Mapping Scout Requirements to the Church Program for Children and Youth

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On January 1, 2020, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints formally commenced a new Personal Development program for Children and Youth. The introduction of the Parents and Leaders guide states: “Working together, parents and leaders help children and youth deepen their conversion, become worthy disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, and become men and women of integrity.”

The guide further provides three activity areas as follows: **Gospel learning** that inspires personal commitment. **Service and activities** that edify body and spirit. **Personal development** that produces fulfilling growth.

The introductory guide for children and youth gives four personal development areas: “Jesus Christ developed in all areas of His life—**spiritually** (favor with God), **socially** (favor with man), **physically** (stature), and **intellectually** (wisdom)—and so can you!”

There are many places our youth and parents can go to find ideas for goals, and through prayer and inspiration our children and youth can tailor goals specifically for them. One proven source for helping to develop resiliency in youth is the Family Scouting program. Our children and youth are welcome to continue in Scouting, and both boys and girls may participate. By taking into account the four areas of development and mapping them to core Scouting requirements, families can see how these activities span all areas of the initiative. Examples of this correlation are completed on the following pages for Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring, with the Scouts BSA focusing on Eagle Scout requirements. The concentric circles show the Scouting requirements as they align to the Church Program for Children and Youth. This layout emphasises the importance of keeping Jesus Christ and his gospel at the center in all areas of our lives. These circles can also serve as a fun idea generator for parents, youth and leaders as they identify goals to further their development. We encourage families to use [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org) to assist them in finding service opportunities as church members and Scouts. By including Scouting goals in their development plan, our children and youth can efficiently complete nationally recognized awards that will help them in their future mission, education, career and family pursuits.

Youth are encouraged to keep track of their goals in the new [Gospel Living App](https://GospelLiving.com), by going to “My Life”, then tapping the “+” sign, and then touching the “Create New Goal” icon. Youth are reminded to follow the Program’s Pattern for Growth, which is: **Discover** what you need to work on. **Plan** how you will do it. **Act** on your plan in faith. **Reflect** on what you have learned.

We hope the following charts will help you integrate elements of Scouting within your Personal Development goal areas...Enjoy!
Cub Scouts and The Children & Youth Program

Spiritual
- Earn the Light and Truth Award (New religious award for Latter-day Saint Cub Scouts)
- Plan a Family Home Evening Lesson
- Learn about your Duty to God
- Establish a habit of prayer or study
- Learn about your ancestors

Children Ages 5-10 as per BSA guidelines

Physical
- Pass the BSA beginner swim test
- Exercise regularly
- Plant a shrub or tree
- Make a nutritional snack or meal for your family
- Go on a hike
- Go camping
- Earn the Outdoor Activity Award
- SCOUTStrong

Intellectual
- Design and build a pinewood derby car
- Memorize the Scout Oath and Law
- Learn to use and care for a pocket knife
- Make a first aid kit

Social
- Plan and organize an outing for your family
- Select a chore and complete it over time
- Participate in a flag ceremony
- Write a thank you
- Hornaday Unit Award
- Participate in Community Service
- Messengers of Peace

Service & Activities
- Build a birdhouse
- Plan and perform a skit
- Help set up a tent
- Plant a garden
- Learn to fish
- Earn the World Conservation Award
- Interpreter Strip

Personal Development
- Learn about Scouting in another country
- Attend a Day Camp
- STEM/Nova Awards
- Learn about a sport
- Learn about nutrition

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See scouting.org/programs/cubscouts for more information.
Scouts BSA and The Children & Youth Program

Chaplain’s Aide
- Lead or Participate in a Scout’s Own (a reverent all-faiths service)

Earn the Vanguard Award
- (New religious award for Latter-day Saint Scouts and Leaders)

Scout Spirit

Webmaster
- Cooking Skills & MB
- Personal Mgmt MB
- STEM/Nova Awards
- BSA Emerg Prep Award
- Emerg Prep MB

