

SWUUC Summer Camps

About SWUUC Summer Camps

SWUUC Summer Camp program offers the opportunity for nearly 150 campers from 8-19 years of age and more than 500 campers of all ages to experience the unconditional love and friendship of a Unitarian Universalist community through each of our one-week sessions. Our mission is to provide a unique environment for young people and families to experience liberal religious community, establish valuable relationships within the camping community and personal growth through a variety of creative, safe, and challenging opportunities. Each session is led by a minister, director of religious education, youth minister or experienced adult dedicated to enriching the lives of Unitarian Universalists. These Session Directors are assisted by paid and volunteer staff and all bring a sense of love and caring to individuals.

Camp Tuition

Tuition for each session at U Bar U is \$450. Please see the separate SWUUCI brochure for information on that multigenerational camp. The tuition for all U-Bar-U sessions includes a \$150 non-refundable deposit per session. Tuition includes lodging, food, supervision, activities and all craft supplies.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- To Register: Send \$150 with the required registration information or you may register and make payments online at www.swuuc.org.
- Early Registration Discount: Full payments and all completed, signed forms received at SWUUC by April 15th will receive a discount of \$25
- All balances are due by May 31, 2008.
- Registrations received after May 31 are payable in full.
- No phone registrations will be taken.
- Space is limited and spaces will be given on a first come first serve basis based on full payment and completed registration forms.
- The \$150 is deducted from the total camp tuition and is non-refundable, nontransferable deposit unless registration is denied due to lack of space.
- Refunds will be made of all money, less deposit, upon receipt of physician's authorization if camper is ill and cannot attend. No refund after a camper has been admitted to camp.

Online Registration

We are pleased to offer you online registration as another way to register your child for summer camp. You will find the instructions online at www.swuuc.org under Lifespan Faith Development or the calendar.

Please note that you must at least pay the \$150 deposit for your camper to be considered "registered". Once you have completed online registration for your camper, the district office will send you a confirmation letter and a packet of forms that need parent/guardian signatures. Your camper will not be completely registered until we receive the signed forms back in our office.

Camp Scholarships

Scholarships are available based on need and availability of funds. The scholarship application is an essential part of the request and should be returned to the district office for consideration. Ask your minister, DRE, or church president about church scholarships. Tax deductible donations to the scholarship fund of any amount are always welcome.

Health and Safety

Each camper's health and safety is an extremely important part of camp. We hope to have a nurse or doctor on staff at each event. There will always be someone on staff to care for ill or injured campers and to distribute medicines. For the health and safety of every camper, please make sure to let us know of your camper's health issues, including severe allergies. We will be following the SWUUC Protection Policy which can be reviewed at www.swuuc.org

Arrival and Departure

Check in will occur from 4-5:30 p.m. Check your confirmation packet for information on check-in location. Pick up time is 10:00 a.m.

Departure Procedure

In order to insure the safety and security of our summer campers, the following procedure will be used for picking up campers. At registration, the name of the person authorized to pick up the camper at 10 a.m. on their departure day will be written on the registration master list. On the morning of departure, the person who is designated to pick up a camper must be present for that camper to be released. The designated pick-up person **MUST PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION**. If the person picking up your camper needs to change, please call the district office at 817-446-0099. If there is any reason to suspect a person may attempt unauthorized pick-up of a camper, please notify SWUUC.

Camper Mail

Mail is very important to your camper, especially those who are away from home for the first time. We encourage you to mail letters before the actual session begins, (or not later than Wednesday), to assure the camper receives them. We can make no guarantee on postal delivery.

