



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 and 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.



2020 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-3X) _____

Racial/Ethnic Heritage _____ Current Occupation _____

Church in which you are a member of _____

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:

- Youth Celebration: SGL training June 20-21, conference June 21-26, 2020
- Jr. High Jubilee 1: SGL training June 27-28, conference June 28-July 2, 2020
- Multi-Cultural: SGL training July 1-2, conference July 2-5, 2020
- Jr. High Jubilee 2: SGL training July 4-5, conference July 5-9, 2020

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? What gifts and skills would you bring as a leader?

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

What makes a small group experience unique? Why are small groups important?

Anything else you want us to know?

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

Youth Conference Leadership Covenant

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 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, worshiping and living.

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 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 at all times 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.
 - Swim suits must fit in such a way that they stay on my body. Swim trunks should be worn at the waistline and not be shorter than mid-length (6”-7” inseam).
 - Water activities/recreation events: All participants are expected to wear t-shirts covering the torso/with sides.
- 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 in to 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 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 selected) as a Small Group Leader and 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.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date