
The Bahá'ís of Salem, OR

Every junior youth animator has completed an Oregon state police background check and receives approval by the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Salem, OR to conduct Junior Youth Groups.

Each group is animated by two individuals who have received 40+ hours of training in the methods and curriculum of the program.

The Bahá'í Faith

Bahá'ís believe in ...

One God
The oneness of humankind
Independent investigation of truth
Equality of men and women
Elimination of prejudice of all kinds
Universal compulsory education
Spiritual solutions to economic problems
The essential harmony of science and religion

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"Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit there from." - Babá'u'lláh

The Spiritual Empowerment of Junior Youth*



A community service project

Offered by
the Bahá'ís of Salem, OR

*Young people ages 11-14.

The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program

Purpose:

- Foster the junior youth's spiritual identity and empower them to serve humanity.
- Create a moral structure in their lives.
- Develop their power of expression.
- Help them recognize the moral issues underlying everyday decisions
- Help them identify the moral implications of speech and actions.
- Raise them up as human resources within the community.

“I hope that each one of you will become just, and direct your thoughts towards the unity of mankind; that you will never harm your neighbors nor speak ill of any one; that you will respect the rights of all men, and be more concerned for the interests of others than for your own.”

-Abdu'l-Bahá

What does a Junior Youth Group do?

- Devotional session where prayers and readings from the world's religions are shared.
- Book study for developing important communication skills designed to train the junior youth to articulate abstract concepts into intelligent and clear language.
- Discuss, plan, complete, and reflect on community service projects.
- Focus on art, drama, and music to introduce the junior youth to various artistic expression and to encourage structured creativity.
- Physical activities, healthy recreation, and sports are an integral part of the meetings.
- Social time as the meeting wraps up.



“Man’s life has its springtime and is endowed with marvelous glory. The period of youth is...the choicest time in human life. Therefore you should strive day and night so that endowed with heavenly strength, inspired by brilliant motives...you will become the ornaments of the world of humanity...”

-Abdu'l-Bahá

How does this affect the lives of junior youth?

Imagine three 11-year-olds walking around, purposefully looking for a way to make their community a better place, knowing they are going to cause the change. Now imagine hundreds of thousands of youth all over the world focused on opportunities to make their communities better; armed with the experience, skills, and desire to implement projects that leave a positive change in the community. It won't be long before these youth become adults, millions strong, actively striving to improve the human condition; knowing beyond a doubt that they can, must, and will make a difference.