

NED Spring Youth Conference

May 2-4, 2008 Rowland Hall AT FERRY BEACH, SACO, MAINE

ARRIVE 7:00 PM Friday <>**LEAVE** 2 PM Sunday (NOTE Change of Time)

ELECTION OF **Youth Adult Committee (YAC)**

BRIDGING (Young Adults, DREs, ministers, parents– please join us at 1 p.m.)

(Con coordinator: **Benette Sherman, district program consultant**)

AGES: Grades 6-12

ADULTS: At least one adult is needed for every 10 youth from a church. (See reverse side for notes for adults.)

BRING: DO NOT FORGET (✓ as you pack!)

warm clothes, gear for rainy weather, toiletries, sleeping bag or bedding

Secret Buddy stuff (Secret Buddy is someone whose name you pick from a basket. You put good vibes -- nice notes, candy, small toys and gadgets, pretty shells, pictures -- into his/her bag. Your Secret Buddy will put things in your bag.) There will be a Buddy Bag Store.

flashlight with working batteries

warm fuzzies (good feelings)

towel for shower toothbrush/paste

goodies for your snack and to share

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Food: No supper Friday. Meals: 3 meals Saturday, Breakfast Sunday. Bring snacks for self and to share.

Showers, yes **Some** areas have heat.

Registration: Complete Registration Form/and return with payment, to UU District Office, 10 Ferry St. #318, Concord, NH 03301 **by April 22, 2008--no exceptions!** Participation will be confirmed with churches
Cancellations after April 30?-NO REFUND

Cost: \$60 Make checks to NED YRUU.

Need help with the Conference Cost? Call on **A.Nony Mouse!** To apply, a letter must be submitted with the Conference Registration, stating why the sponsorship is needed. At least 25% of the registration fee (or \$13 minimum for this conference) must accompany the application/registration. The applicant must be active in a local UU church, in some way, realizing that not all churches have active youth groups. The letter must be signed by someone from the church, such as the Youth Advisor, Director of Religious Education, or Minister. Applicants will be informed of decision by April 17 at the latest.

Directions-read Carefully. Go to ROWLAND. From Turnpike Exit 5, take Rte. 195 to the end, where it becomes a street. As the street turns, go to the right of Seven-Eleven onto Temple Ave. to Ocean Park. Go to the 4 way stop

sign, and turn right onto Route 9. Follow this for about 2+ miles (ignore the signs for Ferry Beach State Park) toward Camp Ellis. Turn onto Morris Ave, a street *before* the Ferry Beach Park sign on the right. Rowland is the last building on the left. Come in the front door, stairs.

Register BEFORE YOU UNLOAD

For RE leaders, YAC members, or other congregational leaders

Please make sure that youth, parents and adult advisors receive the registration form and flier. You may want to post the flier on your church bulletin board and/or in the youth rooms. The following is for you to read and communicate to others.(but you may also want to pass this page on to advisors)

Hold a pre-conference meeting for youth, parents and the adults who will be attending the conference.

Discuss the event, conference code, local arrangements, leadership, and travel.

Youth and advisors from NH/VT may participate provided there is space and provided they follow the safety guidelines (youth come with an adult sponsor). Age guidelines are 6th grade-12th grade.

Adults with youth at conferences

- Congregations are responsible for/must endorse the adults from their congregation. Every attempt should be made to recruit adults who have been “checked” i.e. applications with references on file and background checks completed and cleared. If the recruited adult has not been “checked” then the local church coordinator must submit the name to the district program consultant, Benette Sherman who will secure the background checks. (keeping in mind the time constraints)
- Congregations are encouraged to pay the registration fee for the adults
- Ratio of adults to youth at the weekend is 1:10. Parents can drive to youth to the con and not attend the con. (they do not need to go

through the background checks, etc) If this happens parents should not leave youth until the youth are connected with their advisor. The adult con coordinator should also be informed of this.

- Adults may cover youth not from their congregations. Parents, RE leaders and advisors need to communicate about this and inform the con coordinator. This arrangement should be reflected on the registration sheet.
- RE leaders or local coordinator should make adult advisors aware of special needs or considerations of youth for whom advisors are responsible.

Transportation is the responsibility of the churches and parents, however when an event is sponsored by the district YAC we must follow district safety policies.

- Drivers must have licenses and insurance coverage must be current. If the driver of youth is not 25 years or older then parents must complete and submit a special permission form to the district stating they give permission for their youth to travel with the driver.
- Vehicles must be safe and have working seatbelts for all occupants.
- **Youth driving youth is not allowed.** This practice presents a huge liability risk for the church, church leadership, district and district leadership. The practice of youth driving themselves is also strongly discouraged. The only way this can happen is for parents to complete a special permission form and send it to the district before the event. **It is the parents' responsibility to contact the district program consultant for this form.**
- Concerns about adult driving behavior will be reported to the church coordinator.

Overnight arrangements

Friday night: Everyone sleeps in their own rooms. On Saturday night everyone can sleep in one common room. **Sharing of blankets and sleeping bags is not allowed.** Friday night lights out is 1 a.m. Saturday night is a choice of staying up all night, late or going to sleep. The all- nighter is a privilege, not a right.

