

Liahona 2009 Youth Conference Information

Thank you for signing up for Youth Conference. Each year, we have the best time planning for this event. It is one of our favorite activities. We try to think up fun things to do and ask the best speakers available. Every year, we think, will be the “best year yet”. This year is no exception. We are going to have a lot of fun! The speaker line-up is terrific, the smell of fall is in the air and Aspen Grove is waiting for our return. We can’t wait to renew friendships and to get to know many more of you. This letter should supply the information you need to prepare to come. The agenda will be posted on the website.

Money - The cost is \$230. All money should have been turned into Liahona’s office at the time of registration and is *non-refundable* for both Academy and Distance Learning students. No exceptions.

School Attendance - School **will be** held Monday, Oct.5th and resume Monday, Oct.12th from 8:15 till 1:05 pm. Elective classes will NOT be held the week of Youth Conference. Those traveling here are welcome to visit school either before or after Youth Conference. We do have a dress code for the Academy, so please check to see what to bring for clothes if you will be attending the Academy. The Academy is located at 2464 West 450 East in Pleasant Grove. We are approximately 40 minutes from downtown Salt Lake (north of us) and 15 minutes from Provo (south of us).

Directions to Youth Conference - Aspen Grove is located in Provo Canyon, 3 miles above Sundance Ski Resort. I-15 is the major freeway through Utah. No matter which direction you are coming from, you need to get on I-15 and take the Orem 8th North exit. Turn east on 8th North, endure all the construction currently happening and follow the road up to Provo Canyon. Once you enter the canyon, the road becomes Highway 189. Continue into Provo Canyon until you see the Sundance Ski Resort/Aspen Grove sign (Hwy 92) just past the tunnel. Make a left turn onto Hwy 92 and keep going north till you pass Sundance. Continue for 3 more miles. You’ll see the Aspen Grove - BYU Alumni Camp sign. You can park in the Emerald Lodge parking lot and come into the Emerald Lodge to check in. We’ll have tables set up in the lobby. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation to and from Aspen Grove.

Check-In/Out -

1. Check-in Oct. 5th from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at the **Emerald Lodge**.
2. Your Medical form and Behavior/Dress agreement should have been sent in when you registered. If we don’t have them you will need to fill out new forms and have your parent sign them at check-in. You will NOT be allowed to attend YC without these forms!
3. **Eat dinner before coming**, there are NO dinner/food facilities Monday evening so the Aspen Grove staff can go home for FHE
4. You’ll be given your assigned cabin and an updated agenda at check-in. **Once you are checked in, you can take your bags to your assigned cabin.** Do not reserve a room or bed until you have checked in. Please do not remove any Liahona “*room saved*” tags from bedroom doors.
5. A welcome meeting will be held for everyone from 7:00 - 7:45 pm. at the Timp Lodge.
6. Check-out is Oct. 9th at Noon at the Timp room in the Aspen Lodge. Please do not be late in picking up your student. Aspen Grove has another group who will be waiting to check in. Everyone must be gone by Noon!

Contact - The Aspen Grove phone number is (801) 225 - 9554. They keep business hours and will not answer the phone after hours. There is a pay phone so your student can call home.

Who Can Come - All Academy or Distance Learning parents, Intermediate, Freshman, Senior students ages 12 and up, who are presently enrolled in Liahona and whose tuition is current. Students between 10 and 12 may come if attended by the same sex parent and if they can sit through several hours of speakers.

Spending Money - There is a small candy/gift shop at Aspen Grove but nothing else is available on the premises. Sometimes, our speakers or musical numbers bring cd's the students may purchase. But all meals, transportation, and lodging are paid for, so needed spending money should be minimal.

Y.C. Dress Code - The weather can be a little bit of everything; warm, cold, snow, rain. Most years it has been around 60 degrees during the day and in the 40's at night. We have had a few years when it snowed! So come prepared for a variety of situations. All clothing must be clean, neat, modest and meet church standards. Those of you who've joined us before know we are pretty strict on dress code. **Bring:** jeans (not too baggy, tight, or hang too low), cargo-type shorts - which hit the mid-knee, t-shirts (no sayings), tennis shoes and hiking boots, sweaters or sweatshirts, a coat and hat (no sayings on hat and they **may not** be worn during the speakers). Layers of clothing will cover most situations, both inside and outside. For those 14 and up you may want a nice school type/Sunday dress outfit for the dance. **Do Not Bring:** tank tops, sleeveless shirts, belly shirts, hip huggers, plunging necklines, offensive sayings or offensive brand names on clothing, pierced body jewelry other than earrings for girls, anything gothic or which suggests gang affiliation, abnormal colored hair (blue, green, etc.), wife beater t-shirts, tattoos, spike jewelry, or earrings in boys' ears. It is too cold for a swimsuit. *Please remember how you dress says a lot about you and we expect that what you say by your dress will match church standards.* Disregard of dress code or behavior rules will result in a student being sent home at the parents expense.

