

2017- 2018 Southwest Y.O.U. Group Agreements



By choosing to attend this SW Y.O.U event, I agree to do my part to help create a fulfilling spiritual experience for all. I understand my choices not only affect my own experience, but others' in the group as well. I am committed to supporting an environment that creates opportunities for spiritual self-discovery, and maintains physical and emotional safety for all. I understand that certain behaviors which may be appropriate elsewhere are not appropriate during this events.

In addition to SW Unity Region policies and applicable laws, I willingly agree to:

1. **Respect all present**, and take reasonable care of the facility and myself.
2. **Look for the highest good in all people and situations**, and find ways I can both give and receive to make this event a unique and meaningful experience. I will show loving support and gratitude for all facilitators and staff. I will not be part of character assassinations, pranks, put-downs or judgements of others or myself. Nor will I offend or degrade others with my language, jokes or music.
3. **Be open to, and fully present for the experience**. I will attend required activities on time, give my full attention to activities and stay in designated areas, unless authorized for special leave by Event Staff. I understand that unless I have secured prior Event Coordinator approval otherwise, I am committing to arrive by the designated time for check-in for this event, and to stay through the posted closing time. From my arrival until the end of the event, I will not operate, or ride in a vehicle except with Event Coordinator approval.
4. **Be respectful of other's experience**. If I have difficulty focusing during any activity, I agree not to disrupt the experience of other, and can quietly seek a sponsor for personal attention.
5. **Restrict use of cell phones**, Ipods/MP3 players and other personal electronic equipment to personal time and evenings (*unless otherwise authorized by a sponsor due to an emergency*). Electronic games and multimedia devices are not to be used during event, but may be approved by sponsor for use during travel.
6. **Create a safe space for authentic sharing and reflection** about one's experiences on their unfolding spiritual path while eliminating pressure to participate in illegal activities. I will not use this event to my SW Y.O.U. connections to promote, encourage, facilitate, conceal or arrange participation in illegal activities- including but not limited to use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or other restricted substances; and including weapons, or anything that can be used as a weapon. If I may have difficulty abstaining from restricted activities or substances, I understand it is my responsibility to discuss support needs with my chapter sponsor or event staff.
7. **Maintain a positive, spiritual intention in all of my personal relationships**. I will not engage in sexual or unwanted physical contact, or public displays of affections which cause others present to feel uncomfortable. If I am in a relationship with another YOU'er, I agree to put our relationship "on hold" during this event. I will engage in friendships only while attending this event.

I understand that these agreements are necessary for the group's highest experience, and agree I have a responsibility for protecting the highest interests of sponsors and our churches. I understand my willingness and ability to uphold these agreements are required to participate in YOU activities. If I choose not to uphold them during an event, I understand my participation at this/future events will be restricted, any event fees forfeited, and I can be sent home early at my parent's expense. *Agreements start once you begin travel with your group and end after you have returned home or been picked up by parent/guardian.*

YOU Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Y.O.U. Signature: _____

If under 18, Parent signature required: _____