

South & Central Regions

Description of events for clarity in communication:

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Church, Center or Spiritual Community

- A single church or center event is any event which the church facilitates for its individual members.
- Typically any gathering such as an afternoon event, outing, dance or overnight.
- Responsible Party: The Youth Director who oversees the Youth & Family Ministry if on staff and/or the Minister based upon their responsibilities within the Ministry.
- Liability rests with the church or center.
- Required Forms to turn into the church: Permission slip for participation in the event; Medical Release form on file; Trust/Heart Agreements; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.
- Required Forms to turn into the Region: None.
- Financial Responsibility: This ministry **guarantees payment** of all financial responsibilities fees, in the event any of the financial obligations are not paid in full. Any profits generated from any Metro, Community or Sub-Regional event will be returned to the Regional treasury. The Regional treasury intends to give a 30% of net proceeds love offering to the host church's program. The remaining funds will go to future events to benefit all of SCUCA's youth.

Local

- A Local event is any event in which a church invites only one other church in the area.
- Typically for an afternoon event, outing, dance or overnight.
- All participants have signed the Trust/Heart Agreements, acknowledging you know what appropriate behavior in this group setting is. You have agreed:
 - to fully participate in all activities;
 - to be respectful of fellow participants, adults and property;
 - to take responsibility to work out problems or alert an adult to an uncomfortable situation that needs to be dealt with (we can't help solve a problem if we don't know it exists);
 - to do your share of the work. Adults are not there to wait on or pick up for you.
- Responsible Party: The Youth Director who oversees the Youth & Family Ministry if on staff and/or the Minister based upon their responsibilities within the Ministry.
- Lead Adult: Attendance at Regional Teen Leadership Training within three years of the event. (This is the recommended expectation at this time to assure best practices are followed at all events.)
- Liability rests with the church or center.
- Required Forms to turn into the church Permission slip for participation in the event; Medical Release form on file; Trust/Heart Agreements; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.
- Required Forms to turn into the Region: None.
- Financial Responsibility: This ministry **guarantees payment** of all financial responsibilities fees, in the event any of the financial obligations are not paid in full. Any profits generated from any Metro, Community or Sub-Regional event will be returned to the Regional treasury. The Regional treasury intends to give a 30% of net proceeds love offering to the host church's program. The remaining funds will go to future events to benefit all of SCUCA's youth.

Metro (Metropolitan)

- A Metropolitan event is any event in which a church invites other churches located within a 50 mile radius of the center of the metropolitan area in which the host church or center is located.
- Typically for an afternoon event, outing, dance or overnight.
- All participants have signed the Trust/Heart Agreements, acknowledging you know what appropriate behavior in this group setting is. You have agreed:
 - to fully participate in all activities;
 - to be respectful of fellow participants, adults and property;

- to take responsibility to work out problems or alert an adult to an uncomfortable situation that needs to be dealt with (we can't help solve a problem if we don't know it exists);
- to do your share of the work. Adults are not there to wait on or pick up for you.
- **Responsible Party:** The Youth Director who oversees the Youth & Family Ministry if on staff and/or the Minister based upon their responsibilities within the Ministry.
- **Lead Adult:** Attendance at Regional Teen Leadership Training within three years of the event. (This is the recommended expectation at this time to assure best practices are followed at all events.)
- **Liability rests with the church or center.**
- **Required Forms to turn into the church** Permission slip for participation in the event; Medical Release form on file; Trust/Heart Agreements; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.
- **Required Forms to turn into the Region:** SCUCA Metro Event Notification Form (Two months notice recommended). SCUCA Ministry Minister Approval Agreement. (Submitting this document will aid the appropriate spacing of events throughout the entire Region.)
- **Financial Responsibility:** This ministry **guarantees payment** of all financial responsibilities fees, in the event any of the financial obligations are not paid in full. Any profits generated from any Metro, Community or Sub-Regional event will be returned to the Regional treasury. The Regional treasury intends to give a 30% of net proceeds love offering to the host church's program. The remaining funds will go to future events to benefit all of SCUCA's youth.

Sub-Regional

- A Sub-Regional event is any event in which a church invites two or more other churches in their sub-region to attend their event.
- A Sub-Region is defined as 200 miles radius or a 3 hour drive time from the event location.
- The South Central Region includes the following states: **Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.**
 - The four geographical "Communities": Mountain, Plains, North Texas and South Texas.
- **Purpose:**
The purpose for hosting a Sub-Regional event is to provide spiritual, social, service, and skill learning opportunities for your church's youth and other Unity church's youth in your area. It is also an opportunity for the host Church to develop stronger youth leadership skills and youth /adult team partnerships.
- A Sub-Regional event can be in alignment with deepening spiritual consciousness, a service project, new skill mastery (ex.: lesson plan writing or a fundraising event) or a social activity.
- See <http://www.scucaregion.com/host-events.html> for more information and standard forms. The event must meet Regional guidelines including having the coordinators participate in Regional Teen Leadership Training and be approved by your Minister and the Regional Consultant before advertising the event or signing contracts.
- **This is a spiritual retreat / rally first and social getaway second.**
Our time together will be both fun and social -- with special classes, games, indoor & outdoor activities to help us get to know each other and ourselves better.
- **All participants have signed the Heart/Trust Agreements,** acknowledging you know what appropriate behavior in this group setting is. You have agreed:
 - to fully participate in all weekend activities and classes;
 - to be respectful of fellow teen participants, adults and property;
 - to take responsibility to work out problems or alert an adult to an uncomfortable situation that needs to be dealt with (we can't help solve a problem if we don't know it exists);
 - to do your share of the work. Adults are not there to wait on or pick up for you.
- **Responsible Party:** The Regional Consultant will consult and support preparation but will not be present at the event; therefore there will have to be a member of the church staff or selected representative present. The hosting church is responsible. The Youth Director who oversees the Youth & Family Ministry if on staff and/or the Minister based upon their responsibilities within the Ministry.
- **Lead Adult:** Attendance at Regional Teen Leadership Training within three years of the event. (This is the recommended expectation at this time to assure best practices are followed at all events.)

