

Meadow Glade
Pathfinder
Handbook
2019-2020



Meadow Glade Pathfinders Mission Statement

The Mission of Pathfinders is to:

Lead each Pathfinder into a saving relationship with Jesus

Disciple Pathfinders into active service and leadership for God

Help Pathfinders understand that the church loves, cares for, appreciates, and needs them;

Develop an appreciation for nature and a concern for the environment;

Assist Pathfinders to develop a balanced physical, mental, social, and spiritual life;

Teach Pathfinders skills and hobbies that will make their lives meaningful and productive.

If you have any questions or concerns contact William Hurtado at wahooyouth@gmail.com.

Pathfinder Pledge

“By the grace of God,
I will be pure and kind and true.
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.
I will be a servant of God
and a friend to man.”

Pathfinder Law

“The Pathfinder Law is for me to:
Keep the morning watch.
Do my honest part.
Care for my body.
Keep a level eye.
Be courteous and obedient.
Walk softly in the sanctuary.
Keep a song in my heart.
Go on God’s errands.”

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1. Pathfinder Club Membership

Requirements and Information:

All children in grades 5 through 12 are eligible to join.

We would like all Pathfinders to learn the Pathfinder song and learn and obey the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. Pathfinders are expected to obey all regulations and orders of the Pathfinder Staff, including Junior Staff.

Our club activities include weekly meetings, honors, crafts, outreach projects (i.e. Walk & Knock), field trips, Camporee, Pathfinder Fair, etc. The Pathfinder must agree to participate and cooperate in these activities.

We encourage Pathfinders to be committed and faithful in attendance. If you will not be able to attend a meeting or event, you must let your Counselor, Deputy Director, or Director know in advance, if possible. In order to get the most benefit from being in Pathfinders and to build camaraderie within the units you will want to attend as many as possible.

Good Conduct Award: Be an active member for one year, have a complete Class A uniform, earn 90% of our total yearly points, have conduct consistent with pledge & law, show achievement in class work and honors, and be Invested in at least one Pathfinder Class. See page 2.

Pathfinders of the Year: Please see Page 3.

Special Achievement Award: Pathfinder member for 4 years, earned up to and including the Ranger Class, have a minimum of 12 honors, and have a minimum of two good conduct ribbons.

Photo release policy: When parents register their child to be a part of the Meadow Glade Pathfinders, they understand that when participating in Pathfinder activities the Pathfinder may be photographed for print, video or electronic imaging. Parents also understand that the images may be used in promotional materials, news releases, and other published formats of the Pathfinders. Permission can only be revoked by written request.

GOOD CONDUCT AWARD

Good Conduct Award Ribbon Bar – Yellow in the middle with red, white and blue ends.

The Good Conduct Ribbon is a special ribbon given to Pathfinders grade 5-12 who exemplify Pathfinder ideals. It is recommended that this ribbon be given as a reward for Christian conduct that helps make your club a ministry within your church. Attitude within and without the club is an important guideline in selecting Pathfinders for the Good Conduct Ribbon.



Requirements:

- Be an active member for at least one Pathfinder year
- Have and wear a complete Class A and Field uniform as requested
- Have an excellent (90%+) record of faithfulness in the club's point system
- Have an exemplary conduct consistent with the Pledge and Law.
- Have a record of achievements in AY class levels, honors, and other comparable activities this year
- Have been invested in an AY class level not previously achieved

Application - Nomination: Individual record by club

Granted and Approved by: Club Director or Assistant Director

Minimum Authority to Award: Club Director or Assistant Director

Place of Presentation: Investiture or Club meeting

Rules for wearing: Worn centered above the left pocket flap of uniform, above any advanced class level ribbons

- No Pathfinder should wear more than one Good Conduct ribbon. If a Pathfinder is awarded this ribbon for another year, they add a bronze star.
- The Good Conduct Ribbon should not be taken away for later misbehavior or failure to meet the above standards. Pray with the Pathfinder and encourage them if this occurs.

Note:

It is the intention of Oregon Pathfinders to follow the NAD Pathfinder guidelines for this award

PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Pathfinder of the Year Pins – The color of the border indicates the AY Class Level the Pathfinder has achieved during the current Pathfinder year.