All letter and packages must include:
Camper's first and last name
UBarU Retreat and Conference Center
277 UBarU Drive
Ingram, TX 78025-5127

Phoning or Visiting

We are fully conscious of our great responsibility in the care of your child. In the case of any emergency, either physical or otherwise, you will be notified promptly. Consequently, we do not allow personal phone calls, either incoming or outgoing, or personal visitation during the camp session due to the interruption to the schedule and the effect on camper morale. Please do not send cell phones with your child as they are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated and only returned upon departure on Saturday. (Cell reception is iffy out there anyway). If a serious concern arises, you may contact the Camp Director to discuss the situation.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

Camp Manager	651-472-2249
U-Bar-U	830-864-8419
Director for LFD	817-874-4895

Camp Property

Responsible care of beds, doors, windows, trees, etc. is expected of all campers. Articles willfully destroyed will be charged to campers or their parents.

Everyone is Welcome!

Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone without regard to sex, disability, political belief, race, sexual orientation or religion.

If you have a 14 year old going into 9th grade, you may choose between the junior and senior camps. Either will be appropriate and very fun. If you wonder which would be best for your particular child, feel free to give us a call and ask. 817-874-4895

What to Bring

Please pack enough clothes for the entire week. Laundry facilities are not available.

- Sleeping bag or bedroll
- Soap
- Bathing suits
- Mattress pad or blanket
- Laundry bag
- Pajamas
- Shoes (no open-toed, backless or sandals)
- Pillow and pillow case
- Large flashlight (with new batteries)
- Rain poncho or jacket
- Toilet articles
- Towels and wash cloths
- Underwear and socks
- Simple sports clothes (shorts, short sleeved shirts, light colors)
- Sunscreen
- Jeans for horseback riding and social action (mandatory)
- Insect repellent
- 1 can of non-menthol shaving cream
- Crummy clothes for messy events

** Optional items: journal, camera and film, stationery, envelopes and stamps, water shoes, frisbee. Senior Youth Camp only: iPods (for use only for community music), money and contributions for auction.

What not to bring

All camps: Knives, firearms, fireworks, aerosols, alcohol, drugs, non-prescription drugs, tobacco products, personal DC/DVD players, DVDs, radios, curling irons, hot rollers, straighteners, snack foods (candy, soda, chips, etc.).

Primary and junior camps: iPods, money, CDs and tapes.

SWUUC cannot be responsible for jewelry and other valuables or articles left or lost at camp. Driving personal automobiles by campers is not allowed. (Visitors are welcome on opening and closing days only. No visitors are allowed during camp sessions. Please refer to phoning or visiting.)

Camper Profile

The camper profile is one of the most vital of our forms and is to be filled out by the parent or guardian and returned with all other forms by May 30. This profile is used to ensure that Counselors and Staff are prepared to care and minister to your child's specific needs. Knowledge of each camper's physical and emotional needs is paramount in equipping our staff to provide excellent quality of care. Please take great care and consideration when filling this form out. Non-disclosure of this information prior to your child attending camp may result in a camper being removed from camp and there will be no refund in this case.

SESSIONS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age as of Sept 1, 2009</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 28 - July 3	Primary (rising 3-6 grade)	8 - 11 yrs. old	\$450	U-Bar-U
July 5 - 11	Junior (rising 7-9 grade)	12 - 14 yrs. old	\$450	U-Bar-U
July 12 - 18	Senior (rising 9 - 12 grade, just graduated)	14 - 18 yrs. old, 19 if just graduated from high school	\$450	U-Bar-U

LOCATIONS

U-BAR-U

U-Bar-U Retreat and Conference Center is a wildlife preserve in the rugged ranch land of the Texas Hill Country, near Kerrville. It is 144 acres of prairie grasses, live oaks, and wild animals. There is a limestone rock swimming pool, a tree house, two labyrinths, a campfire ring, and lots of room for frisbee, bocci, and other outdoor games. U-Bar-U houses a large Meeting House, three cabins, and two barns and provides bountiful, nutritious and yummy food. Linens are not provided.

STAFF

Michael Schwab is the Executive Director of U-Bar-U and will act as Camp Manager for all camp levels. Mike has 15 + years of experience running UU camps and conference centers and is proud to bring his knowledge and experience to SWUUC.

Jennifer Nichols is the SWUUC Director for Lifespan Faith Development and will attend all 3 camps.

