



Ohio Conference Youth Department  
Youth Ministry Resources

## **Introduction Letter**

Welcome to the team!

For some of you this isn't your first round... your life has revolved around young people! Some of you may have never spoken to a young person EVER. Whichever category you fall into, that's okay! You may have been elected to a position of leading the youth department in your local church, fallen into the role by default because of the age of your children, volunteered because no one else would do it, felt a calling placed on your heart for children, signed up on the wrong list at church, or something COMPLETELY different. Whatever the case, we in the Ohio youth department want you to be successful... and by successful, we mean helping children meet Jesus!

This packet is filled with ideas, lists, contacts, and much more to help you get started with the youth and/or young adults of your church. This is only intended to be a starting point, with material added throughout the year... by our department AND by you! Lets work together to reach our young people for Jesus!

Welcome to the team!

Pastor Steve Carlson

## Now that you're here...

Now that you're here and you've taken on the role of working with the young people of Ohio, here are a couple things we are "encouraging" you to do...

1. Hold the position for at least one year
2. Be sure there's another volunteer always watching what you're doing. It's important that we are always trying to work ourselves out of a job. Train people... You, the Church, AND the young people will be better for it!
3. Volunteer for conference events. There are only a couple events each year besides mission trips (2 for youth and 2 for young adults), and we DESPERATELY need help!
4. Help advertise and bring groups to the conference events. These events are valuable, for many reasons, one being helping our young people realize they're not alone. We want them to understand there are many more on a journey with Jesus, and hopefully that will encourage them.
5. Be a liaison between the conference and local church. Subscribe to our newsletter, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (details for how to do this later in the packet). You will have up-to-date info, and can help your young people be aware of what's available for them.
6. Manage a "mentorship List" for your young people (details later in the packet)
7. Attend our "Leadership Weekend" in the fall. We are stronger together, and value hearing your ideas, as well as sharing ours with you!
8. Get your young people upfront! Talk with your pastoral team, and ask them what it would take to have a young person on the platform EVERY Sabbath. Our young people need to know it's their church TODAY and that they are valued.
9. Whatever else your church requests. I'm sure there are many great opportunities for involvement in your church, so take advantage of them!

## Need to Connect?

Here is a list of people willing to have you contact them, if you have questions throughout the year. These individuals have had years of experience, and are willing to share that knowledge with anyone interested.

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Ohio SDA Youth

Ohio SDA Young Adults

Camp Mohaven, Ohio Conference of SDA

**Instagram:** Search for the following account...

Ohiosdayouth

**Twitter:** Search for the following account...

@ohiosdayouth

**Newsletter:**

Sign up to receive our newsletter by clicking the link at the bottom of our website homepage

**Website:** [ohiosdayouth.org](http://ohiosdayouth.org)

## Leadership Weekend

This weekend is a training event for all those involved in Youth, Young Adult, Adventurer and Pathfinder ministries in the state of Ohio. The Ohio Conference “Leadership Weekend” is a program designed to inspire and train our leaders as they seek to improve their skills and ministry. There will be multiple tracks offered (Pathfinder, Adventurer, Youth, Young Adult, General Leadership, and Master Guide) so bring all of your leaders as we grow together. Our desire is to see the leadership in Ohio as prepared as possible for service, and then watch as GOD works through all of these amazing ministries. This weekend is to help prepare you for the next 12 months, utilizing speakers, resource books, and plenty of time to sit around and share ideas!

September 12-14, 2014

Guest Speaker: Paul Mikov

Cost: \$40 (early registration)

Location: Mohaven Camp & Retreat Center

18744 Turkey Ridge Road, Danville OH 43014

Visit our website for more details...

<http://ohiosdayouth.org/event/leadership-weekend>

# Youth Ministry 101

Imagine you are leaving for an extended trip, and want to let the various people in your life know where you will be going and what you will be doing. It is unlikely you are going to send the same email to your parents, your friends, your significant other, and your children. Instead, you understand who you are writing to, and adapt your communication to your audience. Ministry works in the same way! When working with youth, you need to understand who you're working with and what is important to them. In other words, you need to speak their language. Even the four Gospels are written in four different ways, intended for four different audiences. In order for these different groups to understand the life of Jesus, the authors had to change the way they communicated. The following information includes ideas for how to adapt your communication to work with young people and make sure that they grasp the story and importance of Jesus.

