

Fully Integrating New Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God

Sacrament:

Talks; (at least one/yr.) required at Deacon, Teacher and Priest level.
Bearing of testimonies is required at all 3 levels.
Participation in choir, leading music, playing an instrument are all optional requirements.
Memorize Sacrament prayers.

Priesthood:

Talks may be given in Priesthood opening exercises instead of Sacrament meeting.
Leading music, as well as teaching new hymns to a group are optional requirements
Teaching quorum lessons: Priests (2), Teachers (1)
Speaker in a quorum lesson. Need assignment as a Home Teacher

Missionary Committee:

Going on splits, mission prep class, bringing friends to Church or activities.
Assisting at baptisms: to lead music, baptize, serve as witness, set up, and so forth.
Help with set-up or clean-up at zone conferences
Learn Articles of Faith, D&C 4, Reading the Book of Mormon (at least twice as AP)
Invite and encourage less active, fellowshipping

Young Women:

Each boy can plan at least one joint activity.
Etiquette and dance etiquette are stressed; so are sports, hiking, any of which could make great joint activities.
Service projects abound—and these are another great opportunity to let young men and young women interact in wholesome activities, rather than just relieve their boredom. You learn a lot about somebody when you're doing service together.
Service to the YW organization directly—building the stands for their bake sale, so to speak

Relief Society:

Service to the elderly, service to families in need
Child care/ Nursery on Enrichment nights
Help with set-up or clean-up at special events, such as Education Week

High Priests:

Service to the elderly, Job training, interviewing skills, career counseling
Genealogy
Baptisms for the dead

Primary:

Many requirements involve teaching children lessons; others to teach games
Teach hymns or other music to others
Lead music, to play instrument.
Temple Dedication (8 yrs. and older). Could you assign each of the youth as a mentor to one of the primary children?

Activities Committee:

Camping, Hiking, cycling, swimming, Sports - Safety and crime prevention requirements
Neighborhood /community service projects (July 24 projects)
Help with set-up or clean-up at special events
Building stuff—sets, tables, backdrops, stringing lights—anything that gets them up on a ladder is good

Family:

Again and again the young man is invited to read a scripture and then discuss it with his parents
Plan, organize and teach 4 FHE lessons per year (that's 8 lessons before he's 14)
Teach younger siblings a game or sport
Camping, hiking, cycling, swimming
Safety and crime prevention requirements
Service to benefit his family
Family service project (to others) organized by the youth
Keep a personal Journal, Help with a family journal or history.

Service Project:

A significant service project is required of each YM at each quorum level.
Priests (30 hrs.), Teachers (20 hrs.), Deacons (10 hrs.)
Needs to be of benefit family, ward, stake, or community.

Key Questions to Ward Council:

Auxiliaries; Do you have projects that could be taken on by these boys?
Become familiar with Duty to God handbooks - come prepared to share 2-3 ways your organization can help our YM achieve their goals.
How can we better use our YM in Priesthood opening exercises?
Mutual Opening Exercises?
Ward reading assignment – can we find a way for our YM to lead out in this area?

Can we plan ahead better? Look at up-coming events in ward and community and use the D to G program as a guide as you plan around these. Example:

Primary themes: “THE TEMPLE – I Am Going There Someday”

1. I love to see the Temple.
2. My Family can be together forever through the blessings of the temple.
3. The Temple is the House of the Lord.
4. The Temple brings the blessings of heaven to earth.
5. My body is a temple.
6. Temples are a sign of the true church.
7. Temples bless Heavenly Father's children throughout the world today.
8. We serve others through temple work.
9. I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple and serve a mission.
10. I prepare to go to the temple as I follow Heavenly Father's plan for me.
11. I am thankful for temple blessings.
12. When Jesus comes again, He will come to the temple.