Communications MB

Summer Camp
- NYLT / NAYLE
- Patrol Leader

Swimming Skills & MB
- Cycling MB
- Hiking Skills & MB
- Physical Fitness Skills & MB
- SCOUTStrong

Lifeguards MB
- Outdoor Ethics Guide / Leave No Trace
- Camping MB
- Council High Adventure Awards
- First Aid Skills & MB
- Historic Trails Award

Citizenship Skills & MBs
- Sustainability MB
- Quartermaster
- Interpreter Strip
- Environmental Science MB

Service Hours for Rank
- Family Life MB
- Messengers of Peace
- Den Chief
- Recruiter Strip
- Hornaday Award
- Conservation Good Turn

Youth Ages 11-17 as per BSA guidelines

MB = Merit Badge

See scouting.org/programs/scoutsbsa for more information.

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Venturing and The Children & Youth Program

Youth Ages 14-20 as per BSA guidelines

See scouting.org/programs/venturing for more information.

Spiritual

* Outdoor Living History

Chaplain’s Aide on a High Adventure Trek

TRUST Award

Earn the Vanguard Award (New religious award for Latter-day Saint Scouts and Leaders)

Venturing Award

* Equestrian
* First Aid
* Shooting Sports
* Lifesaver

Pathfinder Award

* Cycling / Mountain Biking

NYLT / NAYLE

Ranger Award

* Backpacking
* Physical Fitness

Quest Award

* Mountaineering
* Scuba
* Winter Sports

Discovery Award

* Ecology Award
* Plants & Wildlife
* Fishing
* Hunting

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Staff NYLT / NAYLE

NYLT Leadership Academy

Intellectual

Venturing Award

* Ranger Challenge Electives

Intellectual

Service & Activities

Personal Development

* Ranger Challenge Electives

Physical

Social

Service & Activities

Personal Development

* Ranger Challenge Electives

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Sea Scouts and
The Children & Youth
Program

Youth Ages 14-20
as per BSA guidelines

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Spiritual

Organize Beach or Waterway Cleanups
Understand the Ideals of the Sea Promise

Earn the Vanguard Award
(New religious award for
Latter-day Saint Scouts and Leaders)

Duty to God Rank Advancement
Electives

Able Rank
Unit Level Officer Position

Compete in National /
International Regattas
Regional / National Level
Leadership
Watercraft Building and
Maintenance
Learn Rules of the Road

Social

Small Boat Handler Award
Long Cruise Badge
Marlinspike Seamanship

Quartermaster Award
Ordinary Rank
SEAL Training
or Sea Badge Under Way
(18+)

BSA Safe Swim Defense
BSA Lifeguard Training

Compete in the Koch Cup Race
Crew in Community Races
Paddlecraft / Sailing
Parade Drill

Physical

Intellectual

Duty to God Rank Advancement
Electives

Able Rank
Unit Level Officer Position

Compete in National /
International Regattas
Regional / National Level
Leadership
Watercraft Building and
Maintenance
Learn Rules of the Road

Service & Activities

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Understand the Ideals of the Sea Promise

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Duty to God Rank Advancement
Electives

Able Rank
Unit Level Officer Position

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Regional / National Level
Leadership
Watercraft Building and
Maintenance
Learn Rules of the Road

Personal Development

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See seascout.org for more information.
Exploring provides activities and mentorship in 12 broad career fields. See exploring.org for more information.

Youth Ages 10-20 as per BSA guidelines

Earn the Vanguard Award
(New religious award for Latter-day Saint Scouts and Leaders)

Learn About and Experience Various Careers

Network with Career Professionals
Meet Youth with Similar Career Aspirations
Serve the Community
National Leadership Conferences
Annual Competitions

Character Development

Career Achievement Awards
Congressional Award
Scholarships

Physical Fitness
Flight Physical
Nutrition and Health

Physical Career Training
Learn about Disease
Pharmaceutical Technology

Proficiency Awards
Salesmanship
Youth Leadership Positions

Intellectual

Youth Leadership Positions

Social

Service & Activities
Personal Development

Spiritual

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