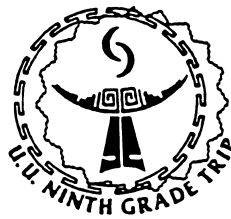

The Front Range UU Churches Ninth Grade TRIP

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HELLO

HELLO -- Trippers, Parents, RAs, DREs, and Steering Committee Members

(he-lo') 1. an exclamation of greeting or of response, as in telephoning. 2. an exclamation to attract attention. 3. an exclamation of astonishment or surprise.

The dictionary goes on to show the word pronounced (hel'-lo'), with emphasis on both syllables. In this form, it has become an important part of many 9th Grade Trips. It is a way to get the attention of the group, or of an individual. When you hear / see the word H E L L O it means that information YOU need and want to know is coming your way!

A few more words on "in" terms:

RT = Responsible Tripper

RA = Responsible Adult

PC = Parent Coordinator

DRE = Director of Religious Education

MRE = Minister of Religious Education

SP = Special Parents -- all of YOU! without whom the Trip would not be possible.

This is the first newsletter of the 53rd Annual trip. THESE NEWSLETTERS ARE IMPORTANT...GATHER THEM AND MAKE SURE THAT ALL RTs AND SPs IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD SEE THEM! Please put them by the phone, or on the fridge, or wherever important-can't-be-lost- stuff goes.

I have attached the current roster as an Excel spreadsheet. It lists the PC's that I know about. If your church doesn't have a PC and you're willing to volunteer it would be much appreciated. If you are the only tripper from your church contact the PC from the closest church to become involved in their carpool arrangements. Look over the roster, and set up car pools for the next classes. Often, you will find

that members of different churches live near each other - that's OK, car pools are not church-specific, any more than the trip is. Carpools are set up by parents at the individual churches. We will update the roster as things change.

FEES DUE

FIRST FEE INSTALLMENT WAS DUE AT THE FIRST CLASS! If you have not made the first payment or made other arrangements with Mitch, checks for \$150 should be made out to "UU 9th Grade Trip" and mailed to Mitch Pingel, 275 Main St, Broomfield, CO, 80020. If you are having problems with the payment schedule or need a scholarship communicate with Mitch about that.

Classes Begin

Classes begin at different times. BE SURE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE

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SCHEDULE, & THE NEWSLETTERS. If you are an SP and it's your turn to drive, relax and enjoy the service at the church, and collect your crew of RTs after coffee. We schedule classes and activities at most of our participating churches, so the RTs learn about the other congregations that make up our local UU community, and to even out the driving.

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW --

All Souls (ASUUC) is at 730 N Tejon St Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Take I25 south to Colo. Springs and then take the Uintah Exit then left (east) to N Cascade Ave. Right (south) on Cascade to E Dale St. Left (east) two blocks to Tejon. Church is on the right.

First Unitarian (FUSD) is at 1400 Lafayette, in Denver, in the Capitol Hill area. I-25 to Colfax Eastbound. East to Lafayette, south 1 block to the church.

UU CHURCH OF BOULDER (UUCB) is at 5001 Pennsylvania Ave in Boulder. US 36 or Hwy 119 to Foothills Pkwy, east to the first light, left to Laurel, left to Brooklawn, right to the church.

Jefferson (JUC) is at 14350 W. 32nd Ave., and despite the Golden address, is really in the Applewood area of western Denver, east of Coors. From I-70, take the Youngfield/32nd Avenue off ramp, and head towards the mountains. The church is on the left, right after the golf course on the right.

UU Church of Greeley is in Greeley at 929 15th St. North or south on I-25, east on US 34 near Loveland. Keep right to stay on US 34 (Not the Business Loop.) Turn left on to 11th Ave. Turn right on to 15th Street. The church will be on your left. Greeley uses numbered streets and avenues, so be aware.

Mitch has specific directions from every church to every church. E-mail him if you'd like some set of them. Maps and directions are also available on the trip web site: www.uu9gt.org

REMEMBER TO TALK WITH MITCH IF YOU THINK YOU CANNOT ATTEND A CLASS OR RETREAT.. THEY ARE **MANDATORY**, AND FUN, AND YOU NEED TO BE THERE!!!! TELLING SOMEONE AT YOUR CHURCH IS NOT THE SAME AS TELLING MITCH

FIRST RETREAT NOVEMBER 3 - 5!!

DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS,, OUR FIRST RETREAT WILL BE AT THE UU CHURCH OF GREELEY IN GREELEY. It starts at 8:00 PM Friday and goes to 10:00 AM on Sunday. Get your carpools together to get there and back.

More Fall Retreat Information

**Eat before leaving home--
Your first meal is breakfast on
Saturday!!**

BRING A STRANGE ITEM

Each of you should bring one really STRANGE item to the retreat. Don't forget! You are all expected to be at the retreat all of the time.

Permission Slips Required!

For you to attend the retreat, we MUST have your medical form/permission slip. Do bring it because we can't accept you for the retreat without it.

If you received this newsletter and are not going on the trip please contact Mitch at 303-469-9417 or at mitch@uu9gt.org That is the only way he will know to take you off the list.

As is true on the trip, retreat weather can be warm or cold, wet or dry. Be flexible, plan for both.

Bring your Stuff

Remember the list of things NOT to bring, as well. Count on having fun!

BRING:

sleeping bag
playing cards
appropriate clothing
your own cup with lid
camera
musical instruments
slippers are nice
a blue "work shirt" to embroider on
(The trip will provide other embroidery stuff [colored floss, needles])
A TRAVEL CUP OR MUG FOR DRINKING IS REALLY NEEDED!!!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

As it may at some time be necessary to track down your tripper while they are at a 9th Grade Trip event, you can always call Mitch's cell phone which he carries for just such occasions. His number is 303-579-9868.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have signed documents from both parents and trippers that you "have received, read and understood the behavior expectations and the rules for the 9th Grade Trip and agree to abide by the trip covenant." Therefore, we should not see at ANY trip event, Cell Phones, iPods, CD players, MP3 players. Please leave them at home or in the car in which you arrive.

DECEMBER CLASS: DECEMBER 3

Jefferson Unitarian. We meet at the church at 1:00 PM for class.

E-MAIL FOR MITCH

Please use this address to get in touch with Mitch. He checks it at least daily. mitch@uu9gt.org

Please put "9gt" in the subject line for any 9th Grade Trip E-mail

THE TRIP WEBSITE

The Trip's website is:
www.uu9gt.org
Check it out.