

# UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2009

## ADULT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (for youth under 18)

If you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/24/91), you must complete this form, even if your sponsor is your parent. If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/25/91), you do not need to complete this form.

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PLEASE PRINT NAMES OF SPONSOR AND YOUTH:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (sponsor), am registered for the 2009 UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 24 - 28, and will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (youth). Sponsorship means that I take responsibility for the well being, safety, and best interests of this youth at GA.

I confirm that:

- I am not sponsoring more than a total of three youth at General Assembly 2009
- I understand that the UUA Youth Ministry Office does not provide adult supervision for the week (although there will be several adults working with the Youth Caucus and available for support and assistance).
- I agree to attend a training for sponsors to take place during General Assembly.
- I understand that Youth Caucus is not a youth conference, but rather an opportunity for UU Youth who want to participate in the business of GA to be able to gather to address specific youth concerns.
- If the youth does not act accordingly, I understand I will be responsible for the consequences of her/his/hir actions.
- I will work out a system of communication with this youth during the week of General Assembly that is mutually satisfying to the youth, sponsor and parents.
- I recognize that this youth has agreed to abide by all state and local laws while attending General Assembly, and has signed a Code of Ethics that he/she/ze is responsible for his/her/hir own behavior.
- I understand the code of ethics includes not consuming alcohol at GA and that both the youth and I are bound by this code. I pledge not to drink alcohol at GA.
- I have discussed appropriate consequences for this youth's actions with her/his/hir parents.

The Undersigned, on his/her/hir own behalf, and on behalf of her/his/hir minor child/ward, does hereby RELEASE, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Association, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability of any kind or nature, including personal injuries or death, in any way arising out of, directly or indirectly, the child's/ward's attendance or participation in General Assembly.

All those who sign below indicate that they have read, discussed and understand the above terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

GA Registered Adult Sponsor Information	At GA, both Sponsor and Youth will be staying at:
Name	
Address	
Daytime Telephone	
Email	
Relationship to youth	Contact Phone at GA:

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## PARENT PERMISSION FOR SPONSORSHIP (if Sponsor is not Parent or Legal Guardian)

Complete this form if you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/24/91) and your sponsor is not your parent or legal guardian.

If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/25/91), you do not need to complete this page; if you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/24/91) and your parent or legal guardian will be your sponsor at GA, you do not need to complete this form.

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PLEASE PRINT NAMES OF PARENT, SPONSOR, AND YOUTH:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/legal guardian), give my permission  
for \_\_\_\_\_ (sponsor) to be the sponsor for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (youth) at GA 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I confirm that:

The sponsor is 25 years old or older.

I am giving the sponsor the full responsibility for the health and well being of my child during GA;  
the sponsor will act as my child's guardian on my behalf.

I understand that my youth and their sponsor are required to be in the same housing at GA.

I understand the Code of Ethics and Policy on Sexuality by which the Youth registrants and their sponsors must abide  
and have discussed these policies fully with both my child and my child's sponsor.

I understand that Youth registrants are bound by a code of ethics to not consume alcohol.

I understand that sponsors will also not consume alcohol at GA and will abide by the same Code of Ethics as the youth.

I understand that youth under the age of 18 will be referred to their sponsor for any Youth Caucus rule violations.

I understand the GA Youth Caucus staff do not provide supervision of youth at GA

and I have discussed my child's supervision with my child and my child's sponsor.

I have discussed the drinking policy and the consequences of rule violations with the sponsor.

I have discussed with the sponsor that they must be aware of my youth's whereabouts and activities 24 hours a day,

be available for support, be able to arrange travel home in case my youth is asked to leave due to rule

violations, and be available in case of emergencies.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Sponsor's Signature

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Youth's Signature

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Date

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