

Varsity Team/Teacher's Quorum Calendar

This shows how team and quorum leadership can plan activities during presidency meetings. For this example, the 2nd quarter of the year is highlighted. The month of April is completely planned. Planning for the months of May and June is in progress.

April – planning complete

Sunday April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Church, 9:00 am -12:00 pm (Noon)
 Sunday April 1, 15, 29 Presidency/Team Meeting 8:30-9:00 am
 Sunday April 1 Bishop's Youth Council 12:15- 1:00 pm

Wednesday April 4, 11, 18, 25* Activity Night 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Wednesday April 18 YM/YW Etiquette Dinner (Church Dress)
 Thursday April 5 last stake basketball game 8:00 pm
 Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, Campout at Blue Lake
 Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, Region Basketball Tournament

*Activity on the 25th is optional because of campout the week before

May – planning in progress

Sunday May 6, 13, 20, 27 Church, 9:00 am -12:00 pm (Noon)
 Wednesday May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Activity Night 7:00 - 8:30 pm

June – planning in progress

Sunday June 3, 10, 17, 24 Church, 9:00 am -12:00 pm (Noon)
 Wednesday June 6, 13, 20, 27 Activity Night 7:00 - 8:30 pm

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

*Optional

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Aaronic Priesthood/Varsity Scouting Leadership Orientation Suggestions

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We congratulate both adult and youth leaders on your callings to serve one of the Lord's greatest, yet challenged age groups. Your 14 and 15 year old young men are members of the Teacher's Quorum and Varsity Team of your local unit. They need strong, valiant role models who, in addition to their own fathers, can coach them as a friend and mentor as they face the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual challenges that confront them. The Varsity Scout Program as the activity arm of the Teacher's Quorum is partnered with the Aaronic Priesthood Fulfilling Our Duty to God Program to help fulfill these challenges.

A Varsity Coach is the key leader of a Varsity Scout team. He will need purpose and vision to reach out to all of the young men in his team who reside within the unit boundary. Brethren, please strengthen your young men by focusing your effort in a direction that will prepare them to be ready and worthy to be ordained a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood on their 16th birthday.

Resources that will help leaders serve young men in both the Duty to God Program and Varsity Scouting are:

Young Men's Duty to God Program

- The Standard Works
- Aaronic Priesthood Manuals
- Preach My Gospel
- For the Strength of Youth Handbook
- The Teachers Fulfilling Our Duty to God Guidebook
- Duty to God Guidebook for Parents & Leaders of Youth
- Quarterly Stake Priesthood Leadership Training

Boy Scouts of America Varsity Scouting

- Varsity Scout Coach Start-Up
- Disappearing Varsity Scout Manual
- Youth Protection Manual
- Varsity Scout Guide Book
- Varsity Scout Play Book
- Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training
- Wood Badge for the 21st Century
- Monthly District Round Tables
- Council Camps and Activities

When these resources are combined with activities that fulfill the requirements for the Boy Scout Eagle Award, the Varsity Denali Award, and the Duty to God certificate, miracles will happen. The hope is that each young man who enters the Aaronic Priesthood earns the rank of Eagle Scout and receives the Duty to God award. Leaders, please consider all of the Duty to God resources available to you as you prepare to close a team meeting or activity (Coach's Corner, see page 18). They will help to provide a quieter, spiritual opportunity as you close your activity and your Varsity Scouts return to their homes.

Varsity Scout Team Planning Chart—2nd Quarter

Quarter	Program Feature	Advancement	High Adventure/Sports	Personal Development	Service	Special Programs & Events
April	Basketball	completed	completed	completed	completed	Participate in Region Basketball Tournament
	Mechanics	completed	Still need requirements 3, 4, 7 Traffic Safety Merit Badge	Policeman will come & discuss how to get a driver license	Monthly clean up. Adopt a highway	completed
	Fishing/Camping	Fishing Merit Badge	Plan High Adventure summer activity	Certify team in BSA snorkeling program	April 27-28 campout/service activity at Blue Lake	Mr. Jones of Trout Unlimited to attend April 25 Activity Night
May	Final planning April presidency meeting					
June	Final planning May presidency meeting					

Youth leadership opportunities in the Varsity Program move a young scout into manhood. He will develop confidence in planning, presenting, and evaluating the most fundamental activity and team meeting or the most complex week long summer camp.

