**How do I create a family group or family group tree?**

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In FamilySearch, create a family group to collaborate and communicate easily with your family. Group members can send a message to the whole group and collaborate on a family group tree.

FamilySearch users can join multiple family groups (up to 10). *If you create a group, you are automatically its first member and its group administrator.*

Note: FamilySearch users under 18 years of age can join groups but must be 18 or older to create groups.

*If you already have a family group and simply want to add a family group tree to it, you can do so without creating a new group. You can simply*[*turn on the option to share a family group tree*](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/add-a-family-group-tree-to-an-existing-family-group)*instead.*

**Steps (website)**

1. On FamilySearch.org, click **Family Tree**.
2. Select **Family Groups**.
3. Click **Create Group**. If this button is not at the top of the page, you have reached the limit of 10 groups.
4. (Optional) Click  , and upload a photo for the group.
5. Enter a group name.
6. (Optional) Enter a description of the group and group rules.
7. If you want the group to have a family group tree, click **Allow this group to work together in a family group tree.**
8. Click the **check boxes** for the agreements. You may need to scroll down to see them all.
9. Click **Create Group**.
10. If the group will have a family group tree, your private tree appears. Click on the people that you want to copy into the family group tree:  
    1. Click the **check box** in the tile of each person that you want to include in the family group tree.
    2. Use the **arrow keys** to show siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles on the chart.
    3. Click **Copy to Group**.
    4. Click **Continue to Pedigree**.

**Steps (mobile app)**

Note: While you can create family groups in the Android version of the Family Tree mobile app, you cannot share family group trees. Until this feature is added to the Android mobile app, we recommend using Family Tree on a web browser instead.

In the Family Tree mobile app, open the family groups feature:

* + Apple iOS: Tap **More**.
  + Android: In the top-left portion of the screen, tap  .

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5. (Optional) Enter a description of the group and group rules.
6. If you want the group to have a family group tree, click **Allow this group to work together in a Family Group Tree**.  
   * This option is currently available in the iOS version of the Family Tree mobile app.
   * If you do not see this option, you may need to update the app.
7. If you want the group to work together on a family group tree, tap the **check box**.
8. Tap the **check boxes** for the agreements.
9. Tap **Save**.
10. If the group will have a family group tree, select **Tree**, and choose the individuals you want to include.  
    * To add just yourself to this family group tree, tap **Copy Just Myself**. To copy people from your private list, tap the names, and tap **Copy Selected**.
    * Tap **Continue to Tree**.
    * Tap **Switch**.

**Next steps**

After you have created a family group, you need to do a few more things if your group has a tree:

* Add your family to the tree. You can copy from your private tree or enter them manually.
* Invite your family to join the group.
* Assign 1 or 2 additional group members to be administrators.

**Related articles**

[How do I add a Family Group Tree to an existing family group?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/add-a-family-group-tree-to-an-existing-family-group)  
[What are family groups?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/what-are-family-groups)  
[How do I invite people to join a family group?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/invite-people-to-join-a-family-group)  
[How do I join a family group?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/join-a-family-group)  
[How do I edit a group’s name, photo, or description?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/edit-a-family-groups-name-photo-or-description)  
[How do I give administration rights in a family group?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/give-administration-rights-in-a-family-group)  
[How do I message the members of a family group?](https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/article/send-a-message-to-a-family-group)