

Southwest Y.O.U. Group Agreements

By choosing to attend this SW Y.O.U. event, I agree to do my part to help create a fulfilling spiritual experience for all. I understand my choices not only affect my own experience, but others' in the group as well. My commitment is to support an environment that creates opportunities for spiritual self-discovery, and maintains physical & emotional safety for all.

I understand that certain behaviors which may be appropriate elsewhere are not appropriate during this event. In addition to SW Region policies and applicable laws, I willingly agree to:

1. Respect all present, and take reasonable care of the facility and myself.
2. Look for the highest good in all people and situations, and find ways I can both give and receive to make this event a unique and meaningful experience. I will show loving support and gratitude for all facilitators, speakers, and staff. I will not be part of character assassinations, pranks, put-downs or judgments of others or myself. Nor will I offend or degrade others with my language, jokes or music.
3. Be open to, and fully present for, the experience. I will attend required activities on time, give my focus during activities, and stay in designated areas, unless authorized for special leave by Event Staff. I understand that, unless I have secured prior Event Coordinator approval otherwise, I am committing to arrive by the designated time for check-in for this event, and to stay through the posted closing time. From my arrival until closing of the event, I will not operate, or ride in, a vehicle except with Event Coordinator approval.
4. If I have difficulty focusing during any activity, I agree not to disrupt the experience of others, and can quietly seek a sponsor for personal attention. I will honor lights' out and quiet times.
5. Restrict use of cell phones, Ipods/MP3 players and other personal electronic equipment to personal time (*unless otherwise authorized by a sponsor due to an emergency*). Electronic games and multimedia devices are not to be used during the event, but may be approved by sponsor for use during travel.
6. Create a safe space for authentic sharing and reflection about one's experiences on their unfolding spiritual path, while eliminating pressure to participate in illegal or inappropriate activities. I will not use this event or my SW Y.O.U. connections to promote, encourage, facilitate, conceal or arrange participation in illegal or inappropriate activities – including but not limited to use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or other restricted substances. If I may have difficulty abstaining from restricted activities or substances, I understand it is my responsibility to discuss support needs with my Sponsor(s) and Event Staff.
7. Maintain a positive, spiritual intention in all of my personal relationships. I will not engage in sexual activity, unwanted physical contact, or public displays of affection which cause others present to feel uncomfortable. Recognizing that other have different comfort zones, experiences and triggers with sensitive areas (such as sexuality, body image, family backgrounds, coping mechanisms, etc.), I will save discussions about topics that cause others to feel uncomfortable for deeper private or group sharing or processing settings.

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 and our churches. When I become aware of choices that may not support our agreements, I agree to bring that to the attention of the teen(s) and sponsors, to clarify or redirect the behavior. I understand my willingness and ability to uphold these agreements are required to participate in YOU activities. If I choose not to uphold them during an event, I understand my participation at this/future YOU activities may need to be restricted, any event-related fees forfeited, and I can be sent home early at parent/chapter expense.

Y.O.U.'er: x signature on form indicates agreement

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*Agreements start once you begin travel with your group,
and end after you have returned home or been picked up by parent/guardian.*