



Pathfinder Club Ministry: Its History, Purpose & Relationship to Church, Adventurers & Master Guides


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A Brief History of Pathfinding

- Through generations the church has taken on the responsibility of sharing Jesus with our children.
- 1879 - Luther Warren (17) and Harry Fenner (14) began the Youth Society in their local church.
- 1901 - The General Conference took the first steps in approving the forming of Youth Societies which were under the umbrella of the Sabbath School Department and led by Flora Plummer.



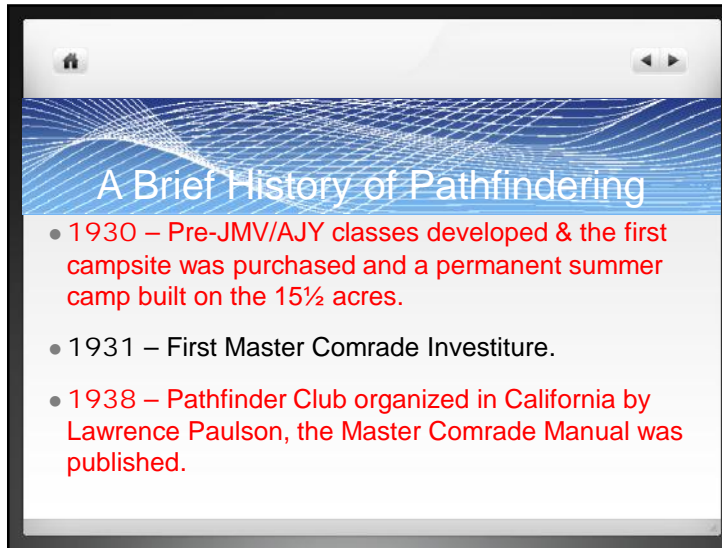
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- 1907 - Action was taken at a General Conference Session to formerly establish a youth ministry, known as the Young People's Department (Missionary Volunteers).
- 1909 - The Junior Missionary Volunteer (JMV) movement was born.
- 1919 - Arthur W Spalding, an early church leader, developed Mission Scouts exclusively for boys. He also introduced the idea of a Pathfinder Pledge & Law.
- 1922 - JMV (now AJY) Progressive Classes were introduced - Friend & Companion (ages 10 & 11 or years 6 & 7) also Comrade & Master Comrade, now Guide & Master Guide.



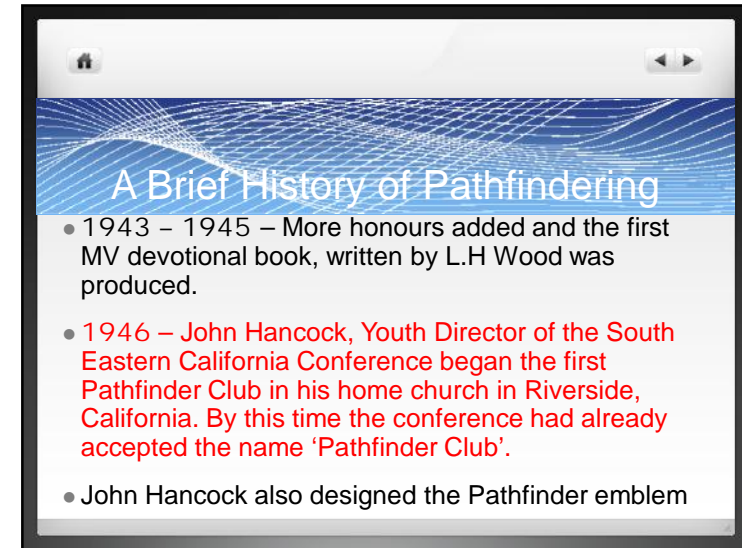
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- 1928 - Vocational Honours were introduced
- 1929 - 'Pathfinder' name first used in a summer camp in Southeastern California
- 1929 - Pathfinder club was developed for boys & girls which included JMV classes and also crafts and other activities. Unfortunately local leaders did not approve of the activity component and felt that it reflected 'bringing the world into the church', as a consequence the name 'Pathfinder Club' was dropped.



