

Adult Youth Leader Assignments, Key Information and FAQ's Summary Youth Conference 2018

Dear Leaders, we would love your help with youth conference! Please see volunteer needs noted below and the attached schedule for details.

Roles & Responsibilities for Youth Conference daily SHIFT Volunteers:

- We need adult youth leaders from each ward to help with on-site support at youth conference.
- There are two shifts each day on Thursday and Friday (morning start through lunch, and lunch through evening close). These shift transitions will happen during lunch. There is one shift on Saturday for the full day.
- Please identify 1 YM and 1 YW leader from each ward to cover each shift each day. The same leader can cover multiple shifts as available / desired.
 - Our desire is that youth leaders have the first opportunity to volunteer for these support roles. However, please counsel with your Bishopricks to involve other ward members as volunteers where needed. We hope that the combination of shorter and longer shifts will accommodate your varied schedules and commitments and your desire to serve.
- Please submit the names and phone numbers of the leaders covering each shift by **Sunday, July 1st** at the following links:
 - [Young Men Leader Daily Shift Volunteers](#)
 - [Young Women Leader Daily Shift Volunteers](#)
 - Alternatively, you may submit names and numbers by calling Janelle Bond at 801-310-1565.
- Responsibilities will include:
 - Transporting youth to / from youth conference
 - Transporting youth to offsite activities during the day
 - Helping with assignments such as: assisting with service projects, supervision / support during activities, building set-up and clean-up, etc.
 - Information regarding your specific assignments will be provided when you arrive for your shift. Look for the stake rep. holding the sign "Adult Leader Sign-In".

Roles & Responsibilities for Youth Conference daily TRANSPORTATION Volunteers:

- Please send the name of one person from your ward to serve as the **transportation volunteer coordinator** who will work with our Stake Transportation Specialist, Dale Curtis.
 - Transportation for the youth will be coordinated within your ward by the coordinator.
- Please submit the name of the coordinator by **Sunday, July 1st** by clicking on the following link:
 - [Transportation Coordinator](#)
- Transportation volunteer responsibilities include:
 - driving youth to and from youth conference, and some travel throughout the day for various activities (e.g. service projects, transport to variety show, driving youth home to refresh before Friday evening dance, etc.)

Tabitha's Way Service Opportunity and Food Drive Competition

Some of our service at youth conference will be in support of Tabitha's Way. Through the efforts of our youth, we have a special and unique opportunity to support a food drive and impact the critical food needs of our local community. We are inviting the youth to bring one (or more) of the following kinds of items that will be collected and donated to Tabitha's Way.

In priority order of need:

- Canned items: canned fruits, canned tomatoes, canned meats, canned vegetables (no green beans, please)
- Dry Pack Goods: rice, beans and noodles.

A reminder to contribute to the Tabitha's Way food drive is included in the "what do I bring each day" section of the FAQ's. Please encourage your youth to participate by bringing an item for donation. We hope to make this a fun competition!

The following information is a summarized version of the youth FAQs. We hope it's helpful to you.

Where do youth register?

- Each participant needs a permission slip signed by a parent. This can be found on our stake website or lds.org
- Youth can register the day of; please encourage them all to come!

What ages are invited to attend youth conference?

- Eligible youth are ages 14-18 years. Specifically, if youth turn 14 before school starts in Fall of 2018, they are invited to attend. Graduating seniors are also invited.

Where will youth sleep?

- All youth will be sleeping at their own homes during youth conference. Rest up! ☺

Transportation for Youth Conference:

- Transportation for your youth should be arranged by youth leaders / other adults within your ward.
- Just a reminder, a) youth cannot drive other youth, b) parking at venues is limited, c) to enable us to effectively address any emergencies that arise.
- If the need arises for a youth to leave Youth Conference, please have him/her check out with a youth or stake leader
- Youth that must drive themselves due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. conflicts with work), will need to get permission from their youth leader. In these circumstances, contact Kelly Hancock (801-636-4886) for the required parking pass.

Will youth have friends in their district or zone?

- By the end of youth conference, we hope youth will have many friends in their district and zone. ☺ Districts will be put together by ward. Zones will include a combination of several wards. Our goal is to create an experience for youth with friends they already know and other new friends to be made.

Can youth bring a friend from another stake?