Adult expectations at the conference

- Are resources for youth and need to be available and visible to interact with youth.

- Are expected to stay at the conference for the entire weekend. If they cannot, this needs to be communicated on the registration form stating who will stand in for them
- Should establish check-in times with youth under their responsibility to assess well being, concerns, issues.
- Assist in chaperoning activities including late night and Saturday overnight.
- Participate fully in all activities
- Report concerns or issues to the adult coordinator and/or deans.
- Maintain clear boundaries and model appropriate and respectful behavior
- Assist adult coordinator when needed

Problem resolution process

Issues are brought to the attention of the deans or adult coordinator by any participant. Action will be taken by the conference leadership (deans, chaplains, adult coordinator). The adult coordinator has the ultimate responsibility. Confidentiality will be protected.

- YAC members at the conference may be involved in discussion of action to be taken and may recommend actions (consequences) up to and including expulsion from activity (ies) at the participant's expense.
- Focus is on the specific incident, although history of past behaviors may be a factor.
- The need for and the implications of actions are discussed with the individual involved
- The conference coordinator has the authority to dismiss participants/arrange transportation from the event.

More detailed daily schedules will be emailed to registered participants.

Thanks for your contributions!

Northeast District Registration Form and District Medical Liability Release for Spring Con, May 2-4, 2008

Adult Advisors/Parents/Youth—Complete all information below and return with \$60 check payable to NED YRUU to Joy Blanchette, 10 Ferry St. #318, Concord, NH 03301 Fax # 603-226-3011 Questions about registration? Benette Sherman Phone # 603-228-8704 bsherman@uua.org

Adult Coordinators: Benette Sherman

Deadline is April 22 with a maximum of 80 (first come, first served)

Everyone

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Your grade _____

Email (**print very clearly**) _____

Congregation _____

Youth All youth **MUST** be accompanied by a sanctioned adult advisor. (including NH/VT youth) This person is also usually the driver, but may be someone else at the con. Parents, DREs, and advisors must all know who the adult advisor is. **Your adult advisor is** _____

And is from which congregation _____

Parent/guardians email _____

Everyone

Emergency contact(s):

Name _____

Relationship: _____
phone#s _____

Diet: _____

Medical History

Medical conditions: _____

Allergic to any food or medication?

YES NO (if
yes, specify: _____

Other condition or special-care needs (specify): _____

Medications

Group leaders must be informed of any prescription medication brought by youth, with clear information as to proper use and dosage. If medication is 'as needed', your child must understand the symptoms of their condition and know when to ask for help. Adults will only dispense medication with parental permission.
List medications youth may be taking this weekend.

INSURANCE INFORMATION, MEDICAL CONSENT & LIABILITY RELEASE

MEDICAL INSURANCE (company & policy number): _____

Policyholder's

name: _____

***** PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF INSURANCE CARD(s) TO BACK OF FORM *****

*******PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT*******

As legal guardian of the above-named minor/high schooler, I give my permission for him/her to be involved in the Youth Ministry program(s), named above, of the NED District. I am familiar with the general goals and purpose of the program(s). I understand that youth and adults at the event must read and sign a Behavior code. If my child needs to be sent home for any reason, including behavior problems or medical reasons, I agree it will be at my expense and time.

As the above-named legal guardian I hereby attest that I have read this complete document; all information provided is complete and true; I have legal standing to make decisions which affect the rights of the above-named participant; and, I understand and consent to all terms outlined on both pages of this document.

I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks and dangers inherent and incidental to Youth Ministry activities and travel, understanding that some activities may pose a risk of injury. I will not hold liable the NED District, their employees, agents and event/youth group leaders for any injury, illness or property damage involving the above-named participant no matter how caused. Whenever deemed necessary by group leaders, I authorize the calling of a doctor and/or the providing of other medical services and, unless covered by insurance, agree to pay for same. If the above-named participant is incapacitated or under age 18, I do hereby authorize group leaders as agent for the undersigned, to consent with respect to such participant to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care which is deemed advisable by a state-licensed physician or surgeon.

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____

Date _____

CONFERENCE CODE

In order to hold a safe and effective conference, I, the Unitarian Universalist conference participant (youth or adult), promise to:
♦Above all, respect others and not engage in behavior that constitutes verbal, emotional, physical or sexual abuses to self or others.

♦Take responsibility for my actions. My actions affect the people around me.

♦Not engage in sexual activity or violence and not have weapons or drugs at the conference. (No tobacco, alcoholic or unauthorized medications).

♦Stay on the premises unless I receive specific permission from the conference coordinator to leave.

♦Keep the leadership informed of my whereabouts at all times.
♦Participate in all conference activities.

♦Sleep in designated gender-specific areas at the specified time and remain in supervised areas during gender-mixed activities.

♦Abide by all conference rules, with the knowledge that infringement of these rules may result in my expulsion from activities at the conference leaders' discretion and my own expense.

*Abide the the UU Principles

Signature of Youth or Adult attending the conference: _____