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- Required Forms to turn into the church Permission slip for participation in the event; Medical Release form on file; Trust/Heart Agreements; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.
- Required Forms to turn into the Region: SCUCA Sub-Regional Event Notification Form (Six months notice recommended). (Submitting this document will aid the appropriate spacing of events throughout the entire Region.) Minister Ministry Approval Agreement, SCUCA Guidelines for Hosting a Sub-Regional Event, SCUCA Event Calendar Checklist
- Financial Responsibility: This ministry **guarantees payment** of all financial responsibilities fees, in the event any of the financial obligations are not paid in full. Any profits generated from any Metro, Community or Sub-Regional event will be returned to the Regional treasury. The Regional treasury intends to give a 30% of net proceeds love offering to the host church's program. The remaining funds will go to future events to benefit all of SCUCA's youth.

Community

- A Community event is any event in which a church invites two or more other churches in their geographical area to attend their event.
- The Communities are:
 - Mountain: **Colorado, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas and Piedmont, SD**
 - Plains: **Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska**
 - North Texas: **Northern Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Northern Louisiana**
 - South Texas: **Southern Texas, Southern Louisiana**
- Purpose:
The purpose for hosting a Community event is to provide spiritual, social, service, and skill learning opportunities for your church's youth and other Unity church's youth in your area. It is also an opportunity for the host Church to develop stronger youth leadership skills and youth /adult team partnerships.
- A Community event can be in alignment with deepening spiritual consciousness, a service project, new skill mastery (ex.: lesson plan writing or a fundraising event) or a social activity.
- See <http://www.scucaregion.com/host-events.html> for more information and standard forms. The event must meet Regional guidelines including having the coordinators participate in Regional Teen Leadership Training and be approved by your Minister and the Regional Consultant before advertising the event or signing contracts.
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Our time together will be both fun and social -- with special classes, games, indoor & outdoor activities to help us get to know each other and ourselves better.
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 - to be respectful of fellow teen participants, adults and property;
 - to take responsibility to work out problems or alert an adult to an uncomfortable situation that needs to be dealt with (we can't help solve a problem if we don't know it exists);
 - to do your share of the work. Adults are not there to wait on or pick up for you.
- Responsible Party: The Regional Consultant will consult and support preparation but will not be present at the event; therefore there will have to be a member of the church staff or selected representative present. The hosting church is responsible. The Youth Director who oversees the Youth & Family Ministry if on staff and/or the Minister based upon their responsibilities within the Ministry.
- Lead Adult: Attendance at Regional Teen Leadership Training within three years of the event. (This is the recommended expectation at this time to assure best practices are followed at all events.)
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throughout the entire Region.) Minister Ministry Approval Agreement, SCUCA Guidelines for Hosting a Sub-Regional Event, SCUCA Event Calendar Checklist

- Required Forms to turn into the Region: None.
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Regional or Bi-Regional

- A Regional event is one where all churches from the respective Region are invited to participate.
- A Regional event is typically facilitated by the staff of the Region, called the Regional Consultant.
- A Bi-Regional event is any event in which the South Region and the Central Region come together to both participate in the event.
- Purpose: The purpose for hosting a Regional or Bi-Regional event is to provide spiritual, social, service, and skill learning opportunities for the teens in the Region. This is a culminating event building upon previous events and activities of the academic year. It is a chance to delve deeper into ourselves to increase our self awareness and create openings for positive spiritual, social, and heart based experiences while applying Unity tools and principles. The event is created with the expectation that participants will have a solid foundational understanding of Unity principles and will have more than minimal experiences in Unity settings.
- This is a spiritual retreat / rally first and social getaway second. Our time together will be both fun and social -- with special classes, games, workshops and group activities (indoor & outdoor) to help us get to know each other and ourselves better, support spiritual growth, increase self awareness, and create avenues for positive social experiences.
- All participants have signed the Heart/Trust Agreements, acknowledging you know what appropriate behavior in this group setting is. You have agreed:
 - to fully participate in all weekend activities and classes;
 - to be respectful of fellow participants, adults and property;
 - to take responsibility to work out problems or alert an adult to an uncomfortable situation that needs to be dealt with (we can't help solve a problem if we don't know it exists);
 - to do your share of the work. Adults are not there to wait on or pick up for you.
- Responsible Party: The Regional Consultant is the responsible supervisory person for the event. The Region is the responsible party. All decisions must be approved by the Regional Consultant who will be the main communication point with the Regional Board.
- Liability rests with the Region.
- Required Forms to turn into the church Permission slip for participation in the event; Medical Release form on file; Trust/Heart Agreements; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.
- Required Forms to turn into the Region: Will be specific to the event and made available. Forms will include Group Registration; Application / Registration Form; Medical Liability Release; Trust/Heart Agreements; Sponsor Code of Ethics; Criminal Background Checks on file for adults; proof of Insurance Liability Coverage.

Currently our Region has consultants serving Children's Ministry, Uniteen Ministry, and YOU Ministry.

For additional support in Next Generation of Unity (NGU) Ministry, visit www.unity.org.

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