

Roots Support Group 2019-2020

North Location: Harvest Hills Alliance Church, 10099 Harvest Hills Blvd. NW Calgary
1:30-3:30pm Monday afternoons

South Location: First Assembly Church, 6031 Elbow Dr SW, Calgary 1:30-3:30pm Tuesday afternoons

Meeting Location	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
North: Harvest Hills	9 th	7 th	18 th	None	13 th	10 th	9 th	20 th	11 th
South: First Assembly	10 th	8 th	12 th	None	14 th	11 th	10 th	14 th	12 th

Support Group Topics

September - Welcome to a New Year!

It's the start of a new year, come find out what is happening within Roots and get to know someone new. We will share some laughs, get a little serious and try to kick the year off on a high note.

October - Homeschooling by Heart

"All behavior is linked to attitudes of the heart. Therefore, discipline must address attitudes of the heart. The finest art of communication is not learning how to express your thoughts. It is learning how to draw out the thoughts of another." – Tedd Tripp, Shepherding a Child's Heart
Rosaleen Milner is coming to share with us another challenge of parenting, how to address the heart issues of your child... and parents.

November - Game Schooling

How not to be bored with Board Games. Come and see how fun educational board games can be and how to add them into your homeschool. It's going to be a fun afternoon with Aimee Harriman as she shares some of her family's favorite education games.

January - Homeschooling hiccups

There are many topics that facilitate small group discussions:

- How to respond to skeptics
- Finding community
- Make school more fun/ motivation

February - A Belly of Laughs



You might be a homeschooler if you find this funny. Oh, get ready for a belly ache from laughing after this meeting, laughter is a great medicine!

March - Curriculum Share

We have moved up the curriculum share to accommodate the new date of the AHEA conference. Bring your favorite curriculum, app or project to share with others. It's great to inspire families with what you enjoyed this past year!

April - We Want to Bless You Moms!

AEHA is over and the year is starting to gear down, some mom time is in order! We are going to take some time to relax and enjoy some fellowship along with a few surprises.

May - The Year in review, wrap up & reflection

We are going to take some time to share what God has taught us this past year, what were your struggles, how did you overcome them? Did you glean some good advice that you want to pass on to someone else? What were the highlights of the year for your family? How can we prepare ourselves for September?

The topic schedule was put together by the support group leadership team: Aimee Harriman, Rosaleen Milner, Genessa Ardron and Tammy Eacott. Our support group meetings are made possible by the many volunteers who help each month, thank you!

Common Questions about Support Group Meetings

What happens at support group meetings?

This is a time for Roots parents and children to come together to enjoy one another's company while supporting each other on our homeschooling journey. Our meetings follow a basic format of announcements, devotional, main topic/ discussion and ends with small group prayer time. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided for the parents only.

Can I bring my children?

Absolutely, bring your children! Children from crawlers through age three go in the "nursery" while children ages four through six have their own class with age-appropriate activities. Children must be potty-trained before they can go into this class. Older students go to the gym where they may spend some time all together and part of the time divided into two groups. Please encourage your children to participate in the planned activities. Parents keep their tiny ones with them since we're not set up to provide that level of care.

Things to Note:

- 1) Make sure kids come dressed in proper clean indoor footwear for running (no flip flops or winter boots)
- 2) Please put all coats backpacks and extra shoes against the walls in designated classrooms to keep the hallways clear in case of an emergency.
- 3) Bring labelled water bottles for children (due to allergies, please save snacks for the drive home).
- 4) Please remind children to be respectful of the leaders and listen to the instructions being given. It is a more enjoyable experience when everyone listens!
- 5) Every child needs to be signed in at the beginning of class and then signed out by 3:30.
- 6) Please take everyone to the washroom before signing them in to their appropriate classes.

If this is your first year with Roots, we would like to encourage you to attend!