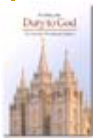


The LDS Young Men Organization Overview

A: Objective



Duty to God: Message from the First Presidency

...Heavenly Father has great trust and confidence in you and has an important mission for you to fulfill. He will help you as you (1) turn to Him in prayer, (2) listen for the promptings of the Spirit, (3) obey the commandments, and (4) keep the covenants that you have made. You will feel a great sense of accomplishment as you (5) fulfill your duties, and you will be (6) prepared to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood, (7) receive the covenants and ordinances of the temple, (8) worthily serve a full-time mission, and (9) become a righteous husband and father.... *The First Presidency*

D: Means: "Learn, Act, Share"

1 - Learn your duties



- Quorum Meeting
- Family Home Evening
- Quorum Presidency Meeting
- Bishop's Youth Committee +



3-Share your experiences

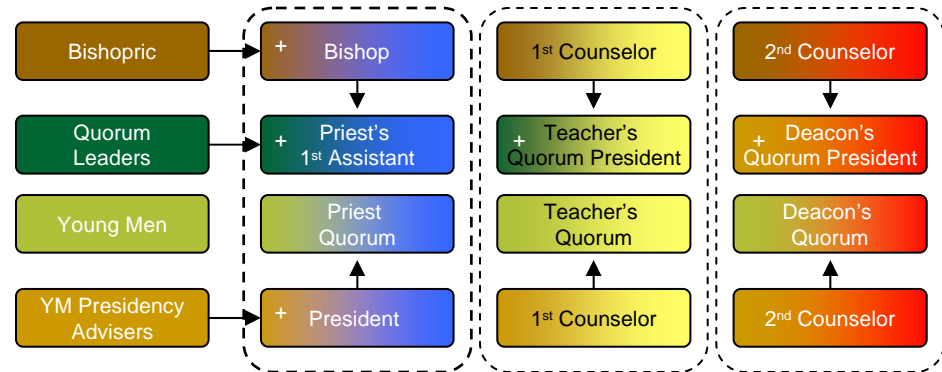


2 – Act, starting with a plan



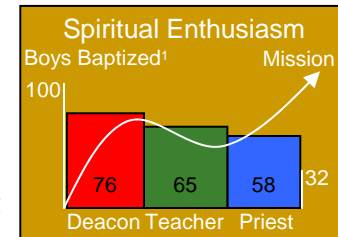
Leaders should follow this pattern too: Learn duties in scriptures, training, manuals, Act, starting with *Plan* in PEC and presidency meetings, Share results by reporting parents and leaders

B: Organization



C: Plan or "Ages and Stages"

- Deacon 12-13: Wildly enthusiastic, willing to follow, few skills and capabilities. Scouting is grown-up. Leadership is mostly approving plans and assigning specific tasks. Never let them fail. Many will commit to a mission as a Deacon. Adult leaders can be complacent because of their enthusiasm.
- Teacher in Transition 14-15: Distancing from childhood, including Scouting and Deacons. Envisioning manhood, testing boundaries, yet lacks confidence in abilities and easily intimidated by Priests. Desires manly challenges. Needs small, controlled accountability for actions and failures, followed by immediate love, support and success in next activity or assignment.
- Priest 16-18: Approaching manhood, willing to lead, skilled, capable and self assured. Indifferent to term "scouting" if activity is interesting. Desire for physical challenge replaced by focus on social interaction. Decreasing parental involvement; need coaches in Bishop and Advisors. Focus on mission prep.



Structure of Duty to God Program	Duty to God			For the Strength of Youth: (learn, do project, report)
	Spiritual Strength (learn, act, share in each)	Priesthood Duties (learn, act, share in each)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray and Study Scriptures • Live Worthily • Understand Doctrine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer Priesthood Ordinances • Serve Others • Invite All to Come Unto Christ 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deacon focus: Physical Health • Teacher focus: Education • Priest focus: Family and Friends and Preparing to Receive the Melchizedek Priesthood

¹Church Aaronic Priesthood Study, Dec Ensign, 1984 p. 66-70.

