

Name: _____

Note: You must complete both pages of this form and bring it with you. You must also register online for the conference. Please make sure that all the youth you bring with you have registered online, have all their forms completed and signed, and have their registration fee with them.

CONFERENCE RULES FOR ADULTS

You must read all of the following rules in their entirety, and fully understand them. If you have questions please contact the YAC Conference Dean or Co-Chairs.

I wish to attend this Ohio Meadville District's YRUU event held by the Youth Adult Committee, and I agree to the following rules. I will not...

- Engage in any form of verbal or physical Violence with anyone.
- Vandalize any property
- Leave the church grounds, unless discussed and approved by a co-chair.
- **SMOKE! ****
- I will not be alone with a youth, at any time.
- Possess, Obtain, Deal, or come in contact with any Drug or Alcoholic substance.
- Engage in any form of SEX with ANYONE
- Ignore someone saying "NO"...NO MEANS NO!
- Leave a mess. I will: "Clean Up My Own Darn Stuff"

** If an adult **over the age of 25** has a problem with the "no smoking rule", but would like to attend a conference, please contact a co-chair for further discussion.

I have read completely, understand and agree to follow the above rules completely: I have read completely, and signed both Sponsor Forms of the Ohio Meadville District YAC Adult Conference Packet and I understand that if I have questions, I will contact a Co-Chair. **I have registered for this event online.** *By agreeing to be a sponsor I assume responsibility for my youth's medication for the weekend and take charge in holding on to and administering them in most cases.* Please note that video and photos may be taken during this event and used in district publications including the website. I ___ give permission ___ do not give permission for my likeness to be used in this way.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You can sponsor 6 youth if any of them are in 7th-9th grade or 8 youths if they are all in 10th grade through age 19. Note: All cons at First Unitarian of Cleveland in Shaker Heights only allow a max of 6 youths regardless of age due to local ordinances.

Youth you are sponsoring:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

CODE OF ETHICS FOR ADULTS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

All Adults **MUST** read the following **in its entirety**, and must fully understand the following.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact a co-chair with your questions.

In response to an increased awareness and understanding of the importance of relationships between adults, youth and children in the church environment, the Youth Adult Committee has submitted this Code of Ethics. **Please read it carefully.** You are being asked to embrace these standards and covenant to follow the behavior guidelines with all youth attending this conference, sponsored by the OMD YRUU.

Adults and older youth in leadership roles hold the position of stewardship in fostering spiritual development. It is especially important that those in leadership positions provide appropriate nurture, care and support. Spiritual growth in human beings includes physical, emotion, intellectual and sexual identities. Please be mindful that all communication has the potential of carrying harmful messages. Communication includes body language, facial expressions and tone of voice, as well as choice of words in written and verbal expression.

Children, youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders engage in physical, emotional, verbal or intellectual abuse of any kind. In addition, behavior that is seductive, erotic or contains sexual innuendo can be especially damaging.

As of April 21, 2001, the state of Ohio requires all organizations that “provide care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation to children” notify every volunteer with unsupervised access to a child of the following:

The volunteer must be informed that, at any time in the future, he/she may be required to provide a set of fingerprints, and that a criminal background check may be made on the volunteer using those fingerprints.

Under current legislation, there is no requirement to actually obtain fingerprints or conduct criminal background checks. At this time, the only requirement is that volunteers be notified that such steps may be taken in the future.

As a leader and role model at any OMD YRUU youth conference, you are asked to covenant to follow these guidelines.

“I covenant to...

1. Be mindful that spiritual growth, in both my own and that of others, encompasses all of the following aspects of relationship (spiritual)...
2. Be consciously gentle and non-threatening in all physical contact and proximity with children and youth and adults (physical)...
3. Communicate in a manner that is positive and affirming, as feelings and ideas are shared most honestly in a safe environment (emotional/intellectual)...
4. Refrain from all behaviors, both verbal and physical, that are in any way erotic, seductive or sexual in nature (sexual)...

...I understand that in case of violation, appropriate action will be taken.”

My signature below verifies that I have read the above **in its ENTIRETY** and I covenant to uphold the above four statements in my work with all youth who attend this conference sponsored by OMD YRUU, and that I have read and understand the statement regarding the Ohio law as explained above.

Please Print name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____