

# Goldmine 2009

## A Canadian Youth Leadership School



August 16-August 21, 2009

We begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday and go until noon on Friday.

An intense five-day school for youth where you will:

- Develop your personal creed
- Deepen your knowledge of Unitarian Universalists' challenging religious heritage and values
- Expand your skills for growing healthy groups
- Explore paths of worship
- Hone leadership skills so you can better heal our world.
- Learn to be a better leader and communicator.

### Unitarian Church of Mississauga

Food and showers are provided. Community is created. Bring your sleeping bag, a toothbrush, and an open mind. Be prepared to dig down deep and come out ready to give your gifts to the world.

These five days will change your life and your community!

## Who should come? (Youth ages 14-18)

If you want to gain a new understanding and improve your leadership skills, GoldMine is for you. If you've

- Worked on a committee
- Held an office
- Taken part in a worship service
- Attended a meeting
- Felt moved by a justice issue
- Organized anything
- Participated in a discussion
- Been involved in a conflict
- Or wanted to do any of these things!

You can expect to gain the confidence and competence to put your faith in action to take a more meaningful role in the life of your congregation, your region, and your wider community. If you want to gain new understanding and improve your leadership skills, GoldMine is for you.

For more information contact the Staff  
by email at : [canadagoldmine@gmail.com](mailto:canadagoldmine@gmail.com)

Fee per person is \$350

Our recommendation is that congregations support their youth in taking this training and contribute half of the fee.

Make checks payable to the Canadian Unitarian Council

Registration deadline is June 1st, 2009

There is a 24 participant cap with preference given first to participants within Canada

# GOLDMINE REGISTRATION FORM

## Youth

Send to: CUC Office, 018 - 1179 A King Street West, Toronto ON M6K 3C5  
or fax: 416-489-9010

Send this completed form by June 1, 2009 - travel arrangements can come later!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender I identify: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial Health care number: Province/  
number \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical coverage/insurance  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical conditions we should know about  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medications I will be taking during the weekend  
\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Other Diet restrictions/allergies:  
\_\_\_\_\_



Special needs or concerns:

Food preferences:

Tell us about something that brings you joy, and about a person you admire and why:

**Emergency contact person:**

In case of emergency during the weekend of Aug 16-21, 2009, call these numbers:

**Emergency Contact #1** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone at home: \_\_\_\_\_ at work: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact #2** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone at home: \_\_\_\_\_ at work: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to attendee: \_\_\_\_\_



**Accessibility:** Please contact [canadagoldmine@gmail.com](mailto:canadagoldmine@gmail.com) regarding special needs

**Send completed form and money to the Canadian Unitarian Council,**

**018 - 1179 A King Street West, Toronto ON M6K 3C5**

**PLEASE GET THIS REGISTRATION IN BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE.**

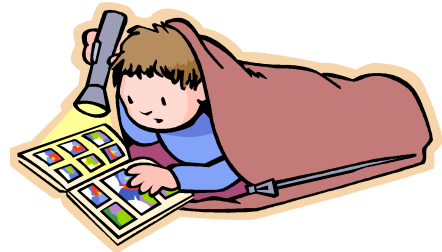
**THE PRE-CON PACKAGE WILL THEN COME TO YOU, BY EMAIL, BY EARLY AUG**

## Goldmine - CUC Youth Program Rules

### RULES, CONSEQUENCES AND Goldmine COMMUNITY

These rules were approved by the CUC Board in 2001 and ratified in January, 2002 and amended in February 2005.

- No drugs or alcohol
- Adults must remain in the role of advisor at all times
- All conferees/parents must sign the medical release
- No weapons, violence or threats of violence
- No leaving the site except as part of an activity
- All participants must follow site rules
- No drop-ins
- Code of Ethics must be signed
- No violating the policy on sexual behaviour
- Must be between 14 to 20 years of age
- No sharing of sleeping bags
- Nudity in CUC youth con community is not permitted.
- Participants must have a completed registration form submitted before the weekend begins.



## Congregational Authorization

### YOUTH

CUC Guidelines require youth be associated with a U\*U Youth Community or a U\*U congregation to be permitted to participate in regional or national events. By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that this individual has attended at least 3 Youth Group or program meetings at our Congregation within the last six months or is actively involved in the wider denomination as a whole in other ways.

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Signature	Position	Date
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Authorized signatures include but are not limited to a Minister, DRE, youth advisor or congregational leader. Please sign, date and include your title with your congregation.

### Policy On Sexual Behaviour

Sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people's lives. Youth programs are an opportunity for youth to express themselves in healthy ways. We strive to have radically inclusive community. We recognize that exclusive relationships at conferences and events detract from the community. All members of the community must respect each other's physical boundaries. Inappropriate sexual behaviour (i.e. sexual intercourse, oral sex, heavy petting or sexual harassment) is not permitted. Nudity in CUC youth conference community is not permitted.

The Conference Affairs Committee reserves the right to deem any behaviour inappropriate. Parents/guardians are invited to discuss this policy with youth

## Canadian Unitarian Council

### Everyone must sign:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand and agree to abide by all rules of this conference. I agree that if I break the rules I may be asked to leave at my own or my parent's/guardian's expense.

signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents or Guardians must sign:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who will be attending Goldmine in Mississauga, ON August 16-21, 2009. I hereby give my consent and authority for the staff of the program to take any reasonable action to ensure the safety, health and welfare of my son/daughter. I also give my consent for any necessary medical treatment, including surgical care if needed. I understand that my youth will be required to follow the rules of the CUC youth program and any other site used and that a breach of those rules may result in my youth being sent home at my expense. I expect to be contacted to arrange travel home if it becomes necessary.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



## GoldMine 2009 Community Covenant

While we expect the level of commitment and the intensity of work during this pilot camp to be such that it will preclude any of us getting into trouble, we also think that it is helpful to set out some guidelines for behavior to prevent any misunderstandings.

- This will be an alcohol-, tobacco-, and other drug-free week for all Goldmine participants, including staff.
- You are expected to stay on with the camp staff and your home hospitality assignment during the week. Exceptions are only with explicit permission of a staff member.
- Possessions of weapons, illegal drugs, and pets is strictly prohibited.
- Patently sexual behavior is inappropriate in this intentional community. Although sexuality is something to be valued and developed in persons of all ages it detracts from and confuses community building and our goal of inclusiveness. Hugs are okay and encouraged, because they are easily inclusive.

We think of our GoldMine community as a circle of individuals focused around a center- point which is our group purpose: to experience a challenging and inspiring week of activities - at times alone, at times together. Generally, we expect each person's individual behavior to contribute toward the center of our circle.

GoldMine is designed to be a concentrated event; it is NOT a "conference" in the usual sense. The days will be long, varied and demanding, with little free time, per se. This will not be an appropriate setting for dealing with personal life crisis issues.

Nonetheless, the community we create together will be safe, supportive, and fun. We aim to give each participant as full a sense of their own developing leadership (including "self- leadership") abilities as is possible in a short week. We are eager to join with you in this endeavor.

Do you understand and agree to the guidelines above? If so, please sign:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION DETAILS : send this info to us as soon as you know it

\* Remember it's important to book your travel to be at the whole training if possible \*

Travelling by plane?

Arrival Date /Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date /Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellow travellers (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

...by bus?



Arrival Date /Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date /Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellow travellers (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

...by car?

You're driving from: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate arrival date/time: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate departure date/time : \_\_\_\_\_

Fellow travellers (if any):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Driver(s): \_\_\_\_\_



...by another means of transportation (please provide details so we can pick you up and send you off on time), or if more space is needed from above:

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