

SW UNITEENS AGREEMENTS

At SW Region events, Uniteens expect a heartfelt commitment by all participants to come together as a supportive community to help each other gain a greater understanding of ourselves and Spirit, discover and honor our unique God-given gifts, make friends & have fun in an atmosphere of love, respect and harmony. To support an environment that creates opportunities for spiritual self-discovery, and maintains physical & emotional safety for all.

I understand my choices not only affect my own experience, but others' in the group as well. I understand that certain behaviors which may be appropriate elsewhere are not appropriate during this event. **By choosing to participate in this event, I agree to uphold SW Region policies and applicable laws. and:**

1. ...to fully participate in all scheduled activities. I will honor my time commitments, and stay in designated areas unless authorized for special leave by a group leader.

2. ...to look for the highest good in all people and situations. I will come with an open mind, looking for ways I can both give and receive to make this event a meaningful experience for all. I agree to support and respect my fellow teens, sponsors and staff. I will also show proper respect for the facilities, equipment, environment and everyone's personal belongings.

Specifically, I agree: - to listen when others are talking.

- to abide by curfew/lights-out times.

- not to take part in character assassinations, pranks, and put downs of others or myself.

- not to offend or degrade anyone with my language, jokes or music.

3. ...to give my focus during activities. If I have difficulty focusing, I agree to remain silent and still, so as not to disrupt the experience of others. I understand that electronic games are prohibited during event, and Ipods/MP3/CD players may only be used at bedtime. Cell phones, pagers & two-way radios are to remain off except when use is authorized by a sponsor.

4. ...to refrain from aggressive rough housing, fighting and other inappropriate physical contact. I recognize that, even if I am dating another Uniteen attending this event, intimate behavior is inappropriate in this group setting. I will attend to be with the entire group as a friend.

5. ...to create a safe place for authentic sharing and reflection, while eliminating pressure to participate in illegal or inappropriate activities. I will not use, possess or attend under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or other restricted substances, nor use Uniteen connections to promote illegal activities.

I understand that these agreements are necessary for the group's highest experience, and agree I have a responsibility for protecting the highest interests of sponsors, other teens and our churches. When I become aware of choices that may support our agreements, I agree to bring that to the attention of the teen(s) and sponsors, to clarify or redirect the behavior. If I show that I do not understand what constitutes appropriate behavior in this group setting, I will respect the authority of sponsors to lay out more specific guidelines for me, restrict my participation &/or send me home at my parent's expense.

X Uniteen's signature on Registration Form affirms agreement with these.

PARENT'S AGREEMENT: I have gone over this agreement with my child. Should he/she need to be returned home before the conclusion of the event, due to health, disciplinary or other problems, I will cooperate with event leaders to arrange his/her immediate transportation home at my expense.

X Parent's signature on Registration Form affirms agreement with these.

SPECIFIC SNOW-RELATED AGREEMENTS

Adopted by SW Uniteens

In the spirit of this event, to maintain harmony & avoid injury, Uniteens established the following agreements in event of snow at Winter Retreat. Past experience has proven the importance of spelling these out very clearly, so those not used to snow conditions understand appropriate etiquette:

1. Enjoy the snow -- responsibly!
2. If you throw a snowball at someone (or an area where another person is near), they must know & consent to being a target for snowballs
3. You are responsible for the consequences of your decision to throw a snowball. If you break something or injure someone, take responsibility for it -- see what you can do to fix the situation, rather than running away or denying it.
4. **THINGS TO AVOID:**
 - throwing snowballs at vehicles, buildings or camp equipment.
 - throwing snowballs near anyone's head, or at anyone not expecting it.
 - packing snowballs into iceballs or including rocks.
5. Inability to abide by these agreements will result in event restrictions &/or **LOSS OF SNOW PRIVILEGES FOR ENTIRE GROUP.**
6. Remember: you can have fun without hurting someone else.