



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUTH REGISTRATION

Youth Registration for General Assembly (GA)

Youth registration is open to all GA attendees who are high school aged. Youth registration requires all registrants to follow the participant covenant, and requires registrants under the age of 18 to obtain an adult sponsor. If you were in secondary school (high-school) or being home-schooled at the equivalent age during the year preceding GA (2014-2015 school year), then you are considered a Youth and may register as such. Youth registration is required for youth aged 15-17, and is optional for youth aged 14, or 18+.

Fourteen year-olds who have not yet entered high school (or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) may attend GA events with a registered parent or guardian (separate no-cost registration required) or enroll in one of the available Children's Programs. Fourteen year-olds who have completed a year of high school (or the equivalent) should register as Youth.

High school aged attendees who are eighteen or older have the option of registering as adults and forgoing the lower youth registration rate. Eighteen year-olds who intend to participate in Youth Caucus programs should register as Youth.

If you have questions about whether or not you are eligible for Youth registration, contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at youth@uaa.org or (617) 948-4350.

While do our very best to provide the safest possible environment for General Assembly, the UUA cannot be held responsible for any medical emergencies that occur during the conference.

Youth Caucus at General Assembly

Youth Caucus refers to programming at General Assembly designed specifically for youth. Youth Caucus includes workshops, meetings to discuss GA business, networking and other social opportunities, and worship. Youth are also welcome and encouraged to take part in the wider GA programming, including workshops, plenary sessions, public witness and worship. Youth registration and attendance at the youth and sponsor orientation are required for all high-school aged youth, however youth registrants are not required to attend any Youth Caucus programming after the youth and sponsor orientation.

Youth Caucus is run by a staff of volunteer youth and adults and supported by the UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Youth Supervision at General Assembly

Each youth under 18 who attends GA must have a GA-registered adult sponsor, aged 25 or older, who is responsible for the youth's supervision and well-being. Youth Caucus staff is responsible for youth programming and support but not supervision. Sponsors may sponsor no more than three youth total.

However, when violations of the Participant Policies and Covenant occur, a committee of Youth Caucus staff and UUA professional staff is called together to address the infractions and determine consequences, up to and including the youth being sent home at his/her/hir own expense and being prohibited from attending future national youth events. In such an event, the sponsor is responsible for getting the youth home safely.

To Complete GA Registration:

Each youth 14-17 must submit:

- Online registration at uaa.org/ga/registration
- Full payment of registration
- Signed GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant (Form 1 of 3)
- Parent Permission for General Assembly (Form 2 of 3)
- Adult Sponsor Responsibilities Acknowledgement (Form 3 of 3)

Each youth 18+ must submit:

- Online registration at uaa.org/ga/registration
 - Full payment of registration
 - Signed GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant (Form 1 of 3)
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General Assembly 2015 Youth Caucus Form 1 OF 3
YOUTH CAUCUS PARTICIPANT POLICIES AND COVENANT for all youth

Print youth name here: _____

I am attending the 2015 General Assembly (GA) in Portland, Oregon.
I understand my behavior will affect the Youth Caucus community.

While attending GA, I will:

- Act in ways that encourage the well being, safety, and best interests of the youth and all those attending GA.
Follow the Policy on Sexuality and Community.
Respect my roommates, the larger GA community, and those in the hotel and the city who are not part of the GA community.
If in a leadership position (delegate, staff, etc.), I have read, understood, and will abide by the Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions.
Abide by all state and local laws.

I understand that:

- The UUA Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries does not provide adult supervision for those under 18 during the week of GA and therefore I will work out a system of communication with my sponsor during the week of GA that is mutually satisfying.
GA is not a youth conference, which means that: youth are responsible for managing their own time; youth are not required to stay on site; sponsors act as legal guardians for youth under 18.
If any rule violation occurs an Energy Committee of youth, UUA staff, my sponsor, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and myself may be called together to decide the consequences for my actions.
Youth who are registered for GA are prohibited from drinking alcohol while at GA. We expect that adult sponsors of youth will also model this behavior for their sponsored youth by refraining from drinking alcohol at GA.
Possession or use of drugs other than those prescribed to me (including illegal or impairing substances) is not tolerated.