A Varsity Coach, serving as a shadow leader, should try to lead from the sidelines rather than from the middle of the field. This ensures that your young men will learn to work together as effective team players who live according to the principles of both Scouting and the Aaronic Priesthood. You must make a commitment to devote the necessary time to help your team progress and be successful.

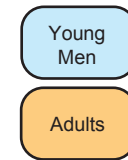
Your ward or branch clerk can help you use the MIS (Member Information Services) to find all of the 14 and 15 year old boys who live in your unit boundary. These individuals will make up your team. If there is not a team currently organized for your unit, take the necessary steps to organize a team with the approval of your priesthood leaders. When organizing your team, consider calling your Teacher's Quorum President as your Team Captain. He holds the priesthood keys to administer to his quorum. Page 8 of this Play Book suggests how a Varsity Team can be organized according to Boy Scout standards. The following page suggests how a Varsity Team and a Teacher's Quorum Presidency can be organized using the same members to fill both priesthood and scouting leadership positions.

When you plan activities, use the Varsity Scout Meeting Plan Worksheet, Activity Planning Worksheet, Annual Planning Chart, Individual Interest Survey, and The Resource Survey for Team Adults. Each of these are included in the appendix of the Varsity Scout Play Book. An example of how these resources may be used in quorum planning can be found on page four of this addendum.

It is recommended that during the first 30 days in a new calling, a leader should seek out the Stake Young Men's 1st Counselor and review with him the Fast Start material, the Varsity Scout Play Book, and the Varsity Leader Guidebook. All Varsity leaders should attend the monthly District Roundtable. It is recommended that during the first year of his calling a leader attend the *Wood Badge For The 21st Century* training course.

A great way to gauge the progress of you and your team is to qualify for the National Quality Unit Award each year (page 19i of this Playbook). This process will help you determine what you need to do to improve your team.

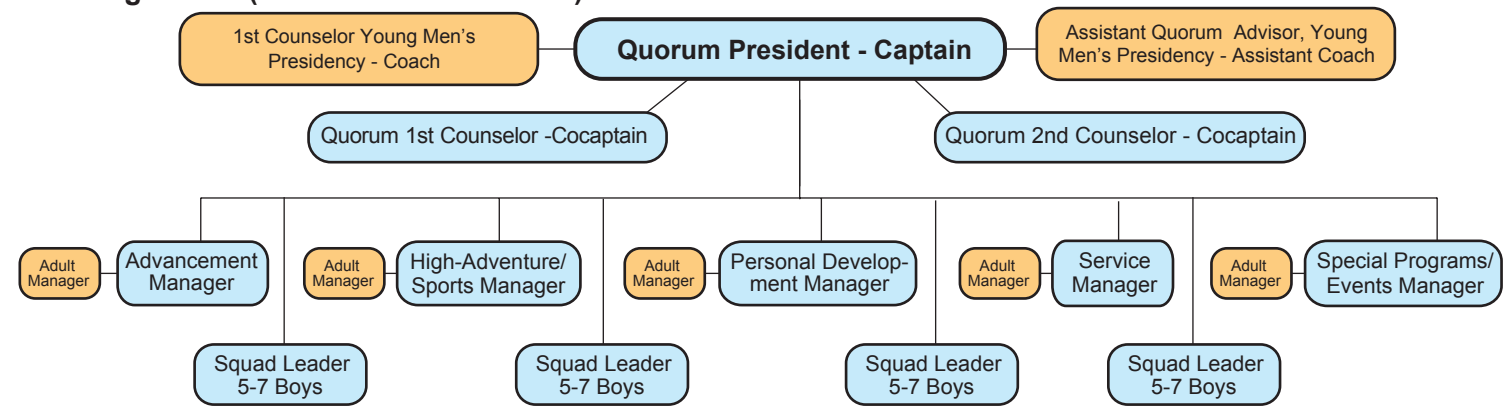
A boy's success in Scouting is often a reflection of his leaders and their commitment to retaining a testimony of our Savior, agreeing to being trained, having tenure in their calling, and allowing the personal time that it will take to successfully run a Scouting program. Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles recently reminded youth leaders that the focus of both the Scouting and the Duty to God programs is not just on achieving a series of requirements, but it is on becoming something—particularly becoming more like the Savior.



