

USNF Religious Education FAMILY REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Hello and Welcome!

Please read the information below and register your child by filling out the attached forms.

We take the safety of your children very seriously. As one of our members likes to say, "We know we love one another because we take care of each other." The information you provide on these forms enables us to pay attention to the physical, emotional, relationship and communication needs of children, youth, and adults. Please fill them out carefully.

Anticipated Class Schedule

Religious Education classes during the 10 am service beginning Sept 18th

Infant/Toddler Group	Early Elementary Class(K-2)
Preschool Class	Late Elementary Class (3-5)
	6-8 th Grade Junior Youth Group

Other Youth Programs

8 ⁺ Grade Coming of Age (8/9 th graders and any HS student who has not had the opportunity)	Times TBA usually Friday evenings.
9-12 th Grade Youth Group	Sunday 4-6 pm beginning Sept 18 th
10-12 th Grade Our Whole Lives	TBA

Please note that we have multiple options that are not mutually exclusive. 8th grade students are welcome in both Jr Youth and COA. 9th+ students are welcome to be enrolled in both HS Youth and COA. 10-12th students may be registered for HS Youth and OWL. We endeavor not to overload the collective schedules.

High School Youth Group meets at 4 pm on Sunday afternoons. Youth Group registration remains open for the first several weeks of the year, then closes. Registration for all other classes is rolling.

Please return the attached forms to:

Unitarian Society / RE Registration
220 Main St.
Northampton, MA 01060
Or scan and email to re@uunorthampton.org

REGISTRATION FORM

PART ① FAMILY INFO

Office use only -

PART ① Family info _____

PART ② child[ren] info _____

photo permission _____

PART ③ co-op _____

Database input _____

staff initials /date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

(please print neatly)

DATE:

Residence 1 – All Parent/ Legal Guardian Name[s]

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Parent #1

Parent #2

Telephone [s]

Home

Cell #1

Cell #2

E-mail #1

E-mail #2

Facebook name (if applicable)

We are trying to be financially responsible and use email rather than postage as much as possible.

This is:

Child's Primary residence

Child's Secondary residence

Residence 2 – *(If another adult shares legal custody, or if there are additional adults in the same household)*

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Parent/ Legal Guardian Name[s]

Parent #1

Parent #2

Telephone [s]

Home

Cell #1

Cell #2

E-mail #1

E-mail #2

Facebook name (if applicable)

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This is:

Child's Primary residence

Child's Secondary residence

Not a residence, but they should get email

Please send mail to both households (otherwise we will send it to the child's primary residence.)

Would you like the DRE to contact you about anything? Yes No

Comments:

PART ② PLEASE REGISTER EACH CHILD ON A SEPARATE SHEET

Child's Name Last, first	Birth Date mo/day/year	School Grade in 2016-17, (if under age 5, what AGE on Sept 1 st ?)	Email address <u>for this child</u> *

*Email for this CHILD: Infant-5th grade, use parent's email,
6-12th grade, use Youth's own email
if we may use it to contact them about class/activities.

Children are assigned to classes based on their school grade level.

Please register my child for:

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am Infant/Toddler Class (6 mos.- 2 yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am 6 th Grade+ Junior Youth Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am Preschool Class (ages 3-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th /9 th + Coming of Age |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am early elementary (K-2) | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Youth Group (9-12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 am late elementary (3-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Our Whole Lives (10-12) |

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ALLERGY/FOOD INTOLERANCE/SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

We attempt to create a safe environment for all by carefully attending to chemical, scent, and food allergies / sensitivities, and we invite parents to bring a snack that all children can safely enjoy. USNF requests that persons refrain from wearing strong perfume in the building. We do not use scented candles, and animals are not permitted in our building except service animals. Nuts and nut products are not served in RE but may be served elsewhere in the building.

Is this Life Threatening? If yes, please elaborate

Allergies (including foods)

Yes No

Yes No

Does your child need and carry an epi-pen?

Yes No

note: USNF/the RE program does not provide epi-pens.

Food Intolerances

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

This information will be shared with classroom teachers via class lists.

Snack sign up sheets will contain a list of the foods that entire classroom can safely eat.

MEDIA PERMISSION – OPT-IN - AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT REQUIRED

Please make sure to do this separately for each child.

Permission to TAKE

The staff or volunteers may wish to take photographs, video, and/or tape recording of religious education classes, or other congregational events such as worship, special events, or excursions into the community. During activities, a photograph or video/audio recording may be taken of you or your child. Unless you request otherwise in writing, your initial immediately below will be considered permission for USNF to photograph, film, audio/video tape, record the voice and /or image of your child. Without this waiver, it is challenging for us to photograph class activities. We will attend carefully to the usage permissions you have given below. _____(initial)

Permission to USE

Due to a number of privacy concerns such custody, foster care and more, we will never publically identify a child by name on any display, nor will we display images in the building other than on Sunday morning or at special USNF events. Please indicate your permission for the following uses of these recordings without names or identifying information:

I give permission for _____ (my child’s) image to be shared **within** the USNF community through:

Wall postings/posters/displays w/in USNF building _____ (initial)

Email/newsletters to other parents/classmates/members _____ (initial)

For H.S. Youth: Posted in the closed/private Youth Group Facebook Page _____ (initial)

outside our congregation on public portions of our Website or on Facebook _____ (initial)

If you do not initial these, we will not share any photographs containing your child.

