

Pathfinder Induction Program Template

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

Welcome and introduction of Speaker (including biographical sketch)

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

Opening Prayer and Sermon

Candle Lighting

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

I hereby declare this Induction Ceremony of the Sligo Pathfinder Club now in session.

Please dim the lights. *(Staff Member Name dim lights when requested)*

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

For the light for our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinding.

(TLT Name moves to Light Spirit of Pathfinding Candle)

The candle which we now light represents this spirit. It is the spirit of adventure, fun, learning, camaraderie, awareness, and awakening, and above all, a spirit of reverence and a Spirit of Service to God and man. This light now illuminates the Pathfinder insignia, the badge of our organization. This insignia is rich in symbolism:

(The appropriate item on the Pathfinder triangle to be pointed out as the following is recited)

TLT Name: *(On the Pathfinder triangle point to RED as the following is recited)*

RED stands for sacrifice. It reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Also, it reminds us that we are instructed to "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." (Romans 12:1)

TLT Name: *(On the Pathfinder triangle point to the THREE SIDES as the following is recited)*

The THREE SIDES represent the completeness of the God-head: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Also, we are reminded of the balance we must strive for in our program:

Mental - crafts and honors;

Physical - camp outs, work bees;

Spiritual - Outreach activities, witnessing.

TLT Name:

(On the Pathfinder triangle point to GOLD as the following is recited)

GOLD represents excellence. "I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so you can become rich." (Revelation 3:18) Gold is also a standard of measurement. The Pathfinder Club has high standards to help build characters fit for the kingdom of heaven.

TLT Name:

(On the Pathfinder triangle point to the SHIELD as the following is recited)

The SHIELD represents God, the shield of His people. "Do not be afraid...I am your shield." (Genesis 15:1) "In addition to this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." (Ephesians 6:16)

TLT Name:

(On the Pathfinder triangle point to WHITE as the following is recited)

WHITE stands for purity and righteousness. "He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white." (Revelation 3:5) As Pathfinders we desire to have the purity and righteousness of Christ's life in our lives.

TLT Name:

(On the Pathfinder triangle point to BLUE as the following is recited)

BLUE stands for loyalty. It is the purpose of the Pathfinder Club to help teach us to be loyal to:

Our parents;

Our church;

Our God in heaven.

TLT Name:

(On the Pathfinder triangle point to the SWORD as the following is recited)

The SWORD is a symbol of warfare. A battle is always won by offense. We are in a battle against sin and our weapon is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

CLASS Candles (7 Colored Candles)

(Standing at the end of the tables near podium, TLT Name to receive salutes for the CLASS candles)

TLT Name:

(speaking from podium)

The Spirit of Pathfinding light is of itself NOT complete or sufficient. Our Investiture Achievement Levels serve as complementary lights.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, light BLUE candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The BLUE candle represents the FRIEND Class. A course of study in learning skills and physical fitness that will help one to be a better neighbor now and a friend of God throughout eternity.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, light RED candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The RED candle represents the COMPANION Class. A course of study in learning skills and physical fitness that will give more meaning to life and a companionship with Jesus Christ every hour of the day.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light GREEN candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The GREEN candle represents the EXPLORER Class. A course of study that will help one to find new adventure in exploring God's Word and His created works.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light SILVER candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The SILVER candle represents the RANGER Class. A course of study that will open new areas of discovery in the natural and spiritual worlds to secure true and genuine happiness.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light BURGUNDY candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The BURGUNDY candle represents the VOYAGER Class. A course of study in physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual development that challenges the teen to develop a wholesome self-concept and Christian life-style.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light YELLOW candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The YELLOW candle represents the GUIDE Class. A course of study that emphasizes personal growth and spiritual discoveries and prepares the Pathfinder for development of new skills in leadership and survival techniques.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light GOLD candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

The GOLD candle represents the Master Guide Class. A course of study that will help one to lead young people to a greater knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus as our Savior.

(TLT Name returns to their seat)

Pathfinder Name:

(speaking from podium)

Candidates, you have presented yourselves before those present to become official members of the Sligo Pathfinder Club. Is this your wish now? If it is, please respond by saying "Yes".