## Working with Parents

Working with youth also means working with their families. It is important that you communicate with parents on what is happening with their student and to make them feel comfortable leaving their child with you. Here are some tips for working with parents.

- **Use name tags-** Make it as easy as possible for parents to feel comfortable communicating with you. Wear a nametag so that parents never feel awkward for not knowing or remembering. Be approachable and open to speaking with them when they're dropping by your youth room.
- **Different types of communication-** Not all parents communicate in the same way. Avoid sending information through only one platform- instead, combine letters, emails, texts, and phone calls to get information to them. However, be reliable. Don't leave parents guessing each week how you're going to reach out to them.
- **On their turf-** You may have children in your youth group whose parents do not attend church. Be flexible and offer to meet with them wherever they feel comfortable, such as a favorite coffee shop or at their home. This will open communication and allow for the development of relationships.

## Creating a Sense of Community

One of the most important things when working with youth is to develop a sense of community. Making kids feel comfortable and supported will help keep them coming back week after week. Here are some tips for creating a sense of community with your group.

- Have a set structure, but allow for flexibility within that structure. This helps the kids know what to expect, but avoids making them feel trapped in to only one way of doing things.
- Be intentional and clear with communication. Make sure everyone knows what is going on and how to get involved.
- Allow kids to have some responsibility in the group. Let them help create rules of the group and give input. Let the students feel a sense of ownership in the group, and that their opinions matter. Allow group members to help define the group's purpose, and then check in a few times a year to make sure student's feel like they're getting something meaningful out of the group.
- Establish a precedence of respect in all interactions- leader to kid, kid to leader, and kid to kid. Set this guideline early, and stick to it. Try to prevent problems from developing as soon as possible.
- Affirm and support the members of the group. Most importantly, the members of your group need to feel loved and encouraged, not only by you but also by the other members of the group. One idea is to set up a youth room event calendar, where kids can put their outside events and invite people to attend. This could include games or performances for other activities the kids participate in.
- Be welcoming and inclusive to new members. If your youth group is running successfully, hopefully kids will invite friends to join the group. Be sure to make all new members feel welcomed and experience the sense of community you've established from the very beginning. Be friendly and help them learn the routine quickly so they do not feel out of place.
- Make community service central to your group. Community service activities are not only great bonding opportunities, but they put kids in the mindset of serving others.

Giving kids goals to work toward together and focusing on working together will help them feel connected as a community not only just at church but also with the community they're serving.

- Build your group identity. Developing an identity for your group helps students understand what they are a part of and what the values of the group are. Here are some tips for building identity.
  - Name the group- This is a key first step to building identity.
  - Put thought in to your environment- This doesn't necessarily mean lights or expensive furniture, but just reflect the identity of the group in your environment. Make the place feel like home to the kids.
  - Share ownership- Find roles for everyone in the group. Let the artistic ones help decorate the room, or put together a video team to make videos of the group. Let them contribute to the group in various ways.
  - Create meaningful experiences- Doing activities outside of your weekly meeting will increase opportunities to bond and build identity. Going out to eat, doing community service, or planning sports tournaments can help your group get together.
  - Provide solid teaching- Remember, it's a youth group, not a social club. Your group identity must be based on your collective new identity in Christ. Solid biblical teaching must be the foundation of your group.
  - Create & utilize social media- Create a Facebook page to update people on events or send them messages. Instagram lets you upload pictures of all the fun your group is having and make others want to get involved! Let the community of your group spill out in to their everyday lives.

### **Establishing Peer Leaders**

With older kids, it is helpful to identify and develop peer leaders within your group. These leaders can help unite the group and also help you to understand the wants and needs of the group. By selecting leaders on your own, you may miss some kids who would like to get involved but don't always speak out during the group. By allowing kids to vote, it turns in to a popularity contest rather than true leaders. A good way to get kids involved is



to clearly state the goals and responsibilities of being a student leader, and then allow students to fill out a short application indicating their interest and level of commitment. From there you can select the best applicants. This allows every interested student the opportunity to get involved.

