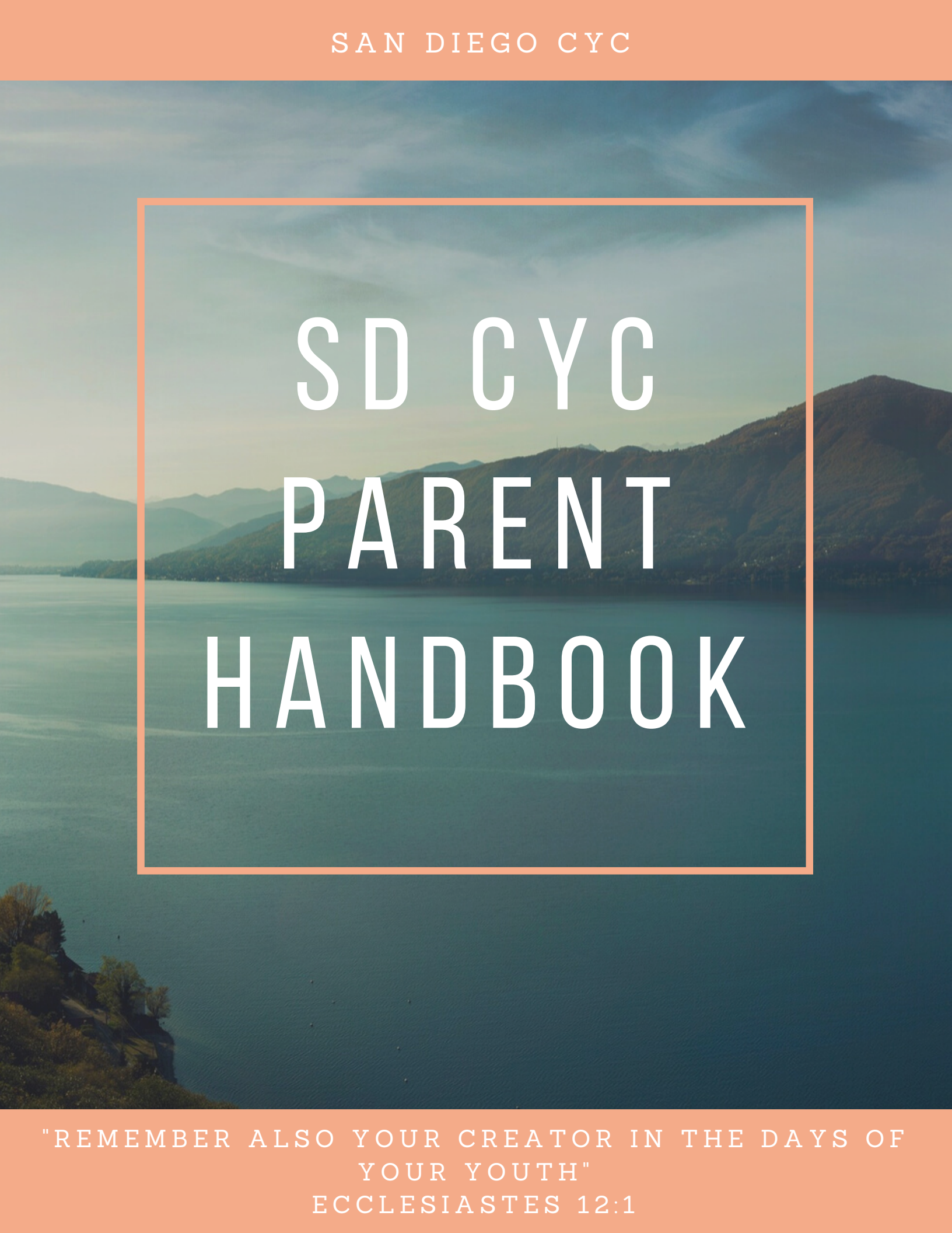


SAN DIEGO CYC



SD CYC PARENT HANDBOOK

"REMEMBER ALSO YOUR CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF
YOUR YOUTH"
ECCLESIASTES 12:1

MISSION STATEMENT

We love our CYC members, every single one! It has been such a blessing to learn from, grow with, and walk towards our heavenly Father's kingdom together. We have each other's backs, we love each other, we love our Lord - what an incredible foundation for building and strengthening our faith!

