

# YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCE LIST

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The following is a list of resources that could be potentially helpful. These are not items you accumulate over-night. The list is provided to assist in purposefully gaining the “tools” you need to support youth ministry. Remember you don’t have to “own” these items. Instead you could just figure out how to identify sources to borrow or rent from occasionally. Many of these items can be purchased through your Chapel Fund.

Vendors can be contacted in a numerous ways including Internet, 800 #'s. In many instances you can request that your name and address be added to their mailing list. You’ll be on forever!

## **ABOUT OWNERSHIP**

Remember if you purchase these items through a Chaplains Fund they are property of that fund. To support this you’ll need to set up some sort of system to store and identify where these items belong. As you go through the process of determining which items to purchase I would suggest using personal resources to purchase items you want to use over a long period of time.

### **A. VIDEOS:**

I throw this stuff out there because when I began I don’t think I knew I was a visual learner. These videos’ were extremely helpful for me as an addition to some of the other reading and experiences I was having.

1. *Youth Ministry teaching Videos.* These videos will help you get an insight into appropriate content, presentation styles, and the tremendous amount of responsibility and work that is required by the “public side” of speaking in ministry.

- Ken Davis; Reasons for Joy. Ken presents a humorous talk on real reasons for living with joy.
- Duffy Robbins; Building Your Faith Without Falling On Your Butts: Simple-mindedness in our race Christian walk.
- Tony Campolo; Being a Live Christian in a Dead World: Challenging video about living as lights in the world.
- Becky Tirabassi: Her story of teen alcoholism & God’s Grace.
- CHOOSING MY RELIGION: R.C. Sproul: A challenge to relativism specifically targeted to youth.
- ULTIMATE ISSUES: R.C. Sproul; For the Serious. A challenge to values specifically target for youth.
- Life on the Edge: James Dobson. Super

### 2. *TRAINING VIDEOS*

The following tapes are suited for professional development or equipping

someone like yourself or volunteers for different aspects of youth ministry.

Creative Christian Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom The Heart of Youth Ministry: Mike Yaconelli, Motivational

Equipped to Serve: Tiger McKuen Team Training series

Purpose Driven Youth Ministry: Doug Fields Team Training series

Play It, the Game Day! A video with several games. Superb for unleashing those untapped play juices.

Silver Bullets. Filled with a variety of games and Initiatives. Initiatives are group problems which can be used as object lessons.

3. *FOR FUN VIDEOS* (Used at the beginning of Clubs as students walk in) (Most of these can be picked up at Walmart)

Crazy & Daredevil	All Sports Bloopers	Funniest Animals
Funniest Families	Stuntbusters	Animal Bloopers
Saturday Night Live	Bambi meets Godzilla	

## **B. GAME STUFF**

Here is just a bunch of stuff that you can use for games and things.

4 Large Inner Tubes	15 Smaller Tubes	Numerous Buckets
6' Ft Push-Ball	4' Ft push-ball	4 Garbage Cans
6 Bicycle Flags	80 Soft balls	20 Fox tails
48"beach balls'	Misc. balls	Broom Hockey Set
2 Volleyball sets	Tubing	Ropes
2 Large parachutes	4 small parachutes	Clothes Pins
Bats! softballs	Strobe Light	Wally Ball Set
Deck Rings	Potato Sacks	Frisbees
Poly Spots	Spider Web	Goals
Skit Props	Potato Guns	Balloon Launchers
Stop Watch	Hula Hoops	100 finger rockets
Yuck		

## **C. MISCELLANEOUS EVENT STUFF**

Note: When you get around to getting a CD player do not get one with a radio unless you want to continually battle what is being played.

P.A. System	Karaoke Machine	Popcorn Machine
VCR small TV	Portable Overhead	VCR Camera
Digital Camera	Quiz Time Machine	VCR Projector
LCD Projector		

## **D. MUSIC RELATED RESOURCES**

- Karaoke Machine
  - Songs and Creations Songbooks (Tremendous Variety of songs)
  - SPIN Student Praise Interactive Network— A collection of Christian praise music. Comes with CD's, overheads and music.
- Young Life song book materials (see their catalog)

**E. BOOKS: There are so many youth ministry books now that I have had to just choose 10 that would be helpful to any chapel library over an**

**extended period. I would suggest you need these resources immediately. The following books used together can produce the necessary background for very successful programming and meetings:**

1. *The Basics (These I would get immediately)*
  - Your First Two years in Youth Ministry: Doug Fields
  - Youth Ministry Management Tools Olson, Elliot, Work
  - Best of Play It: Game book with all the games you will ever need.
  - Ideas Series (Also on CD)
  - Great Camps and Retreats: Super if you have to plan one
  - Honest to God: Best small group stuff
  - Serendipity Bible
  - Hot Illustrations Series (Also on CD) for Youth Talks Wayne Rice
  - How to speak to Youth Ken Davis
  - Great Talk Outlines 1&2 Mark Ostriecher
  
2. Software
  - Ideas Library: Youth Specialties
  - Hot Illustrations: Youth Specialties
  - Planning Youth Ministry 2.0: Lifeway church resources 800/458 2772

USEFUL YOUTHWORKER RESOURCE VENDORS Just call all these guys “up and ask for a catalog. As time progresses and you have exhausted the easy stuff you will find you need to expand your tools. Catalogs are not wish lists. They are windows into ideas and possibilities.

