



Theme: "It's all Priesthood"

The Family, The Church, and Scouting

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Objective: Participants will understand why and how Scouting, along with duty to God and Aaronic Priesthood advancement are keys to activities and the foundation for young men to increase faith and to build their testimonies.

- Boy Scouts forms the primary activity arm for young men 11 to 15.
- Between these years you have young men who are entering into formal offices within the church.

Milestones of a righteous Young man:

- Age eight Baptism, Age twelve become a Deacon, enter into the Aaronic Priesthood. Age 14 becomes a Teacher. All these steps done under the guides of the Bishop and worthiness interviews. (Common to all of these is the making and keeping of covenants, promises to the Lord).
- With using the guidelines of the Scout program in holding to the Scout laws and oaths you help solidify the covenants made to God and strengthening your priesthood foundation.

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1. The importance of the family in the Father's Plan

“ The Family A Proclamation to the World”

- Discussion on what this is and what it means to the church as a whole.

A. The Family: (Discuss what points mean as group)

- Is the center of faith, testimony and devotion to God and each other, the basic unit of eternity. **Teachers children gospel principles and exemplifies how to apply them.**
- Teaches children how to work, be responsible, and serve others.
Done by interacting with family members and those they come in contact with.
- Provides a loving environment in which youth can feel the spirit and develop testimonies. **(Discuss how to create spiritual experiences for your young men to feel the spirit).**
- The Scouting program within the LDS church is offering each youth these types of opportunities as they participate with their leaders and parents in the Scouting program.
Leaders understanding the needs of the youth they work with and setting goals for each youth to accomplish as they advance through the Scouting program and church sponsored programs.

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2. How The family, the church and Scouting address the needs of each young man (boy), strengthen the family, and build faith and testimony in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church: (Discuss these points as a group)

- Reinforces the doctrines taught in the home by which boys and young men should live. **Scripture study, family home evening, PPI's, Priesthood blessings, and family service.**
- Provides an environment in which every young man can feel that he belongs. **Young Men Presidency and assistants working along side the parents nurturing the young men as they interact in quorum activities, (Deacons, Teachers, Priests).**
- Supports home efforts in preparing boys to receive and honor the priesthood and to serve. **Fulfilling duties, and assignments given by church leaders and parents, which promote faith, testimony experiences and discipline.**
- Helps strengthen families. **Through doctrinal principles, church programs such as Scouting, and ecclesiastical guidance the LDS family is enabled to help strengthen each other as they worship and live together, and prepare for exaltation.**
- Develops leadership in young men so they are strong and righteous family, church, and community leaders. **The Church and Scout programs along with young men leaders consistently give the youth ample opportunities to serve in and hold many leadership roles as they progress through to adulthood.**

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3. How The church (Quorum), family and Scouting work together to prepare young men to serve missions.

Scouting: (Discuss these points as a group)

- Provides opportunities to practice and apply gospel principles through outdoor and other settings.

Scout advancement activities such as camps, merit badges and service projects help develop faith, tolerance, brotherly kindness and charity.

- Provides leadership opportunities for boys and young men to prepare them for missions, to be righteous husbands, fathers, and communities leaders.

The rank advancement ceremonies and key merit badges teach the young man to be leaders, allowing them to have a forum to speak at and show many different skills they have developed.

- Promotes family unity.

Many of the activities within Scouting are fostering family unity by working together to help the young man achieve the goals that he has set for himself.

- Allows for learning, the application of skills, and the practice of life's experiences that help develop wisdom, fairness, compassion, and common sense.

Just from the experiences that the young man has within the church and the Scouting program enable him to become more well rounded and enables him to be a positive contributor to society later on.