



Soka Gakkai International – USA

West Territory Office

Memo: WEST 10-012
To: All Leaders in PNW Zones
From: West Territory Leadership Team
Re: Guidelines Elementary School Division (ESD) Members and MD/WD to attend the July 10th Festival
Date: June 3, 2010 (rev 6/05/2010)

Thank you very much for your support in the frontlines in ensuring that we are able to gather 15,000 youth in the West Territory at our youth festivals in Long Beach and Hawaii! We deeply appreciate the efforts of the men's and women's division members especially in helping ensure that, as youth, we can achieve this dream—our promise to Sensei.

Throughout West Territory, we have received many calls from members with two requests for the July 10th Youth Festival:

- 1) Whether Elementary School Division members can attend as spectators, and
- 2) Whether men's and women's division members can attend with youth guests

After much discussion and feedback, we have addressed the requests with the guidelines below. Please read carefully for more information.

Guidelines for ESD Spectators

We'd like to invite all ESD members to the festival—our young future division members who will carry on the great mission of *kosen-rufu*! Two parents may travel with the ESD-aged children in their families, however, only **one parent** may accompany the children in their family inside the arena. ESD guests are also welcome, following the same guidelines as the ESD members.

Here are the package price costs for families traveling to the festival:

1. If **one parent** is traveling with their ESD child or children, each participant must pay the full package price. For example, \$190 for the parent and \$190 for first child, with a price of \$85 for a second child.
2. If **two parents** pay the full package price of \$190 and travel with their ESD child or children, the children (up to two) may attend for \$85 each. For example, both a mother and father each pay \$190 and their two children pay \$85 each. This is the hotel policy (2 adults and up to 2 children in one room) and are we are unable to alter it.

Two families who wish to take part in this offer may do so. For example, if there are two mothers that will each be traveling with their one child, they may stay together and benefit from this offer from the hotel. It will be up to the parents to coordinate and inform the zone if they want to use this offer.

The package price of either \$190 or \$85 for the large family package covers ground transportation and most meals, but does not include flights. All flights must be arranged by participants.

Note: For the \$85 break, families will need to register at the Zone Office (cannot do online).

All ESD members traveling into Los Angeles will be spectators; therefore, they need to arrive **Friday, July 9th** for the festival and should be part of the organized transportation movement from the hotel to the Long Beach Arena on Saturday. Larger families should consult with local zone men's and women's with any questions or concerns.

Guidelines for MD/WD Who Bring 2 or More Youth Guests

Men's or women's division members who bring **two or more youth guests** may watch the festival from a satellite location on site while their guests attend the meeting inside the arena. The satellite seating is first come, first serve, so sponsors and their guests should register to attend the festival as soon as possible. These men's and women's division must check in with their guests at the will call table on the day of the event. Men's or women's division members and guests should travel with the transportation movement organized by the zone. **All MD/WD who are bringing 2 or more guests must register themselves and their guests for the festival.**

Thank you again to all the members of the West Territory for supporting our great dream of gathering 15,000 youth in July!

Registration can be done in person at various meetings or at an SGI community center or online at www.westrockstheera.org.