Building on this foundation is essential for the spiritual well being of our members. This year, we are looking to change things up for our CYC so we can better cater to the spiritual needs of our members. This means creating a well developed calendar full of interesting classes, lively discussion groups, fun games, activities and adventures!

We have decided to split up our year into 4 quarters - starting in August! Each quarter will have a theme, and the months in that quarter will be topics that correlate with that theme. CYC will have more structure than in previous years, but we want fun and fellowship to remain a priority as well. As we are looking to move CYC to Friday nights, our time together will look a bit different. We will kick each night off with a 20-25 minute class followed by an organized activity during which our members are highly encouraged to participate. After that we can hang out and enjoy free time with each other.

We will increase communication between the CYC and parents about what is planned each month so families know what to expect and what to look forward to!

Our goal is to create an environment where your kids feel safe to share and excited to learn about our God. We want to mix structure with fun and adventure. As the future of the San Diego Ecclesia, we want our kids to be passionate about serving our Lord Jesus and each other until the day Christ returns.

We love you all and are so excited for this next chapter. Thank you for all your support and love.

With love in Christ,
Chloe, Lance, and Bella.

GOALS OF CYC

Our goal with the CYC is to instill these spiritual habits:

Spend time with others (August-October):

We want to focus on bonding and growing the CYC's relationship with each other. We recognize that the CYCers around us now will be the brothers, sisters and leaders of the San Diego Ecclesia in the future. We understand the benefit of getting to know one another and growing together now helps to promote brotherly and sisterly collaboration and harmony. We are placing this habit at the start of our CYC year, as this is usually a time of change, new beginnings and new friendships. We want to help CYCers focus on the friends they're making, creating friendships together, and to know they can always lean on each other during this time of newness.

Know & Use Your Gifts (November-January):

We are called to action and service through our faith, and we want to help the CYC in their journey of service by helping them understand what spiritual gifts they have and how they can put it to use, not only in the Ecclesia but also in the larger community. As the CYC have just understood their identity and how that relates to their identity together as a child of God, during this period we will discuss and uncover what their gifts are, how they can put it to use practically, and how they can commit their actions and lives to God. We are focusing on this habit during this time period as it provides the CYC with many opportunities to use and practice their gifts over the holiday season.

GOALS OF CYC CONT.

Our goal with the CYC is to instill these spiritual habits:

Spend Time With God (February-April):

We want to foster and grow the CYC's personal relationship with God. The purpose of this habit and why we are focusing on it is to show them how to create, develop and strengthen their relationship with God in their everyday life. During this period we will be answering questions the CYC have around faith and assisting them in creating their own understanding around the truth. We will also focus on what having a relationship with God and Christ looks like in an everyday, practical sense, and shed light on their personal relationship and understanding of God's son. We are focusing on this habit during this time period as we've noticed that's when the CYC are more stressed and busy with their school and workloads, and we hope to help refocus them to lean on God and grow closer to him, his word and his son.

Share Your Story (May-July):

The purpose of this habit is to encourage the CYC in engaging in conversations together about who God is and what he has done for each other. We hope that this will in turn help them to feel more comfortable to have these conversations with others who are in their lives. We are focusing on this habit during this time period as we have the most opportunity to be in contact with people from other Ecclesias, countries and walks of life, making it the perfect time to hear other people's stories, learn what our story is and how we can share that with the people around us.

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- Please utilize the “San Diego CYC Parents” group chat on GroupMe for questions or information about upcoming events/activities! If you are not on the chat and want to join, please contact any of the people stated above.
- We will be sending out monthly emails with the information and plans for the coming month in our CYC. Please refer to the weekly newsletter to see if your CYCer is on for refreshments.
- Refer to the sdbible.com website under “Teens” for more information
- We are always here to answer your questions, hear your feedback and ease any concerns you may have in regards to your CYCer or CYC.

