

# Youth Conference 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

## Where do I register?

There is a permission slip / medical release that must be filled out and signed by a parent. That permission slip must be returned to your YM/YW leader in order to attend Youth Conference. Haven't registered yet? Don't miss out! You may also bring a signed permission slip the morning of July 12th and register on the spot.

## What ages are invited to attend youth conference?

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

## Where will I sleep?

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

## How do I get to/from Youth Conference?

Transportation will be arranged by adults within your wards for the following reasons: a) youth cannot drive other youth, b) parking at venues is limited, c) to enable us to effectively address any emergencies that arise. Thank you for your cooperation. IMPORTANT: If the need arises to leave Youth Conference, please check out with a youth or stake leader before leaving.

## Can I drive my own car there?

There will be limited parking at the Stake Center and other venues. Please plan on having someone drop you off at Youth Conference if you do not come with your YM/YW leader. If that is not possible, a parking permit can be issued. Please discuss with your youth leader your extenuating circumstances requiring a permit.

## Can I come and go from Youth Conference for my job?

We want you to be at Youth Conference for the entire three days' activities. However, we understand there may be extenuating circumstances that pull you away for a period of time (i.e. specifically for a job). In such cases, you will need to discuss the situation with your YM/YW leader who will relay your schedule to the stake leaders so that food, supplies and parking can be addressed.

## Will any of my friends be in my district or zone?

By the end of youth conference, you'll have many friends in your district and zone. ☺ Districts will be put together mostly according to your ward. Zones will include a combination of several districts and youth from other wards. Our goal is to create an experience for you with friends you already know and other new friends to be made.

## Can I 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 you getting to know and make connections with other youth from our stake as we build Zion together.

## What do I need to bring each day?

- A small backpack or drawstring bag, labeled with your name)
- Refillable water bottle - important!
- Snacks (if you need food in between meals, or are limited by the food provided)
- Sun protection: sunglasses / visor/ hat / lip balm / sunblock
- Work gloves (for Friday service)
- 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 I have special dietary needs?**

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

### **What should I wear each day?**

Please 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. 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 I 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 I bring my cell phone?**

Yes. We would like you to capture fun moments from Youth Conference on your cell phone or camera and share them with the stake. (post photos, testimony, favorite quotes on Instagram @connect2zion)

Please 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. If the phone does become a distraction during classes, we will ask you to give it to your district leader or a YM/YW leader.

**IMPORTANT:** We will be using our phones for a fun activity connecting to each other and to our relatives. Please be prepared by downloading the Family Search app and knowing your lds.org username and password. We will have options available for those without access to a phone or account.

### **Will you summarize the most important points?**

1. This is a “Stay-At-Home” Youth Conference. Transportation to / from will be arranged within your ward.
2. Be part of the “This is Me” variety show! Submit audition video (short clip) by July 3rd.
3. What to bring? See the list above. Details about supplies for service projects will be coming soon.
4. What to wear? Review FSOY and the outline above for each day.
5. What about my cell phone? Please bring it for the specific purposes outlined, but do not let it be a distraction.
6. What if I have more questions? Please contact your ward YM or YW Leader.
7. Youth Conference is an opportunity to CONNECT with Jesus, Others and Yourself. Come and experience the JOY of Connecting!