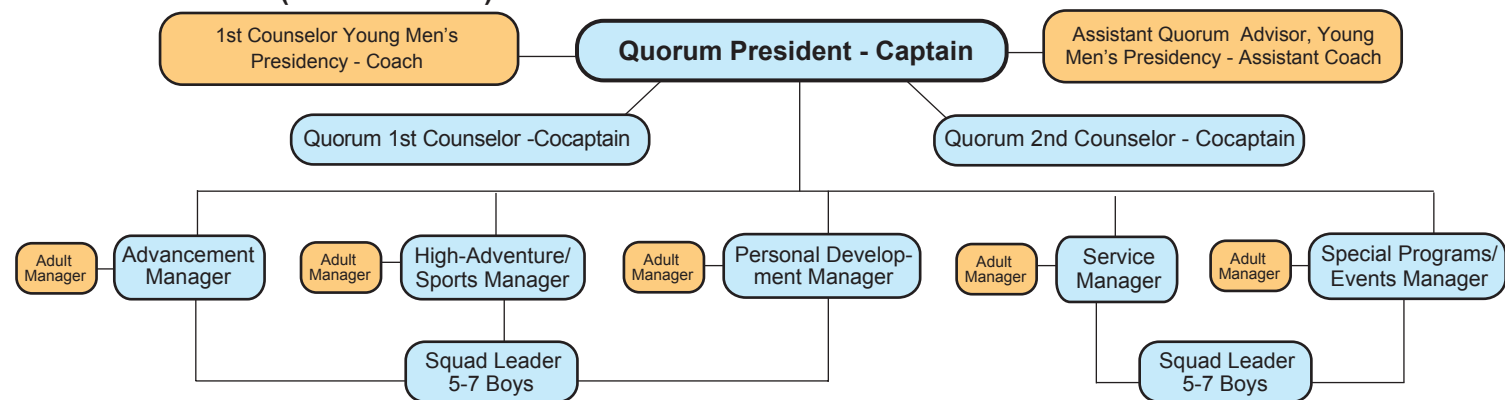
Priesthood Directed Varsity Scout Team Organization

Youth Leadership is built upon a foundation of Adult Support

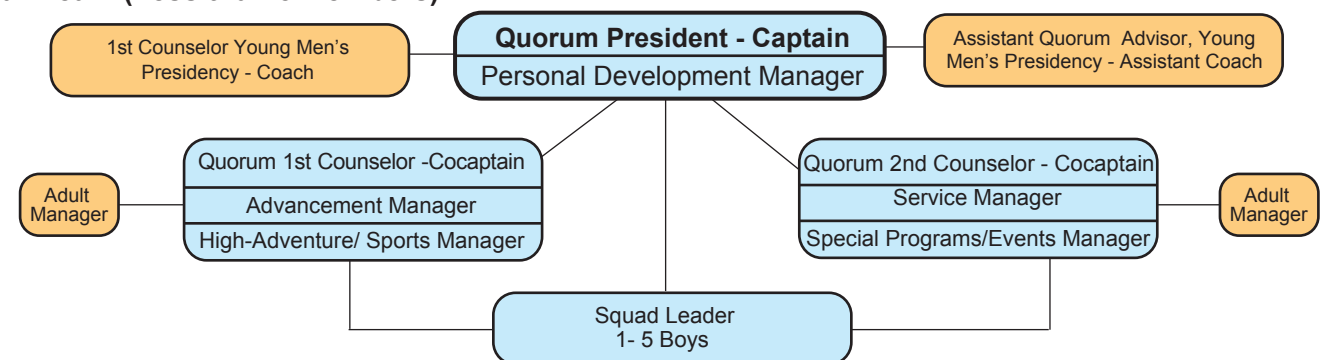
Large Team (More than 20 Members)



Medium Team (5-20 Members)



Small Team (Less than 5 Members)



The Varsity program is based on flexibility. Adapt your leadership to work for your team.
 Number of squads determined by number of boys in team.
 Adult managers can be advisors or members of the team committee.