

Pathfinder Staff Training



INTRODUCTION TO PATHFINDER CLUB OUTREACH

DESCRIPTION

This seminar focuses on how to minister to Pathfinders and how to enable them to minister to others. The **Personal Growth**, **Spiritual Discovery**, and **Serving Others** sections of the Investiture Achievement curricula will be reviewed in order to gain an overall understanding of how the Pathfinder program intentionally incorporates Pathfinder club outreach. Also, some of the AY honors classified as Spiritual Growth, Outreach, and Heritage will be reviewed as well as techniques for integrating outreach opportunities into all Pathfinder activities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this learning module you will be able to:

1. Understand how Investiture Achievement requirements enable spiritual development
2. Encourage spiritual growth in your Pathfinders through the Bible and history
3. Engage your Pathfinders in connecting with their community through share-your-faith activities
4. Integrate additional outreach events into your club calendar

INVESTITURE ACHIEVEMENT & PERSONAL GROWTH

Pathfinding has proven to be one of the great soul-winning agencies of our church, with a leadership that dedicates its time, talents, and energies, to keeping the program running smoothly. It is designed to help Pathfinders sense their God-given destiny and keep them marching together in step toward the Kingdom of God.

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BACKBONE OF PATHFINDER MINISTRY

The Investiture Achievement (IA) curriculum is the backbone of Pathfinder ministry. It has seven sections but three sections are common to each IA level that intentionally facilitate spiritual development. They are: Personal Growth, Spiritual Discovery, and Serving Others.



PERSONAL GROWTH

1. Achievement levels are grade assigned
2. Develop a relationship with God through a daily study of His word and prayer
3. Embrace the Pathfinder/AY lifestyle



SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

1. Encourage spiritual growth through a discovery of the Bible and Christian history



SERVING OTHERS

1. Engage participants in active service
2. Connect participants to the community
3. Engage participants in friendship evangelism
4. Connect participants to their church





Companion & Trail Companion

LEVEL REQUIREMENTS



Personal Growth

1. Be in Grade 6 or its equivalent.
2.
 - a. Develop your devotional life by studying the Weekly Devotional Guide (weeks 14 – 26) and the book of Genesis utilizing printed or electronic resources.
 - b. Journal your thoughts by asking these questions:
 - “What did I learn about God?”
 - “What did I learn about myself?”
 - “How can I apply this to my life today?”
 You may journal through writing, drawing or electronic process.
3.
 - a. Memorize the Pathfinder Pledge & Law.
 - b. Learn the meaning of the Pathfinder Pledge & Law.
4.
 - a. Learn or review the Pathfinder Song.
 - b. Illustrate its meaning.

Spiritual Discovery

1.
 - a. Memorize in order the names of the Old Testament books of the Bible and the five groups into which they are grouped.
 - b. Demonstrate your ability to find any Old Testament book.
2. Memorize a Bible text (not previously learned) for the following subjects:
 - Prayer
 - Doctrine
 - Behavior
 - Salvation
 - Relationships
 - Promises/Praise
 - Great Passages
3. Participate in a skit on one of the following Old Testament characters:
 - Joseph
 - Jonah
 - Esther
 - Ruth
4. Research two early Adventist Pioneers (1844 to 1900) and present what you have learned.

Advanced for Spiritual Discovery

1. Complete Companion requirements.
2. Learn about Ellen White's first vision and discuss how God uses prophets to present His message to the church.

Serving Others

1. In consultation with your leader, plan ways and find opportunities to spend at least two hours helping an elderly person.
2. Spend at least four hours participating in projects that benefit the church or school.

Advanced for Serving Others

1. Complete Companion requirements.
2. Participate in an outreach activity, and bring a non-club member to participate with you.

Making Friends

1. Discuss how the media strengthens or weakens our relationship with others.
2. Fulfill requirements #1, #2 and #3 of the Cultural Diversity Appreciation Honor.

Advanced for Making Friends

1. Complete Companion requirements.
2. Complete the Cultural Diversity Appreciation Honor, if not previously earned.

Health and Fitness

1. Learn the value of temperance, by:
 - a. Memorize and sign the Temperance Pledge.
 - b. Memorize two of the following Bible texts: Romans 12:1, 2; 1 Cor. 10:31; Prov. 20:1; 3 John 1:2.
 - c. Discuss all the following situations and role-play one: Your best friend asks you to try a cigarette; An older relative offers you a drink of beer; The smoke from a stranger's cigarette is bothering you. (a fulfills requirement #1, b & c fulfill parts of requirements #2 & #7 of the Temperance Honor)

2. Earn the First Aid Basic Honor.
3. Complete the Basic Water Safety OR Beginner Swimming Honor, if not previously earned.

Advanced for Health and Fitness

1. Complete Companion requirements.
2. Participate in a lifestyle fitness program for your age such as:
 - President's Challenge Active Lifestyle Program
 - Live Healthy Bermuda Kids
 - Or similar program

Nature Study

1.
 - a. Read pages 1-13 from the booklet *A 6 Day Creation Week?*
 - b. Keep a 7-day outdoor log of your personal observations from nature in which each day focuses on those things that were created on that day.
2. **Animal Tracking** Make plaster casts of three different animal tracks.

Advanced for Nature Study

1. Complete Companion requirements.
2. **Trees, Shrubs & Cacti** Collect and identify the leaves of 15 different trees and seven shrubs. **OR** Photograph and observe at least five different types of cacti.
3. Complete a nature honor not previously earned. (Skill level 1)

Outdoor Living

1. Tie and know the practical use of 20 knots.
2. Earn the Camping Skills II Honor, if not previously earned.

Honor Enrichment

1. Complete one honor at your skill level, not previously earned, in the area of Arts & Crafts or Household Arts. (Skill level 1)
2. Complete one honor at your skill level, not previously earned, in the area of Recreational, Vocational, or Outdoor Industries. (Skill level 1)

THE PATHFINDER SONG

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong, The servants of God are we. Faithful as we march along, In kindness, truth, and purity A Message to tell to the world, A truth that will set us free! King Jesus the Savior's coming back For you, and me!

ILLUSTRATE ITS MEANING:


SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

What are some ways that the Pathfinder Investiture Achievement enables spiritual development?

SERVING OTHERS

What are some ways that the Pathfinder in the Companion IA can spend 2 hours helping an elderly person?

Investiture Achievement Levels

GRADE	BASIC LEVEL	ADVANCED LEVEL
Grade 5	 Friend	 Trail Friend
Grade 6	 Companion	 Trail Companion
Grade 7	 Explorer	 Wilderness Explorer
Grade 8	 Ranger	 Wilderness Ranger
Grade 9	 Voyager	 Frontier Voyager
Grade 10	 Guide	 Frontier Guide

RESOURCES

<https://www.clubministries.org/>

<https://www.investitureachievement.com/>