

Pathfinder Staff Training

PATHFINDER CLUB

MINISTRY



IT'S PURPOSE, HISTORY AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHURCH, ADVENTURERS AND AMBASSADORS

PURPOSE

IT IS NOT _____

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What is the purpose of the Pathfinder Club?

1. Help young people understand that God loves them and has a plan for their life
2. Leadership Development
3. Encourage:
 - A. Personal Growth - daily devotional life, Bible study
 - B. Spiritual Discovery - Bible and Christian history
 - C. Service and Evangelism
 - D. Interpersonal Relationships - how to be a good friend
 - E. Health, Fitness and Temperance
 - F. Nature Study/Love of Creation
 - G. Outdoor Living
 - H. New Skills and Hobbies

MINISTRY

1. Church centered recreational-spiritual program for students ages 10-15
2. Spiritual - growing, relationship with God
3. Experience based - responsible, mature individuals who contribute to families, church & world
4. Others focused - active, selfless service
5. School to encourage spiritual, mental, physical, social development

HISTORY

- ☑ 1907-1909 Missionary Volunteer Society organized
- ☑ 1922 JMV Classes introduced
- ☑ 1929 Pathfinder name used at summer camp (SECC)
- ☑ 1931 First Master Comrades Investiture
- ☑ 1946 First Conference sponsored club (SCC), PF Triangle emblem designed
- ☑ 1947-1948 Multiple clubs in Southern Calif Conference and Central Calif Conference
- ☑ 1949 Pathfinder song written
- ☑ 1950 Official organization of General Conference Pathfinder Ministry
- ☑ 1951 Master Comrade was changed to Master Guide
- ☑ 1979 Missionary Volunteer (MV) changed to Adventist Youth (AY) JMV = AJY;
PreJMV = Adventurers
- ☑ 1985 First NAD Camporee in Camp Hale, CO
- ☑ 1989 Adventurer program became an independent program from Pathfinders
- ☑ 1994 First International Pathfinder Camporee in Denver, CO
- ☑ 1995 Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program established
- ☑ 1999 NAD Pathfinder Website established
- ☑ 2000 Pathfinder uniform changed to black and tan

PATHFINDERS vs ADVENTURERS

- ☑ Similar program
- ☑ Grades 1-4, parent involvement
- ☑ Separate clubs recommended
- ☑ Could work together
- ☑ Want to connect whenever possible

TLT PROGRAM

Who? High school students

Why? To build leaders to serve in the PF club, church and community

How? 4 year training program in skills and leadership



TLT PROGRAM

6 specific training areas, guidance, experience

- ☆ Year 1: Administrative and outreach - VOYAGER
- ☆ Year 2: Teaching and activities - GUIDE
- ☆ Year 3: Records and specialization - MASTER GUIDE
- ☆ Year 4: Counseling and specialization - MASTER GUIDE

TLT MENTOR

- ☆ Important part of TLT program success
- ☆ Supervises TLT through 4 yr program or individual areas
- ☆ Part of PF staff, works with Director, Conference TLT Coordinator
- ☆ Helps TLT become valued staff member, independent in their skills

RESOURCES

The AY Story. A Brief History of Youth Ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church
http://hpconstellations.com/files/The_Ay_Story.pdf

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