

# The Savvy Co-op Mom

**Are you a savvy co-op mom with Homeschoolmentor.com?  
Compare yourself to the Savvy User and see.**

## **PRINTING THE LESSON PLANS**

The Savvy User prints the lesson plans out before she watches the videos so she can take notes right on the lesson plans.

The Savvy User knows how to click control P so she can bring up the print box and select Properties. This allows her to choose the number of slides she wants to include on each page so she can save paper and ink.

The Savvy User knows whether she wants to print out in color or B&W.

The Savvy User prints a group of chosen slides out on one full page by choosing Pages in the print box, then selecting the pages she wants included, separated by commas.

The Savvy User prints a special slide or two to save, like the Scripture verse, in color on a full page to post on the fridge, bathroom, or in a child's room, (or even in her room??).

## **VIDEOS**

The Savvy User watches the videos the first time as a run-through for overview, then watches separate segments again just before she teaches the material.

The Savvy User knows to click the Contents arrow button at the bottom of the slide screen so she can see the list of all slides on that video segment.

The Savvy User will let the segment completely download to her computer the second time she watches the videos so she can skip around to selected slides without having to wait for the download. She maximizes her time by watching and re-watching what she needs to hear/see again.

The Savvy User knows how to use the pause and start buttons so she can take notes on her lesson plans without missing new information.

## **YAHOO GROUP**

The Savvy User knows that all announcements and important communications coming from Homeschoolmentor.com are distributed via email through the Yahoo groups for Vol. I, II, and III.

The Savvy User makes a Yahoo mailbox in her email program (Outlook) so all Co-op emails go into one location.

The Savvy User reads the Yahoo emails a couple of times a week.

The Savvy User does not comment on every email that comes through.

The Savvy User uses her computer time wisely.

The Savvy User knows what the delete key is for.

The Savvy User posts a short overview of what has happened in her family at least twice a month.

The Savvy User loves to read what others are doing but knows how selfish she would be if she read other's overviews but never shares her own overview for the benefit of the group.

The Savvy User is willing to share the bad as well as the good because she knows the bad gives others the truth that everything is not perfection in all other homeschools but theirs.

## **HUSBANDS**

The Savvy User knows how valuable her husband is to the teaching process and how special he is to her children.

The Savvy User knows that most men are willing to help but they do not know what to do and just need a little guidance.

The Savvy User understands that men hate to look foolish in front of their wives and children, so they would rather stay away than look dumb. (Part of the masculine ego).

The Savvy User does not sit waiting for her husband to volunteer out of the blue; she asks him to help with specific projects.

The Savvy User shows her husband the Suggestions for Dad list each week and says, "Which ones of these are you going to do and what is the best time for you to do them?"

The Savvy User looks for ways to easily include her husband in the homeschool by assessing his gifts and interests and asking (assigning) him tasks that match his gifts.

The Savvy User includes her hubby early on in the school year, so her husband does not develop the habit of being an absentee homeschool dad.

The Savvy User asks her hubby how he would build a project, then smiles winsomely and says, "You are so brilliant. Would you do this one with the kids next Saturday?"

The Savvy User knows how to gently tell her hubby to let the kids do the project, while he guides.

The Savvy User recognizes her husband will do the activities much differently than what she had in mind, and she is content to allow for his unique and masculine approach!

## **PRAYER**

The Savvy User understands the power of prayer and is willing to pray for the group and individual members.

The Savvy User prays for needs on the chaplain's list.

The Savvy User lets the Co-op group chaplain know of a need or crisis in her family.

The Savvy User does not drown on her own but sends out HELP-DISTRESS signals so the group can pray. [He who separates himself seeks {his own} desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom. Prov 18:1]

## **WISE COUNSEL**

"There is wisdom in many counselors."

The Savvy User does not flounder. She seeks out wise counsel on the Yahoo Group.

The Savvy User listens to every word from Mr. Meanie and believes everything Mr. Meanie says. NOT!

## **POSTING PHOTOS**

The Savvy User posts pictures of herself and her family doing KONOS work.

**ACCENT**

The Savvy User watches her own dialect closely and refuses to teach her kids with a Texas accent even though a twang keeps slipping out as she instructs her children.

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The Savvy User understands that the lesson plans for the Co-op group are FOR the co-op members and their families. She does not share them with friends or local co-op groups.

**COMMITMENT**

The Savvy User knows she has signed up for the entire semester and will stay until the end because she knows she is part of a group that is counting on her contributions, no matter how small.