

QUEER YOUTH & ALLY SUMMIT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 2011

HILTON JACKSON, MS

Thanks! You have signed up to be a participant in the Mississippi Safe Schools' Fourth Annual Queer Youth & Ally Summit, or Q&A. Q&A participants will gain valuable experience through trainings and educational workshops. This leadership experience will help to empower you to become an activist for safer and more supportive schools in the state.

In order for you to participate, we are asking you to review the attached contract and ground rules. **You (you and your parent/guardian, if you are under 18) need to review and complete the contract, and mail it to the Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition prior to October 10th. If for some reason you cannot get your contract to us until the day of the event, please notify us before October 10th.**

Please mail to: Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition
Attn: Anna C. Davis
PO Box 3442
Jackson, MS 39207

EVENT SITE

MSSC and its partners are excited to be able to offer the Queer Youth & Ally Summit. We will be using the following event sites and lodging. We work to raise funds to provide food and materials for every youth.

EVENT MEETING SITES

All-day meetings will be held at the Jackson Hilton, on Saturday from 9am – 6pm.

Hilton Hotel	1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39211
Phone: 601.957.2800	www.hiltonjackson.com

LODGING

All groups and individuals are responsible for arranging their own lodging for this event. MSSC staff will be staying at the hotel. Members of the Queer Youth Advisory Board will be working to connect groups with one another in order to arrange lodging details. If you need more information about lodging please contact us.

Hilton Hotel	1001 East County Line Road, Jackson, MS 39211
Phone: 601.957.2800	www.hiltonjackson.com

TRANSPORTATION

All groups and individuals are responsible for arranging their own travel to this event. Members of the Queer Youth Advisory Board will be working to connect groups with one another in order to arrange travel details. If you need more information about travel please contact us. Parking will be available at the hotel.

For more information about Summit, please contact:

Anna C. Davis
summit@mssafeschools.org

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONAL RISK

Please mail in this form, completed, no later than, October 10, 2011.

Participants should be aware of possible risks involved in participating in activities. Ze understands the risk of accident, illness, or injury associated with the participation in this event, including transportation to and from Jackson.

Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition and its partners cannot assume responsibility for theft, loss or damage of personal property occurring in any of its programs and activities. Please use discretion when selecting personal items to bring with you to the Q&A.

I, _____, (name of participant), will be attending Q&A in Jackson, MS October 15th.

I, the undersigned, state and acknowledge all sponsoring organizations, employees, and agents will not be held responsible for any injuries that might occur. The undersigned holds harmless all sponsoring organizations, their officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities, demands, or claims for damage. In the event of an emergency where medical personnel determine that immediate medical attention is required, the undersigned authorizes adult volunteers to consent to medical treatment for (name of participant) _____ and to transport (name of participant) _____ to a hospital.

Participant's name: (printed) _____

(signed) _____

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

If you are under the age of 18, you must also have a parent/guardian sign.

Parent/Guardian's name: (printed) _____

(signed) _____

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

EMERGENCY & PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Participant has the following known medical conditions or allergies, including food allergies (if none, please write "none"):

Participant is currently taking the following medications:

Please list any accommodations that may need to be made in regards to accessibility:

Check if participant is vegetarian or vegan

Comments:

BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT CONTRACT

PLEASE MAIL IN THIS FORM, COMPLETED, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10, 2011.

Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition sponsored events, are a place for activists like YOU who want to fight and defeat discrimination and harassment in their schools and communities to meet each other, learn, and share resources.

If you have any questions, please direct them to any MSSC staff member who is coordinating the event that you will be attending.

TO BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING MSSC Q&A!

I hereby pledge that:

- I will remain at the event sites with MSSC or the partnering organizations staff and representatives.
- I will not bring with me nor use alcohol or other drugs during or prior to arriving at this event.
- I will not smoke in the hotel or within 30 feet of any persons/buildings related to the event.
- I will maintain the confidentiality and respect of all event members.
- I will cooperate with MSSC and our partnering organization staff and abide by their decisions.
- I agree to be a representative of MSSC and our partners by modeling positive behavior.
- I agree that if I violate this agreement I may be subject to any of the following consequences:
 - Prohibited from participating in the remainder of the event
 - Become ineligible to participate in future MSSC sponsored events
 - Other consequences deemed appropriate by MSSC or the partnering organizations staff.
- I will adhere to any additional rules and guidelines that may be presented during the event.

Participant's signature _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Age:** _____

If you are under the age of 18, you must also have a parent/guardian sign.

Parent/Guardian's name: (printed) _____

(signed) _____

Date: _____

MEDIA AND PHOTO RELEASE

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Media Release is OPTIONAL

If you do not wish to authorize, please contact us before October 10, 2011

As a participant in Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition’s Queer Youth & Ally Summit 2011, I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the right of MSSC and/or any other co-sponsoring organization to reproduce my image, photograph, or likeness, for any publicity and fundraising purposes they may deem appropriate for their use. My photograph, image, or likeness may appear in either official materials including (but not limited to) brochures, websites, email blasts, or any other form of media and/or technology currently in existence or not yet developed.

I authorize any media outlet, both local or national, to reproduce my image, photograph, likeness, or recording. I understand that my pictures and/or interview may be accessible to anyone with Internet access and may appear in local, statewide, national, and international print or television media. For instance, I understand that my picture may be published in my local newspaper where my family and friends can see it.

I understand and accept that because of the nature of Q&A, I may be perceived as an out lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer youth.

I release Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition from any claims or liabilities that may result in the use of these photographs, images, recordings or likenesses.

Participant’s name: (printed) _____

(signed) _____

Date: _____

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, YOU MUST ALSO HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN.

Parent/Guardian’s name: (printed) _____

(signed) _____

Date: _____