



2024 Small Group Leader Application

*Small Group Leaders are age 21+
(Exceptions to be made only by the Mo-Ranch Programs Team.)

Name _____
FIRST M.I. LAST PREFERRED NAME

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Best Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Shirt Size (adult S-4X) _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex _____ Gender Identity (if different from sex) _____

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 17; conference June 18-21, 2024
- ☐ **Youth Celebration:** SGL training June 22; conference June 23-28, 2024
- ☐ **Intercultural Youth Conference:** SGL training July 3; conference July 4-7, 2024
- ☐ **Jr. High Jubilee:** SGL training July 6; conference July 7-11, 2024

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

If you are selected as a Small Group Leader, you will be required to complete a Ministry Safe Background Check and Child Protection training provided to you by Mo-Ranch before your arrival for the conference.

Applicant Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Ministry Summary – Small Group Leader

All conference leadership positions are by Mo-Ranch invitation only and must be approved by the Programs Team before an official offer is extended. Mo-Ranch reserves the right to cancel a Mo-Ranch sponsored conference at any given time. This ministry summary is provided to help you understand your agreed upon role.

Small group times are where much of the theme development and conference discussion takes place. A meaningful and well-prepared small group experience is crucial to the success of this event.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate a group of approximately 12-18 conference participants.
- Foster an open, nurturing, respectful environment/small group experience for participants.

Before the conference:

- Complete all required paperwork, trainings and background check **four weeks** prior to arrival.
- Attend the pre-conference training time before the conference as dated on your leadership agreement.
- Review the small group manual in advance of the conference; have a solid understanding of the material and bring questions to the pre-conference SGL training.
- Pray regularly for the conference: for its leadership, participants and program.
- Help the conference and its leadership live into the Mo-Ranch mission statement.

During the conference:

- Live by and help others live by the Youth Conference Leadership Covenant of Conduct.
- Lead conference participants through small group times.
- Participate fully in all conference activities to serve as an example to participants.
- Help your small group to prepare skits, crafts or any other items in accordance with the small group manual and/or to be shared with whole conference.
- Turn off lights when away, return small group supplies to primary locations, and pick-up surrounding trash before leaving small group areas daily.
- Be with and monitor your small groups at worship, meals and other times as designated by the schedule.
- See that you and all participants in your small group complete conference evaluations at the end of the conference in a relaxed but timely manner. Encourage all to answer questions intentionally.
- Be willing and available to assist in other areas of the conference including:
 - Registration, opening events, energizers, crowd control.
 - Set-up/take-down of equipment for events.
 - Covenant Accountability Team (CAT patrol) nightly rounds.

Closing day/After the conference:

- See that all small group supplies are returned to their designated spots prior to leaving Mo-Ranch.
- Attend the post-conference meeting with Mo-Ranch Programs staff, conference director and other leadership before leaving the conference (or at a later date by zoom).
 - Use this opportunity to provide appropriate feedback, constructive criticism and reflection.
- Submit a travel reimbursement form.

Reimbursement/Room & Board:

- Refer to leadership agreement.

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 indoor spaces, 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