Accommodations - The main lodges are large, heated, with bunk beds, queen size beds (which must be shared), and mats for the floor. Each lodge has at least three bathrooms. There are small kitchens and living rooms in each cabin. While the lodges are very nice, they are still lodges, not motel rooms. There are about 30 students/chaperones to a lodge so those who don't have a bed or bunk will have to sleep on a mat in the large loft area. Chaperones have first pick of the beds and should share the queen-sized beds. Lodges are assigned according to age but sleeping arrangements in the lodges are first come, first serve. Girls sleep in separate cabins from the boys and neither sex is allowed over the porch of the other sex's cabin. Depending on the number of students who attend, we also use the smaller cabins for the young men. These cabins have become quite famous over the years. They have a communal bathroom and each cabin sleeps 8 to 15 young men. There are basketball and volleyball courts and a play area on the grounds. Meetings are held in the Timpanogos Meeting Room or in the Emerald Lodge. Meals are catered by Aspen Grove and are cafeteria style. The food is plentiful and filling but chosen for teenage appetites not for special dietary needs. If you have special needs, please bring what you need.

What To Bring - Sleeping bag, a 'happy' attitude, pillow, pj's, warm clothing, good tennis

shoes and/or hiking boots, a *'willingness to meet everyone'*, **towel, wash cloth, toiletries**, a *'go with the flow'* attitude, **jacket or coat, any special diet needs**, a *'be kind to everyone'* attitude, **medications, camera, fun games, journal, notebook, pens**, and again a *'happy'* attitude. You may bring a "walkman/ipod" with headphones but it **must** be kept in the cabin and not disturb others. Bring only appropriate music or it will be taken away. Cell phones must be turned off during meetings. There is a washer and dryer in each large cabin. They cost .50 cents a load to use.

What Not To Bring - Boom boxes, electronic games including X-Boxes, face cards, pocket knives, grouchy attitudes, anything on the 'do not bring' dress code list.

Schedule -

1. We will have a 3 full days and 2 half days of speakers, music and activities.
2. A dance for **14 and up** (only) will be held Thursday evening. The dance is **ONLY** for students enrolled at Youth Conference OR former Liahona graduates. Friends and/or former students are **NOT** invited to attend.
3. Movies and treats are held Thursday evening for those who are 13 and younger.
4. **Family is invited to attend the evening activities for free**, but please do not come for the day or eat any meals without paying.

Chaperones - Youth Conference Chaperones will be provided by Liahona. Parents are welcome to attend Youth Conference as participants but will **NOT** have chaperone responsibilities.

Students - So that everyone can have a great time and activities will go smoothly, your help and cooperation is needed. Before coming, please commit to follow a few simple rules.

1. If a chaperone asks you do something, do it happily and willingly.
2. If a chaperone decides your behavior needs correction, accept it and obey.
3. Do **NOT** go anywhere by yourself (not in a snit, pout, or for any other reason).
4. Tell one of your cabin chaperones where you are going at all times.
5. Obey curfew.
6. Pick up you own mess and trash. Help keep meeting rooms and your cabins clean.
7. Do not go off alone as a "couple", with someone of the opposite sex. Never cross the cabin threshold of the opposite sex.
8. Obey the Word of Wisdom.
9. Share the bathroom and don't use all the hot water. Boys - bathe!
10. If you get sick, tell a chaperone.
11. Don't whine.
12. Be respectful of those sleeping in the cabin with you. Just because you may want to talk or giggle until all hours, does not mean those around you feel the same. (Chaperones get cranky when they don't get enough sleep.)
13. Don't swear or use inappropriate language. Don't discuss inappropriate subjects.
14. Only those 14 and up may attend the dance. **ALSO:** The dance is **ONLY** for students enrolled at Youth Conference OR former Liahona graduates. Friends and/or former students are **NOT** invited to attend.
15. More instruction will be given at our opening meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at Aspen Grove. Let's have a great time!