CYCER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a CYCer, you have the responsibility to:

To come to CYC with a good attitude, ready to learn and have fun!

- *Be willing to participate!*

Cleaning up

- *If you are on for refreshments, clean up! (Refer to the checklist)*

To contribute to events/activities happening in the YOC

- *If San Diego CYC is on for a YOC event, our members need to step up to the plate! It takes a lot to organize and plan an event, so we need all hands on deck to collaborate and coordinate to create an awesome experience! Remember, you don't have to do it alone. Always ask for help if you need it*

Stay up to date

- *Know when you are on for refreshments*
- *Know when important events are happening in SD and in the YOC*

Ask if you need a ride

- *If you need a ride to an event/activity, ask! We have plenty of drivers to help out, but don't wait till the last minute!*

Be respectful of the speaker's time, pay attention and be engaged

- *Put your phones away during class. If you need a bible, we have extras!*
- *Stay awake and attentive*

Contribute to the well-being of the group

- *Be there for one another*
- *Check in with each other*

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a parent, you have the responsibility to:

Encourage your CYCer to do their part, take initiative and participate

Be willing to communicate with us!

- *We want an open flow of communication*
- *Please reach out to us to voice any concerns/questions.*
- *We recognize that this has been a shortfall on both sides in the past, and we would like to improve our flow of communication.*

Better communication about rides for your kids ahead of time

- *If your child is being driven by someone else to an activity/event, please chip in for gas.*

Volunteer to help us with upcoming events

- *Counselors at fall/spring conferences*
- *Cooks in the kitchen for SD events*
- *Helping drive to events if needed*

YOC EVENTS WE ARE HOSTING:

Fall conference (October 9-11, 2020): We need:

- Counselors
- Drivers

Stay & Play (April 17-18, 2021), We need:

- Accommodation hosts
- Drivers
- Food preparation

REFRESHMENTS

What to Bring:

- *Bring enough for everyone. We usually have 15-20 people show up, so please ensure nobody goes hungry.*
- *Variety is also encouraged. Maybe bring some fruit and veggies to go along with the plate of brownies!*

Clean Up:

- *If you bring refreshments, it is YOUR responsibility to clean up the kitchen at the end of the night. We've run into issues with critters when the mess from refreshments wasn't cleaned sufficiently.*
- *We have included a few steps to help keep the kitchen area clean. If you are on for refreshments that night, please refer to this checklist before you leave CYC!*

Refreshments Checklist:

- 1.** Take home all containers/bags the refreshments came in AND any extra food the CYC didn't eat
- 2.** Clean off the counters - don't leave a sticky mess for the next person!
- 3.** Empty the trash can into the outside bins and place a NEW bag in the trash can
- 4.** Sweep the floor

As a parent, please **remind** your kid(s) to clean up after themselves if they brought refreshments for the group. Don't leave for the night without checking they've completed everything on the checklist.

YOC EVENTS

DATE	SPONSORING CYC	EVENT NAME
August 1, 2020	Los Angeles	Beach Party
September 19, 2020	Verdugo Hills	Ping Pong Tournament
October 9-11, 2020	San Diego	Fall Conference
November 14, 2020	Thousand Oaks	Bible Clue
December 21, 2020	Skating Party	Reseda
January 23, 2021	Thousand Oaks	Age Mixer
February 6, 2021	Simi Hills	Tie Dye, Bonfire, & Hymn Sing
February 12-15, 2021	Sacramento	Sacramento Conference
March 13, 2021	K Town	Soccer Challenge
April 17-18	San Diego	Stay & Play
April 30-May 1, 2021	Verdugo	Spring Conference
June 5, 2021	Simi Hills	Trade it Up
July 2021	Idyllwild	Idyllwild