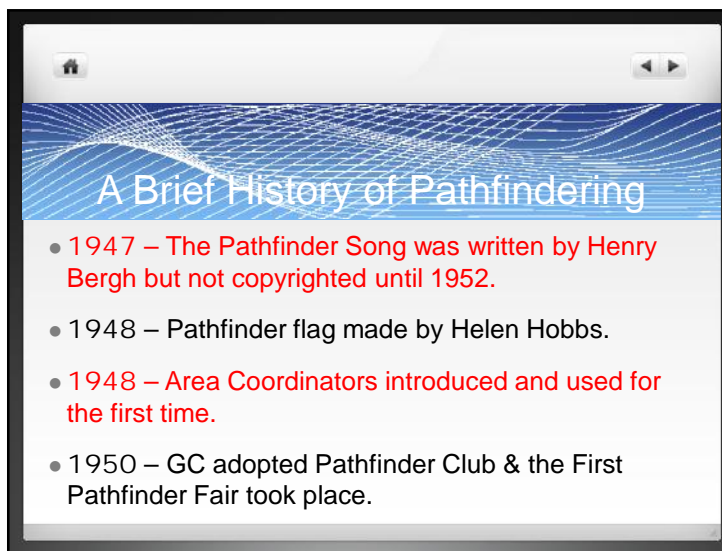
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- 1930 – Pre-JMV/AJY classes developed & the first campsite was purchased and a permanent summer camp built on the 15½ acres.
- 1931 – First Master Comrade Investiture.
- 1938 – Pathfinder Club organized in California by Lawrence Paulson, the Master Comrade Manual was published.



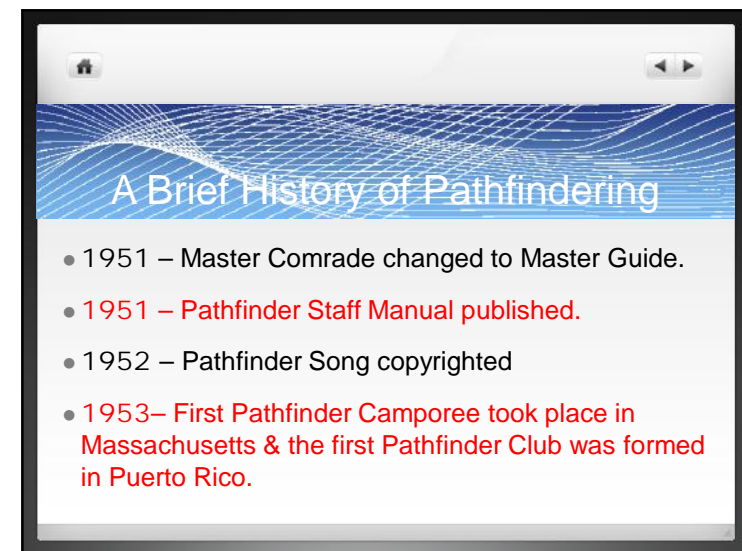
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- 1943 – 1945 – More honours added and the first MV devotional book, written by L.H Wood was produced.
- 1946 – John Hancock, Youth Director of the South Eastern California Conference began the first Pathfinder Club in his home church in Riverside, California. By this time the conference had already accepted the name 'Pathfinder Club'.
- John Hancock also designed the Pathfinder emblem




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- 1947 – The Pathfinder Song was written by Henry Bergh but not copyrighted until 1952.
- 1948 – Pathfinder flag made by Helen Hobbs.
- 1948 – Area Coordinators introduced and used for the first time.
- 1950 – GC adopted Pathfinder Club & the First Pathfinder Fair took place.



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- 1951 – Master Comrade changed to Master Guide.
- 1951 – Pathfinder Staff Manual published.
- 1952 – Pathfinder Song copyrighted
- 1953 – First Pathfinder Camporee took place in Massachusetts & the first Pathfinder Club was formed in Puerto Rico.



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- 1956 – Explorer class added
- 1957 – JMV Pathfinder Day added to church calendar.
- 1958-59 – Advanced JMV classes added.

