



Adviser Registration Form

Wis-CON-sin Overnighter: Jan. 14-15, 2024

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - 1342 N Astor St, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Return this completed form by **Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024**

Name				Congregation			
Is this your first youth conference?	YES			NO			
Address							
E-mail				Phone #			
Age			Gender				
Allergies				T-shirt Size	Small_	Medium_	Large_ XL_
					XXL_		
Drivers to the Youth Conference:							
Driver's License State			Number			Expiration Date	
Auto-Insurance Company				Policy Number			
Youth I will be responsible for: (6:1 Ratio Adults to Youth)							
1.			2.			3.	
4.			5.			6.	
Dietary Preferences:							
Omnivore	Vegetarian	Vegan	Other dietary Needs:				

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advisers are Free.

- 1) **Event will begin at 4pm Sunday and end at noon on Monday; two meals and snacks are planned.**
- 2) **Capacity for this event is 60.** Registration is filled on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will end on Jan. 10** or when the event reaches capacity, whichever comes first.
- 3) Youth must be at least 13 years of age to attend.
- 4) Youth may not drive themselves to or from the event.
- 5) Youth may only attend only if pre-registered.
- 6) Adult chaperones (especially drivers from out of town) from participating congregations are required for groups over 2 youth. Please complete the Adviser Registration information.
- 7) Submit this completed form and return to youth adviser or director/minister of religious education.
- 8) Cancellation Policy: A refund is available only if you notify the host congregation in writing (email preferred) by the registration deadline 1/7/24.
- 9) YOUTH paper registration forms (or printouts) will be kept with the attending adult leaders, who are responsible for having the forms at the event in case of emergency or situation requiring parental contact.

Questions? Contact Rev. Kimberlee Carlson, FUSM MRE:
 Kimberlee.carlson@uumilwaukee.org

ROLE OF ADULT LEADERS AND ETHICS STATEMENT

All adults and older youth participating in events sanctioned by the Southern Area Youth Council of the UUA shall read, become familiar with, and abide by, the UUA'S "Code of Ethics for Persons Working With Children and Youth in Programs".

ROLE OF ADULT LEADERS

Adults working with children and youth in the context of our Unitarian Universalist faith have a crucial and privileged role, one which may carry with it a great deal of power and influence. Whether acting as a youth advisor, chaperone, child-care worker, teacher, minister, registrant at a youth-adult conference, or in any other capacity, the adult has a special opportunity to interact with our young people in ways which are affirming and inspiring to the young people and to the adult. Adults can be mentors to, role models for, and trusted friends of children and youth. They can be teachers, counselors, and ministers. To help our children grow up to be caring and responsible adults can be a meaningful and joyful experience for the adult and a lifetime benefit to the young person.

While it is important that adults be capable of maintaining meaningful friendships with the young people they work with, adults must exercise good judgment and mature wisdom in using their influence with children and youth and refrain from using young people to fulfill their own needs. Young people are in a vulnerable position when dealing with adults and may find it difficult to speak out about the inappropriate behavior of adults.

Adult leaders need to pay a special dedication to working with our young people in ways which affirm the UUA principles. Good communication skills, self-awareness, and understanding of others, sensitivity, problem-solving, and decision-making skills and a positive attitude are all, important attributes.

Additionally, in recruiting adult leaders we should also seek persons who;

- 1) Have a social network outside of their religious education responsibility in which to meet their own needs for friendship, affirmation, and self-esteem, and;
- 2) Are willing and able to seek assistance from colleagues and religious professionals when they become aware of a situation requiring expert help or intervention.

It is ultimately the responsibility of the entire society or conference community, not just those in leadership positions, to create and maintain a climate which supports the growth and welfare of children and youth.

With the aforementioned in mind, the following statement is submitted as a "Code of Ethics" for adults working with children and youth.

CODE OF ETHICS

Adults and older 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 nurture, care, and support that will enable children and 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 children and youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that children, youth, and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care; therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with children and youth. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior which constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.

Leaders shall be informed of the "Code of Ethics" and agree to it before assuming their role. In cases of violation of this code, appropriate action will be taken. (Approved by the UUA Board of Trustees June 22 and 28, 1986)

I have read, concur with, and agree to abide by all portions of the above statements and all Youth CON rules.

NAME: _____ **Congregation & City:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____