

Notice

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To: The following leaders in the United States and Canada: Area Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidencies; Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies; Members of Stake and Ward Councils; Stake and Ward FSY Representatives



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Subject: Yearly FSY Conference Stake Assignments, 2022 FSY (US and Canada) Session Location Assignments, and Registration Dates

As previously announced, the Church will begin holding For the Strength of Youth (FSY) conferences in the United States and Canada in 2022. These conferences were postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the desire to allow youth and leaders to reconnect on a local level. Beginning in 2022 and 2023, all stakes in the US and Canada will attend FSY conferences every other year. FSY conferences are an anchor to the Children and Youth program and therefore should be given high priority in planning.

Yearly FSY Stake Assignments

See FSY Assignments for Stakes in United States and Canada to learn when your stake will attend FSY. Due to volume and logistical complexity, changes cannot be made to the stake assignments. Leaders should share this information with youth, parents, and young single adults as needed.

2022 FSY Registration Dates and Session Locations

To learn which session(s) your stake is invited to attend, please select your stake name on the [FSY Assignments for Stakes in United States and Canada](#) page. Registration windows are randomly assigned to participating stakes and will be open from mid-January through late March 2022. We encourage youth to register as soon as their registration window opens. If space is available, youth from invited stakes who will be no older than 18 by December 31, 2022, and will graduate high school before August 2022 may begin registering in April. Registration can be completed through fsy.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

Youth may register for any session available to their stake. Where multiple sessions are available, stake and ward leaders interested in having all of their youth attend the same session may contact fsyinfo@ChurchofJesusChrist.org by 12:00 p.m. mountain time on October 18, 2021, to request more information about this possibility.

Before a youth can register, a member of the bishopric must approve them to attend via the Youth Approval Tool. This tool will be in Leader and Clerk Resources (LCR) at **LCR > Applications > For the Strength of Youth Conferences > Participants**. The tool will be available beginning October 19, 2021. Bishopric members should approve all eligible youth, regardless of whether they feel the youth will actually attend. For more information about approvals, please see “Frequently Asked Questions about FSY in the United States and Canada” (enclosed).

YSA Counselors for Summer 2022

Young single adult counselors play an essential role in the success of FSY conferences. More information about this opportunity will be released later.

For more information, see “Frequently Asked Questions about FSY in the United States and Canada” (enclosed) or visit fsy.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.

Frequently Asked Questions about FSY in the United States and Canada

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Enclosure to the October 4, 2021, notice “Yearly FSY Conference Stake Assignments, 2022 FSY (US and Canada) Session Location Assignments, and Registration Dates



1. What is FSY?

For the Strength of Youth (FSY) conferences are modeled after Brigham Young University’s Especially for Youth (EFY) conferences. These five-day events have been held extensively outside the United States and Canada for a number of years. Youth may attend beginning in the year they turn 14 and until the year they turn 18. If space is available, youth from invited stakes who will be no older than 18 by December 31, 2022, and will graduate high school before August 2022 may begin registering in April. Each stake will be invited every other year.

FSY conferences are an anchor to the Children and Youth program. They include activities, devotionals, and classes designed to help strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and provide opportunities for youth to grow spiritually, socially, physically, and intellectually. To learn more about what youth can expect to experience at FSY, visit the [Week at a Glance](#) page. FSY conferences in the US and Canada will be provided by the Church and held locally. Areas outside of the US and Canada will continue holding FSY conferences under the direction of the Area Presidency.

To see a list of stakes in the US and Canada scheduled to attend FSY in 2022 and even years thereafter, and in 2023 and odd years thereafter, go to the [yearly stake schedule](#).

2. Are stakes scheduled for FSY responsible to plan the conference?

Ward and stake leaders are not responsible to plan the conference, to secure FSY locations, or to provide speakers. If area leaders need assistance, they may call upon local leaders.

Ward and stake leaders are responsible for helping youth register and for arranging transportation to the FSY conference, as described in question 9 below. They are also responsible for recruiting YSA counselors. More information about YSA counselors will be shared later.

3. Is it necessary for stakes to provide adult leaders to attend FSY conferences?

Young single adults will fill logistical and leadership roles at FSY conferences. A limited number of adults will attend FSY as session directors and teachers. Many of the adults serving in these positions will be full-time seminary and institute employees. Area Presidencies and Area Seventies are encouraged to observe sessions. Other adult leaders should attend only if given a specific assignment. All local leaders are encouraged to prepare youth for FSY and to talk to them about their experiences when they return home.

Stakes invited to attend FSY in 2022 should hold a “Before You Go” activity before the summer begins and a “Taking It Home” activity after the summer is over. See the [Stake FSY Activity](#) page for more information.

4. How will units get information about FSY from headquarters?

The following positions should all be entered into Leader and Clerk Resources (LCR) by November 4, at which time instruction for how to fulfill their new responsibilities will be emailed to them. The calling is found under **Organizations > Other Callings > For the Strength of Youth**.

Coordinating Council FSY Representative

Area Seventy should call a coordinating council FSY representative for all coordinating councils. Instructions for how to enter individuals into this calling online will be sent to Area Seventy executive secretaries before November 4. The coordinating council FSY representative will be the primary point of contact for headquarters and will be responsible for ensuring that the stake Young Women and Young Men presidents and YSA stake Relief Society presidents under their care are fulfilling their responsibilities.

