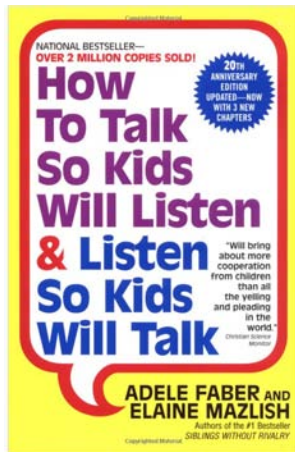




The 2011  
AEU Religious Education  
Fall Conference and Family Weekend  
“Ethically Talking So Kids Will Listen  
and Listening So Kids Will Talk”



Workshops and conversations based on the ideas outlined in the book “How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk” by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

November 4 - 6, 2011  
Stony Point Conference Center  
Stony Point, NY

# OVERVIEW

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As Ethical Humanists we believe that we should act so as to elicit the best in others, and thereby ourselves. As religious educators and parents, we must be able to communicate with children in a way that acknowledges their feelings, engages them, treats them with dignity and respect. In doing so, we allow children to express themselves as well, and we are able to learn from them and with them. This weekend we will explore our roles as teachers and parents and discuss how we can be effective. Our weekend includes opportunity for reflection, inspiration, and play. Welcome!

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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**Friday**      **4:30 p.m.**    Arrive, Check-in and Get Settled  
**6:00**            Dinner  
**7:30**            **Ice Breakers** *Alan Berger*  
*Introductions, catching up and group games.*  
**9:00**            Relax and Chat



**Saturday**      **7:30 a.m.**    Yoga for everyone  
**8:00**            Breakfast  
**9:00**            **Welcome and Introductions**      *Aimee Neumann*  
**9:15**            **Session 1:**      *Children's Program begins*  
*Dealing with Children's Feelings and Engaging Cooperation*  
**11:00**          Intergenerational Scavenger Hunt  
**11:45**          Group Photo  
**12:00 p.m.**    Lunch      *Children join their parents for the meal*  
**1:00**            **Session 2:**  
*Alternatives to Punishment and Encouraging Autonomy*  
**3:00**            **Session 3:**  
*New Ways to Praise and Freeing Children from Playing Roles*  
**5:00**            **DRE Exchange / Teacher Exchange / Parent Exchange**  
**6:00**            Dinner      *Children's Program Concludes*  
**7:00**            Talent Show  
**9:00**            Sing-a-long

**Sunday**        **8:00 a.m.**    Breakfast  
**9:30**            **Colloquy** *Listening*  
**10:15**          **Platform** Intergenerational Instant Play  
**11:30**          **Closing**  
**12:00**          Lunch



# THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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All children must be accompanied to the conference by a parent or guardian. There will be childcare and a children's program based on interests and needs. Please be sure to indicate the ages and number of children attending on the registration form. Children's programming will run Saturday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and again from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. All other times, children are the sole responsibility of their parents.

## LOCATION

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The Stony Point Conference Center ([www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)) is nestled in the Lower Hudson River Valley between New York City and West Point. It began as a summer get-away cottage for a New York family and has grown into a 32 acre place of renewal that welcomes all who seek its hospitality. It is about a two hour trip from all major airports and Manhattan, New York.

## WHAT TO BRING

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Comfortable, Casual Clothes <i>(dress for the climate - prepare to be outdoors)</i>	Flashlight	Notebook and Pens
Toiletries	Camera	Sunday School materials to share
Songs	Musical Instruments	Your family
	Games	

## WEEKEND COSTS AND FEES

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Conference Registration Due by Sept. 30	Adult \$40.00	Child (5 - 11) \$30.00	(Under 5 is Free)
Accommodations 2 nights, includes 6 meals	Adult \$200.00	Child (5 - 11) \$100.00	(Under 5 is Free)
Saturday Only	\$50.00	<i>Includes breakfast, lunch and registration</i>	

*If you can't make it for the whole conference, contact Lawrence Miller at [lmiller@aeu.org](mailto:lmiller@aeu.org) or 212-873-6500 to work out special pricing.*

## HOW TO REGISTER

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Fill out the enclosed form and mail with complete payment to:  
(make check payable to: American Ethical Union)

The American Ethical Union  
2 West 64th Street  
New York, NY 10023-7183



# DIRECTIONS

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## **Stony Point Conference Center**

17 Crickettown Road  
Stony Point, NY 10980  
(845) 786-5674

[www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)



### **From New York City**

Cross the George Washington Bridge (upper level), take the PALISADES PARKWAY NORTH to Exit 15.