Aimee Nguyen is the DRE at our UU church in College Station and will act as the Camp Director for the primary camp.

Donna Harrison, Mark Anderson, Cameron Leal, and Kaylynn Roggenbuck are acting as a leadership team to direct the senior camp.

Ministerial presence will be provided by **Rev. Phil Douglas** (primary), **TBA** (junior), **Rev. Craig Roshaven** and **Rev. Eliza Galaher** (senior).

A Day in the Life of a Primary or Junior Summer Camper

Wake up is around 7:30 am followed by breakfast at 8:30. After breakfast the campers spend a brief period of time on light cleanup duties of their cabins and the campsite. A short worship will begin each day with time in small groups afterward. Campers will then rotate through Arts and Crafts (we have a potter as artist in residence!), Discovery and Program, and Service Projects.

Lunch is served at 12:00, followed by a period for rest, reading, and reflection. The afternoons will be full of special activities including canoeing, horseback riding, pottery, Frisbee golf, and a hike up Enchanted Rock. Around 5 we'll gather back for a swim.

Dinner is at 6:00 with a short hike after the meal. Evening activities include small group time, challenge games, skit night, astronomy, night hikes, maybe a dance and campfires. Lights out will occur no later than 11:00, earlier some nights.

A Day in the Life of a Youth Summer Camper

Each day at the youth camp is a unique and enriching experience. Every day will include three delicious meals at 8 am, noon and 6 pm respectively, and various community building and spiritual activities throughout the day. The activities to look forward to include: powerful worships at least once a day, workshops (ranging from crafts and discussion groups to meditation and drum circles), guest speakers to explore religious and social issues, camp-wide special events and community building activities, dances, a camp-wide social action effort in the nearby towns and one at the camp, bonding times with cabin groups, cabin competitions (anything from a cook-off to a dance-off), an auction where proceeds go to charity (feel free to bring something to contribute!), ultimate Frisbee, campfires, and much much more.

What makes this camp so unique is that the programming is planned and executed by a staff of both youth and adults who work together to make sure that the week will be as inspiring and meaningful as possible.

SWUUC Summer Camps provide each camper with the opportunity to experience themselves, nature and the holy through fun, challenging and inspirational activities. It is our hope that when a camper leaves, their life will be changed by the growth experienced, and relationships created at Camp.

**SWUUC SUMMER CAMP
Registration Form 2009**

CAMPER PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name of Camper: _____
Preferred Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____
Diet: Omnivore Vegetarian Vegan
Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____
Other special needs: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Grade entering in fall of 2009 school year: _____
Name of Church _____ City _____ State _____
"I understand that this youth from my church is attending the stated event."

Signature and phone number of youth's church staff member (DRE, Youth Director, Minister), if applicable
Number of church official to call in case of reportable incident: _____
For churches with no staff, the Board president will suffice. For members of CLF and anyone not connected with a church,
contact the district office 1-800-737-9882

SESSION INFORMATION (circle one): Primary Junior Senior

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent or Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Relation to Camper: _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____
Email: _____ Work Phone (____) _____
Home address: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
City State Zip

Secondary Parent or Guardian: _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Relation to Camper: _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____
Email: _____ Work Phone (____) _____
Home address: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
City State Zip

If neither parent/guardian is available in an emergency, notify: _____
Relation to Camper: _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Home address: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
City State Zip Mobile Phone (____) _____
Work Phone (____) _____

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION

I hereby give permission for my son or daughter to be transported in vehicles for camp approved transportation and activities at this SWUUC camp as well as transportation to and from medical facilities.
_____ parent signature

CAMP TUITION

Tuition is \$450. The tuition for all sessions includes a \$150 non-refundable deposit/registration fee per session. In addition to lodging, food, supervision, and program, tuition includes a camp picture, all craft supplies and daily canteen. No extra money is needed during the session week. All balances are due by May 31, 2009. Registration and payments may be made online at www.swuuc.org with a major credit card. Checks payable to SWUUC may be mailed to:

Connie Nolen, registrar
6720 Brentwood Stair Road
Fort Worth, TX 76112

Early Registration Discount: Full payments and All Completed Signed Forms received at SWUUC by April 15th will receive a \$25 discount. NO partial payments or incomplete forms will receive this discount.

