

What exactly is PLC?

PLC is basic leadership training based on the collective wisdom of western civilization. The eleven leadership skills PLC teaches are similar to those taught in college classes, business training programs, by the Bible and Book of Mormon, and in dozens of available conferences, workshops and seminars costing hundreds of dollars per day. The biggest difference is that PLC is targeted at our LDS young men and their adult leaders. It applies directly to the preparation of missionaries. PLC trains responsible leaders for our Aaronic Priesthood Quorums, Venturing Crews and community. PLC teaches participants how to successfully implement Venturing as the activity arm of LDS Priests quorums.

Some program highlights include (1) "Walk to the Light", (2) a social activity, (3) a service project, (4) an uplifting career choice activity, (5) daily flag ceremonies, (6) daily evening devotionals, (7) the KFROG simulated radio station, (8) a testimony meeting, and (9) ends with a formal "Contract for Achievement."

Typically, three adults direct the course, four youth-leaders conduct the course, and Priests' Quorum/Venturing crew advisors serve as course consultants. Young men are fully supervised throughout the course.

Who should attend PLC?

Young men ages 16 through 18, usually members of the Priests quorum or approaching Priests age, and their adult leaders (including Bishops and Young Mens presidencies/Priests quorum and Venturing Advisors and Assistants). The young men attend to learn to lead. The adults attend so they can learn to let youth lead, to gain valuable coaching/mentoring skills, and to know how to use the Venturing program with the quorum.

When is PLC offered during 2007?

Summer Course - June 6 through 9, 2007. This format is for young men 16-18, and a select number of adult leaders.

Where is PLC taught?

Summer Course - Near Grover, Utah, recreation property, in a place surrounded by many high adventure options, such as mountain biking, hiking, climbing, exploring slot canyons-- about three hours from Salt Lake City.

How do I register for PLC?

1. Complete the Course Application Form (attached).
2. Secure signatures of recommendation by the Bishop and one other Young Mens program adult leader.
3. Secure signature from at least one parent certifying permission to attend.
4. Pay the registration fee.

Why should both young men and adult leaders attend PLC?

1. Young men attend to learn valuable leadership skills as quorum officers, young mens program leaders, missionaries, venturing crew officers, citizens and parents.
2. Adult leaders attend to learn the same leadership skills, but also so they can become coaches/mentors of leadership development within the Priests Quorum, as Venturing Crew Advisors, citizens and parents.

How much does PLC cost?

Summer Course - June 6 through 9, 2007. The fee is **\$80** and includes all meals, snacks, a distinctive course shirt and tie, special awards and all associated teaching and learning materials in a three-ring binder.

Please note that we use the fees to purchase the food, equipment, course shirts, and teaching and learning materials. Once these items have been purchased, refunds cannot be guaranteed. Generally, refunds are available up to 30 days in advance of the program.

How do I know PLC is worth the time and money?

1. Over 900 participants have completed the PLC training program. Wards and Stakes have consistently seen Venturing program effectiveness significantly increase and young men with lives changed, as a direct result.
2. PLC has been refined during its fourteen year run.
3. PLC volunteers serve following the order of the priesthood and Church, for love of boys and the adults who lead them.

What do people say about PLC?

1. Awesome!.. what else could be said. This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. My testimony grew as I improved my leadership skills. I wish all my friends could have this experience. (a young man)
2. A great and very spiritual experience. I can use what I learned for the rest of my life. It was a perfect testimony builder. (a young man)
3. "I've been a Priests/Venturer adult leader for a long time. Now I have an idea of what can be done to help these young men develop spiritually and temporally for their future lives. I'm pumped to take this new knowledge home with me and put it to use." (an adult leader)
4. This program is great for young men, but also for adults. I found I had as much to learn, if not more, than the young men. I used to think that [Venturing] was just camping. (an adult leader)
5. PLC is perfect for motivating and preparing Priests for missions. I loved the emphasis on scriptures. I learned [Venturing] is much deeper than what we were offering. (a ward Bishop)
6. "Adult leaders should attend PLC to see how effective older young men's programs can be, and what leadership training can do in the lives of these Priests." (a ward Bishop)
7. "I have seen dozens of Bishops try to design young men's program based only on the resources of the ward, and I've seen dozens fail and hundreds of young men fall away from Church activity as a result of weak young men's programs. It's about time Bishops take advantage of the Church's activity program for young men 16-18, the [Venturing] program. It's about leadership development, primarily, and about learning to grow up and take responsibility for yourself - training most adults could use as well. Let's get off high center and support a tried and true program that is almost guaranteed to produce the results all Bishops and parents want; a program designed by LDS Melchizedek Priesthood holders. PLC can provide the training to get such a young men's program up and going. I know, I've been to PLC, and recommend it to you." (a Stake President)

Where can I get more information About PLC?

Call:

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Glen Weeks	801/966-5552
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Or go to the PLC website

www.ldsscouting.org/plc/html/future_courses.html

I'm Convinced, Here's My PLC Application (June 6-9, 2007)

I would like to attend PLC: Check One: Youth Adult

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Birth date _____ Sports interests _____

High School _____

Ward _____ Stake _____

Parents* names _____

Church Leadership Positions Held:

Priesthood Quorum

Scouting

Varsity

Venturing

School

Community

Hobbies and leisure activities:

How will you benefit from participating in PLC?

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: I give my permission for my son to attend PLC and will provide support for him to apply what he has learned when he returns home.
(youth only) _____

Bishop's Signature: I approve of this young man receiving the training offered by the PLC and will provide support for him to apply what he has learned when he returns home.
(youth only) _____

Adult Leader's Signature: I approve of this young man receiving the training offered by the PLC and will provide support for him to apply what he has learned when he returns home.
(youth only) _____

PLC Equipment List

Sleeping Items

Foam pad or air mattress

Sleeping bag

Pillow

Extra blanket

**Staffers also need tent or to share tent with other staffer

Clothing

One set of civilian clothing (something you can work in)

1 or 2 white dress shirts

1-2 pairs of jeans

Underwear & socks for 4 days

Extra shoes or boots

And in case of bad weather:

Warm coat

Rain gear

Stocking cap

Warm gloves

Sweat shirt and other clothes to layer to keep warm

Personal Equipment

Scriptures (this is a must!)

Pen or pencil & notepaper

Towel and washcloth

Toothbrush & toothpaste

Shaving equipment

Soap, deodorant & shampoo

Extra money

Flashlight

Sunscreen (a must)

Bug spray

My Meaningful Experiences

(Make notes and bring to PLC)

An event, an experience that has caused me to think, to understand, to act--something that has made me what I am, that has improved my life, or helped be a better person.

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