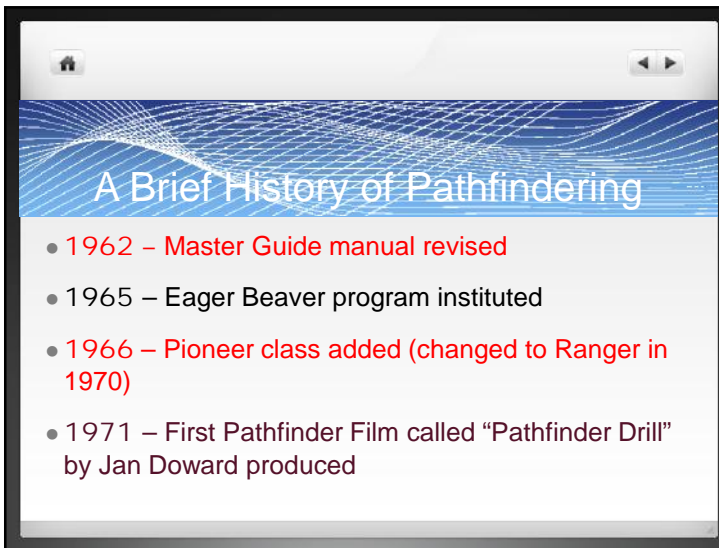


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- **1962**


This BST course was introduced as a 60 hour course
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Our current course is 10 hours



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- 1962 – Master Guide manual revised
- 1965 – Eager Beaver program instituted
- 1966 – Pioneer class added (changed to Ranger in 1970)
- 1971 – First Pathfinder Film called “Pathfinder Drill” by Jan Doward produced



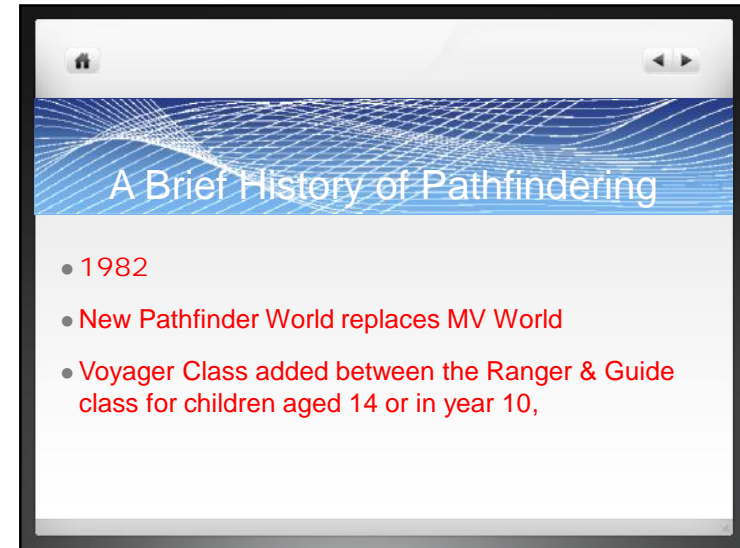
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- 1972 – 50th anniversary of JMV classes
- 1974 – Pathfinder Staff Manual revised and expanded
- 1976 – Master Awards added



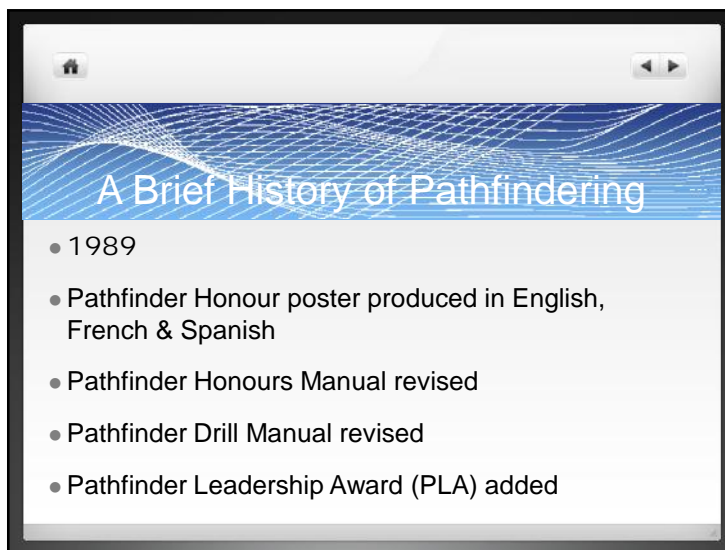
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- 1979
- MV changed to AY (Missionary Volunteer → Adventist Youth).
- JMV changed to AJY (Junior Missionary Volunteer → Adventist Junior Youth)
- Pre-JMV changed to Adventurers (4 – 5 years)



