

# San Bernardino 16<sup>th</sup> Street SDA Church

## YOUTH SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER

### **PURPOSE**

As Youth Sabbath School Leader, you are a minister called by God to a particular and vital ministry within your congregation and in your community. God supplies each person in the church with the resources for ministry—scripture, spiritual power, God’s character, and spiritual gifts. He will supply your needs as you assume this important responsibility! It is your responsibility to coordinate the activities of the youth Sabbath school in the overall objective of establishing the kingdom of God in San Bernardino.

### **RESPONSIBLE TO:**

Sabbath School Council, Youth Council, Youth & Family Life Pastor

### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. Planning** You will provide leadership for the youth Sabbath School by bringing together a team of assistants and teenagers who will help plan and implement the group’s activities.

**2. Spiritual helper.** Teenagers whose trust you have won will come to you with questions and personal problems. This may occasionally require that you act as bridge between troubled teenagers and their parents. If you really care, they will be able to see it. Often people at this age are very shy and you will want to preserve their dignity. Listening skills are important!

**3. Teaching.** Unless you are in a very large church, it will often be your job to teach the Sabbath School lesson. On occasion you should schedule others to teach so that there is more participation.

#### **4. Building a sense of community.**

It will be your work to create an atmosphere that is friendly, comfortable and safe, where God is praised, but where no question need remain unasked. The goal of the youth Sabbath School leader is to bring together a cluster of awkward teenagers and help them become real friends. Relational skills are key in this process.

**5. Commitment.** Next to your commitment to have God’s presence in every aspect of your life, your commitment to serve your church is perhaps the most important one you will make. It is just as important as your vocational and relational commitments. Group members need to know that they can depend on you and that your attendance and participation will be regular.

### **Other Duties**

- Provide overall vision for this ministry to youth inside and outside of the church
- Serve as the “champion” for youth matters to ensure that ministry happens
- Recruit other members to serve as members and leaders
- Schedule plan and lead meetings
- Give direction to others that are serving in youth Sabbath school
- Work with the SS Council & Youth Council to ensure that the mission and vision of the church in “Establishing the Kingdom of God in San Bernardino” is carried forward.

**TIME REQUIRMENTS**

8-10 HOURS PER MONTH

**TERM**

1 YEAR

**TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

<http://ssnet.org/teen-children-resources/youth-sabbath-school/>

GCYOUTHMINISTRIES.ORG (gc)

ADVENTISTFAMILYOUTHMINISTRIES.ORG (nad)

SECCYOUTH.COM (conference)

**QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND GIFTS**

- ✓ Understand God's word as it relates to youth and families
- ✓ Possess a passion for strengthening and supporting youth and families
- ✓ Leadership potential
- ✓ Ability to care for and communicate well with others
- ✓ Has a personal and vibrant relationship with Jesus
- ✓ Commits to a personal lifestyle that allows God to work in their life
- ✓ Is compassionate toward people and is dependable
- ✓ Possesses the gifts of administration, exhortation, and pastor/shepherd
- ✓ Should be a solid and maturing Christian

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To engage our community's youth in a relationship with God; to equip them to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ; and to enjoy and share God's love.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Prepare families for the Kingdom of God to help hasten the coming of Jesus Christ.

