



Soka Gakkai International – USA

Pacific Northwest Zone

Thank you very much for all your efforts toward supporting our precious youth in all Rock the Era activities and for promoting the 2010 West Territory Youth Festival July 10th in Long Beach, CA.

We want to sincerely ask for your continued support in promoting this festival until all available seats are filled.

Following are summaries of key points regarding preparations:

Rock the Era schedule towards July Youth Festival

Sat, June 12 th	10am-2pm	Additional Practice
Sun, June 13 th	10am-2pm	Rock the Era Meeting (Zone-wide)
Sat, June 19 th	10am-2pm	Additional Practice
Sat, June 26 th	10am-2pm	Additional Practice
Sun, June 27 th	10am-2pm	Rock the Era Meeting
Sat, July 3 rd	10am-2pm	Additional Practice (Zone-wide)

“Additional Practices” are for Youth Performing Groups and Behind the Scenes Groups

Ways to register and submit application and pay for the Youth Culture Festival –

1. Fill out **Application Form** and **Consent Form** (as applicable), and submit
 - o In person at various meetings
 - o At SGI Community Centers
 - o For ESD \$85 price break, must register with Zone office (cannot do online).
2. Directly on website www.westrockstheera.org
 {note: for ESD fill out same Youth Festival Application Form}

From April 23, 2010 *World Tribune*, pg 2, Creating the Causes for Victory

During this year of significant milestones, the SGI-USA youth will hold three territorywide Rock the Era culture festivals in July. These modern-day March 16 ceremonies will serve as the time when the SGI-USA youth inherit from their mentor the spiritual baton to accomplish *kosen-rufu*.

In order to win in July, each of us must challenge the obstacle in front of us right now. The key to victory lies in our determined prayer.

President Ikeda writes: “There is no need for us to be prisoners of the past; in fact, we can even change the past.

“The moment our mind-set changes, we create a cause in the present that can definitely transform the effect manifested in the future.” ...

With these festivals, they [YD] plan to issue this clarion call to young people around the world: “Stand up and fight! For the sake of justice, for the sake of the people, spread the great hope of Nichiren Buddhism to every unlit street, every forgotten community and every suffering family!”

With deepest respect,

Pacific Northwest Zone Team