



## Preparing your student leadership team for SLC

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- 1. Meet with your students several times for prayer before your arrival at the conference. Together make a list of specific prayer requests for each student and commit to pray for each other. This should begin 4 months before the conference, but it is never too late!**
- 2. Discuss their expectations and your expectations. Encourage them to be open to hearing from God, learning to know and understand themselves and developing a broader understanding of what Christian leadership looks like. Remind them that leadership is a process not an event!**
- 3. Further preparation: The ideas below will help you as you prepare your students for various aspects of SLC.**

**Basic questions for discussion in your meeting:** What is expected of me at this conference? How can I use what I learn when I return home? What is expected of me and our group after the conference? What kind of person do I want to be at this conference and afterward... uninvolved, detached, observant, interactive, participating, initiating or leading? Am I afraid of anything when I meet new people or new situations? Am I intimidated by language, color, gender, appearance, age, talent? What can I pray for now in preparation for SLC? Are there areas in my life that need attention now? Are there relationships that I can deepen to help me understand people? Am I open to new ways of thinking and doing things? Can I find someone to really connect with in each new situation?

### **Expectations at the conference:**

- All students are expected to attend meals and follow each part of the schedule, including the designated time for "lights out". Rest, food and water are basic elements needed for our emotional and physical health. A lack of sleep will rob us of valuable learning opportunities and also disturb many others who need rest.
- The meal times are important times to get to know others as well as reenergize.
- All students are expected to meet with chaperones daily to review the day, pray together and work on their Student Action Plan. This plan must be presented on Friday evening.

### **To benefit from the main sessions and workshops:**

- Be willing to ask questions when you don't understand.
- Think about how this teaching or idea applies to your life and circumstances.
- Use the new information soon so that you will remember it by teaching someone else or applying it to something you face now.

**To benefit from the student discussion groups:**

1. You must be willing to be uncomfortable! If you love to talk - listen! If you are shy - talk! This is the only way you can learn together and grow.
2. Don't assume you have the only answer OR that your idea is not important. Your answer is always important but the purpose of the group is to share ideas and learn from each other.
3. You must be at all your group's sessions and use all of your time! You can't benefit from the group unless you are participating with active listening and sharing.
4. Prepare for each discussion by looking over the questions and understanding them first in your own language. This will be a big help!
5. It is OK to have a different opinion than others. Each person is at their own stage of growth and understanding AND we come from different religious backgrounds and cultures.
6. Have fun! This is a unique opportunity to build incredible friendships with others from around the world!

**For discussion group leaders:** In order to help prepare and equip our discussion group leaders for their role at SLC, we are asking them to participate in interactive, online training during the month of September. Please note that participation in this training is necessary for a student to be allocated a discussion group. The purposes of this training are...

- To help students understand the nature of their role as a discussion group leader.
- To help students think through the process and skills needed for effectively facilitating discussions.
- To enable the discussion group coordinator to gain an insight into the ability of each student to interact effectively in English.
- Please provide contact information for these students before August 1st at the link provided to you at registration.

**Expectations for after the conference:** Plan to continue to meet with students on a regular basis to encourage them to apply what they have learned. Leadership is not learned at a conference it is learned in the process of our daily life and you are their best example of how to keep growing and applying what they learned. Celebrate successes and share and pray through the struggles together. This also gives you time to follow up with them on their Student Action Plan in the coming months.

**Other Documents - Please check online for updates at [acsieurope.org/slc](https://acsieurope.org/slc)**

***Please be aware*** that the Student Leadership Conference may not reinforce the theological or lifestyle perspectives from your culture or denomination. This conference includes many school groups from a variety of perspectives within the Christian community and it is our privilege to be able to fellowship together and learn from each other in this unique setting! It is YOUR responsibility as a chaperone to prepare your students for this setting and to set your own standards of dress, speech and behavior. ACSI Europe staff have set basic behavioral guidelines and will work to provide a safe and Christ-centered environment which encourages positive interaction between all participants.

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