Youth Conference is designed for the youth of our stake, and is a chance to meet and connect with those you don't know. Therefore, youth from other stakes are not invited to attend unless there are special circumstances (like an extended visitor from out of state). We will review requests with your Bishop and/or YM/YW leader on a case-by-case basis beforehand. We look forward to your youth getting to know and make connections with other youth from our stake as we build Zion together.

What do youth need to bring each day?

- A small backpack or drawstring bag, labeled with their name)
- Refillable water bottle
- Snacks (if youth need food in between meals, or are limited by the food provided)
- Sun protection: sunglasses / visor/ hat / lip balm / sunblock
- Work gloves (Friday)
- Scriptures, pen, journal for notes during guest speakers and Saturday workshops
- Any personal medications
- Donated item(s) for Tabitha's Way Food Drive Competition (in priority order: canned fruits, canned tomatoes, canned meats, canned vegetables (no green beans, please), dry pack goods such as rice, beans and noodles.



What if youth have special dietary needs?

If youth have food allergies or special restrictive dietary needs, they will need to bring their own food from home for lunch and dinner each day. A menu will be provided closer to the July dates.

What should youth wear each day?

Please encourage youth to carefully and prayerfully read “For The Strength of Youth” and dress accordingly. Specific instructions for each day are as follows:

- **Thursday** is a casual day. Please wear clothes you can play games, run, climb walls and dance in. (Shoes...closed-toe recommended (ie tennis shoes). No flip-flops or sandals)
- **Friday** is a service day. Please wear long sturdy pants, gloves, and hats. A youth conference t-shirt will be provided for the service day. These clothes should be able to get wet and dirty. (Shoes...closed-toe recommended (ie tennis shoes). No flip-flops or sandals)
- **Saturday** is a special day... :) To maintain the Spirit of this day, please wear Sunday dress. Keep in mind you will be walking to and from classes, so wear Sunday clothing and shoes that are comfortable.

Can youth wear shorts?

Please no shorts. For general dress, carefully and prayerfully read “For The Strength of Youth” and dress accordingly. We look forward to having an uplifting time and inviting the spirit by dressing appropriately.

From “For the Strength of Youth” under *Dress and Appearance*.

“Never lower your standards of dress. Do not use a special occasion as an excuse to be immodest. When you dress immodestly, you send a message that is contrary to your identity as a son or daughter of God. You also send the message that you are using your body to get attention and approval.”

“Immodest clothing is any clothing that is tight, sheer, or revealing in any manner. Young women should avoid short shorts and short skirts, shirts that do not cover the stomach, and clothing that does not cover the shoulders or is low-cut in the front or the back. Young men should also maintain modesty in their appearance. Young men and young women should be neat and clean and avoid being extreme or inappropriately casual in clothing, hairstyle, and behavior. They should choose appropriately modest apparel when participating in sports. The fashions of the world will change, but the Lord's standards will not change.”

Can youth bring their cell phone?

- Yes. We are encouraging youth to use their cell phones to capture fun moments from Youth Conference and share them with the stake (post photos, testimony, favorite quotes on Instagram @connect2zion). We will remind the youth to keep in mind that during talks, cell phones need to be put away to show proper respect to the speakers and not be a distraction to the other youth. We have noted in the youth FAQ's that if the phone does become a distraction during classes, we will ask them to give it to you or another leader.
- Also, very IMPORTANT: We will be using our phones for a fun activity connecting to each other and to our relatives. Please help your youth be prepared by making sure they have downloaded the Family Search app and know their lds.org username and password. We will have options available for those without access to a phone or account.

Please summarize the most important points?

1. Be part of the “This is Me” variety show! Submit audition video (short clip) by July 3rd.
2. What to bring? See the list above. Details about supplies for service projects will be coming soon.
3. What to wear? Review FSOY and the outline above for each day.
4. Youth Conference is an opportunity to CONNECT with Jesus, Others and Yourself. Come and experience the JOY of Connecting!
5. More questions? Please contact one of the following Stake YW / Stake YM leaders. We'll do our best to answer your question or put you in touch with the right person.
 - Jodi Nielsen 801-520-9080
 - Janelle Bond 801-310-1565
 - Sherri Crook 435-253-1072
 - Jill Burgon 703-969-1744
 - Kelly Hancock 801-636-4886