

SOUTHWEST UNITEENS

SW Region Event Agreements

At Southwest 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 commit to the following...

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. I will arrive during the designated check-in time, and stay through the event closing.

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, and CD Players/Walkmans may only be used at bedtime. Cell phones, pagers & two-way radios are to remain off during the entire event unless 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 as a friend to the entire group.

5. ...to seek "natural highs" only. I understand that use, possession or coming under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or other restricted substances is not needed or welcome.

6. ...maintain a positive spiritual intention in all of my personal relationships. I will not engage in unwanted physical contact or public displays of affection which cause others present to feel uncomfortable.

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. 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, remove me from the group &/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.