Once you have selected student leaders, it is important to train and develop them. Giving them positive experiences in youth ministry and leadership early may help lead them to continue being involved throughout life. You can develop classroom training sessions, such as reading articles and books, and also teach through mentoring and on-the-job training. Have student leaders help out at events and close sessions with debriefing meetings. You can also meet one on one with the student leaders to determine what they would like to work on and help them set and reach their goals.

### **Small Group Tips**

In a small group, it's easier to share, pray, encourage and be personal than in a larger group. If you have the numbers, break down in to smaller groups whenever possible. Here are some tips for running a successful small group discussion.

- Include everyone in the discussion whenever possible.
- At the beginning, let everyone in the group talk, they need a victory. Have them share a non-threatening piece of information about themselves in the group.
- Four in a group is best, and include them in the conversation.
- Be aware of new people, and include them in the conversation.
- Remember that small groups often raise the tension level (because people can't hide).
- Move from light to heavy discussion.
- Ask "I feel" rather than "I know" questions.
- The best questions do not have right or wrong answers.
- The longer the group is together, the better they will feel about the group.
- Do not allow one person to monopolize the conversation.
- Write out discussion questions.
- Avoid any put-downs.
- Discussion questions should be answerable.

- Affirm people for what they are saying.
- Allow people the right to pass and not share.
- Create a casual and relaxed atmosphere.
- Don't always expound on the answer yourself.
- Call people by name.
- Let everyone take a turn at running the group.
- Eye contact and body language are important for the leader.
- When you ask someone to read, make sure he or she is able to read out loud or else don't ask them.
- Get your group in a comfortable atmosphere where everyone can see each other's eyes.
- Request confidentiality in the group.
- Don't play favorites
- Don't join with other students in making fun of a student, even if it's good-natured
- Don't let details fall through the cracks- stay organized!!
- Don't make students' parents look bad
- Don't laugh at inappropriate jokes
- Don't make a promise you can't keep
- Don't expect more than you're willing to put in yourself
- Don't forget about mom/dad- make an effort to get to know parents
- Don't talk negatively about someone else
- Don't break a student's trust

## Sabbath School

Childrensbulletins.com:

is a site that has pre-made children's activity bulletins that can be customized and printed out for church services. You can select from a number of key texts in order to follow the sermon, or you can just download the featured bulletin of the week.

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"Cool Tools for Sabbath Schools" from General Conference:

<http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/article/35/sabbath-school/cool-tools-for-sabbath-school#.VAd4mynwbTo>

Quarterly Bible Study Guides for Children and Youth:

<http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/article/17/sabbath-school/quarterly-bible-study-resources#.VAd6EfnwbTp>

Sabbath School Organization:

<http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/site/1/leaflets/Sabbath%20School%20Organization.pdf>

Sabbath School Handbook:

<http://www.sabbathschoolpersonalministries.org/site/1/docs/SabbathSchoolHandbook.pdf>

# Activities

## Social Events

- Host an after-prom party for high school students
- Basketball (or any other sport) Tournament in a nearby gym
- Mud Bowl- playing football or other games in the mud
- Host a “coffee house” event- Serve hot drinks and snacks while playing games like pool, ping pong, foosball, twister, or karaoke. Host them regularly to bring in new people and get them familiar with the church and members without pressuring them.
- Spa Night for girls
- Waffle Bar- make tons of waffles with a buffet of toppings
- Bonfires- especially in summer and fall, roast s’mores and sing songs
- Pumpkin Carving in the fall
- Baking Nights to make desserts and then enjoy or serve to others
- Pizza Nights
- Movie Nights

## Trips/Outings

- Take high school students on college visits to nearby colleges
- Spend a day at a nearby beach/lake/park playing games
- Go to the zoo
- In the fall, visit a nearby apple orchard or farm
- Paintballing
- Putt-putt golf (aka miniature golf)
- Amusement park trip
- Laser Tag
- Bowling
- Roller or Ice Skating
- Go camping (or take a group trip to Mohaven!)
- Go to a Christian concert

- Go on a retreat as a group- OCYD hosts a Winter Retreat for high school students!