*Parent Organizations* Both YL and YFC have a sales dept. with resources from very helpful to outdated. Contact both and request a catalog.  
Youth For Christ Sales Dept. P0 Box 228822, Denver CO., 80222; ±1(303) 843-9000  
Young Life +1(800) 742-8117 Make sure you get their Club Music CD’s

### *Bibles*

(Inexpensive Bibles) American Bible Study, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023, 1(800)322-4253

### *Curriculum Catalogs*

(Discount Books) Christian Book Distributors, P0 Box 6000, Peabody, Mass 01961 -6000, (508)977-5000. I often find things less expensive here than in YS or other resources.

(Everything) Youth Specialties Order Center, P0 Box 4406, Spartanburg SC. 29305 (800)776-8008 [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)

(Bible Studies) Serendipity, P0 Box 1012, Littleton, CO 80160, 1 (800)525-9563  
Zondervan Church source P0 Box 668, Holmes PA 19043-0668, 1 800 727 3480

(Bible Studies) Serendipity, P0 Box 1012, Littleton, CO 80160, 1 (800)525-9563  
(Volunteer Training) Making Young Lives Count 21612 Plano Trabuco, Q30 Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679, 949 830-4042 [www.dougfields.com](http://www.dougfields.com)

### *Equipment & Game Resources*

(Equipment) Flaghouse, 150 N. MacQuesten Parkway, Mt Vernon, NY 10550, 1 (800)793-7900 (Equipment) [www.flaghouse.com](http://www.flaghouse.com)  
Project Adventure, P0 Box 100, Hamilton, MA 01936 [www.pa.org](http://www.pa.org) (508)468-7981  
RecSource/RecFx, P0 Box 20836 Portland, OR 97294-0836, (503) 254-3030  
[www.recfx.com](http://www.recfx.com)  
Big Stuff, 35 Old Canton Street, Alpharetta, GA 30004, Toll free: 1-800-967-7883, [www.bigstuff.com](http://www.bigstuff.com)

*Magazine Subscriptions: These are some helpful magazines. You will discover they just stack up over time and you don't read them as much as skim them for trends, resources and ideas.*

*(Magazines, Ideas, Resources) Group, Box 485, Loveland CO 80539 1 800 447 1070*

*(Plugged In, A music resource that will help you stay abreast of secular music) (Good Resources) Focus on the Family, P0 Box 35500, Colorado Springs, CO. 80935-35501 (800)-232-6459*

*Youth Worker Journal: Youth Specialties Subscriptions, P0 Box 17017, North Hollywood CA 91615 (800) 769-7624*

*CCM (Contemporary Christian Music) P0 Box 55996, Boulder CO., 80321-5996., 303/678-0439*

### *Music Resources*

*(Fun Music) Rhino Records, Dept 15c, 10635 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90025-4900, 1 (800)532-0020 [www.rhino.com](http://www.rhino.com)*

*(Music) Songs & Creations, Inc., P0 Box 7, San Anselmo CA 94960, 1(800)227 2188 [www.songsandcreations.com](http://www.songsandcreations.com)*

*SPIN Student Praise Interactive Network [www.spin360.com](http://www.spin360.com) 1 888 697 7746*

### *Short Term Missions & Service Projects*

*Project Serve: (800) 669-4932 [www.projectserve.com](http://www.projectserve.com)*

*Amor Ministries, 1664 Precision Park Lane, San Diego CA., 92173, L619~ 662-1200*

*Compassion International, P0 Box 7000, Colorado Springs CO 80933, +1(800) 336-7538*

*EDGE TV The cheapest place to get this is through Christian Book Distributors but you can also subscribe through Youth Specialties. [www.edgetv.com](http://www.edgetv.com)*

*(Music CD's & Videos etc) (Music) INTERLINC. P0 Box 680848, Franklin, TN 37068 (800)725 3300 (Tip: Don't get the cassettes) <http://interlinc-online.com/>  
Student Praise. Interactive Network SPIN, 4821 Great Divide Dr. Ft. Worth TX., 76137, +1(888) 697-7746 [www.spin360.com](http://www.spin360.com)*

*Longer videos are kind of unpredictable and I have very few that I would put forward as recommendations anymore. In most instances students today aren't ready for a 45-60 minute sitting experience. You must preview! Video's are definitely not something you can schedule and presume will be a "successful"*

program. I have had some success; one on one or using videos in my video library as a resource.

Example I enjoyed working through RC Sproul videos that he had done specifically for students in a one on one and small group setting. I could of never pulled it off in a large group setting. [www.ligonier.org](http://www.ligonier.org)

### ***Training Events***

*Youth Worker/volunteer equipping Seminars* There are a lot of seminars for youth ministry. These are some that I recommend. I would especially incorporate the YSNRS and SSGS into your annual training plan for volunteers.

Youth For Christ Summer Institute (Annually conducted in Mid-June) [www.youthspecialties.com/events/](http://www.youthspecialties.com/events/)

Youth Specialties Conventions [www.youthspecialties.com/events/](http://www.youthspecialties.com/events/)

Youth Specialties Core [www.youthspecialties.com/thecore/2005/](http://www.youthspecialties.com/thecore/2005/)

**WEBSITES TO KNOW ABOUT** - There are so many now but these are the ones I go back to on a regular basis.

YOUNG LIFE [www.younglife.org](http://www.younglife.org) (password required)

YOUTH FOR CHRIST [www.yfc.net](http://www.yfc.net)

YOUTH SPECIALTIES [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)

Rocking with the Cross [www.1christian.net](http://www.1christian.net)

The source for youth ministry [www.thesource4ym.com](http://www.thesource4ym.com)