

## **Breastfeeding Guidelines**

Since we have dads and teen boys participating in co-op each week, leadership has decided to make an official breastfeeding policy that will ensure that everyone is comfortable and welcome in our co-op setting. This policy will be in effect during all co-op days and events.

We ask that all nursing moms completely cover while nursing. You are welcome to nurse in the class that you are teaching or assisting, in the gym during lunch, or in the nursery. If you would be more comfortable going to the nursery to feed your little one, you are welcome to. If you choose to leave your class to nurse, please ask the lead teacher if he or she would like someone from the nursery to come and take your place while you are gone.

We have taken several considerations in mind as we formed this policy and have based our decision on Biblical principles. We want to always be respectful of the men and boys in our co-op. We do not know what they may struggle with and would never want to make them feel uncomfortable while at co-op. The following Scriptures speak to this:

I Corinthians 8:9, 12 "But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak...sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ."

I Corinthians 9:12 "...we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ."

I Corinthians 10:23-24 "All things are lawful, but not all things ... build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

Romans 14:12-13 "So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother."

Romans 14:21 "It is good not to...do anything that causes your brother to stumble."

Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of other."