

Orem Youth Council Guidebook 2026-27

Description

The Orem Youth Council is a council for young leaders in 10th - 12th grades to gain an appreciation for their community through learning about our City government, serving and interacting in the community, building leadership skills, and building lasting friendships. Established to empower youth, the council serves as a bridge between young people and their community.

Potential Activities

Potential activities throughout the year include the following:

- Learning opportunities about and/or field trips to various City departments/facilities
- Mock City Council meetings
- Service projects
- Social activities to build connection among the various high schools
- And more!

Final activities will be selected and planned by Youth Council members in coordination with advisors.

2026-27 Activity Schedule

- Monthly meetings will typically be held on the **first Thursday of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 PM** at Orem City Center (56 N. State Street, Orem) or other City buildings.
- Members are expected to **miss no more than 2 regular meetings** during the year. Additional absences can be made up through service hours at City events, attending Orem City Council meetings, or participating in other approved service activities. If you will miss a meeting, please communicate with the advisors at least **24 hours in advance** unless an emergency arises.

Regular Meetings (3:30 - 4:30 PM)

- Thursday, September 3
- Thursday, October 1
- Thursday, November 5
- Thursday, December 3
- Thursday, January 7
- Thursday, February 4
- Thursday, March 4
- Thursday, April 1
- Thursday, May 6

Optional Meetings/Activities

- Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 PM
Swearing in at Orem City Council meeting
- Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Local Officials Day field trip to Utah State Capitol & Salt Palace - *Must have 80% attendance to be eligible*
- May 2027 (Date TBD)
Report to City Council at City Council Meeting

Executive Committee

Students wishing to develop additional leadership skills and shape the direction of the Youth Council can sign up to be part of the Executive Committee, which will typically meet for an additional 30-45 minutes each month (exact time TBD).

The Executive Committee will work with City staff to carry out the following:

- Set the agenda for each meeting.
- Lead the meetings and keep activities on track.
- Pitch, plan, and execute Youth Council service projects and events.
- Take photos and videos of Youth Council activities, and help create content for the City's social media.
- Promote OYC events at local high schools when applicable.

Transportation

Students are responsible for proving their own transportation to and from regular activities. Activities will generally be held at the City Center, but some activities may be held at other City buildings in Orem (e.g. the Family Fitness Center, the Public Works building, a fire station, etc.).

Local Officials Day: January 20, 2027

On January 20, 2027, Youth Council members will have the opportunity to attend Local Officials Day at the Utah State Capitol and Salt Palace. This annual event, hosted by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, brings together youth city council members, municipal leaders, and state lawmakers for breakfast and activities at the State Capitol along with mock debates, learning opportunities, and a luncheon at the Salt Palace.

To be eligible to attend, members must have attended 80% (or 4/5) of the regular meetings from September - January (or have made up absences). Depending on interest and transportation availability, registration for this activity may be limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

For this activity, students will meet at City Center and be provided with a ride from and back to the City Center. Students and parents who do not return the required transportation waiver for this activity will be ineligible from receiving a ride in a City vehicle.

Questions

Please email oyc@orem.gov with any questions or concerns.