

Hello Ward Youth Leaders -

We are getting excited for “Legacy”, this summer’s Stake Youth Activity (July 17-20, 2023)! Preparations and plans are being made for an event that we hope will be meaningful, testimony building and a strength for the amazing youth in our stake. However, we cannot accomplish this activity without your help.

We are asking for help with the following items for those attending from your ward:

**Helping youth to collect gear and supplies** from the packing list (attached). We are hoping items that they do not own can be borrowed from ward members. Please remind them to label all items with name and ward.

**Helping to collect gear for ma/pa’s** from your ward – this includes items on the general packing list as well as 3-4 tents (one for ma/pa, 1-2 large enough for 5-6 YW, 1-2 large enough for 5-6 YM), multiple tarps for tents (and additional in case of rain), Gott water container, lantern, and other necessary supplies for their campsite. Please label all items with name and ward.

It would be helpful if each ward could **collect additional tents** (5-6 person) to accommodate all youth attending from your ward. Please label with name and ward.

**Transportation for your ward youth and belongings** to/from Camp Melakwa on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. (A sack lunch and camp chair should be accessible as we leave for Melakwa.) More detailed information and maps will be provided as we draw closer to the event.

**Help each youth bring a “Legacy” name with them** – someone from their family history, church history or person who has impacted them. They will be sharing this name in a small group setting and why this person’s legacy has impacted them.

The morning of the activity, we are also asking for your **help in doing a final pack check** for the youth in your ward so that we know they are headed to the activity with what they need. The activity is 2 ½ hours away in the mountains – so what they bring is what they will have.

**Learning and practicing the 2023 Youth Theme Song** “I Can Do All Things” as we will be singing this song during Legacy. (This was distributed to each ward earlier this year)

**We would strongly recommend having a real or mock camping activity** so the youth may learn how to set up tents, to make sure all components of the tents are accounted for, and so the youth are taught how to carefully use the borrowed tents in a way that will protect the zippers. (It was suggested that by putting bar soap on the zippers it helps them to open and close more easily.)

Also, if you know of any changes in attendance for the youth in your ward, please let us know. We are forming the youth into families and having accurate information is important for that process.

We greatly appreciate all of your help in making this a successful activity for the youth in our stake. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you for all you do!

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