



As of September 1, 2012, BYU will no longer be offering **Best of Especially for Youth** programs. For many years this program has been provided as an opportunity for youth (primarily in the western United States) to attend a three or four hour presentation to hear from speakers on topics relevant to the issues facing youth. The programs have been requested, authorized and supported by the local ecclesiastical leaders who have requested this from BYU.

In light of the counsel to Church units to utilize local resources in meeting local needs, Brigham Young University has determined to no longer provide individual speakers in a format such as has been available through Best of Especially for Youth. This will leave to local ecclesiastical leadership, as they are led by the Spirit and as instructed in the *Church Handbook of Instructions* (© 2010), the responsibility and blessing of meeting the needs of their youth. The guidelines in Book 2 (21.1.20 – see below) are particularly instructive and we encourage all leaders to carefully consider this direction in their planning.

This applies only to the three or four hour **Best of Especially for Youth** program format. Full-day **Especially for Youth Express (EFY Express)** programs and the week-long **Especially for Youth (EFY)** programs will continue to be offered through BYU Continuing Education for individual youth and as optional activities under section 13.5 of the *Handbook* (see below). The names Especially for Youth (EFY), Best of Especially for Youth (BEFY), and Especially for Youth Express (EFY Express) are all trademarked names and can only be used legally by Brigham Young University in conjunction with programs approved, supervised, and operated by BYU. In order to help BYU retain full legal rights to these trademarked names, leaders are asked to refrain from using these programmatic names in conjunction with locally-developed or operated offerings.

If you are interested in an **EFY Express** program or a regular **EFY** program coming to an area near you, please call (801) 422-3817 to speak with a representative or email efy@byu.edu.

21.1.20 Guest Speakers or Instructors

For most Church meetings, speakers and instructors should belong to the local ward or stake.

The bishop's approval is required before guest speakers or instructors may participate in any ward meeting, including auxiliary meetings. The stake president's approval is required for such participation in stake meetings.

The bishop or stake president carefully screens guest speakers or instructors and the subjects of their presentations. This may include contacting the person's bishop. The bishop or stake president ensures that:

1. Presentations are in harmony with Church doctrine.
2. Guest speakers or instructors are not paid a fee, do not recruit participants, and do not solicit customers or clients.

3. The travel expenses of guest speakers or instructors are not paid, either with local unit budget funds or by private contributions.
4. Presentations comply with the guidelines for using Church facilities (see [21.2](#)).

13.5 Optional Activities

Units may sponsor optional activities that are presented by Church-related entities. Such activities include Church university performance groups, special youth programs, and periodic major cultural events. As authorized by a member of the Presidency of the Seventy or the Area Presidency, members may be charged a modest fee to defray the costs of such events if (1) the program is entirely optional, (2) the cost is not burdensome, and (3) the event is not used to raise funds. Budget funds may be used to help those who want to attend but are unable to pay.