

Respectful Relationships Sexuality Education Parental Consent Form

While optional, Respectful Relationships has received some of the highest ratings from teens on their evaluations, and we hope parents will support their teen's participation. This year (2013), many well-received exciting changes from last year will be continued with the help of our Youth Program Coordinator, incorporating some materials from the *Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Our Faith* (OWL) curriculum that was created by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ.

We believe that OWL's assumptions and values of "self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity" align well with PYM Friends' beliefs. Sexuality is defined in OWL as "a good part of the human experience" and "much more than sexual behavior."

Goals:

- To provide *accurate information* that young people need about sexuality. We believe that accurate information is essential, especially for young adults, and that holding back knowledge will hinder healthy sexual development.
- To provide a forum in which *all questions are legitimate* and appropriate.
- To provide *learning about sexuality issues* that goes *beyond factual information* and that will be useful throughout participants' lives.
- To help participants to develop the skills necessary to make good decisions that will allow for a healthy, satisfying life.

Please note that Respectful Relationships is not a full OWL program, nor will it adhere only to OWL materials. If you are interested in the more in-depth version, we encourage you to see if OWL is offered in your community, perhaps in a local UU or UCC church. More information about OWL can be found at:

- <http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>
- <http://www.uua.org/re/owl/>

JYM, like Our Whole Lives (OWL), affirms that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators of their children. Therefore, your signature is requested on this consent form to opt in or out of this session.

I have read the Document "JYM - What to expect for parents and sponsors of teens" and understand I may contact the JYM committee with any questions.

I Do Do not (select one) give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Respectful Relationships sexuality education sessions.

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date