

# YOUTH CONFERENCE RULES OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS

*(MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY ALL ADULT SPONSORS AND OLDER YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP ROLES)*

**RULES:** All rules apply equally to youth and adults sponsoring youth. All rules were formed by the District Youth Steering Committee (DYSC) for liability reasons and conferee safety. Enforcement of the conference rules is the responsibility of EVERY conferee with overall supervision by the DYSC officers. Adults sponsoring youth are not expected to be the primary rule enforcers, but are expected to be full conference participants. Adults sponsoring youth and youth leaders are expected to serve as good role models and to have a signed code of ethics when they check in at conferences.

Attendees will remain on site at all times	At least 1 adult per 10 youth from each church must be present (1-7 for Jr. High events)
Being outside designated areas at any time is prohibited	Illegal use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and weapons are prohibited
NO SEX!	Everyone must attend all mandatory planned activities
Caffeine pills and other unnecessary drugs are not allowed	Single sex and co-ed sleeping areas will be available. (Only single sex sleeping areas at Jr. High events.) At least one adult will be assigned to each sleeping area
Smoking is not condoned during the conference for youth or adults	Sexual behavior which detracts from the conference community will not be tolerated
Adhere to site rules	Cars are off limits during the con except for approved con business

In the event of a rules infraction, the Conference Rules Committee will be convened to determine the consequences of the rule infraction.

## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR ADULTS AND OLDER YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP ROLES WITH YOUTH**

Based on the Code of Ethics for Adults, Older Youth, and Youth who are in leadership roles with Children and Youth, adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1986.

Adults, older youth, and youth who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is therefore especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurturing, care and support that will enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized. There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Adults play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care; leaders will therefore refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive or erotic behavior with youth. Neither shall they sexually harass youth nor engage in behavior with youth that constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse. I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a youth leader, an older youth (over 18) or an adult, recognize my position of power and have read and understand the above statements of position, expectations and actions and agree to follow the Code of Ethics.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_