CANDIDATES:

(Candidates Say "Yes")

PLEDGE Candles (7 white candles)

(Standing at the end of the tables near podium, TLT Name to receive salutes for the PLEDGE candles)

TLT Name:

(speaking from podium)

Pathfinders also live by another code; the Pathfinder Pledge. This pledge, or oath, describes our duties to God and to our fellow man. Listen now to this pledge and its meaning. You will be asked to make this promise publicly.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light first white PLEDGE candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"By the grace of God", which means only as I rely on God to help me can I do His will.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will be pure", which means I will rise above the wicked world in which I live and keep my life clean with words and actions that will make others happy.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will be kind", which means I will be considerate and kind not only to my fellow man but also to all of God's creation.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will be true", which means I will be honest and upright in study, work and play and can always be counted on to do my very best.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will keep the Pathfinder Law", which means I will seek to understand the meaning of the Pathfinder Law and will strive to live up to its spirit, realizing that obedience to law is essential in any organization.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will be a servant of God", which means I pledge myself to serve God first, last and best in everything I am called upon to be or to do.

Pathfinder Name:

(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)

"I will be a friend to man", which means I will live to bless others and to do unto them as I would have them do unto me.

(TLT Name returns to their seat)

TLT Name:

(speaking from podium)

You have heard the Pathfinder Pledge and its meaning. Do you now pledge yourself to follow this pledge? If you do, please respond by saying "I do".

CANDIDATES:

(Candidates say "I do")

LAW Candles (8 white candles)

(Standing at the end of the tables near podium, TLT Name to receive salutes for the LAW candles)

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

In this ceremony you will be received into the worldwide fellowship of Pathfinding as well as into the Sligo Pathfinder Club. Before you stands the Spirit of Pathfinding Candle and its complementary candles representing the Adventist Youth Classes. As you become Pathfinders you will learn much more of this Pathfinding Spirit. Every organization must have a law by which to operate. The law of the Pathfinder Club is the Pathfinder Law. It is known and followed by thousands of Pathfinders. You will learn to follow this law too. Listen carefully as this law and its meaning is recited for you, because you will soon be asked whether you accept this law as your own.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light first white LAW candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

The Pathfinder Law is for me to "Keep the Morning Watch" which means I will have prayer and Bible Study each day.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Do my honest part" which means by the power of God I will help others and do my duty and my honest share.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Care for my body" which means I will be temperate in all things and strive to reach a high standard of physical fitness.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Keep a level eye" which means I will not lie, cheat or deceive, and I will despise dirty talk or evil thinking

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Be courteous and obedient" which means I will be kind and thoughtful of others, reflecting the love of Jesus in all my association with others.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Walk softly in the sanctuary" which means that in any devotional exercises I will be quiet, careful and reverent.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Keep a song in my heart" which means I will be cheerful, happy and let the influence of my life be as sunshine to others.

Pathfinder Name: *(speak your lines, Light next white candle, Hand SALUTE, return to your seat)*

"Go on God's errands" which means I will always be ready to share my faith and go about doing good as did Jesus.

(TLT Name returns to their seat)

TLT Name: *(speaking from podium)*

You have heard the eight points of the Pathfinder Law and their meaning. Do you accept this law as a Pathfinder and do you now promise to do your best to live by this law? If you do, please respond by saying "I do".

CANDIDATES: *(Candidates say "I do")*

TLT Name: (Standing behind tables, facing **Director**, Hand SALUTE, speak your part, then return to your seat)

I hereby present these candidates for induction into the Sligo Challenger Pathfinder Club and into the fellowship of Pathfinding around the world based on their public affirmation of their willingness to follow the Pathfinder Law and the Pathfinder Pledge.

Director: (Standing at your seat, facing **TLT Name** return salute, speak your part)

On behalf of Pathfinder Clubs all around the world I accept your vow to observe the Pathfinder Law and to live by the Pathfinder Pledge. We began in almost total darkness. Now in the light of these candles, we can see one another quite well. So it is that the Spirit of Pathfinding lights our steps.

Director: (speaking from podium, **TLT's** hand out candles)

Staff and Pathfinders please come forward and surround the tables, Candidates, as your name is called, please step forward to light your candle from the Spirit of Pathfinding candle to signify your full membership in the Sligo Pathfinder Club. I charge you before all these present to let your light shine before others in the Spirit of Pathfinding.

Candidates:

Candidate's Names

TLT Name: (speaking from podium)

I invite all Pathfinders and Staff to join in singing the Pathfinder Song.

Pathfinders:

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong, The servants of God are we.

Faithful as we march along, In 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!

(**Staff member name** return lights to full light, older Pathfinders return to seats, new Pathfinders remain standing)

TLT Lead Mentor & Director: (Pinning of new Pathfinders with their Pathfinder Club Pin)

TLT Lead Mentor: (speaking from podium)

Recognition of TLTs for the upcoming year

(**TLT Lead Mentor & Director** to present Pips & Pins)

Area Coordinator: (speaking from podium)

Prayer of consecration

Director: (speaking from podium)

Announcements and conclusion of program.