Policy on Sexuality and Community

While sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people's lives, there are times and places where sexual behavior is inappropriate. This policy seeks to create a healthy and safe space for all participants. Exclusive relationships detract from the community. All participants must abide by the following policies:
Participants must respect each other's physical boundaries.
Participants shall refrain from sexual, seductive or erotic behavior while at the event.
Sexual behavior between participants at the event and sexual harassment are not permitted and will not be tolerated.
Any harassment regarding race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability will not be tolerated. Such harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. In addition, sexual advances, jokes, explicit or offensive pictures, requests for sexual favors, sext-ing, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment.
The event leadership team is responsible for ensuring this policy is enforced. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to discuss this policy with youth.

Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions

Youth in leadership positions are uniquely visible and influential in any conference community. They are expected to recognize that power imbalances exist in their interactions with other participants. Sexual behavior with participants during the event is never acceptable; additionally, youth leaders should remain aware of the impact of their actions and behave accordingly. Youth who abuse their roles as leaders, consciously or not, can damage individuals and the community. Youth leaders are expected to use their influence in a positive manner.

I, _____, have read and understand the above policies and covenant. I agree to abide by these guidelines for the duration of General Assembly 2015. I understand that if I break this agreement, the Energy Committee reserves the right to take action, which may include removing me from Youth Caucus or GA at my own expense and prohibiting me from attending future national youth events.

_____/_____/_____/2015
Youth Signature Date of Birth Today's Date



General Assembly 2015 Youth Caucus Form 2 OF 3
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM for youth under 18

Print youth name here: _____

Complete this form if you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/24/97).
If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/25/97), you do not need to complete this form.

PLEASE PRINT

1. I, _____ (parent/legal guardian), give my permission for
_____ (youth) to attend GA 2015 in Portland, Oregon.

2. I understand that General Assembly is not a youth conference. Youth Caucus staff is responsible for youth program-
ming and support at GA, but not supervision. Youth sponsors are solely responsible for providing adult supervision of the
youth while at GA. Each youth's health, well-being, safety and good behavior are the responsibility of his/her/hir sponsor.

3. _____ (sponsor) will serve as the sponsor for my
youth, and has my permission to do so. [If the youth's parent/guardian is serving as sponsor, write that parent/guardian
name here.]

4. I acknowledge that General Assembly is a highly photographed event and that any photos, audio recording or video
taken of my youth at General Assembly, or any materials submitted by my youth to the UUA, become property of the UUA
and may be used in UUA materials. If you have questions or concerns about your youth appearing in photos or videos,
please contact youth@uua.org.

5. In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at: _____

The Undersigned, on his/her/hir own behalf, and on behalf of his/her/hir minor child/ward, does hereby RELEASE, dis-
charge 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 at General Assembly.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



General Assembly 2015 Youth Caucus Form 3 OF 3

ADULT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES ACKNOWLEDGMENT *for youth under 18*

Print youth name here: _____

If you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/24/97), you must complete this form, even if your sponsor is your parent. If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/25/97), you do not need to complete this form.

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_____ (sponsor), is registered for the 2015 UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon and will sponsor _____ (youth).

We, the undersigned, confirm that:

- The sponsor is 25 years old or older
- The sponsor is given full responsibility for the health and well-being of the sponsored youth.
- The sponsor is not sponsoring more than a total of three youth at GA 2015.
- We understand that youth and sponsor are required to be in the same housing at GA unless the youth is staying with a parent/legal guardian.
- We understand that Youth Caucus is not a youth conference and that the sponsor is solely responsible for the youth's supervision.
- The sponsor will attend a required training as part of orientation.
- We have read and understood the Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant and have discussed expected behavior at GA and consequences for the youth's actions.
- We understand that the Participant Policies and Covenant prohibits consuming alcohol and other drugs and that both the youth and sponsor are bound by this code.
- We will work out a system of communication between youth and sponsor during GA that is mutually satisfying to the youth, sponsor and parent(s)/guardian(s).
- We understand that if the youth is asked to leave GA due to a rule violation that the sponsor will arrange for the youth's safe travel home at the youth/parent's expense.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Sponsor Signature

Youth Signature

Date

Date

Date

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

GA Registered Adult Sponsor Information

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Email _____

Relationship to youth _____

At GA, both Sponsor and Youth will be staying at: (if youth is staying with guardian, provide both locations).

Providing these phone numbers is mandatory

Youth Phone at GA: _____

Sponsor Phone at GA: _____

This form must be submitted to the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries by submitting a scanned copy to our secure uploading system at <https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/ga-2015-youth-caucus-form-upload>

faxing to (617) 948-6473, or mailing to Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, UUA, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210-1409. If you cannot submit this form by June 7, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at (617) 948-4350 or youth@uua.org.