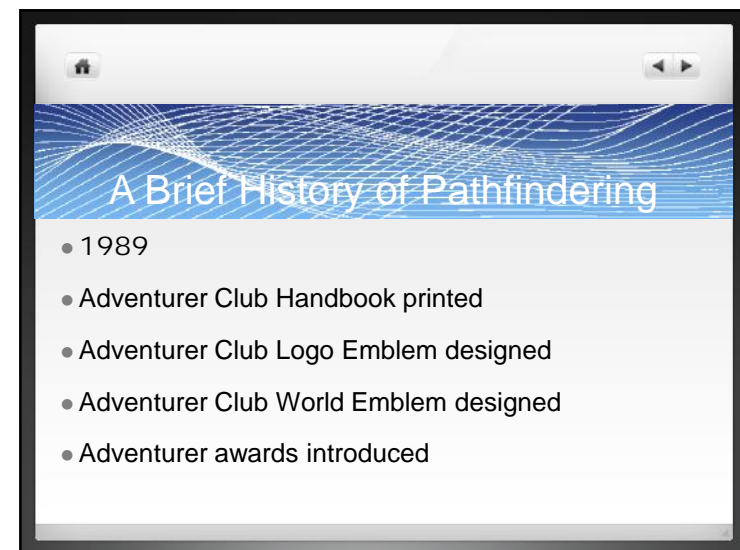
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- 1982
- New Pathfinder World replaces MV World
- Voyager Class added between the Ranger & Guide class for children aged 14 or in year 10,



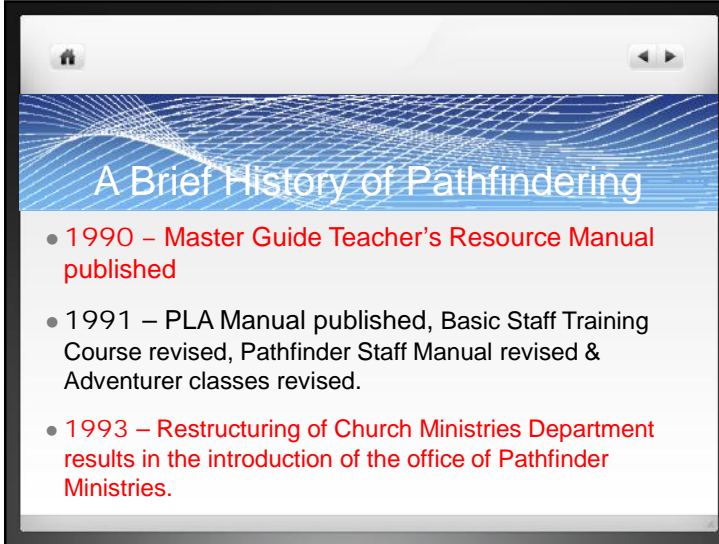
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- 1989
- Pathfinder Honour poster produced in English, French & Spanish
- Pathfinder Honours Manual revised
- Pathfinder Drill Manual revised
- Pathfinder Leadership Award (PLA) added



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- 1989
- Adventurer Club Handbook printed
- Adventurer Club Logo Emblem designed
- Adventurer Club World Emblem designed
- Adventurer awards introduced



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- 1990 – Master Guide Teacher's Resource Manual published
- 1991 – PLA Manual published, Basic Staff Training Course revised, Pathfinder Staff Manual revised & Adventurer classes revised.
- 1993 – Restructuring of Church Ministries Department results in the introduction of the office of Pathfinder Ministries.



