

SOUTH CHURCH COOPERATIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

INFANT/CHILD/YOUTH REGISTRATION 2010-2011

PLEASE COMPLETE FRONT AND BACK

Part I: Family Information

1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Address: _____
 email: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Address: _____
 email: _____

2. Infant(s)/ Child(ren)/ Youth through Grade 12:

Full Name	D.O.B.	Grade in 9/10	E-Mail (Optional) (Gr. 7-12 only)

3. Allergies, medical and/or other issues: Please provide any information that will help us ensure a safe classroom experience; i.e., medical (such as epi-pen, inhaler, medications, allergies, etc.), hearing/vision/attention difficulties, or personal concerns. *Please indicate which child is being described. Note: Alternatively, you may discuss this information with the Director of Religious Education before class begins.*

4. Additional Emergency Contacts (please include your child's **physician** and one **additional** contact):

First and Last Name of Doctor: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

First and Last Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Address: _____

Part II: Youth Permissions

1. I give South Church staff or volunteers permission to release the above information to medical authorities and to obtain medical treatment when I cannot be reached or when a delay would be dangerous to my child’s health.

Signed _____ Date _____

2. I give permission for my child(ren) to take walks within the church vicinity with their teachers or advisor. I understand that a special permission form will be provided to me for all other field trips.

Signed _____ Date _____

3. I give South Church staff or volunteers permission to post photographs of my child(ren) on the church’s web site or in other public venues under the condition that my child(ren) will not be individually identified.

Signed _____ Date _____

Part III: List of Required Forms

This registration form is required *each year* for ALL participants in the Nursery, Young Church and Youth Groups. Please include the following forms when you send in your registration. (Mail or drop off at our office: 292 State St, Portsmouth NH 03801.)

Nursery- 4th grade

- 1. Registration & Family Commitment Form

5th-6th grade

- 1. Registration & Family Commitment Form
- 2. Year-Long Permission to Participate Form
- 3. SPARKS (social group) Registration Form

7th-12th grade

- 1. Registration & Family Commitment Form
- 2. Year-Long Permission to Participate Form
- 3. Behavior Covenant

* *All these forms can be found on our website, www.southchurch-uu.org, under “REforms”.*

Part IV: Financial Contribution

Do you contribute financially to South Church?

The religious education’s greatest need is time, but as an integral part of the church we also draw on its material and financial resources. If you are not a contributing member or friend, please consider becoming one.

May we have a member of the stewardship committee contact you about making a contribution?

Yes ___ No ___

What is the most convenient way for us to reach you? _____

Thank you!

Part IV: Family Commitment

Our program succeeds because of the collective wisdom, energy and talents of the entire congregation. **Each family is expected to designate at least one adult as a religious education leader or a participant in RE activities and events.** Religious education secures Unitarian Universalism's future by nurturing in children a lifelong commitment to our values and principles.

Please check the activities below that you choose to commit to:

1. Teacher in the 2010-2011 Program:

Preferred Classroom: 3 yr. old PreK/K (5-6 yr. old)
 Elementary (1st-6th grd.) { 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, *or* 5th/6th }
 Junior Youth (7th/8th grd.)
 Senior Youth (9th-12th grd.)

Circle One: Term I (Sept.-Jan.) Term II (Jan.-May)

You will be placed on a team of four teachers and commit to teaching twice a month.

Substitute Teacher (once a month)

2. Roaming Supervisor:

Sept.-Jan.

Jan.-May

Two screened adults are needed to monitor classroom activities & provide support where needed.
(1-2 times a month)

3. Member of Religious Education Council (REC): _____

This council is the governing body for the Religious Education program. Tasks include overseeing the RE program and assisting in various subcommittees in putting together an integrated K-12 program.

4. Nursery Assistance: _____

Assist with the care of infants and toddlers. You will be contacted by the Nursery Supervisor to schedule specific dates. (1-2 times a month)

*For more detailed information about these roles,
please contact Sheila Shea at sheila@southchurch-uu.org.*

RE Activities and Events

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| 1. Child Care for Special Events:
___ Term I 9/10-1/11
___ Term II 1/11-5/11 | 5. Annual Meeting Chaperone:
___ Date TBA |
| 2. "SPARKS" 5th/6th Grade Socials
Chaperone:
___ 3rd Friday evening of each month | 6. "All Ages Sunday" Morning RE Leaders:
(teachers are off)
___ 9/19/10 (fun activity with kids)
___ other TBA |
| 3. Jr. Youth Socials Chaperone:
___ Dates TBA | 7. Refreshments for Teacher Training:
___ 9/12/10
___ 1/03/11 |
| 4. Junior and Senior Youth
Community Service Chaperone:
___ Dates TBA | 8. Social Hour on "Teacher Appreciation
Sunday" 1/24/10
___ Food Donation
___ Set-up/Clean-up |

Religious Education Council (REC) Members:

Bryan Campbell (Chair), bryanleith@gmail.com
Barney Hoop, bhoop@earthlink.net
Susan Remillard, susanremillard@hotmail.com
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Sheila Shea, ex officio member

Staff Contacts:

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SOUTH CHURCH
YEAR-LONG PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AND GENERAL RELEASE

_____ has my permission as his/her parent or legal guardian to participate in any and all events and activities sponsored or endorsed by South Church during the next twelve (12) months. I acknowledge that by participating in church-sponsored events, my child may be involved in activities that occur both on and off church property, involving the crossing of streets, and taking place during both day and evening hours, occasionally involving overnight stays, requiring transportation by motorized vehicle, involving the preparation and consumption of food and involving the use of tools, chemicals, fire or other materials and objects. I further acknowledge that by participating in church-sponsored events, my child may become involved in recreational and sporting activities, including but not limited to hiking, climbing, swimming, skiing, basketball, volleyball, baseball, and Frisbee. Accordingly, I acknowledge that participation in church-sponsored events involves certain dangers and risks, may expose my child to hazards of bodily injury or property damage and may result in my child being unable to contact me or unable to receive immediate medical assistance if injury occurs.

