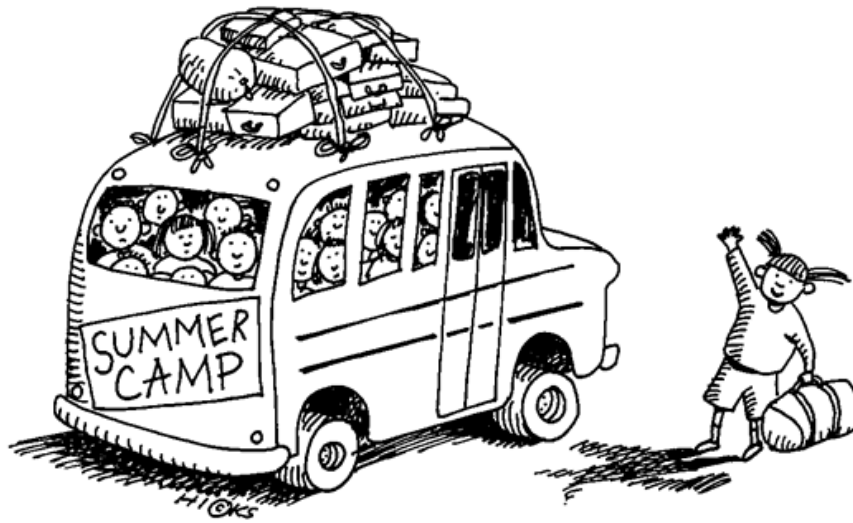
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Attendance Record Version B

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Year:** _____

	Month Total	Year Total
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