

Introduction to Pathfinder Club Programming and Planning PFAD 003

PFAD 001 - Pathfinder Club Ministry

PFAD 002 - Pathfinder Club Organization

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Philosophy & Objective:

The Pathfinder Club is focused on the developmental (physical-mental-spiritual) **tripod**. The club's program needs to be set in meeting the needs and interests it's members.

The programs need planning. In the process of the planners must based the programming on the various developmental stages of its members, ages 10-18 years old. They are at a stage of rapid growth physically and mentally. Therefore, involving action, adventure, challenge, group activities will provide opportunity to a more rounded development of new attitude and skills towards their personal growth, team and community spirit. This will lead each one to learn citizenship and loyalty that preaches respect to "God, His creation, and His church."

The whole philosophy of the Pathfinder club is build on the premise that the younger ones learn best **by example**, instead of precepts. Remember that leaders in the club are being observed as their spiritual and social **role model**. Leaders are expected to deliver high moral principles, attitudes of love, care and determination in all activities. For the pathfinders to learn more effectively, the leaders who are planning the programs for the pathfinders need to consider a positive, happy and secure atmosphere. The leaders attitudes are vital to ensure the **success and effectiveness** of this ministry.

**P l a n, d e l e g a t e, t e a m w o r k, r e g r o u p, e x e c u t e, regroup, plan, teamwork,
Wake up on the right side of the bed! Step out of the house with your right foot :-)**

A. Club Programs:

1. Registration
2. Regular meetings
3. Honors activities
4. Investiture achievement
5. Induction
6. Pathfinder Sabbath/ Day
7. Pathfinder Bible Experience
8. Teen in Leadership Training
9. Drill and Marching, Color Guards
10. Drum Corps
11. Campouts, Field trips, Lock-in, Outings.
12. Outreach
13. Investiture
14. Staff and mentors meeting
15. Parents meeting
16. Club Inspection

17. Conference events
18. Union events
19. Oshkosh
20. PESA (Pathfinder Excellence Service Award)
21. Staff Training

B. Club Planning:

1. Yearly: 10 months, all year round, school calendar, Jan - Dec.
2. Calendar: National Holidays, Church, School, Conference, Union, Division, local community.
3. Pre registration: announcement (church bulletin, school's newsletter, club website, letter/postcards, home visit, social night).
4. Budget/ Finance: tuition, subsidies, donations, fundraising.
5. Activities. Permission slips when needed.
6. Venues.
7. Resources (within the club, the church, the conference, and the community).
8. Staff guidelines and expectations (Verified Volunteer, commitment). Know the importance of a pathfinder to have at least one significant adult they can relate to on personal and spiritual issues. Encourage and support positive staff morale which happens through communication and mutual support.
9. Pathfinders guidelines and expectations (attendance, tardiness, participation and comply with club rules and regulations).
10. Parents/ guardians guidelines and expectations (responsibilities, support the club's leadership and staff).
11. Club documentation.
12. Conference reporting.