### **From the North**

Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) South to Exit 16 (Harriman), go East on Route 6 (the first exit after the toll gate, left onto 32, then left onto Route 6 East) to the PALISADES PARKWAY SOUTH to Exit 15.

### **From the South**

Take New Jersey Turnpike (I-95) North to the PALISADES PARKWAY NORTH to Exit 15.

- OR -

Take the Garden State Parkway onto the New York State Thruway (I-87) toward the Tappan Zee Bridge. Take Exit 13N onto the PALISADES PARKWAY NORTH to Exit 15.

### **From the East**

Take I-95 South onto I-287, cross the Tappan Zee Bridge, take exit 13N onto the PALISADES PARKWAY NORTH to Exit 15.

### **From the West**

Take I-80 East to I-287 onto the New York State Thruway (I-87) toward the Tappan Zee Bridge. Take Exit 13N onto the PALISADES PARKWAY NORTH to Exit 15.

### **From the Palisades Parkway Exit 15**

(TEMPORARY DETOUR DURING BRIDGE WORK) Follow arrow for Stony Point; drive about 2 miles on Gate Hill Road (also called RC 106 East) to Reservoir Road (also called RC 47) and make a left on to Reservoir Road. Turn right at the stop sign onto West Main Street. (Pass Gilmore Sloane House on your left.) Take your first left onto Crickettown Road. Drive about 200 yards. Entrance to Stony Point Center is on the left.

*For Instructions on getting to Stony Point Center by public transportation, see their web site at [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org) under "Contact Us".*



This Conference is presented by the Religious Education Committee of the AEU:

SHARON APPELQUIST *Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago*  
ALAN BERGER *Ethical Culture Society of Rockland County*  
BOB BHAERMAN *Ethical Society Without Walls*  
TRISH COWAN *AEU Curriculum Developer*

LAW'NENCE MILLER *AEU Director of Administration*  
AIMEE NEUMANN *AEU Director of Religious Education*  
EMILY NEWMAN *NY SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE*  
JENNIFER SCATES *RE Representative to the AEU Board*

Maybe you'd like to consider joining the RE Committee for next year!

# REGISTRATION FORM

Family's Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Kids in Your Sunday School: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants:

Adult #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (circle all that apply) DRE TEACHER PARENT I am a (circle all that apply) DRE TEACHER PARENT

Child #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Child #4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How many are vegetarians? \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

## Calculate Your Fees:

Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ adults @\$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ children (5-11) @\$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(children under 5 are free)

Accommodations:

\_\_\_\_\_ adults @\$200.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ children (5-11) @\$100.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(children under 5 are free)

Saturday Only: *includes breakfast, lunch and registration*

\_\_\_\_\_ adults @\$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ children (5-11) @\$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like us to include your contact info on a list to be given to all conference participants?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

May we use pictures of you and/or your children (with first names only) in future AEU publicity?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## Rooming:

Number of Rooms required: \_\_\_\_\_

*All rooms have 2 single beds.*

Do you need adjoining rooms? \_\_\_\_\_

*contact Aimee Neumann at  
aneumann.aeu@gmail.com with special requests*

## Registration Form and Fees are due by Sept. 30, 2011

Please mail check or money order to:

The American Ethical Union

2 West 64th Street

New York, NY 10023-7183

To Pay by Credit Card:

Circle card type: Visa MC Discover Diners Club AmEx Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Card Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*On most cards, the CSC is three digits long and printed on the back of the card. We cannot process your payment without this information.*

Billing Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# FOR ALL YOUTH ATTENDING WITH PARENTS

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We want to create activities for this group based on what YOU like to do . . . so let us know! Here are some suggestions we have to offer. Check off the ones you like and add some more!



- Scavenger Hunt
- Collective Tag
- Save the Earth
- Tug of Peace
- Human Chair
- Hiking and Nature Walk
- Fun Food



- Movies
- Music
- Cooperative/Competitive Games
- Creating the World as an Ethical Place through art, plays, stories

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**Your Name:**

**Age:**

**Anything about you we should know?**

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**Parents Who are Attending:**

**Cell Phone:**

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I give my child(ren) permission to participate in all Conference activities, including, but not limited to, snacks, indoor programming and outdoor walks, games and activities. I give consent for any necessary emergency first aid treatment as deemed necessary by the Conference staff and/or volunteers.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:**

**Date:**

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