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- 1994 – Adventurer Workbooks published
- 1995 – Teen Leadership Training (TLT) program established.
- 1996– BST, PLA & Pathfinder Instructor Award (PIA) curriculum developed.
- 2004 – NAD Pathfinder Ministries Camporee in Oshkosh. 32,000 tickets sold and close to 200 Pathfinders baptized



A Brief History of Pathfindingering

- Read more about the history of Pathfinders in **The Pathfinder Story** by John Hancock



A Brief History of Pathfindingering in the UK

- When did Pathfindingering begin in the UK?
- Pathfindingering Started in the UK around the mid 1960's




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- 1991 - Warren O'Hara appointed Pathfinder Area Coordinator
- 1992 - Trevor Harewood appointed Pathfinder Area Coordinator






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- 1993 - First female Pathfinder Area Coordinator appointed: Sharon Daniels
- 1995 - 1st group of Pathfinder Leadership (PLA) & Basic Expedition Leadership (BELA) Awardees




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- 1997 - Natalie Simon, youngest invested Master Guide.
- 1998 - Cynthia Harewood appointed Pathfinder Area Coordinator and Leader of the SEC Master Guide Club(1999)

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- 2001 - Attendance at South England Conference Pathfinder Camporee passes the 800 mark.
- 2002 - Attendance at South England Conference Adventurer Camporee passes the 400 mark

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- 2012 – Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) introduced in the UK.
- 2013 – *Teens Leadership Training (TLT)* introduced in the UK.

Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

Pathfinder Club Emblem

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Pathfinder Club Emblem

Red Sacrifice

White Purity

Blue Loyalty

Gold Excellence

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Pathfinder Club Emblem

Three Sides = Completeness

Sword = Bible

Shield = Protection

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Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

Pathfinding as a Discipleship Ministry

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- Acts 2:17-18

‘And it will come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out My spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy.
Your young men shall see visions.....

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...Your old men shall dream dreams.
And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy’

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Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- GROUP ACTIVITY
- **What is Christian Ministry?**
- **What is a Christian Disciple?**

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Physical
Emotional
Mental
Vocational
Financial

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Pathfinder Mission, Philosophy & Objectives

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What is a Pathfinder/Adventurer Club?

- It is.....
- Not entertainment
- Not a babysitting service for parents
- Not imply another youth group
- Not just an outdoor activity based club

Then What is Pathfinders?

It is.....

- Spiritual at it's core
 - It is intended to lead members into a growing, redemptive relationship with God
- Experience-based
 - It is organized and led to build members into responsible, mature individuals who contribute to their families, their church and their world

It is.....

- Others Focused
 - It is programmed to help members realize that there is something that each one can do to help their neighbour through active, selfless service.

**Hence the name change to
Pathfinder Ministries**

Mission of Pathfinding

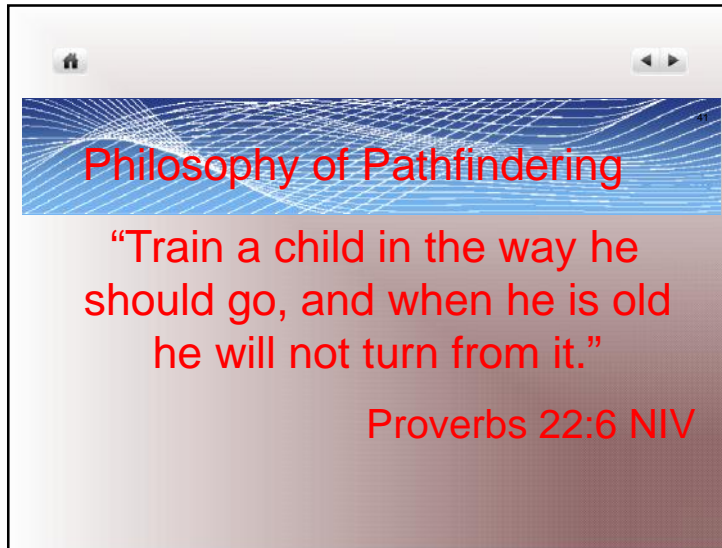
To provide a:

- Church-centered
- Recreational-spiritual program
- For both boys and girls
- Ages 10-15 and 6-9 years old

Mission of Pathfinding

- That offers action, adventure, challenge and group activities that produce team spirit and loyalty to God and the church