In recognition of these risks and realities and in consideration of my child being offered the opportunity to participate in and benefit from these church-sponsored events, I agree on behalf of myself and my child to release, waive and disclaim any and all liabilities of or claims against South Church, its ministers, officers, board members, supervisors, agents, servants, employees and all private persons or organizations volunteering services without charge to transport, supervise or chaperone my child while participating in such church-sponsored activities, including but not limited to any or all liabilities or claims for personal injury, property damage, court cost, attorneys' fees and interests, however caused or accrued, as a result of my child participating in the church-sponsored events.

I agree that South Church, its minister, officers, board members, supervisors, agents, servants, and/or employees have the right to terminate the participation of my child in any or all church-sponsored activities for failure to behave and act in accordance with the church's regulations on conduct, for failure to follow instructions and directions of the activity supervisor(s) and/or chaperone(s) or for any conduct of my child deemed by the church, its ministers, officers, board members, supervisors, agents, servants and/or employees, in their sole discretion to be detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort or welfare of the others or the activity as a whole. I further agree to indemnify South Church, its minister, officers, board members, supervisors, agents and/or employees for any and all damage or injury my child may cause to others as a result of his/her participation in the church-sponsored events.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Print name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

SOUTH CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST YOUTH GROUP BEHAVIOR PRINCIPLES

Preface

The strength of our community is derived from the principles that are shared by Unitarian Universalists and South Church members of all ages. Such principles are essential to guide behavior and thus to create a feeling of trust and community at all Sr. Youth Group events. The following set of behavior principles applies to all activities and events, either at South Church or off-site. All principles are guided by the ultimate goal of creating a strong, loving, religious community.

A strong, healthy community requires that we take care of ourselves. This includes having consideration and respect for the physical and emotional well-being of ourselves, each other, the community, and our hosts. In addition, we must have respect for the well-being of the place of gathering and the earth and its resources. For participants to grow and mature in self-worth, inclusiveness is essential. Senior Youth Group gatherings, overnights, outreach activities, or conferences are no place for abusive or demeaning behavior. **To attain this goal of inclusiveness, we believe in:**

- Acceptance and celebration of the rich diversity of lifestyles, backgrounds, and spirituality.
- Education about the damaging effects of prejudice and bigotry.
- Accessibility of facilities and activities for those with special needs.
- A commitment to resolve conflicts through discussion and mediation while avoiding verbal, emotional, and physical violence.
- Language and actions consistent with the goal of an inclusive community. Sexual harassment and other verbal and emotional abuse damages the community.

Behavior Rules

The preservation of safety and community is the goal of rules. **The following rules apply to all events and gatherings:**

- In accordance with State and Federal Laws, the use of alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes are forbidden.
- No weapons of any kind will be brought onto the premises of the Church or at any off-site event.
- Verbal, sexual or physical abuse will NOT be tolerated and is in violation of State and Federal Laws.
- No one shall leave the premises during any event without first checking with the adult leaders.
- During overnights, every one will respect the Quiet Room and not disturb any one who is sleeping.
- Participants have to provide a signed Permission Slip for any activity other than weekly gatherings as outlined in the South Church Safe Congregation Policy.
- Friends/guests may be invited to any event with permission of the entire group.
- No sexual activity will take place during any event, or on the premises.

- Participants must be registered to participate in the Youth Program by completing a RE Registration form.
- Participants and their parents or guardians must sign this Behavior Code.

Confidentiality

We recognize the importance confidentiality plays in creating an environment of trust and support. Personal events and feelings that are shared by individuals with the Group or to adult leaders are not shared with parents, with a few important exceptions. This doesn't mean, however, that the Director of Religious Education, the Ministers or parents don't know what the Youth Group is doing. Advisors routinely meet with the Director of Religious Education and sometimes the Ministers to keep them informed of what is happening. The DRE and the Ministers abide by the same code of confidentiality.

Should the Adult Advisors be made aware of circumstances with the teens where the teens are in danger of being harmed or of harming themselves, the Advisors will be working with the DRE and/or the Ministers to work on ways to provide intervention or care. In the State of New Hampshire, anyone working with children and/or youth are considered mandatory reporters; therefore, if an adult believes a youth is being physically, emotionally, or sexually abused they are required by law to report it to the State through the Division for Children, Youth and Families. Please see South Church's Safe Congregation Policy for further details of this process.

Enforcement & Consequences

Minor offenses will be addressed by the adult leaders at the time of the infraction and may include discussion with the Group as a whole. Consequences may include immediate dismissal from the event or activity and discussion with the teen's parents or guardians. Major offenses which include breaking state or federal laws will result in immediate dismissal from the event or activity; communication with parents or guardians; communication with the DRE and/or the Ministers of South Church; and review of further continuance with the Youth Group.

Signed:

I am aware of the Behavior Principles that govern my relationship to the Youth Group at South Church, to the Church community, and to the greater Portsmouth and UU Communities. I am in receipt of the Behavior Principles and agree to abide by them.

Youth Name – Please Print

Youth Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date