



Do you feel called to let God work through you and the small group experience at Mo-Ranch?

**Small Group Meetings** are integral to Youth Celebration, Jr. High Jubilee, and Multi-Cultural Youth Conference. Time and again, young people tell us they love their small groups where they find a welcoming community and a place where they can share the journey of faith.

**Serving** as a Small Group Leader is a calling. Small Group Leaders spend a week building and caring for the kind of community that allows young people to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Through games, loud and quiet moments, questions, and creative activities Small Group Leaders help the group become a place where God at work in the lives of all who are present can be recognized. A small group is a place for fun, for serious and light-hearted conversations, for listening, for growing.

Outside of Small Group meeting times, SGL's help with recreation events under the guidance of the Recreation Leader, meet daily with the Small Group Coordinator, and may be called upon to lead a part of worship.

The Small Group Coordinator for each conference is custom-building a manual filled with materials and suggestions which will help you to explore the week's theme with your group. These will be emailed (or mailed) to you before the conference. Supplies needed for activities suggested in the manual will be provided by Mo-Ranch.



PRESBYTERIAN  
**MO-RANCH**  
 ASSEMBLY

## 2017 Small Group Leader Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST PREFERRED NAME

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female T-shirt size  S  M  L  XL  2X  3X

Racial/Ethnic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church in which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been a Small Group Leader at Mo-Ranch. What conference(s) and year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that training is required for all Small Group Leaders. If selected, I will be present for Small Group Leader training for the conference I am serving.

I would like to be considered for:

- Youth Celebration: SGL training June 23-25, conference June 25-June 30
- Jr. High Jubilee 1: SGL training June30-July2, conference July 2-6
- Multi-Cultural Youth Conference: SGL training July 5-6, conference July 6-9
- Jr. High Jubilee 2: SGL training July 7-9, conference July 9-13

Reference: Please provide contact information for 3 different references. (2 church relationships and 1 community/professional) References should not be members of your family.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Small Group Leader Application cont'd

Please tell us about why you want to serve as a Small Group Leader at Mo-Ranch this summer.

"I want to be a small group leader at Mo-Ranch because..." \_\_\_\_\_

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What makes a great small group experience? What gifts and skills would you bring as a leader? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what ways are you involved in your home church and your community? \_\_\_\_\_

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What makes the small group experience unique? Why are small groups important? \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else you want us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are selected to serve, do you have any medical needs that we need to be aware of when making housing and small group space assignments? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Youth Conference Leadership Covenant

More than a set of “rules” or “guidelines” a covenant between conference leadership remembers our Biblical foundations. God who created all that was, is, and is to come, made covenant to love and care for us at all times. Following God’s lead, we covenant with one another when we gather in community in order to make a safe and caring place for playing, studying, worshipping and living.

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*“The mission of Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing its unique living, learning, Christian environment.”*

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As conference leadership, I promise to participate in the building and caring for community by:

Praying regularly for the conference, its leadership and participants

Being fully present, participating in all scheduled activities

Showing respect for conference participants, leadership, staff, other guests and the ranch itself by:

Asking before entering a housing facility that is not my “home” for the week

Abiding by the smoke-free building policy

Being responsible for my belongings and caring for the property of others

Refraining from throwing things off either catwalk

Swimming in groups, at designated times

Refraining from jumping or diving from the highway bridge or the dam

Using the Ropes Course only while Mo-Ranch staff are present

Dressing appropriately by not wearing clothing that is too revealing: i.e. short shorts, bikinis, strapless tops or dresses, shirts that allow for a bare midriff, pants worn below the waistline. I will not bring t-shirts that advertise alcohol or tobacco or other illegal substances; nor which contain language/pictures that demean or ridicule someone’s gender, sexuality or ethnic origin.

Abiding by laws that prohibit the possession or use of illegal drugs by anyone and which prohibit the possession or use of alcohol by persons under the age of 21. (As an adult over the age of 21, I will voluntarily abstain from consuming alcohol during the conference).

Refraining from sexual activity while at Mo-Ranch.

Caring for the environment in which we are all learning, playing and living by putting trash and recyclables into the appropriate containers; using my audio devices in such a way that they do not disrupt others; watching the ways I express myself through words and actions; and minimizing technological distractions (texting, phones, tablets).

Leaving at home items such as: skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, firearms, knives, weapons of any kind, incendiary devices (matches, lighters, fireworks and so on), laser pointers, or other items that could disrupt the conference or other Mo-Ranch guests.

Practicing the “Rule of Three” (2 youth and 1 adult, or 2 unrelated adults and 1 youth) while in classrooms, walking about the ranch and in housing.

Serving as a facilitator for small group sessions in such a way that an environment is created which allows young people to dig deeper into the theme of the conference and explore their faith in appropriate ways. I will be mindful that small groups are for learning and not therapeutic in nature.

***I agree to abide by this covenant if I am selected as a Small Group Leader. I understand that if I break this covenant by endangering or disrespecting myself or others, I may be asked to leave at the discretion of Mo-Ranch leadership.***