

# First Parish in Concord YRUU

## Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, High School Youth Programs

### Safety Guidelines & Code of Conduct for Youth Membership

First Parish Concord is legally responsible for youth who come to YRUU on Sunday nights and other programs sponsored by YRUU and First Parish. I agree to observe the following safety guidelines and code of conduct, designed to promote the health, safety and participation of all individuals at YRUU programs at First Parish:

- 1) I will promote the creation of a safe religious youth community based on **mutual respect** and a sense of personal well being.
- 2) While at First Parish and participating in youth activities sponsored by First Parish:
  - A. I will not possess, consume, or distribute **alcoholic beverages**, even if I am of legal drinking age.
  - B. I will not possess, use, or distribute any **drugs or tobacco products**.
  - C. I will not bring to First Parish or use any **weapons or firearms**.
  - D. I will not commit any **illegal act**.
- 3) I understand that **vandalism**, disturbing the peace or other inappropriate behavior as determined by the adult leadership will not be tolerated. I understand that I will have to pay for any damage that I cause.
- 4) I will not engage in **sexual activity** or other exclusionary behavior, nor urge or solicit other members of the group into sexual activity.
- 5) No YRUU members will be left alone on church grounds after the conclusion of the program.
- 6) I will **arrive at the beginning, stay until the end**, and remain on the premises during YRUU programs except in cases where I have spoken ahead of time to adult leader about leaving early. If I am over 18 and choose to leave, I understand that I will not be readmitted.
- 7) I will abide by the program **curfew** announced by the leadership for overnight programs conducted either on or off church grounds. During such a program, I will remain in supervised areas and abide by sleeping arrangements designated by the adult leadership.
- 8) I understand that **guests are welcome** to participate in a program, but that any guest(s) that I bring will be expected to comply with this code of conduct and provide emergency information at the Youth Director's request.
- 9) I agree to abide by any **additional rules**, pertinent to a specific program, which may be announced, and to accept the consequences of their violation.
- 10) I understand that these rules of behavior are in place for my protection, the safety of all participants in YRUU, and that of First Parish Church staff and volunteers.

I have read the preceding safety guidelines and code of conduct and fully understand them. I understand that sanctions imposed by First Parish Staff or Adult Leaders for violation of the above could include immediate expulsion from the program, at the expense of my parent or guardian. I have indicated my unqualified acceptance by my signature and that of my parent/guardian.

YRUU Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YRUU Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_