A: Supporting and Complementary Objectives

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my **duty to God** and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Motto - Be prepared

Slogan - Do a good turn daily

Varsity Scout Pledge

As a Varsity Scout I will: Live by the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan; Honor the dignity and worth of all persons; Promote the cause of freedom; And do my best to be a good team member



Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my **duty to God** and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in the world.

BSA Religious Policy and LDS Duty to God

"The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God...but it is absolutely nonsectarian ...Its policy is that the home and organization ...with which the member is connected shall give **definite attention to religious life.**"

B: Different Language for Same Organization

	 Venturing	 Varsity Scout	 Boy Scout	
Bishopric*	Committee Chair	Committee Chair	Committee Chair	
Quorum Leaders	President	Captain	Senior Patrol L	
	Officers	Program Mgrs Squad Leaders	Patrol Leaders	
Young Men	Crew	Team & Squads	Troop & Patrols	
YM Presidency	Advisor	Coach	Scout Master	 Duty to God

D: Enablers, "A Game with a Purpose"

1- Learn through Leader Training

"One of the great blessings of our partnership with Scouting is the **marvelous training** that is provided... Just commit to get every leader trained, including **(A) fast start, (B) youth protection, (C) basic training [(D) outdoor leader skills*] and (E) wood badge immediately after they are called....** For most of us, **Wood Badge** is life-changing... The lessons [of] Scouting ...make Duty to God effective." ¹

2- Act in Youth-Led "Games" with a Purpose

"Here, then, is Scouting in a nutshell: *A game for boys under the leadership of boys with the wise guidance and counsel of a grown-up who has still the enthusiasm of youth in him.* A purposeful game, but a **game** just the same,...that develops *character by practice*, that trains for *citizenship--through experience in the out-of-doors*"²

3- Share through Reflection

Every Activity should end with a **Scout Master**, Coach, or Advisor "**Minute**" that teaches the real purpose of the "game" just played.

C: Measures

11 Year Old Scout Note: Ass't. SM. is Primary Worker. 3 overnight camps yearly; camp as patrol. Per handbook, should meet during day; not with YM.

11 Year Old Scout Patrol (Primary)	11 yrs.	Scout	Tenderfoot	2nd Class	1st Class	Basic Scout Skills	Faith in God For Boys
		No waiting periods.				Knots, Plants, First Aid, Cook, Camp, Fire, Swim Map, Service, Fitness	
12 - 13 yrs.	4 Month 6 MB, 4 Req. 6 Hrs Service 4 Mon. Leader	Star	6 Month 5 MB, 3 Req. 6 Hrs Service 6 Mon. Leader	Life	6 Month 10 MB, 5 Req. Eagle Project 6 Mon. Leader	Eagle & Palms	Duty to God Certificate
14 - 15 yrs.	Interest Survey Capabilities Inventory	Programs: Advancement Service	High Adventure/Sports Personal Development	Special Pgm	Advancement can be continued progress to Eagle	Denali or Eagle	Duty to God Certificate
16 - 18 yrs.	Interest Survey Capabilities Inventory	VLSC Venture Leadership Skills Course (Weekend)	Kodiak (Week long trek)	Kodiak X (Weekend)	High Adventure	Silver or Eagle	Duty to God Certificate

*Although Bishop is typically the Charter Org Institutional Head, and a counselor is typically the Chartered Org. Rep., Bishopric Members should also be trained as Committee Chairs.

*Venture Advisors and Committee Chairs are not required to take outdoor leader skills.

¹Charles W. Dahlquist, II Young Men General President, "The Importance of Wood Badge Training" LDS Relationships Newsletter February 2007.

²"Handbook for Scoutmasters" 1936 William Hillcourt, p. 24; emphasis in the original