Please note that while we cannot monitor member’s use of their own personal photographs, we strongly urge you to remain in covenantal right relationship with others and not post pictures on the internet or through email without the explicit permission of parents.

Are there any special needs that the DRE should know about in order to support your child’s success in RE classes and in our community?

Optional:

Does this child have a 504 Plan? Yes No Does this child have an IEP? Yes No

Please add a page as necessary to help us support your child.

Information about special needs will remain confidential between parents and DRE unless parents explicitly grant permission for that information to be shared in a particular situation.

REGISTRATION FORM PART ③ - RE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Teaching positions are filled by parents and congregation members. Coming of Age leaders, Youth Advisors and OWL Sexuality Education teachers are selected from members who have been active congregation members for 2+ years. Some co-op jobs and teaching roles have further requirements.

If you are filling out this form at the Society, please look at the sign-up display, which will give you a clear indication of which co-op jobs are currently available. Please sign up there as well as here to help us assign co-op jobs effectively. If you would like to teach, please select at least ONE co-op job and (if applicable) check which term you prefer. Please also indicate your second choice.

Parent #1

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

(Please check which class and term you prefer to teach. Please note* that we may change some of these classes to a more flexible and collaborative teaching team approach as our Jr. Youth, OWL, and Sr. Youth Advisor teams use.)

		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<u>10:00 am</u>	early elementary (K-2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>10:00 am</u>	late elementary (3-5)	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>10:00 am</u>	6 th – 8 th Junior Youth Group	Team: _____			
<u>10:00 am</u>	7 th / 8 th Grade COA*	Team: _____			
4 pm	High School Youth Advisor* (and special events)	_____			
1 st Tue 6 pm	RE Council Member (meetings, focus area and shared responsibility for special events and special events)				

I am interested in applying to be an Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education teacher for K-1/4-6

I am interested in applying to be an Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education teacher for 7-9/10-12

Application is available from the Religious Educator.

Waiver – We provide a waiver for parents who may be under extraordinary pressures such as family illness, elderly parent care. If this may apply to you, please review and fill out Waiver Application Form.

Parent #2

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

(Please check which class and term you prefer to teach. Please note* that we may change some of these classes to a more flexible and collaborative teaching team approach as our Jr. Youth, OWL, and Sr. Youth Advisor teams use.)

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Please contact me about this

My signature below affirms:

- That I have read the instructions, and understand that my returning all **3** parts of the registration form will constitute my child being registered for R.E.
- My agreement to remain on the premises during all regular Sunday morning RE sessions, and in the event that my child is on a field trip or meeting at a different time, I will read, sign, provide accurate contact information on the permission slip, and remain available.

Parent signature[s] _____

Date _____

R.E. Cooperative Program Overview

WHY A COOPERATIVE? The USNF RE program is multigenerational program designed to support children and youth to make meaning in the world by supporting their religious and spiritual development. Responsibility for children's spiritual development is special, and RE parents understand that they are accountable to and supportive of one another. Thus, we commit together to provide intentional and mindful spiritual and religious experiences for our children. Unlike many of those other activities, we do not "drop-off" our children so an "expert" can teach them specific skills such as the flute, or a better jump shot. We understand faith formation to be a developmental, multigenerational, experiential process. As a community, we all attend to the development of our children by participating in our own growth, and by stretching ourselves to engage children and youth in some of the most important questions of life.

We are also aware that family life is very challenging. Parents have a myriad of responsibilities as they shepherd their children through sports, music, drama, art, scouting and other activities that further development, as well as balancing the requirements of school. Our Religious Education program requires the cooperative labor of approximately 50 adults per year, and all USNF parents and guardians of enrolled children and youth are encouraged to participate as they are able.

Many parents also support the Unitarian Society and its programs in other ways. While this is important and often time-consuming work, it does not negate the vital importance to your children that you be actively involved in their Religious Education. Experience has shown that the quality of a child's faith development and ability to trust their religious community is directly impacted by the participation of parents, guardians, and other trusted adults in their community and growth process.

Family life is complicated for all of us, but there are some who have extraordinarily challenging situations, such as ongoing family illness. Because of our commitment to support one another, there is a waiver system in place for families with these types of extraordinary circumstances who are unable at this time to complete a co-op role. Waiver forms are available on our website and at the RE Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.

WHO PARTICIPATES? Our RE program is a significant part of the religious experience for children in families who make the USNF their religious home. All children registered in our program must have at least one parent/guardian who is actively involved in the life of the Society as a Member or friend. That involved member/friend parent is considered an "RE Parent" and is expected to sign-up for a co-op role. If a second parent in a family is also involved in the Society, they also are identified as an "RE Parent" and are expected to sign up for a co-op role as well. If a second parent is not involved in the Society in any way, there is no expectation that they will take on a co-op role.

If you have a question about what would be a good fit for your skills and interests, please speak with a member of the religious education council or the Director of Religious Education.