Stake Young Women and Young Men Presidents

Stake Young Women and Young Men presidents will be the primary point of contact for the Coordinating Council FSY representatives and are responsible for ensuring that the ward FSY representatives under their care are fulfilling their responsibilities. If a stake has a stake FSY representative, they will work under the direction of the stake Young Women and Young Men presidents. In stakes where transportation is provided by FSY, the stake Young Women president will be the primary point of contact for headquarters for organizing transportation.

YSA Stake Relief Society Presidents

YSA Stake Relief Society presidents will be the primary point of contact for the coordinating council FSY representatives and are responsible for ensuring that the ward FSY representatives under their care are fulfilling their responsibilities.

Ward FSY Representatives

All wards, including young single adult wards and wards not participating in FSY in 2022, should call a ward FSY representative. We recommend that wards ask a member of the bishopric or ward Young Women presidency to serve in this calling. The calling may also be independent of other callings.

5. Who will serve as FSY counselors?

Young single adults play an essential role during sessions of FSY. More information will be shared soon about FSY counselor opportunities for young single adults.

6. Does FSY replace youth conference, Young Women camp, and Aaronic Priesthood camp?

In the year that youth attend FSY, their stakes should not hold other large events such as a youth conference or trek. Stake or ward Aaronic Priesthood and Young Women camps and other regular activities may continue as usual. Camps should be scheduled at times that do not conflict with scheduled FSY conferences.

7. Do all youth from a stake attend the same FSY conference?

Invited stakes will be assigned a date when youth from their stake may begin to register (if they have been approved by a member of their bishopric). Youth may register for any session available to their stake. Where multiple sessions are available, stake and ward leaders may be interested in having all of their youth attend the same session, or else stakes and wards can allow youth to select any session available for their stake. To request more information about these possibilities, stake presidencies or bishoprics should email fsyinfo@ChurchofJesusChrist.org by 12:00 p.m. mountain time on October 18, 2021.

8. At what ages are youth eligible to participate in FSY conferences?

Youth may attend FSY conferences scheduled for their stake beginning in the year they turn 14 until the year they turn 18. Each stake will be invited every other year. Youth who are graduating from high school the year they plan to attend and who will not be older than 18 by December 31 of that year will register beginning in April.

9. What are the guidelines for travel to the conference?

Generally, individuals whose stake center is located less than 2.5 hours away from the conference will need to provide their own ground transportation to the conference location. If a large number of youth from a stake will attend the same conference, stake leaders may arrange for commercial transportation, following the guidelines in *General Handbook: Serving in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 20.7.7, ChurchofJesusChrist.org. Headquarters will work with stake Young Women president to arrange transportation for those whose stake center is more than 2.5 hours from a conference.

10. Do youth stay overnight at FSY, or do they come home at night?

FSY conferences are generally held at college or university campuses. Youth will stay overnight in the campus dorms. If there are concerns about a youth staying overnight, a parent or guardian may check out their youth at night and check them back in each morning. See the question “What do I do if I need to leave during the week?” on the [FSY Frequently Asked Questions website](#).

11. How much will FSY cost?

Each participant will be asked to pay \$75 USD (\$100 CAD). In addition, the ward will pay \$75 USD (\$100 CAD) from the local unit budget allowance (LUBA) for each individual. The bishopric may also use LUBA to help individuals when necessary. If desired, wards may use the annual fundraising effort to help offset the cost (see *General Handbook*, 20.6.5). See the [Billing Information](#) page for more details.

12. How and when can youth register for FSY?

Registration windows are randomly assigned to participating stakes. Youth in stakes scheduled for an FSY conference in 2022 will be invited to begin registering online between mid-January and late March. Youth who are graduating from high school the year they plan to attend and who will not be older than 18 by December 31 of that year will register beginning in April. Registration will remain open until the session is full or until two weeks before the session, whichever comes first.

When the bishopric has approved a youth to attend, an email with the registration date and time will be sent to the youth and household email addresses listed on the youth’s Church Account. The registration date and time will also appear on the bishopric’s [Youth Approval Tool](#).

13. What responsibilities do stake and ward leaders have for helping youth register?

Stake and ward leaders should encourage and help youth to register for FSY. Bishoprics should consider the financial circumstances of the youth in their ward and determine if there is a need to provide assistance so that all who are eligible can attend an FSY conference.

Before a youth can register, a member of the bishopric must approve them to attend via the [Youth Approval Tool](#). This tool will be available on **LCR > Applications > For the Strength of Youth Conferences**. Bishopric members should approve all eligible youth before January 15, regardless of whether they feel the youth will actually attend.

Approved youth will receive an email inviting them to register for their assigned FSY session. Please ensure that each youth has an active email account and that youth who are Church members have a membership record number linked to their Church Account. Youth can find their membership record number on their temple recommend, or a member of the bishopric can provide it. Youth who are not Church members are invited to attend but must be sponsored by a ward that is approved to attend in 2022. To add an out-of-unit youth, nonmember or otherwise, please select + **Add Youth** at the bottom of the [Youth Approval Tool](#) and enter the youth's Church Account username.

14. When will the schedule of FSY sessions be released?

See [FSY Assignments for Stakes in United States and Canada](#) to learn when your stake will attend FSY. Those in invited stakes may search for their stake's name to see which session(s) their youth are invited to attend.

15. Where can I get more information about FSY?

Go to fsy.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. If the needed information is not found on the site, call 1-801-240-3009 (in the United States), and +1-888-898-8144 (in Canada) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. mountain time.