- Friend – Blue
- Companion – Red
- Explorer – Green
- Ranger – Grey
- Voyager – Maroon
- Guide – Yellow



The Pathfinder of the Year Award is a special recognition for youth grades 5-12 that uphold Pathfinder ideals in their life and who have a high level of achievement.

Achievements Required:

- **Attendance record** - present and on time to a minimum of 90% of meetings.
- **Uniform and Insignia** - complete, clean and worn to required activities and meetings.
- **Personal appearance** - neat, clean, hair combed, shoes shined, etc.
- **Conduct** - at home, school, church, and club must be courteous, kind, respectful, and a good example to others.
- **Spiritual** - reverent, studies Bible and attends Sabbath School and Church regularly. Provide an attendance option for non-Adventist Pathfinders
- **Cheerful Participation for at least one year in**
 - Local club functions, Pathfinder Sabbath, hikes, campouts, trips, projects
 - Conference-wide Camporees and Fairs, District Jamborees
 - Church spiritual and secular activities in one of the standard AY Class Levels
- **Achievements Required**
 - Pathfinders who have met the Gold Merit Award would be eligible for this award.
 - Invested in an AY Class Level not previously attained during the current year
 - Complete one of the Advanced AY Class Levels within the year
 - Earned six Pathfinder honors within the year, one on their own
- **Special Accomplishment**
 - Organize and complete a personal special project such as a Share Your Faith activity
(For project examples see the *Pathfinder Staff Manual*, 2007 edition, pg. 50)
 - Written report on the special project and given to the Pathfinder Club Director

Application – Nomination: Individual Record by club

Granted and Approved by: Club Director or Assistant Director

Minimum Authority to Award: Club Director or Assistant Director

Place of Presentation: Investiture or Club meeting

Rules for wearing: Worn on left pocket flap of uniform for 1 year, then move to sash.

Note:

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2. Uniform Definitions

Full Dress Uniform:

- Pathfinder Dress Shirt/Blouse with appropriate patches
- Black Dress Pants with belt loops, NO stitching
- Black Socks and Black Shoes with Black Laces
- Scarf and Slide
- Pathfinder Belt and Buckle
- Black Honors Sash

Field Uniform:

- Blue Club T-Shirt or Sweatshirt
- Blue Jeans (no short pants or capris)
- Gym-type shoes (closed-toe, no flip flops or sandals)

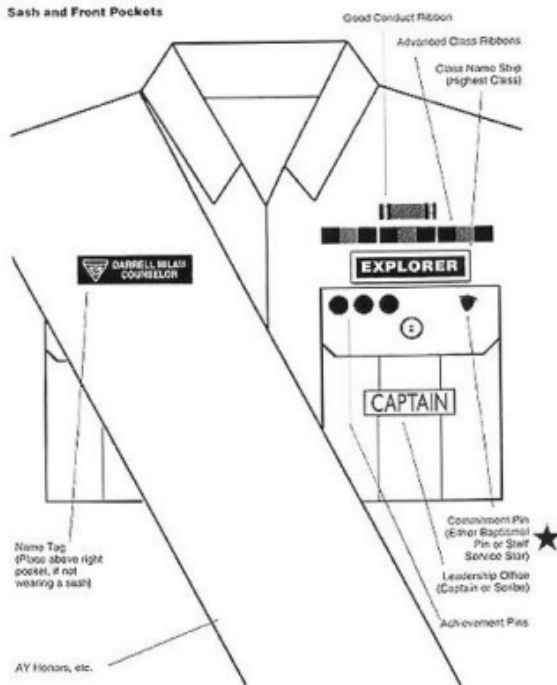
It is a club requirement to wear the Field Uniform to weekly Club Night meetings. About once a month we will have the opportunity to wear our Full Dress Uniform. You will be notified in advance when it is required.

The Full Dress Uniform is an important part of the overall Pathfinder program. Please see the illustration on page 5. Because it is seen by so many in our churches and communities, it is vital that our outward witness be sharp, clean, and modest.

Jewelry Policy

We try to uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and will continue to follow the Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School's "no jewelry" policy. Parents, please help us out in this area. The rule applies to all Pathfinder events.

