

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito



***Coming of Age Program
2009-2010***

UUFSU's Coming of Age program celebrates the important milestone shared by young people as they prepare to leave childhood behind and transition into becoming "youth".

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This year-long program, designed for 7th, 8th and 9th graders, provides participants with an opportunity to search for answers to life's universal questions... "Who am I?", "What do I believe?", and "Where do I fit in?". Discussions and retreats emphasize self-awareness, confidence building, and bonding with other teens and adult mentors. Social Action and service projects provide opportunities for the youth to "Live their faith".

In addition to gaining a deeper understanding of our Unitarian Universalist faith, the youth will explore many world religions, talk with guest speakers, participate in field trips, and be exposed to different religious traditions to help them define and reflect on their personal spiritual journeys.

Coming of Age (COA) requires a serious commitment from both the youth and his or her parents. Parental commitments include responsibilities such as:

- Driving participants to and from events, both on and off the Fellowship site
- Providing food for meetings several times throughout the year
- Sending youth to the spring de Benneville retreat
- Granting teens permission to search for their own spiritual truths even if they differ from their parents' beliefs
- Paying the enrollment fee of \$150 (No youth will be excluded for inability to pay...scholarships available). Fee for non-member family is \$200.

COA will officially begin the evening of Saturday, October 3rd, at the "Coming of Age Opening Ceremony". We ask all participants and their parents to sign and date this form, acknowledging their commitment to the program. Signed forms must be turned in to Karla Milmo no later than Oct. 3, 2009, as this is the cut off for entrance into the program.

Youth Participant Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

****Due to the unique nature of this program and the level of trust and camaraderie that our youth develop through sharing and participation on a regular basis, this program will not be open to walk-ins or those not committed to the full calendar of events. Students in grades 7-8 who are not participating in the program are welcome to join the service each Sunday (9th graders can join the YRUU class). For those who have missed the deadline but are***

interested in participating, please contact Karla Milmo. Your name will be placed on a waiting list in the event of a late-comer orientation/admission date. Thank you for your understanding.