

2017-18 Children/Youth Religious Education Registration Form

Welcome families with children and youth! We're glad you're joining us for religious education!

Please thoroughly complete this form to register your child(ren) or youth into NSUC's Religious Education programs. All children from nursery through high school youth group must be registered. The information you provide helps us create an engaging and supportive faith formation experience in a loving and safe environment.

Visiting families are welcome to bring their children to the program while they get acquainted with us. Visitor forms can be used for the first three visits, after which full registration with this form is required.

You do not have to be a member to register your child. Registration is ongoing throughout the year. There is no registration fee. However, please consider the value of these programs when you determine your yearly pledge to NSUC.

Our religious education program is dependent upon volunteer participation to operate. The most effective way to instill your values in your child is by your actions. You can model the importance of religious education for your child by your own participation and volunteering your time. Furthermore, when more people volunteer, the load is lighter for everyone, and there is more of a sense of teamwork among members. We have paid teaching assistants in the elementary-level classrooms and need three volunteer teachers (each teaching one Sunday per month) for each classroom.

This year we are asking for details of your child or youth's musical abilities and interests. We will share this information with the music staff, so they can invite your child to participate in the various worship services and events throughout the year.

* Required

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

1. Parent/Guardian 1 - First & Last Name *

2. Parent/Guardian 1 - Email Address *

3. Parent/Guardian 1 - Preferred Phone Number *

4. Parent/Guardian 1 - Membership *

Mark only one oval.

- Member
- Non-Member
- Unsure

5. Parent/Guardian 1 - Preferred Volunteer Paths *

Volunteer positions involving direct contact with children/youth are reserved for NSUC members who have been participating with the congregation for at least one year. Those working with high schoolers must be at least 25 years old.

Check all that apply.

- Working with children ages 0-5
- Teaching elementary grades
- Teaching/mentoring middle schoolers
- Advising youth group (high schoolers)
- Chaperoning field trips, youth cons, etc.
- Facilitating Our Whole Lives (OWL; sexuality education)
- Welcoming visitors, directing people where to go, & supporting teachers and childcare staff as a Sunday host
- Creating bulletin board displays to showcase religious education and communicate about programs
- Organizing, tidying, and preparing classrooms and the resource room
- Coordinating special events (food, decorations, etc.)
- Serve on the Lifespan Religious Education Committee
- Other: _____

6. Parent/Guardian 2 - First & Last Name *

In a situation of sole custody, you may put "N/A" for the Parent/Guardian 2 fields or list another caretaker, such as a grandparent.

7. Parent/Guardian 2 - Email Address *

8. Parent/Guardian 2 - Preferred Phone Number *

9. Parent/Guardian 2 - Membership *

Mark only one oval.

- Member
- Non-Member
- Unsure
- Not applicable

10. Parent/Guardian 2 - Preferred Volunteer Paths *

Choose "Other" and type "N/A" in the case of sole custody.
Check all that apply.

- Working with children ages 0-5
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- Other: _____

11. Our family has pledged to NSUC for 2017-18. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

12. Please provide any family information below that may help us serve your family better, such as a change in family situation (e.g., recent divorce or move), additional caretakers who may be with the child frequently, etc.

Please contact the Education Office at dre@nsuc.org or 847-235-1955 if you have extensive details or would like to discuss your family situation.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Enter information for babies through 8th graders here. Go to Youth Group section to enter youth in grades 9-12.

13. Which of your children will be participating in Junior Choir?

Junior Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 11:30am-12:15pm and sings during all-ages worship services. Children in kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome. Junior Choir is part of the larger music program at NSUC, and this information will be shared with Timothy Mah, Junior Choir Director.

14. If your child sings or plays an instrument and would be interested in providing special music for worship services occasionally, please list their name and talent here.

This information will be shared with Rev. Lucas Hergert and Stephen Blackwelder, Music Director.

15. Would anyone in your family be interested in participating in Destination Imagination on Sunday afternoons?

DI's mission is to teach students the creative process and empower them with the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world. The projects provided by the program provide opportunities for children to practice teamwork and problem solving and to build relationships with one another and their coaches. Learn more here: <https://www.destinationimagination.org/>.
Check all that apply.

