

# REGISTER NOW!



## SPIRITUALITY LEARNING CONFERENCE

*Sponsored by the St. Lawrence District Youth Adult Committee*

**WHO:** all youth and adults who work with youth

**WHEN: February 6-8, 2009**

Registration will start at 8pm on Friday

Conference runs from 9PM Friday to 9AM Sunday

**WHERE:** First Unitarian Church of Rochester

220 Winton Road South, Rochester NY 14610

Directions: <http://rochesterunitarian.org/directions.html>

### What is an SLC?

This Spirituality Learning Conference (SLC) is a working con for youth and advisors who want to learn more about being a wholly spiritual Unitarian Universalist. This is the first time that the YAC is offering this type of youth conference rather than the UUA youth office program for spirituality. We would like to provide a learning environment utilizing local resources to help us develop our own personal spiritual goals and to help us lead others in worship. We will have workshop sessions Friday night and most of the day on Saturday, along with a closing session Sunday morning. Participants will be expected to attend all sessions and respect sleeping hours both nights, time to network and socialize will be provided as well. Please bring along sleeping bags and toiletries and let us know right away if you've got any dietary restrictions. We look forward to a fun and meaningful experience at this new conference model and hope that you will join us!

#### Registration Fee: \$50.00

\*If you are having trouble with the cost, ask your congregation to help send you..

#### Registration Deadline: Friday, Jan 23, 2009

\*We can have only 35 people, so make sure you turn in your registration early!

#### Mail registration fee and form to:

Casey Sutliff

2360 Route 89, Box 1288

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

(You may RSVP via e-mail by Friday, Jan 23<sup>th</sup>, but **no walk-ins will be permitted**)

**Make check payable to:** *St. Lawrence District with "SLC" in the memo*

**Extra Forms can be found at:**

<http://www.sld-yruu.org/>

For any questions or  
concerns contact:

Kelly Masters, DYC

[kelly\\_masters@hotmail.com](mailto:kelly_masters@hotmail.com) or (716) 862-0328

or

Casey Sutliff, Registrar

[rystling@gmail.com](mailto:rystling@gmail.com) or (315) 885-1919

### **\*Rules for SLD Sponsored Youth Activities**

The following rules have been approved by the St. Lawrence District Board of Trustees and **are not to be altered by a host society**. They are consistent with our Unitarian Universalist belief in freedom and responsibility and are designed to promote the well being of all the people involved in youth activities. These rules apply while traveling to and from the event.

**A.** All youth must sign indicating their agreement to these rules.

**B.** The youth Adult Committee of the St. Lawrence District, in cooperation with the host society, will assume full responsibility and have final authority for the conduct of district youth conferences and other youth events.

**C.** The age range for youth activities in the St. Lawrence District will be 12-19. It is recommended that conferences/youth events be limited to only one of the following age ranges:

a) Middle School (generally grades 6-8 and 12-15 years of age) and

b) High School Age (14-18 years or 19 if still considered high school and actively attending youth group.)

**D.** The adult/youth ratio at all St. Lawrence District sponsored youth activities will be 1:7.

**E.** No illegal drugs, alcohol, dangerous materials, or firearms.

**F.** There are generally specific areas, and possibly times, provided for smoking. See house rules of the host society for any further restrictions. Smoking will not be permitted at Middle School age events.

**G.** Sexuality is an important and healthy part of young people's lives. Conferences are an opportunity for young people to express themselves in healthy ways. Exclusive relationships detract from the community. All members of the community must respect others' physical boundaries. Inappropriate behavior (i.e. sexual intercourse or sexual harassment) is not permitted. The community reserves the right to deem any behavior inappropriate. Parents/guardians are invited to discuss this policy with their youth.

**H.** Same sex sleeping quarters will be provided at all overnight gatherings. Lights out/quiet hours will be observed in these areas. In addition, event hosts may choose to provide mixed-sex sleeping and awake areas.\*\*

**I.** No leaving or arriving at the designated conference area without permission from the registrar. Lock-in hours will be observed at all overnight gatherings.

**J.** It is expected that all conferees (youth *and* adults) will participate in the program. Adequate free time will be scheduled for fellowship and socializing.

**K.** Violation of these rules will result in a meeting of the Committee for Rules and Consequences. This committee will determine appropriate action which could include the conferee being asked to leave the conference: unless other arrangements can be made, this may mean that the entire group with whom the conferee traveled might have to leave as well.

**L.** TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

**M.** BE CONSIDERATE AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

**N.** BE RESPECTFUL OF THE MEETING PLACE. Hosting our conferences in a communal place of worship is a privilege so clean up after yourself.

**THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them.

---

Signature of conferee

Date

\*Approved by the Board of Trustees, St. Lawrence UUA on August 27, 2000

\*\*Modified by the Board of Trustees, St. Lawrence UUA on February 8, 2003

**APPENDIX H**

**ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM**

Only members of the SAME HOUSEHOLD may use the same form. All others must use separate forms. Note that the rules form must be signed as well.

Return the completed form to your advisor by the stated deadline date: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE YOU WILL HAVE ON YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ [EMAIL] \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE FEE: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. ONLY) SEX: Female Male

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF UU SOCIETY INCLUDING CITY & PROVINCE/STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF ADULT ADVISOR(S) ACCOMPANYING YOUTH

I have read and signed the SLD rules sheet and will abide by the rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Youth(s))

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I have read the attached CONFERENCE RULES and the GUIDELINES FOR SLD SPONSORED YOUTH ACTIVITIES. In case of emergency I authorize the administration of EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT, and I assume responsibility for the cost of this treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

During this trip my son/daughter will be covered by a medical plan:

no [ ] yes [ ] Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Medical Conditions: Please list relevant allergies, medications taken, dietary restrictions, etc.)

In case of emergency contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone Number) (Relationship)

**Please DO NOT sign this form unless the above is completed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth Advisor(s) accompanying Youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**APPENDIX I (PART 2)**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

Adults and youth in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is therefore especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if their potential is to be realized.

There are no more important areas of growth than those of self- worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Leaders play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that all those involved suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with those they are leading; therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with youth in the community. Nor shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior with youth that constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. Leaders shall be informed of this code of ethics and agree to it *before* assuming their role. If this code is violated, appropriate action will be taken.

As an adult or youth in a leadership role at this conference, I certify that I have read and understood the above and I agree to abide by the Conference Code of Ethics.

---

Signature

Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CONFERENCE REGISTRAR NO  
LATER THAN ONE (1) WEEK PRIOR TO CONFERENCE.