

Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2010-2011

Parent: _____

Parent: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please identify which Religious Education program(s) your child/youth is participating in:



9 AM RE Groups



11AM Spirit Play Program



Senior Youth Group

Child's Name: _____ Age: ___ Grade: ___ DOB: _____

Special needs, allergies and other comments:

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Special needs, allergies and other comments:

RE Supply fee: \$10 per child (no more than \$25 per family)

Amount Enclosed:

Checks can be made out to Allen Ave Unitarian Universalist Church, please write "RE Snack" is the message line. Put in DRE box at church or mail it to our church address.

RE Program and Medical Permission Form 2010-2011

I give permission for my child(ren) _____ to participate in the Religious Education programs for youth and children sponsored by Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church ("A2U2") during Sunday morning programs or to go on youth group local outings that are part of the group's meetings.

I authorize emergency medical treatment to be given to my child(ren) if it is not possible to consult with me before hand. I further release Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist church, volunteers, or staff from liability for personal injury or property damage sustained during a field trip. This permission will remain in effect until June 20,2011, or if I notify A2U2 that I revoke this permission before this date.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent Volunteering

Religious Education at our church is always a community effort with a commitment of time and energy from a large core of volunteers. Each family with a registered child is expected to help with the program during the year. There are a variety of ways to help. *You must choose something in Section I.* You may choose additional ways to volunteer in Section II afterwards. Only members and friends of six months or more are expected to volunteer. *If you have been attending six months or less you do not have to volunteer yet.* **If two parents are completing this form together, please specify who's able to do what.**

SECTION I

_____ Volunteer as a RE Leader for a 9am RE Group (13 Sundays for the year) You can sign up or we can assign you a group and Sundays to teach. (New leaders will be teamed with past leaders to assist and learn). Contact the DRE, Anne Mann 423-7054 for details on curricula for this year if you wish.

_____ Volunteer as a RE Leader/helper for the 11am RE Group (13 Sundays for the year)

_____ Interested in being an adult advisor to the Senior Youth Group (Interviews are required)

_____ Join the RE Committee (meets 1x monthly)

SECTION II

Additional volunteer opportunities:

_____ Lead a one-time 40-minute activity for a multi-age (3-13 year olds) Sunday program at the 9 am worship time. Ideas include leading arts, crafts, kid-friendly spiritual practice, yoga, music, kids choir, drama, storytelling, cooperative games, writing, dance, cooking, nature exploration and so on.

_____ Coordinate and/or help plan an intergenerational event like the Harvest Party, Spaghetti and Caroling night, Birthday Party, Ferry Beach Retreat, etc.

_____ Help with a RE Work Party (once or twice a year)

_____ Help RE Committee with "office work", mailings, and other RE responsibilities.

_____ Coordinate "Birthday Club" book giving program for church RE Library.

1st Parent _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

2nd Parent _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____

Family Cooperation Agreement

As an *intergenerational* community, each person, no matter what age, helps make this a church that is welcoming to everyone. Adults, children and youth are all expected to follow basic rules and agreements to make this a safe and enjoyable space for all. The Religious Education Committee asks that families read through and talk about this agreement together.

1. Treat others with respect and kindness in both words and actions. This means listening and waiting during others' turns, including everyone in activities and games, respecting other people's space and bodies, sharing limited supplies and using appropriate language. Put downs and name-calling are not acceptable. Remember our seven principals!
2. Seek help when you need it. There can be all sorts of situations when help is needed, whether it is to answer questions, sort out a conflict, or make a big project happen. Adults you trust at the church can help solve problems, or help you figure out how to solve a problem yourself.
3. Respect the church building and outside area. Walk at all times in the building. Running, ball playing, and yelling are all outside activities. Older children and youth especially need to be mindful of the swing set; it is designed for smaller children and must be used gently by bigger kids to keep it from breaking. Respecting the building also means cleaning up after yourself. Cups and mugs need to go back where they come from, trash thrown away, and games and supplies picked up before you leave.
4. Follow church rules. The church has a number of rules that apply both to children as well as youth and adults:

KITCHEN: On Sunday mornings, only people who are preparing food or coffee, or doing clean up should be in the kitchen. Children need to have an adult with them to be in the kitchen.

SANCTUARY: The sanctuary is a place where people go to be quiet and thoughtful, especially during the worship service and the Lesson for All ages. We ask that everyone tries their best to hold still, listen, and share appropriately. After the worship service, the pulpit area, microphone and piano are off limits.

CHURCH OFFICE: Adults, children and youth are asked to stay out of the church office (between the kitchen and sanctuary) unless working on something specific that requires the resources of the office.

PARKING LOT: The parking lot is for parking only. It is off limits for playing or activities. Adults must accompany children at all times in the parking lot.

CHURCH GROUNDS: Woods, fields and a trail surround the church building. Children must have the permission of their parents (or RE leader during group time) before leaving church grounds.

SUPERVISION: It is the parents' responsibility to provide supervision and ensure the safety of their children outside of RE group time. Children and youth in 3rd grade (or equivalent age) and above may leave RE rooms independently at the end of the program. Younger children must wait until their parents come and collect them from the room at the end of church. RE programs end at **10:15** during the 9am session, and at **12:15** during the 11am session.

FIRE ALARMS: In the event of a fire alarm, children and youth should follow the instructions given by their RE Leaders. Parents can meet up with their children in front on the church. Be sure that RE Leaders have children accounted for before leaving the group.

5. Share your church experiences. Parents, youth and children are encouraged to talk with each other about what they thought, heard, did and learned each week at church. Families who attend more frequently often find that they connect more with the people here and what's going on. Children and youth in RE groups generally have a far greater sense of comfort and community when they attend regularly. We ask everyone to make an effort to come.
6. Have fun! Church is a place that families choose to be a part of, seek out the people and activities here that bring you joy.

We understand that all people, no matter what age, have times when it is more difficult than others to follow these rules and guidelines. On the occasions that behavior is more disruptive than a RE group can handle, children will be returned to their parent(s) for the morning, as appropriate.

Please sign and return the attached statement.

FAMILY COOPERATION AGREEMENT -Allen Avenue UU Church

Our family has read and discussed the Family Cooperation Agreement. We have all signed this paper to show that we have discussed these rules and guidelines and agree to do our best to follow them.

Signed by:

Date signed: _____

PHOTO PERMISSION

I authorize Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church of Portland, Maine and its employees, or volunteer representatives, to permit the use and display of any and all photographs or other images showing any minor child of mine in any print or electronic presentation of the Church, including a World Wide Web internet site *maintained by or on behalf of the Church*. I further release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Church and all such individuals or entities from any claim arising out of or in connection with the authorized use of those photographs or images.

Name _____ Signature _____ date _____

Children’s names _____

If anyone wishes not to have any photo of him/her published on the website, please let us know by signing this opt-out form.

I don’t want pictures of my child to appear on the website under any circumstance.

Name _____ Signature _____ date _____

Children’s names _____