- Yes, definitely!
- Maybe
- No

16. List anyone who will be participating in Our Whole Lives for 7th & 8th Graders this year.

OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program created by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ to support young people in developing relationship and decision-making skills, understanding their bodies, and understanding social and cultural challenges. This class will meet Sundays at 8:30-9:55am, before worship.

17. If any of your children have allergies (food, environmental, latex, etc.), medical conditions, or special needs, please specify here. Include any helpful tips for teachers working with your children and specify which child. *

18. Child #1 - First & Last Name

19. Child #1 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

20. Child #1 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3 Years Old
- 4 Years Old/Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

21. Child #2 - First & Last Name

22. Child #2 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

23. Child #2 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3 Years Old
- 4 Years Old/Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

24. Child #3 - First & Last Name

25. Child #3 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

26. Child #3 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3 Years Old
- 4 Years Old/Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

27. Child #4 - First & Last Name

28. Child #4 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

29. Child #4 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3 Years Old
- 4 Years Old/Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

30. Child #5 - First & Last Name

31. Child #5 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

32. Child #5 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3 Years Old
- 4 Years Old/Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

Youth Group is for people in grades 9-12 and is offered on Sunday mornings during worship when there is not an all-ages service. Youth are expected to attend worship service through the Message for All Ages before going to the youth room.

Completing the youth email and cell phone fields gives permission to the church's representatives to use the youth's email address and cell phone number for relevant communications, in addition to the parents' contact information.

1. Practice the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and abide by our NSUC Covenant.
2. Members and guests must arrive on time and stay for the entire class/program unless other arrangements have been made in advance with the youth advisors.
3. Be respectful to everyone.
4. Listen when others are sharing.
5. No overt or covert sexual activity and/or other inappropriate behavior is allowed.
6. Youth must be registered and active for three months at NSUC prior to attending overnight events.
7. Youth may not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs on NSUC premises or at NSUC sponsored events held onsite or offsite.
8. No verbal or physical violence will be tolerated.
9. No weapons of any kind are allowed.
10. Certain programs are reserved only for registered NSUC youth group members.
11. Guests may visit up to three times. They must register to continue participating after the third visit.

33. Youth #1 - First & Last Name

34. Youth #1 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

35. Youth #1 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

36. Youth #1 - Email Address

37. Youth #1 - Cell Phone Number

38. Youth #2 - First & Last Name

39. Youth #2 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

40. Youth #2 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

41. Youth #2 - Email Address

42. Youth #2 - Cell Phone Number

43. Youth #3 - First & Last Name

44. Youth #3 - Birthdate

Example: December 15, 2012

45. Youth #3 - 2017-18 Grade in School

Mark only one oval.

- 9th Grade
 10th Grade
 11th Grade
 12th Grade

46. Youth #3 - Email Address

47. Youth #3 - Cell Phone Number

COVENANTS AND POLICIES

48. You are allowing your child(ren) to participate in activities that may be photographed or videotaped in a building that regularly hosts public events. NSUC posts printed images on bulletin boards, maintains a website and social media presence, and disseminates its news and events electronically. We cannot guarantee that your child's image will not appear publicly. However, we will ask that names not be used and promise a reasonable effort towards all children's safety. *

Mark only one oval.

- I grant permission to NSUC to include photos and/or videos of my children in the communications mentioned above.
- I will discuss my needs and limitations regarding this statement with the Education program staff.

49. **NSUC is a spiritual community that takes seriously its responsibility to provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, with an emphasis on our children and youth. By registering your children, you agree to abide by the guidelines in the Congregational Safety Policy and make sure your children/youth are supervised when at the church. ***

Congregational Safety Policy can be found at <http://www.nsuc.edu/learn>.

Mark only one oval.

Yes, I agree to abide by the policy.

50. **My signature indicates my willingness to support my child/youth's attendance at programming, support the NSUC Mission and Covenant of Right Relations, and support my child/youth in adhering to their class covenants, including policies for the youth group. ***

Signature of parent/guardian (Type your name below.)

51. **Date of signature ***

Type today's date below.

Example: December 15, 2012

52. **If there is anything else you want to communicate with the Education staff or committee, please include it here:**

**Turn in completed forms to Stephanie Kedge's mailbox by the copier, across the hall from the restrooms.
Thank you!**

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