

**SAN JOSE EAST STAKE**  
**Ward Young Women Presidency**  
**Orientation**

The purpose of the Young Women organization is to help each young woman “come unto Christ” (Moroni 10:32) (*CHol p. 211*)

Helping each YW grow spiritually requires that you:

- Prepare yourself spiritually
- Develop a caring relationship with her
- Involve her in meaningful activities
- Nourish her with “the good word of God”

**Ward Young Women Organization** (*Chol p. 217*)

- President – responsible for Laurels
- 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor – responsible for Mia Maids
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor – responsible for Beehives
- Secretary – oversees class secretaries; assists presidency as needed
- Advisors – may be called to work with specific age groups; may teach Sunday lessons & help with YW activities
- Music Director & Pianist – adult or YW may be called
- Camp Leader – may be called to organize & conduct camp program
- Specialists – if needed, & with approval of Bishopric, YW President may assign specialists to serve temporarily.

YW Presidency is to meet “regularly” with Bishopric counselor who has responsibility for the YW organization. “the bishop works directly with the 16- and 17-year old young women. He assigns his counselors to work with the young women whose ages correspond to the young men with whom the counselor works.” *Chol, Book 2 p. 216*

**Sunday Instruction** (*Chol p. 221*)

Sunday instructions should be used to teach gospel principles. The classes usually meet separately. “Guest speakers may occasionally be invited with approval from the Bishopric.” (*Chol, Book 2 p. 221*) Have opening exercises to create a spiritual atmosphere.

As there are less than 4 hours a month to provide spiritual instruction, it is not appropriate to use this time to plan activities. Planning should be done within class presidency meetings.

Lessons:

- Teach doctrine from scriptures and modern prophets. “True doctrine understood, changes attitudes and behavior”
- Teach with the spirit
- Always bear testimony

Use *Teaching, No Greater Call*

Use *Young Women Resource Guide* to update lessons. (It is printed in the conference edition of the *Ensign* and on the internet at: lds.org + gospel library archive + young woman resource guide manual.

Go over the basics. Don't assume they know it.

### **Mutual** (*CHol p. 222*)

Meet at the same day, time and place each week.

Mutual should be 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

- a. Opening exercises (10 to 15 minutes)
  - b. Class or quorum activity (30 to 75 minutes)
  - c. Practice or social activity (optional; 30 minutes)
- Combined AP/YW activity

YW activities

#### Purpose and focus:

Reinforce Sunday lessons  
Provide leadership opportunities  
Personal progress  
Young Women values  
Strengthen testimonies  
Improve talents  
Foster friendship  
Have fun

#### Activities:

1. Service
2. Home Arts
3. Speech and Drama
4. Dance
5. Literary and Visual Arts
6. Camp
7. Sports and Physical Fitness

### **Plan with a purpose** (see planning with a purpose sheet) (*Chol p. 222*)

### **Sunday Evening Discussions** (*Chol p. 223*)

Sunday evening discussions are under the direction of the Bishopric. They should be interesting to the youth and focus on subjects that would encourage spiritual growth. The Bishopric may occasionally invite guests to participate.

Activities should be held on a Sunday other than fast Sunday. They are scheduled by the Bishopric youth committee. Use FTSOY pamphlet for topics.

### **Class Leadership** (*Chol p. 218*) (see handout sheet)

*Calling class officers.* Class officers are instructed and advised by the YW presidency member responsible for the age group. The adult leaders are to help the YW successfully fulfill their callings.

*Responsibilities of Class officers.* Class officers care for each class member.

A member of the Laurel class presidency conducts opening exercises before the Sunday classes.

The Beehive class presidency, with the YW counselor responsible for the Beehives, may be invited to visit the Primary class for the 11-year old girls. The class presidency should introduce the girls to the YW organization, including the YW theme & motto.

### **Personal Progress**

Personal progress will help the YW learn and apply the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives, prepare her to make sacred temple covenants, and strengthen families. Personal Progress is a resource for the conversion and retention of YW. It teaches a YW to set a goal, carry it out, and report back. Birthday interview

### Young Womanhood Recognition

- a. Live the standards in *For the Strength of Youth*
- b. Complete 6 value experiences and 1 Value project for each of the 7 values.
- c. Keep a personal journal
- d. Record your testimony of Jesus Christ

### Awards

- a. Young Womanhood Recognition medallion
- b. Emblems
- c.

### **Meetings** (*Chol p. 219*)

General YW Broadcast (Saturday before April General Conference)  
Stake Auxiliary Leadership Training mtg. (held twice a year – Apr. & Oct.)  
Bishopric Youth Committee (BYC) monthly  
Ward YW Presidency meeting (held regularly with advisors and specialists invited as needed)  
Meet with Bishopric counselor (regularly)  
Ward YW Leadership meeting (held as needed)  
Class Presidency meetings (held regularly for training and planning)  
Sunday Classes (YW presidency should attend classes)  
Ward Council meeting (YW president attends monthly)

### **Other yearly activities** (*CHol P. 224*)

Youth Conference  
New Beginnings  
YW in Excellence

Standards event  
YW Camp

**Attachments**

Plan with a Purpose  
Principle of Presidency  
Responsibilities of Class Officers

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