

Cody Stake Youth Conference Notes

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 - Saturday, August 2, 2025

Overarching Goal:

Become Lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ by believing in Jesus Christ, belonging with Jesus Christ and becoming like Jesus Christ.

Morning Study Devotionals

Devotional (10-15 minutes)

Personal Study (30 minutes)

Adult group leaders will prepare for and lead the morning study devotionals.

Goal:

Believe in Jesus Christ through gospel learning. Create a habit of gospel study.

Thursday

Truth: Look unto me in every thought.

Experience:

Talk: Eyes to See and Ears to Hear by Elder Kim B. Clark

Testimony:

Friday

Truth: Doubt Not, Fear Not

Experience:

Talk: Trusting Our Father by Dave P. Homer

Testimony:

*If youth are struggling to take 30 minutes to study scriptures, it is a good time to provide guidance. Invite them to use *Come Follow Me* or other resources to guide them individually.

Activity Devotionals

Plan for 10 minutes at the beginning and leave about 5 minutes at the end of each activity. Junior leaders will prepare and give these devotionals at each activity. Junior leaders: Please divide these devotionals between the two of you and read and ponder these messages before youth conference. Group and Activity leaders: Please read and ponder these messages as well to be in tune with where their (the youth) hearts and minds will be and find opportunities throughout the activity to testify.

Goal:

Belong with Jesus Christ through service and activities. Learn to focus our lives on Jesus Christ and develop a relationship of belonging with Him and with others.

Outdoor Skills - Tev Kelley

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:11

Quote: Self-Reliance, Topics and Questions, Gospel Library

“The purpose of becoming spiritually and temporally self-reliant is to better serve the Lord and care for others...Accepting and living the following principles of self-reliance will help us receive the spiritual and temporal blessings promised by the Lord. **1.**

Exercise Faith in Jesus Christ...2. Be Obedient...3. Act...4. Serve and Be United.

Service and Unity build Zion—this is the way of the Lord. Elder Robert D. Hales of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said, “Only when we are self-reliant can we truly emulate the Savior in serving and blessing others.””

Invitation: Find ways in this activity to become self reliant and then serve others with the knowledge you receive.

(participate in activity)

Debrief Question: How can you use this skill of self reliance in your families or at school? How does it make you feel?

(bear testimony of truth)

Games - Erica Nielson

Scripture: Mosiah 18:21

Quote: *Who's on the Lord's Team?* by Elder J. Thomas Fyans

“You've made the team, the Lord's team, because of your superior, dedicated performance. What a privilege is now yours as you exercise with service and love, build your endurance as you prayerfully confront life's challenges, and partake of nutritional spiritual food as you read and ponder the scriptures to build and maintain your spiritual stamina and muscle tone. Make your priesthood fitness a priority, applying the constant dedication of a professional athlete until it consumes your life, until it flows from you with nerves and mind conditioned.”

Invitation: Go back to the latest General Conference and look for things we need to do to become closer to the Lord and participate on the Lord's team.

(participate in activity)

Debrief Question: How will you participate on the Lord's team?

(bear testimony of truth)

Service - Rob Hyde

Scripture: Mosiah 2:17

Quote: *A Higher Joy* by Elder Uchtdorf

"True Joy multiplies when it is shared...We can do simple things. Like praying for someone with all our heart. Giving a sincere compliment. Helping someone feel welcome, respected, valued, and loved. Sharing a favorite scripture and what it means to us. Or even just by listening. "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God," and God will repay your kindness generously. The joy you give to others will return to you in "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

Invitation: Ponder how doing service helps us look unto Christ.

(participate in activity)

Debrief Question: How does doing service help us look unto Christ?

(bear testimony of truth)

Hike - Cade Powell

Scripture: 2 Nephi 31:20

Quote: "Endure it Well" by Neal A. Maxwell, April 1990 general conference

"Patient endurance permits us to cling to our faith in the Lord and our faith in His timing when we are being tossed about by the surf of circumstance. Even when a seeming undertow grasps us, somehow, in the tumbling, we are being carried forward, though battered and bruised."

Invitation: Think about the spiritual path you are on. How are you doing? Struggling? Enduring?

(participate in activity)

Debrief Question: What changes can you make to press forward on your spiritual "hike"?

(bear testimony of truth)

Lake - Critchfields

Scripture: Genesis 1:20, 29-30

Quote: Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, Gospel Library

“The earth is the place where God’s children experience mortality, exercise agency, improve, and progress. Most important, the earth is where the Savior took a mortal body and completed the incomparable gift of His atonement by suffering for our sins, dying on the cross, and bringing about the resurrection. The earth also teaches us. We can learn, for example, the laws, principles, and patterns by which it functions. We learn respect and humility when we observe nature and its powerful forces. The earth allows us to see the works of God that bear testimony of Him. God has made us accountable for the care and preservation of the earth and the wise use of its resources. As stewards, we must be diligent in using the earth’s resources wisely, using only what we need and being conscious of the effects of our actions on the environment and others.”

Invitation: Learn about God’s creations and take advantage of the resources he has given us.

(participate in activity)

Debrief Question: How does partaking of God’s creations draw us closer to him?

(bear testimony of truth)

Testimony Meeting Outline

Meet @ home base in groups.

Conducted by Junior leader(s).

Goal:

Become like Jesus Christ through personal development. Encourage youth and adults to share testimony of Jesus Christ and their developing relationship with Him.

Opening Song (choose one):

I Believe in Christ

I Know My Father Lives

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Opening Prayer:

Devotional (2-5 minutes): Junior Leader #1

1st Testimony: Junior Leader #2

(Invitation to bear testimonies)

Closing Prayer:

Other preparation:

Group Time (Wednesday Evening)

Activities during this time should be prepared by the group leaders. We would like the junior leaders to assist in planning and leading out this activity where possible. We invite group leaders and junior leaders to create a text group with all four of you to communicate with each other from now until youth conference. Ideas for this activity may include a family home evening style framework with spiritual thoughts and group councils and activities. It should include one or more get to know you activities or games.

Reflection/Bedtime

This ward time activity should provide time to reflect on the day with each other and more personal time for self reflection. Some ideas for this could be inviting youth to share what they have learned or how they have seen the hand of the Lord in their lives that day. It may also include time for journal reflection. We will be providing journals for the youth. This time will be led by ward leaders at your sleeping location with YM and YW separate.

Morning Leadership Devotional

This devotional held every morning is for planning and preparation for the day for leaders. Those expected to attend are at least one YM leader and one YW leader from each ward, group leaders and junior leaders. Junior leaders that have other assignments like breakfast prep and clean up will be excused from that to attend the devotional.

Ward Time (Thursday Afternoon)

This time may be used by wards to create unity and a sense of belonging within your wards. We ask that you be aware that this evening in particular will have a lot of spiritual focus, so it may be wise to keep things light and fun for ward time. This does not mean we do not start with Christ, end with Christ and focus on Christ. We just would like to create a sense of balance in our worship. Bishops and YW presidents are invited to plan this activity together.

Group Leader/Junior Leader Assignments

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