**YRUU Behavioral Policy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia**

The following behavioral expectations apply to all YRUU members. These behavioral guidelines will enable us to care for and respect ourselves, our group, our congregation, and our building. I agree to:

1. **Observe common courtesy.** Allow all to enjoy their rights. Treat others as I wish to be treated.
2. **Use mutually respectful communication.**
3. Consider other people’s feelings before acting or speaking.
4. Listen actively to other people’s feeling and opinions.
5. Avoid offensive language such as ethnic jokes, profanity, and negative comments about other religions or groups.
6. **Help everyone feel included at church and related events.**
7. Support one another even in our differences.
8. Avoid excluding others by forming cliques or being friendly with only a few others.
9. No sexual activity of any kind, as agreed upon in group covenant.
10. **Be willing to identify and deal with differences.**
11. Discuss problems, concerns, and differences honestly.
12. Be courteous and respectful when disagreeing.
13. **Observe and respect attendance guidelines.**
14. In order to participate in a YRUU special activity (such as Youth Cons, outings, trips, social events or lock-ins) I must be an active, registered YRUU member.
15. In order to avoid disturbing the Sunday morning RE classes I agree to not be in the downstairs space, or outside the downstairs windows, during the RE class time. Those working in the Nursery or assisting in a RE classroom are excluded.
16. **Care for our congregation, building, and outside space.**
17. Running, wrestling, and rough-housing are not allowed inside the building.
18. Respect the physical limitations of others, including older members and young children.
19. Keep the YRUU room clean, and clean up all messes created by our events or meals.
20. Use the church phone only when necessary, and to keep it brief. Use the church computer and other office equipment and supplies only for church business.
21. **Protect everyone’s safety.**
22. All YRUU events must have at least two adults present.
23. No violence of any kind. No inappropriate or unwelcome touching.
24. No firearms, explosives, incendiaries, or fireworks.
25. **Do not engage in the following activities on church grounds or at church events:**
26. Alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants.
27. Illegal drugs, or the sharing of prescription medicines.

**I. Obey the YRUU No Smoking Policy.**

No smoking allowed on church property during YRUU events or meetings.

**Advisers and chaperones may temporarily add to these Behavior Rules during specific events as needed.**

I understand that participation in YRUU activities at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia is a privilege based on acceptance of the YRUU Behavioral Policy. I understand that the YRUU Advisors and Event Sponsors are responsible for the well-being of the whole group, and that I as a YRUU member am expected to follow their instructions and treat them with kindness and respect.

Signature of the teen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_