



CONFERENCE CONNECTION

Sharing the gospel is a duty and a joy for every disciple of Christ. At the last general conference, we were encouraged to share the gospel in a variety of ways.

"[The Lord] has prepared the means for us to share the gospel in a multitude of ways, and He will assist us in our labors if we will act in faith to fulfill His work."

President Thomas S. Monson, "Welcome to Conference," *Ensign*, Nov. 2013, 4.



"Opportunities [to share the gospel] ... will flow as a natural result of our love for our brothers and sisters. Just be positive, and those whom you speak with will feel your love."

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Put Your Trust in the Lord," *Ensign*, Nov. 2013, 44.



"Our dear prophet, President Thomas S. Monson; his counselors; and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have extended an invitation for us all to participate in the work of salvation. The new converts, youth, young adults, those who have retired from their professions, and full-time missionaries need to be equally yoked in hastening the work of salvation. ... We need ... teamwork in hastening the work of salvation as we invite others to come unto Christ."

Elder Edward Dube of the Seventy, "Look Ahead and Believe," *Ensign*, Nov. 2013, 16.

A TEAM TO NOTICE

Ultimate (also known as Ultimate Frisbee™) is a fast-paced sport that combines the running of soccer, the aerial passing of football, and the vertical leaps of basketball. The game is played by millions in the United States alone, with competitions held around the country.

However, don't expect the number-one nationally ranked high school team to attend any competition held on Sunday.

Three years ago, Lone Peak High School in Utah started an Ultimate team. "Every single

person on the team said we were not going to play on Sundays," explains Quinn A., a recent graduate who's played on the team since the first year.

Skipping Sunday competitions (and there are a lot of them) hasn't limited the team's success. Not only are they ranked number one, but they're also respected throughout the sport. For example, at a major national Ultimate competition—the Chicago Invite—judges allowed Lone Peak Ultimate to play all their games on Saturday even though the event took



place on Saturday and Sunday.

They also have a reputation for being one of the friendliest teams around no matter where they go. "We always

come out with friends," Quinn says. "Every single game."

Quinn is now helping to coach the team while he prepares to serve a full-time mission.

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TO GET THE MOST OUT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. Create a list of questions that you're seeking answers to.
2. Sit in a kitchen chair. (Lying down on a couch with your pillow and blanket might not be the best way to stay focused!)
3. Look for new insights, even if a message seems familiar at first. Remember, prophets have always taught through repetition.
4. Watch every session and pay close attention to every speaker.
5. Have a notepad or digital device handy to write down any promptings or special thoughts you have while you watch.

MUTUAL ACTIVITY IDEA: PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT: READY, SET, CLICK!

In a traditional scavenger hunt, it's not terribly hard to fit a stapler, a spool of thread, a yellow crayon, and other such small objects into your backpack as you scour the town and race the clock. But what about trying to bring back a dog holding a tennis ball in its mouth? Or a daughter, mother, and grandmother all power-flexing together like bodybuilders? Yes, that's a tad trickier.

That's what makes a digital photo scavenger hunt so much fun. Instead of trying to locate and bring back small physical objects, the objective here is to head out and take photos. The sky's the limit on what you decide to put on your to-find list. How about a picture of someone wearing polka-dot socks? Or a photo of a gargoyle on a building? Rusted metal? A tombstone where the person was born in the 1800s? An actual typewriter?

A list of everyday items works great if you're planning this Mutual activity as a fun way for youth to bring nonmember friends to get to

know each other in a casual setting. But you could also create a list of items that relate to a gospel topic you're studying or even that support principles related to the yearly Mutual theme. Or maybe each person in the group chooses an object that represents something he or she is interested in, so that everyone can learn more about the others in their ward or branch.

Digital photo scavenger hunts, for all their fun, require no cost and only very basic preparation. First create a list of more items than could reasonably be obtained in a single night. Split up into teams so no one is alone, and make sure each team has at least one digital camera.

Then head out for an agreed-upon time limit and return to compare results. The team that takes photos of the most items on the list is the winner.

As a side note, ensure beforehand that everyone goes to places that are safe.



MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:16 "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

I love this scripture because it talks about being an example in front of others and making sure that our examples please our Heavenly Father. Being one of the oldest Mia Maids in my ward, I have to be an example to the Beehives. If I work on my Personal Progress and work for my Honor Bee, that will show them that they can do it too.

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