Check box(es)

- Full payment accompanies this application
- A deposit of \$150 accompanies this application

Youth Agreement to Rules

1. Alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, weapons, violence, and sexual activity will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Use of drugs or medication (even over the counter) without prior notification and permission of camp staff will be considered drug abuse and not allowed.
2. ANY inappropriate, demeaning, derogatory, or disrespectful behavior is unacceptable. Each individual in the community is expected and encouraged to show respect for every other individual, their belongings, the physical site, and everything in it.
3. Any member of the community is empowered and encouraged to voice their opinions, objections, or concerns at any time. The staff of the event will then take appropriate action.

Smoking Policy:

Due to the unhealthy and addictive nature of smoking, the SWUUC has adopted a non-smoking policy for all district events involving children and youth. Violation of this policy will result in the following action (per event)

1st offense: Confiscation of cigarettes, tobacco, lighters, etc. Information on smoking cessation and any available aid will be given in assisting you in making it through the weekend.

2nd offense: A serious meeting with camp staff and notification of this violation to your parents by phone. Also you will make an apology to the community at large.

3rd offense: Suspension from SWUUC district events for a period of 6 months.

*In extreme cases, SWUUC reserves the right to skip any of these steps and proceed accordingly.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules of this event, _____, and I understand that the consequences of failure to follow them could include my removal from the event. I also agree not to leave the set boundaries during the event. I will help to promote a positive and effective community.

Child or Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Liability Release and Emergency Care Authorization

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to attend the following event: _____ . I understand that this site, _____, its staff, and the adult or youth staff of the event does not assume any liability for him/her, and I hereby release them of such liability. In the event that an emergency should arise, I grant permission to those in charge to do whatever is deemed necessary to secure his/her safety and well being, and I hereby authorize in advance any necessary medical care. I agree to be responsible for any such medical expenses. I have completed the medical information below and agree that my child may take any medication listed there.

I, _____, as parent/guardian of the above stated youth give do not give permission to for photos and videos to be published on designated Unitarian Universalist websites for purposes relating to district sponsored, youth events.

NOTES TO PARENTS AND YOUTH: There will be no "R" Rated movies shown at SWUUC Summer Camps. Gender specific sleeping areas are provided at all camps. An all gender outdoor sleeping area will be available at the senior camp. Every sleeping area will be dimly lit and monitored. The one blanket per person rule is observed.

Parents and/or guardians are responsible for their dependent children and/or youth and are required to ensure those dependents are in compliance with all SWUUC policies and procedures. I have discussed the rules (above) with my child and we both realize that failure to follow them could result in his/her removal from the event and/or my child and youth being sent home at my expense.

Medical information: please list any and all medications (over the counter and prescription) your child is to take at the time of the event (if none, so state): _____

For those with insurance: Company: _____
Policy Number: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Parent email address _____ Date: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Code of Ethics for Adults and Youth in Leadership Positions

Adults, members of Youth Adult Committee, and anyone else 18 years old or over or in a leadership position.

Adults and youth who are in leadership positions, either due to age or office, are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering 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 care and support that will 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 the positive potential is to be realized. Given that cooperation and youth empowerment are an integral part of YRUU, those in leadership positions shall support and recognize youth's right to empower themselves.

There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthful identity as a sexual being. Leaders play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Those in leadership positions who abuse their roles as leaders damage the community. Experience dictates that all those involved suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with those they are leading. Leaders shall refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with youth and adults in the community. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior with youth and adults which constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. Leaders need to be aware of the strong influence they have in the community. It is expected that their influence will be used positively. In case of violations, appropriate actions will be taken.

As an adult, a member of YAC or any other leadership position, I will abide by this code of ethics.

Signature: _____

Date: _____