CLASS-A INSIGNIA PLACEMENT

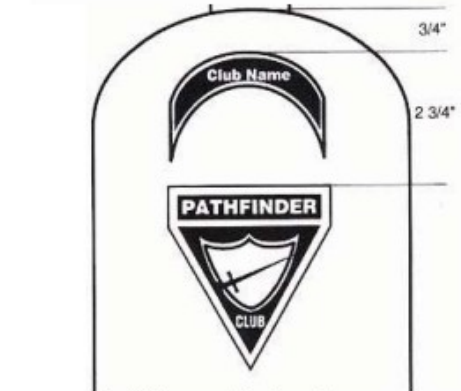
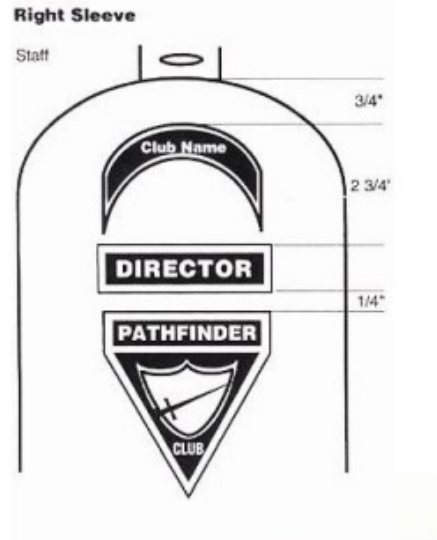


Left Sleeve with optional World and Master Guide star combination



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Left Sleeve with class chevrons
Left Sleeve without Master Guide patch



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3. Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club Dues

At Meadow Glade we are blessed with a large club membership. We are a very active club and try to meet the standards of participation set forth by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. To fund a club of our size to the level necessary to accomplish our goals and make Pathfinding both fun and meaningful for our children is not simple. It requires teamwork! The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club is funded in part by a subsidy from the Meadow Glade SDA Church. We also receive private donations from friends in Christ who love Pathfinders and the Pathfinder program. Lastly, and most importantly, each child's family unit is responsible for covering some of the costs through monthly dues. However, if the fees cause undue hardship, please contact the club director, William Hurtado, as scholarships may be available.

Club Dues

The annual dues for the Meadow Glade Pathfinder club are \$120.00. There is a discount for having more than one Pathfinder in a family, if dues are paid in full at registration for the entire 9-month Pathfinder year. The other option is to make three equal payments of \$45.00 each: the first at registration in August, the second by December 1st, and the third by March 1st. There is no multi-child discount when paying in installments.

What do our dues help pay for?

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club provides materials and honors patches for the many Pathfinder honors we teach during the year. The club supplies the materials for our yearly "pinewood derby" or "other District event." We subsidize our camp outs during the year, in which the club arranges for food, transportation, lodging, camping equipment, and activities. The club provides transportation and materials for our annual Pathfinder Fair. In an effort to provide our kids with the best staff possible, the club funds the annual "Pathfinder Leadership Training" weekend sponsored by our Conference for all staff that wishes to attend. The club also funds our monthly field trips, "90%" parties, and various other events, programs, and summer activities. But probably the biggest benefit to families is our Pathfinder "Full Dress" uniform program.

The club purchases and maintains a supply of uniforms large enough to provide one uniform for each child who wishes to join our club! Most clubs ask new members to purchase their own uniforms, but at Meadow Glade we allow our Pathfinders to rent a uniform for a one-time rental fee. The rental fee helps cover cleaning, maintaining, and replacing our club uniforms. If your Pathfinder grows out of their uniform during the year, just trade it in for a larger size. It must be returned complete, clean, and in good condition at the end of each Pathfinder year. A full dress uniform consisting of pants, belt, shirt with proper patches, scarf, and slide costs about \$75.00.

We appreciate each Pathfinder family who contributes its time and finances. We ask that you would please continue to support our club at Meadow Glade with your prayers as we help to train our youth for service in Christ!

4. Merit System

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club will continue to use a merit system. The merit system challenges participation and involvement, thus opening the door to character development. It not only helps to develop personality and character, but also guides Pathfinders into a proper relationship with others through the practice of self-discipline and self-control. They learn to pit themselves against a standard rather than one another. It helps them to learn the importance of obedience to the natural and moral laws of life and practice firm self-control in their relationship to them.

