

Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

Pathfinder Club Ministry



The following will be covered

History

Purpose

Relationship to

Church

Adventurers &

Master Guides



History

- *1907*
 - Missionary Volunteer Societies organized; First Morning watch
- *1922*
 - JMV (now AJY) Progressive Classes introduced - Friend and Companion (ages 10 & 11 or years 6 & 7) also Comrade & Master Comrade



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1929*
 - "Pathfinder" name first used at a summer camp in Southeastern California
- *1930*
 - Pre JMV Classes Added



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1931*
 - First Master Comrade Investiture
- *1938*
 - Pathfinder Club organized in California – Lawrence Paulson



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1946*
 - First conference-sponsored Pathfinder Club (Riverside, California) Pathfinder Club emblem designed by John H. Hancock
- *1947*
 - Henry Bergh writes Pathfinder song (not copyrighted until 1952)



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1948*
 - Pathfinder Flag made by Helen Hobbs
 - Area Coordinators introduced and used for the first time



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1950*
 - GC Adopted Pathfinder Club; First Pathfinder Fair
- *1951*
 - Master Comrade changed to Master Guide
 - Pathfinder Staff Manual published



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1962*
 - BST course was introduced as a 60 hour course ☺...yep! You guys are lucky to be doing it in 2016



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1979*
 - MV changed to AY (Missionary Volunteer --> Adventist Youth)
 - JMV changed to AJY (Junior Missionary Volunteer --> Adventist Junior Youth)
 - Pre-JMV changed to Adventurers (Year 2 – year 5)



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1982*
 - New Pathfinder World replaces MV World
 - Voyager Class added (age 14 or year 10) – between Ranger & Guide



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

UK History

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



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

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



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

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



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

- *1997*

- Natalie Simon (Now Mrs Natalie Bryan), youngest invested Master Guide

- 1998

- Cynthia Harewood appointed Pathfinder Area Coordinator and Leader of the SEC Master Guide Club(1999)



Pathfinder Basic Staff Training

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



Pathfinder Club Emblem

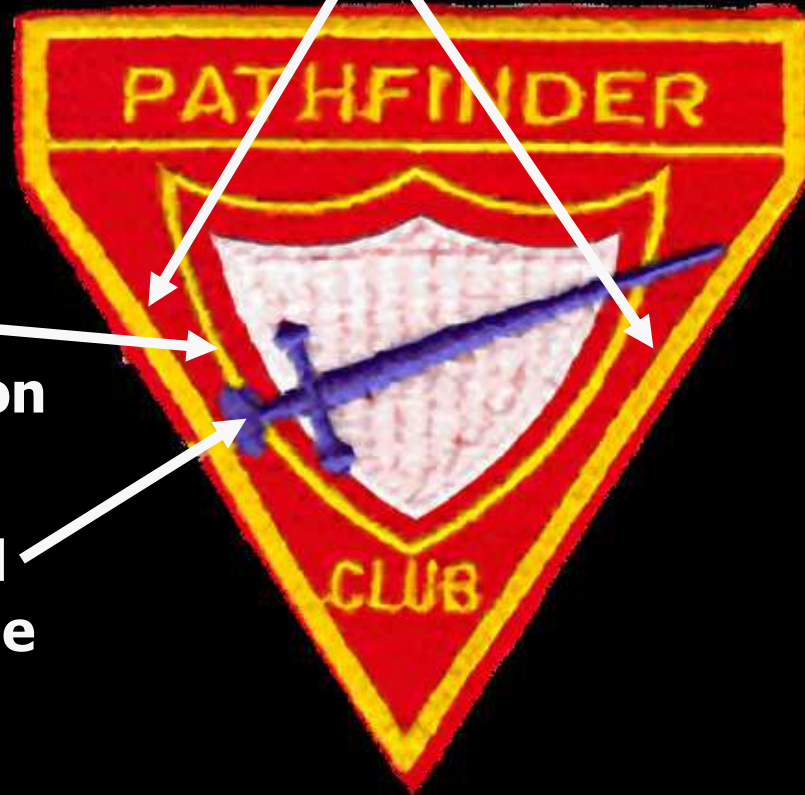


Pathfinder Club Emblem

Three Sides – Completeness

Shield
– Protection

Sword
– Bible



Pathfindering as a Ministry

- Not entertainment
- Not babysitting for parents
- Not simply another youth group
- Not just an outdoor activity based club

THEN WHAT IS

PATHFINDERING?



Pathfindering as a Ministry

- 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, their school and their world
- 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



Mission of Pathfindingering

To provide a:

- Church-centred,
- Recreational-spiritual program
- For both boys and girls
 - That offers action, adventure, challenge and group activities that produce team spirit and loyalty to God and the church



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



Philosophy of Pathfinding

- Proverbs 22:6
 - Training them while they are young is important because 70% of Christians make their decision for Christ before the age of 14 (christianitytoday.com)
 - Because of changes in society such as:
 - divorce causing single parent homes,
 - 80% of our kids not attending Christian schools,
 - Fewer families in society have any contact with Christianity



Philosophy of Pathfinding

“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

- Phil. 4:8
 - Pathfinding is fundamentally principles- and experience-based training so that young people can more easily transfer the learning to other areas of life.
 - Everything (honours, classwork, example) must be affected by Biblical truth because we are painting a picture of God for our kids



Philosophy of Pathfinding

A Song by Ponder, Harp & Jennings goes:

You're the only Jesus some will ever see

You're the only words of life
some will ever read

So let them see in you the

One in whom is all they'll ever need

For you're the only Jesus
some will ever see



Goals of Pathfinder Leadership

- 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.



Goals of Pathfinder Leadership

- 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.



Goals of Pathfinder Leadership

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



Different strands of Pathfindering

- Eager Beavers
 - Age 4-5



Different strands of Pathfinding

- Adventurers
 - Ages 6-9



Different strands of Pathfinding

- Pathfinders
 - Ages 10-15



Different strands of Pathfinding

- Teen Leadership Training (TLT)
 - Ages 14-18
 - Challenge
 - Empower with new responsibilities
 - Provides a secure environment
 - Form adult-Pathfinder relationships
 - Give of themselves and receive from others



- Baptized member in regular standing;
- Written recommendation from the local church board – NEW for 2017;
- At least 16 years old to start the programme. At least 18 years old to be invested;
- Active staff member of an Adventurer & Pathfinder club – NEW for 2017;
- Complete Basic Staff Training (BST) and be involved for a minimum of one year in either Adventurer & Pathfinder ministries.



Programme Modules:

Spiritual Development;
Skills Development;

Child Development;
Leadership Development;

Fitness Lifestyle Development