### **Service Events/Outreach**

- Cinderella's Closet- Collect donated dresses, shoes, jewelry, etc. and host a prom dress drive for girls who may not be able to afford going to prom. Open up a shop on 1-2 Sundays and let girls come shop around. Each girl can be assigned a "fairy god-mother" when they come in who stays with them the entire time, carrying their dresses for them, helping them decide which dress to pick, etc. Those who come with the girls are treated to cupcakes (pink, of course) and drinks while they wait. Let the moms or sisters or whoever comes with the girl (one per girl usually) come back to the dressing area so they could see them in the dresses they are trying on.
- Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt- Break in to teams and have kids go around the neighborhood looking for food pantry donations. Different items can be worth different points. Call your local food pantry in advance to determine what items are needed most and make those worth more points.
- Running errands for the elderly
- Volunteering with local businesses
- \$3 Silly Theme Prom- All proceeds benefit a charity and have a night of music, games, and dressing up
- Baking desserts or making meals for groups in need
- Volunteering at a nursing home/hospital or with the homeless
- Tutoring or mentoring local youth
- Christmas Tree or Turkey Delivery at Christmas/Thanksgiving
- Street Prayer Day- Hang door hangers on every door in your community. On one side is info about the Day of Prayer, with an invite to the free cook out, and on the other side are blank lines where they can write in a prayer request. A small note at the bottom gives them all the instruction they need. 1. You will be back the next day to retrieve all of the door hangers. 2. If there is one hanging from the door, we will confidentially pray over the needs. If there isn't one, you would not bother them further about it. A group that tried this says, "We had a great response for the prayer requests and for the cookout. Several people wanted to talk to us on the spot as we

dropped off the door hangers, and also as we picked them up the next day. That was cool! Additionally, several new families made their way into our church via the free cookout. Some of these families have teens that are now a part of our youth ministry. Even better, the overall church leadership saw the response and has since adopted it to be a church-wide event.”

## Mentorship Program

Intergenerational ministry is always the healthiest ministry. Bridging the gap between our young people and older generations is the key to fostering a strong sense of community among all our church members. Different generations have different qualities to offer, each helping to make the other stronger.

Our young people often slip through the cracks when our older generation is not committed to engaging them. By not being aware of who these young people really are, we send the message that they are not valued or an equal part of our church. A mentorship program ensures that our young people are cared for, engaged, and known for who they are as an individual. It boosts their spiritual development, as well as the growth and development of the older generation.

In order to develop a mentorship program, create a list of all church members ages 13-29. Give the older generation an opportunity to “adopt” a young person and form a relationship with them. This relationship would include daily prayer for the young person, a weekly contact through either phone, email or text just to say hello and offer support, getting in touch on Sabbath or calling if the young person is missing church, inviting them and two friends out to eat once a month, and buying them a present on their birthday.

They agree to...

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| Daily   | - Prayer for young person   |
| Weekly  | - Phone/Email/Text just to say hi (any excuse you can think of)       |
| Sabbath | - Make contact there (more than “hi”) call if they’re missing         |
| Monthly | - Invite them and two friends out for lunch (just to talk, no agenda) |
| Yearly  | - Buy present for them on their birthday                              |

## OCYD Events

Here is a list of events that will be coming up for 2014-2015! For more information on any of these events, please visit our website [ohiosdayouth.org](http://ohiosdayouth.org).

### Senior High Ministry

#### **ConneXtion** *November 1*

ConneXtion is a day focused on worship, community, and outreach. Hundreds of youth from across Ohio will be praising God for the work He has done, joining together, and moving out to serve and be a blessing to others.

