

Youth Religious Education

Summer 2017 Newsletter



Fantastic Beasts Camp

Children and youth explored the world of animals – real and imagined. The week included a trip to the San Antonio Zoo, pictured above.



Summer 2017 Curriculum: *May the Force Be with You.*

Children in grades K-5 explored the values of the Star Wars universe in light of Unitarian Universalist values. They contemplated the differences between the light and dark sides of the force, practiced Jedi mindfulness techniques, and learned the art of light-saber combat.

“Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.” – Yoda, *The Phantom Menace*

More Summer Activities



Pre-school children enjoyed stories, and lots of play time.

Middle school: UU (A)vocations

Throughout the summer, members of the congregation visited our middle school class to talk about their careers or avocations, and how these intersect with their UU values. Thanks to all who shared their stories!



HIGH SCHOOL

Our high school youth explored the world of animated motion pictures. Led by Mr. Eric Huang, youth viewed movie clips and then analyzed content through a social-justice lens. From colonialism in *Pocahontas* to Racism in *The Little Mermaid*, to Islamophobia in *Aladdin* and more, our youth learned to apply critical thinking skills to critique popular culture.

More Highlights from Fantastic Beasts Camp



Campers used their imaginations to create their own magical creatures using various art supplies.



One day, everyone was invited to bring their pets for a living show-and-tell. We saw cats and dogs (including one service dog), a lizard, a gerbil, and even a ferret!



What would summer camp be without skits?



The week ended with a fun concert by Sellers & Hymel

Off-campus Events for Youth



Four youth attended General Assembly in New Orleans in June. Here, they pose with our church's new banner, which they carried in the opening parade.

Lots of children and youth from First UU San Antonio attended UBarU camp this summer. Pictured here, high-school camp!



The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own... - William Ellery Channing

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