

AY Leadership

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Roles and Responsibilities

- AY leaders chairs the AY Ministries Committee
 - Members of this committee are
 - All elected officers of the society plus
 - Personal Ministries leader
 - Youth Sabbath School division leader,
 - Health ministries leader
 - Pathfinder Club director,
 - Adventurer Club director
 - The sponsor
 - The Pastor

AY leader

- “Exemplif[ies] the graces of a genuine Christian”
- Desires ... soul winning
- Is concerned about conserving and reclaiming youth
- Helps youth work together and takes responsibility
- Guides, counsels and encourages the youth, helping them to gain an experience and the joys of achievement.
- Is involved in succession planning – grooming others to take over
- HR Cycle

Youth Leadership

Characteristics

- Available
 - Love and security = time spent in really being there
- Accepting
 - All the youth, even the difficult ones.
- Authentic
 - Are you genuine?
 - When you make a mistake, do you apologize and ask for forgiveness?

Approaches

- Hands-on
 - Teaching an important skill
 - Running out of time
 - Safety issues involved
- Hands-off
 - Highly skilled and motivated team
 - Test the team's ability
 - Still needs your guidance at critical points.
- Shared
 - Consult, delegate, promote, develop

AY leader's relationship

- Team player
 - A team without stars often beats a group of stars who do not play as a team.
- Secretary
 - Supervises the activities of the AY Secretary
 - Is ultimately responsible for reports coming in to the SCC
- Other departments
 - Network and not be seen as one who guards turf.

- Pastor
 - Discuss items with the pastor
 - Invite him to your meetings
- Church Board
 - Be proactive
 - Carry items at least two months ahead
 - Speak with the power brokers before and get their feelings
 - Be organized – carry the plan / do all your homework
- Youth director
 - Cooperating with the plans of the Department
 - Keeping informed and getting training

Chairing Committee Meetings

- Web-conferencing
 - Skype, MSN and Yahoo Messenger
- Facilitates the smooth flow of meeting
- Gets all involved
- Stays on the issue
- Minutes are important
 - Reminder of decisions taken / follow up
 - Secretary keeps the wheels moving – call and remind persons of their responsibilities.
 - Motion, seconds and voting
 - Show of hands,
 - Voice,
 - Secret ballot,
 - When does the chair vote?
 - To change the outcome of the vote



Planning Programs

- Think about
 - Who
 - age, gender, likes / dislikes, family relationships and needs
 - Why
 - What – the details are determined after you know the purpose and with the other factors in mind.
 - When
 - Appropriate for the majority of people you wish to meet.
 - Think outside the box. We are locked into Sabbath afternoon.

Planning Programs (cont.)

- Where
 - Make sure you have the facilities and the resources available to accomplish the ministry.
- How
 - Involve the various interest groups in developing and implementing the program.



***Let's Practice building a
Program!!!***

Practical

Backslider / Missing Youth

- Who?
 - Target
- Why?
 - Reason
- What?
- When?
 - Most appropriate time
- Where?
 - Most appropriate place
- How?
 - Engage the various interest groups in dev. & implementation

Evangelism

- Who?
- Why?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- How?

The Emphasis

- Uniform ministry
- Making A Difference
- Symposium with Parents and Teens
- Bible Bowl
- Being involved in national activities
- Do your research on the youth of the church and meet their needs
- AY Summit

Useful Resources

- Youth Culture 101 by Walt Mueller
- Purpose Driven Youth Ministry by Doug Fields
- Church Manual
- Bible
- Youth Ministry Handbook by YMD of GC
- Seven Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence,
by Jim Feldbush and Steve Yeagley