Unselfish rewards achieved and gained without causing others loss and sorrow are good. Even God our Father offers to His faithful children the reward of eternal life. The merit system offers rewards of honor trips and special adventures to the Pathfinders who achieve a predetermined percentage of the total possible points over a given period of time.

Points are awarded as follows:

- A. Each weekly club night meeting is worth five (5) points:
 - 2 points for attendance
 - 1 point for arriving on time (6:30 PM sharp)
 - 1 point for being in uniform (Full Dress or Field, as required)
 - 1 point for bringing Pathfinder folder
- B. Camporee and Camping Skills Campout are worth ten (10) points each.
- C. District event is worth five (5) points.
- D. Pathfinder Dedication is worth five (5) points.
- E. Walk-n-Knock share your faith activity is worth ten (10) points.
- F. Pathfinder Sabbath is worth ten (10) points.
- G. Pathfinder Fair is worth ten (10) points.
- H. Investiture is worth five (5) points.

There will be a special event for all those who receive 90% of the available points at the close of our Pathfinder year: a trip to Wild Waves Amusement Park in Federal Way, WA. Points are cumulative from the beginning of our year (starting at our first regular meeting in September and ending at the Pathfinder Fair in May).

To be eligible for "Pathfinder of the Year," the "Good Conduct Award," and possibly a few other awards, 90% of all points must be earned.

If a Pathfinder is ill or traveling out of town with family they may be granted an excused absence if they contact their counselor, Deputy Director, or Director before the meeting or event they will be missing. One half of the points available for that meeting or event will be awarded in the event of an excused absence. Full points will be awarded if a Pathfinder misses a scheduled meeting or event because of an official school sponsored activity or mission trip. There may be other exceptions to full points being awarded at the discretion of the Club Director.

5. Personal Electronic Policy

An updated policy will be in effect for the 2019-2020 year. Thank you for your patience as the staff discusses revisions, which will be published before the first Pathfinder meeting.

6. Pathfinder Illness Policy

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club expects that all Pathfinders who attend Pathfinder outings will be in good health at the time of departure and free from any symptoms of illness for the previous 24 hours from the departure time.

If a staff member has concerns that a child is ill before the outing begins, it will be discussed with the Pathfinder Director, who will make the determination about the Pathfinder participation in the outing.

If a Pathfinder suffers an injury or illness while on a Pathfinder outing, the Pathfinder staff will use their judgment about appropriate activation of the 911/EMS system. If the Pathfinder is suspected to have a potentially emergent illness or injury, the 911/EMS system will be activated before parents are contacted.

If a Pathfinder is determined to be ill, but not in need of urgent or emergent off-site medical evaluation, the Pathfinder's parent/legal guardian will be contacted by the Club Director, Counselor or their designee and the parent/legal guardian will be asked to pick up their Pathfinder in a timely manner.

Oh, We Are the Pathfinders Strong

Soy Conquistador Fuerte y Fiel

Nous Sommes les Explorateurs

H. T. B.

Henry T. Bergh

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Oh, we are the Path - find - ers strong, The ser - vants of God are we;
 Soy Con - quis - ta - dor fuer - te y fiel, Un sier - vo de Dios yo soy;
 Nous som - mes les Ex - plo - ra - teurs, Les ser - vi - teurs du Sei - gneur;

C A7 D7 G

Faith - ful as we march a - long, In kind - ness, truth and pur - i - ty.
 Fiel - es mar - cha - re - mos ya Por la sen - da del de - ber.
 Bons, loy - aux et purs, mar - chant Fi - dé - les à la vé - ri - té.

G F#G G G B7 C

A mes - sage to tell to the world, A truth that will set us free,
 Men - sa - je ten - e - mos que dar, Ver - dad que li - ber - tá - ra,
 Nous vou - lons an - non - cer à tous Un mes - sage li - bé - ra - teur

C/E Cm/Eb G C G/D D7 G

King Je - sus the Sav - iour's com - ing back for you and me.
 Je - sús muy pron - to re - gre - sa - rá por tí, por mí.
 Bien - tôt des cieux re - vient le Sau - veur, Pour moi, pour vous.

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