#### **Project G.O.** *December 5*

The concept is very simple..."Project **G.O.**" is an initiative to serve **G**od by serving **O**thers! Your objective is to find ANY creative way you can be a blessing to your community the weekend of December 5-7, take pictures of what you do, send them to me, I'll compile them into a movie and share with you all. That way we all can literally be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities and celebrate together what GOD is doing across the state of Ohio. Let's engage our communities... join me for "Project G.O."!

#### **Winter Retreat** *February 6-7*

Winter Retreat is a spiritual retreat designed specifically for high school students as a time of worship, Bible study, prayer, and intentional focus on our personal relationship with Jesus. It is a retreat from our daily distractions to ask tough questions about God and how we connect to Him. The retreat is filled with thought-provoking presentations, music that connects us to our Creator, breakout sessions designed to create space for us to reconnect, and a challenge to quiet down and find our identity in God.

#### **Teen Camp** *July 5-12*

Teen Camp at Mohaven is nearly impossible to describe, because it is everything. It is a week crammed with worship, fun, community, personal growth, and spiritual development. The experience of Teen Camp will truly impact every part of your life, because God cares about every area of your life! Available for ages 13-17, teen campers have the opportunity to experience all of Mohaven's activities while also participating in programming designed specifically for the challenges of being a teen. Whether you're going on the overnight canoe trip, participating in the ski



day, getting painted up for tribal games, flying down the zip line after dark, or experiencing our evening tournaments, this is guaranteed to be a week you will never forget.

### **Mission Trip: Puerto Rico July 23- August 3**

Jesus said "Go, and make disciples of all nations". Join other high school students on a trip to Puerto Rico to focus on serving another community while also growing in your own spiritual development. Learn about the culture of another place, and experience the indescribable power of worshipping God with people from all over the world.

## **Young Adult Ministry**

### **Koinonia September 27**

Koinonia is a Greek word (κοινωνία) that means communion by intimate participation. It identifies the idealized state of fellowship and community that should exist within the Christian Church. That is precisely what we desire through this event. We want to gather young adults from across the state of Ohio, create community as we come together in the name of Jesus, and engage the broader community in love and acts of service. There will be testimonies from those who have served, music, a guest speaker, and opportunity to celebrate the community GOD is growing in this church. The evening will be topped off with a time of food, fellowship and "playing" as we enjoy the good things GOD is doing all around us!

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### **GODencounters February 20-22**

We are striving to create a community of young adult believers in Ohio. We work together, play together, worship together, and grow together. We are STRONGER together! We come together because as the body of Christ, we desire to connect with Him. This weekend is about having an "encounter" with GOD! Our lives are beyond full, and what we long for most is a reminder that GOD is real, GOD is near, and He wants us to experience Him! Come have an encounter with your Creator,

worship with other young adults, and be filled once again with the love GOD has to offer YOU.

### **Mission Trip: New York** *March 8-14*

Last year was an amazing experience, and we know GOD has big plans for our young adults we return for another round. New York is an amazing place to visit, but with incredible need. Not only are you dealing with the "normal" needs of a big city, but throwing Hurricane Sandy into the mix has created an environment in desperate need of help. Our plan is to spend one week serving the community in multiple locations across the city, worshipping with a local congregation in Manhattan, as well as one day of sightseeing. We would love to have you join us as we reach out in love to a hurting community, as well as bring home ideas for how we can work in our own neighborhoods.

### **Camp Mohaven** *June-July*

Each summer we recruit only the best of the best to join our team. We look for young adults who are experienced in their activity areas, have a passion for working with kids, and have devoted their lives to Jesus. The Staff spends a week training together at camp and preparing for campers. Visit [ohiosdayouth.org](http://ohiosdayouth.org) to submit an application between November 1- March 1.

### **Mission Trip: Puerto Rico** *July 23- August 3*

Jesus said "Go, and make disciples of all nations". Young adults have the opportunity to help lead a group of high school students on a trip to Puerto Rico focused on serving another community and growing in our own spiritual development. Learn about the culture of another place, and experience the indescribable power of worshipping God with people from all over the world.

