



## Pathfinder Ministries

“He who cooperates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and molding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. He awakens a desire to reach God’s ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe.” (Education, p. 19.)

Overview: Becoming a Pathfinder is one of the best decisions you'll ever make. Pathfinders push you not only spiritually, but also psychologically, socially, and intellectually. It also has exciting, adventurous, and FUN moments!

### PATHFINDERS

- **Pathfinder** - Trained by God lead staff, a pathfinder is one who is knowledgeable in camping & camping/survival skills, undergoes leadership training, learns skills relating to career & interests, participates in activities promoting community pride & involvement through outreach activities such as helping in downtown soup kitchens, collecting food for the disadvantaged, cleaning & maintaining city and county parks, visiting and encouraging the elderly, evangelism and MANY more.

Registration Fee: \$55 (breakdown will be provided)

# PATHFINDER STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

All Pathfinder Staff - Must be dedicated Christian people and be willing to learn and grow in their faith. They should set a good example in attitude and behavior.

- **Pathfinder/Club Director** - Represents the church in the Pathfinder organization and is a member of the church board. All activities of the club shall be under their supervision. If there is more than one church supporting a club then a Pathfinder club representative will sit on the other church boards as elected by each participating church board.
- **Deputy Director** - Shall assist the Club Director and take charge during the Director's absence. May be designated to care for any of the Pathfinder Club duties.
- **Counselor** - Leader of a unit of two to eight boys or girls (Men with boys - Women with girls). Work and stay with unit during all programs, at all times. Encourages the teaching of class work levels and honors for successful Investiture of members. Does Drill and Marching with units and develops understanding and friendships. Encourages members to participate in all activities and outings. Attends staff meetings and notifies Club Director in advance if unable to attend.
- **Secretary** - Shall render monthly reports to the local Conference office. Is responsible for all club correspondence. Takes notes at staff meetings. Is responsible for personal records and for any other records necessary to the smooth running of the club.
- **Treasurer** - Shall be responsible for the expenses paid out, collect and care for all income such as membership fees, money from fund-raising projects, etc. Shall present a financial report upon request of the executive officers or staff and shall transmit the accounts and all distributed funds to his successor. Work in close harmony with the church treasurer, depositing all funds with the church treasurer unless the club has its own checking account. In the latter case, a monthly report shall be prepared and submitted by the Director at the church board meeting.
- **Chaplain** - It is very special when the Chaplain is the church Pastor. Shall assist the Director in maintaining a strong spiritual tone in the club and know each Pathfinder's relationship to the Lord. Shall serve on various committees dealing with the worships in club meetings, campouts, outreach and discipline.
- **Instructor** - Teaches specific skills or subjects such as Bible, personal growth, outdoor skills, and honors. May be a Pathfinder Club Staff or a specialist from the church or community who teaches specific subjects. Works closely with the Club Director to insure that requirements are covered to enable the Pathfinders to be invested.

- **Parent Liaison** - Facilitates communication between parents and Pathfinder Club Staff. A parent from the church working with pathfinder staff to create a healthy relationship with parents and staff. Advocates for the needs of the parents.\*
- **Teen Leadership Training** - The TLT program is designed to challenge and empower the teen Pathfinder with new and increased responsibilities, while allowing them the security of doing so in a place they know and love. The TLT experience will assist the Pathfinder teen to form adult-Pathfinder relationships as an expression of their developing identity as teenagers.
- **Master Guide** - The Master Guide provides assistance to the Adventurer, Pathfinders, TLTs, AY or Youth Ministries of the local church and/or conference in leadership training, discipleship and outreach endeavors. The Master Guide Ministry is not an extension of the Pathfinder program, it is a Youth Ministry Leadership Program in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

\*Role specifically to First University (1U) SDA.

## Needs

- **Volunteers** - for various events and fundraisers. Please be advised that all volunteers over the age of 18 years old must undergo a background (more details will be provided). Volunteers can also serve as teacher assistants for bi-weekly classes.
- Resources - camping, skill equipment ( computers, sewing kits etc), and other items that can be used for training or promotion of the program.

Please contact anyone on the staff for additional questions as we are looking to start soon.

