



Small Group Meetings are integral to Youth Celebration, Jr. High Jubilee, Summit46, and Intercultural 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 is at work in the lives of all who are present. A small group is a place for fun, for serious and light-hearted conversations, for listening and for growing.

Outside of Small Group meeting times, SGLs 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 working with the Mo-Ranch Programs team to custom-build 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.



2023 Small Group Leader Application

Name _____
FIRST M.I. LAST PREFERRED NAME

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Alt. Phone (____) _____ - _____ Gender Identity _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age: _____ Shirt Size (adult S-4X) _____

Racial/Ethnic Heritage _____ Current Occupation _____

Church member at _____

City/State _____ Presbytery _____

Have you been a Small Group Leader at Mo-Ranch? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, which conference(s) and year(s)? _____

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

I would like to be considered for:

- ☐ Summit46: SGL training June 19, 2023; conference June 19-22, 2023
- ☐ Youth Celebration: SGL training June 23-25; conference June 25-30, 2023
- ☐ Intercultural (formally, Multicultural): SGL training July 5; conference July 6-9, 2023
- ☐ Jr. High Jubilee: SGL training July 7-9; conference July 9-13, 2023

References: Please provide contact information for 3 difference references (2 church relationships and 1 community/professional). Please do not list family members as a reference.

1. Name _____ Relationship _____

Length of acquaintance _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email address _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____

Length of acquaintance _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email address _____

3. Name _____ Relationship _____

Length of acquaintance _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email address _____



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

I want to be a SGL at Mo-Ranch because... _____

What makes a small group experience unique and important? What gifts and skills would you bring as a leader?

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

Anything else you want us to know? _____

If you are selected serve, do you have any accessibility accommodations we need to be aware of when making housing and small group space arrangements? _____

Youth Conference Covenant of Conduct

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

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

I promise to participate in the building and caring for community by:

- Being fully present and participating in all scheduled activities
- Showing respect for conference participants, staff, other guests as well as 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 wearing clothing that allows me to participate fully in the activity at hand, keeping in mind that I am attending a church youth conference and that I represent my family, congregation, and community always by what I say, do, and wear. I will not bring clothing that advertises alcohol or tobacco or other illegal substances; nor which contain language/pictures that demean or ridicule someone’s gender, sexuality, or ethnic origin. I will wear clothing that is modest in style and does not detract from my participation or others’ participation in the conference.
- Abiding by laws prohibiting the possession or use of illegal drugs 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 abstain from consuming alcohol during the conference). I will take medication prescribed to me by a doctor only as directed.
- 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.

I agree to abide by this covenant while I am a member of this community. I understand that if I break this covenant by endangering or disrespecting myself or others, I may be sent home at the discretion of Mo-Ranch leadership. If I am youth and am sent home, it will be at my parent’s expense and my church may be notified.

Participant Name (printed)

Signature

Date