## **Pathfinders & Adventurers Ministries**

### **Adventurer Fun Day** *September 28*

This event is exactly what it sounds like... a FUN DAY FOR ADVENTURERS!!! This is a great opportunity for kids and parents alike to enjoy games, crafts, activities, lessons about Jesus, and lots and lots of FUN! Join in the rotations for the day as you move from station to station experiencing the entertaining and educational activities planned. This is an event you do not want to miss!

### **Pinewood Derby** *November 15*

This event is way too much fun to miss! Build your "Pinewood Derby Car", decorate it in some creative way, and race it against your friends. Enjoy racing your car, watch other races, or just hang out with your friends. The evening is guaranteed to be full of laughter, good times, and CARS!

**Project G.O. December 5-7**

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**Pathfinder Bible Experience February 7 (Area level)**

Pathfinder Bible Experience is a program for Pathfinders in grades 5 through 10, where groups of up to six or seven work together as a team to answer specific questions from a designated book or portions of the Bible. It is a fun way to encourage Pathfinders to study the Bible, while they also learn team work and excellent study skills. Conference Level: March 7, Union Level: March 21.

**Pathfinder Fair May 1-3**

Come gather with clubs from across Ohio, and experience a weekend of worship, team building, and honors. The Ohio Conference Pathfinder Fair is an annual end-of-the-Pathfinder-Year event. It is a time of sharing some of the projects the Pathfinders from around the Conference have been doing throughout the Pathfinder year, as well as practicing the skills they have acquired. The Fair inspires motivation for Pathfinders to do their best and gives them a place to showcase their work and skills. Plan to join us as we worship together, play together, learn together, and grow together.

**Family Retreat May 15-17**

The "Family Retreat" is an "experience" we create each year for our Adventurer families. Our goal is to create a safe place for your family to grow closer together, AND to Jesus!

## Resources

**Books** (These can all be purchased online at AdventSource.org)

- [Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry](#) by Doug Fields
- [Connecting in Jesus](#) by Doug Fields & Brett Eastman
- [Adventist Youth Ministries Training](#) by Pathfinder Committee
- [The Jesus Way to Youth Discipleship](#) by James L. Black, Sr.
- [Hey! Love them and they will come](#) by V. Bailey Gillespie & Timothy J. Gillespie
- [The Youth \(Doing\) Ministry Formula](#) by Pastor James Black, Sr.
- [\\$5 Youth Ministry](#) by Todd OutCalt
- [Young Adult Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#) by Brad Lewis, Beth Robinson, Carl Simmons
- [Youth Ministries Quick Start Guide](#) by NAD Youth Ministries
- [A Place to Belong](#) by Steve Case & Hubert Cisneros
- [Youth Speak: The Church Listens](#) by Center for Youth Evangelism
- [Recalibrate: Models of Successful Youth & Young Adult Ministry](#) by Steve Case
- [Thriving Youth Ministry in Smaller Churches](#) by Rick Chromey & Stephanie Card
- [Experiential Youth Ministry Handbook](#) by John Losey
- [Youth Ministry Handbook](#) by GC Youth Ministries
- [Ministering with Millennials](#) by Roger Dudley

### Websites

- [www.involveyouth.org](http://www.involveyouth.org)
- <http://fervr.net/youth-group/activities/>
- <http://www.thesource4ym.com/outreacheventideas>
- <https://youthministry360.com>
  - <https://youthministry360.com/blog/the-10-donts-of-being-a-small-group-leader>
  - <https://youthministry360.com/blog/“who-are-we”-creating-identity-for-your-youth-group>

- <https://youthministry360.com/blog/not-every-teenager-leader-every-teenager-has-influence>
- <http://youthspecialities.com>
  - <http://youthspecialities.com/articles/training-student-leaders-myself>
  - <http://youthspecialities.com/articles/empowering-and-equipping-student-leaders>
- <http://simplyyouthministry.com>
  - <http://www.simplyyouthministry.com/jims-thoughts-30.html>

**DISCLAIMER:** Most of these resources have not been checked for doctrinal accuracy. I encourage you to use your judgment when reading through them. I intend for them to be used as inspiration for you to adapt them into our youth programs.