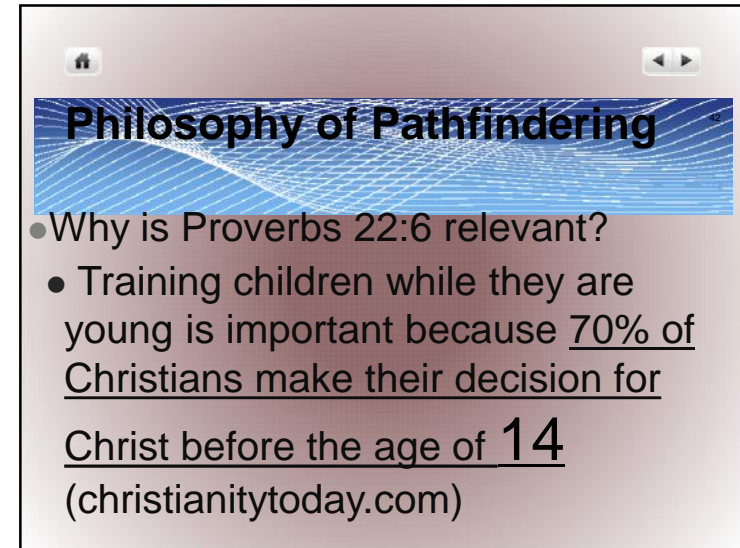
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Philosophy of Pathfinding

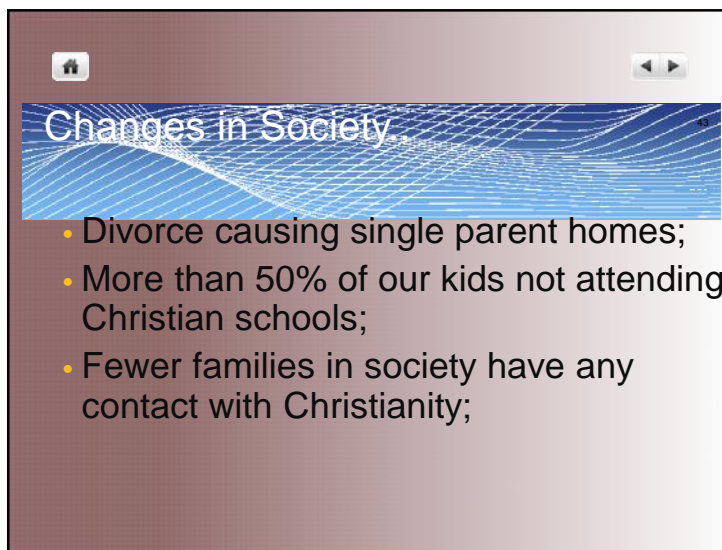
“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 NIV



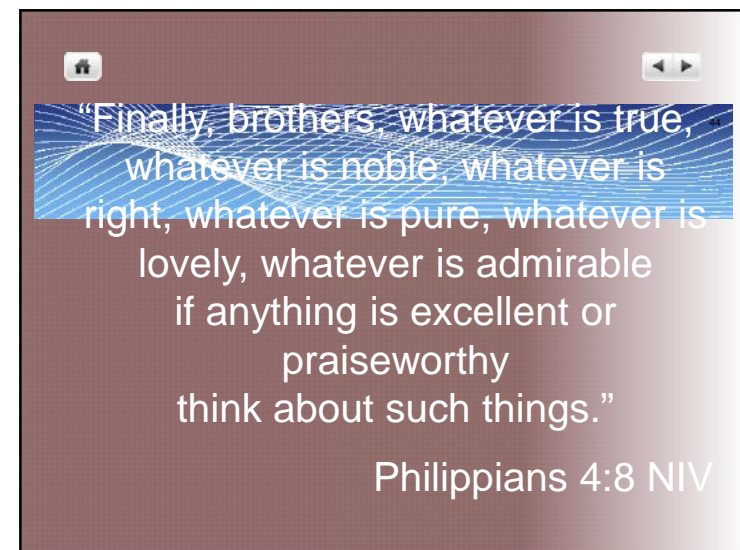
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- Why is Proverbs 22:6 relevant?
 - Training children while they are young is important because 70% of Christians make their decision for Christ before the age of 14 (christianitytoday.com)



Changes in Society.

- Divorce causing single parent homes;
- More than 50% of our kids not attending Christian schools;
- Fewer families in society have any contact with Christianity;



“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8 NIV

Philosophy of Pathfinding

- Pathfinding is fundamentally principles- and experience-based training so that young people can more easily transfer the learning to other areas of life.

Philosophy of Pathfinding

- ◆ Everything (honors, classwork, example) must be affected by Biblical truth because we are painting a picture of God for our kids

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Pathfinder Leadership Objectives

- ◆ Help Pathfinders to understand that the church loves, cares for and appreciates them.
- ◆ Show Pathfinders that God has a plan for their lives.
- ◆ Train Pathfinders for Christian service.

Pathfinder Leadership Objectives

- Work for the salvation of each individual Pathfinder.
- Assist in developing the Pathfinder's appreciation for nature and a concern for the environment.
- Teach Pathfinders specific skills and hobbies that will make their life meaningful and will occupy their time profitably.

Pathfinder Leadership Objectives

- **Help keep Pathfinders physically fit.**
- Give opportunities for the development of leadership.
- Assist Pathfinders in developing a balanced physical, mental, social, and spiritual life.

RELATIONSHIP TO CHURCH

HOW DOES IT ALL FIT TOGETHER?



ADVENTURER CLUB PHILOSOPHY

- THE ADVENTURER CLUB IS A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH- SPONSORED MINISTRY OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 6-9, IN WHICH THE CHURCH, HOME AND SCHOOL JOIN TOGETHER TO HELP CHILDREN GROW JOYFULLY IN WISDOM AND STATURE AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN.
- THE CLUB IS OFFERED TO ASSIST PARENTS IN MAKING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILD RICHER AND MORE MEANINGFUL.



ADVENTURER CLUB OBJECTIVES

TO PROVIDE FUN AND CREATIVE WAYS FOR CHILDREN...

- TO DEVELOP A CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER;
- **TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY AND SATISFACTION OF DOING THINGS WELL;**
- TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE FOR JESUS IN A NATURAL WAY;
- **TO LEARN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS;**

OBJECTIVES CONTINUED...

- TO DISCOVER THEIR GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES AND TO LEARN HOW TO USE THEM TO BENEFIT SELF AND SERVE OTHERS;
- **TO DISCOVER GOD'S WORLD;**
- TO IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES FAMILIES STRONG;
- **TO DEVELOP PARENTAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN.**




Teen Leadership Training

- ▶ To train and mentor youth in service and leadership skills



Teen Leadership Training Goals

- ▶ To help teens experience their developmental needs by making them feel:
 - ▶ A. A sense of achievement
 - ▶ B. A sense of responsibility
 - ▶ C. A sense of respect for authority
 - ▶ D. A sense of acceptance in adult leadership circles
 - ▶ E. A sense of life skills





Teen Leadership Training Objectives

- ▶ A. Encourage TLT members to belong to the church and to actively participate in leadership in the church/conference Pathfinder ministry.
- ▶ B. Involve TLT members as associates with Pathfinder adult leadership, holding responsible positions in local and Conference Pathfinder ministries.



Teen Leadership Training Objectives

- ▶ C. Challenge TLT members in the mission and ministry of Christ through Pathfinding, making God's Word meaningful and fruitful in their lives.
- ▶ D. Encounter skill-building opportunities through positive communication and friendship networks created to increase resilience to peer pressure, increase self-efficiency, and self-esteem.

Master Guide

- This continues to be the highest level of Invested leadership within the Adventurer/ Pathfinder programs of the church.
- It focuses on one's personal spiritual life and growth first and foremost. General leadership skills are then woven into the sharpening of those skills, which are specifically geared to leading youth in God-ordained areas of development: understanding God's world of nature, outreach ministry, service to others, and a life-style that denotes healthy living

Master Guide Objective

- To provide opportunities for participants to develop an awareness of the role of child/youth leadership and become better prepared to accept this role by receiving training in:
 - Personal and Spiritual Development
 - Skills Development
 - Leadership Development
 - Fitness Life-style Development