



# DIRECTORS' MEETING

Potomac Conference Pathfinders

July 2019

# AGENDA

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- Master Guide Review Process
- Oshkosh
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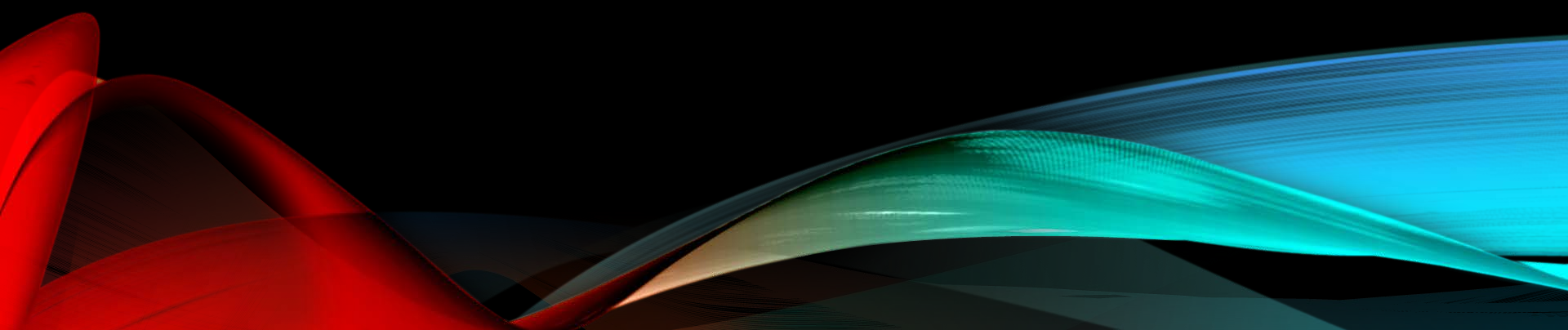
More Oshkosh

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Teen Leadership Training Report

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# CHANGES TO THE ORG CHART

- We have some people that have moved positions
  - Haryl Linzau – Logistic Coordinator -> Assistant Head Specialty Coordinator
    - (Will be Head Specialty Coordinator starting on July 1, 2020)
  - Mario Sanchez – Area Coordinator -> Logistics Coordinator
  - Mario Vanegas – Area Coordinator -> Volunteers Coordinator
- We have some people that have joined the team
  - Eva Hernandez – Area Coordinator
  - Fausto Salmeron – Set-up Coordinator
  - Leena Daniels – TLT Club Support Coordinator
  - Roberto Guandique – Area Coordinator
  - Sharon Geter – TLT Education Coordinator
- We have a couple of people that are departing
  - Janice Schultz – Taking a leave of Absence
  - Mara Kiger-Nelson – Give her a hand as she leaves to focus on education

# MASTER GUIDE REVIEW PROCESS

- Please Remember – No one gets invested as a Master Guide in the Potomac Conference without sign-off by the Potomac Conference Pathfinder Director – Pastor Sherilyn O’Ffill
  - If you don’t follow this rule – Your Master Guide will not be recognized by the Conference
- Steps Involved
  - Master Guide Candidate completes requirements
  - Candidate’s portfolio is reviewed by member of the Master Guide Committee
  - Followed by a Master Guide Panel Interview - Panel Comprised of some subset of:
    - Amada Av alos Erdelyi
    - Jeff Cooley
    - Josant Barrientos
    - Kevin Snaith
    - Sherilyn O’Ffill
    - Yemni Pinales
  - Then Sherilyn signs your official portfolio
- All Master Guides wishing to be Invested at Oshkosh that have not met with the panel / Sherilyn by the end of today
  - There is a **mandatory session** next Sabbath at CPC July 27, 2019





**CHOSEN**

# OSHKOSH OUTLINE

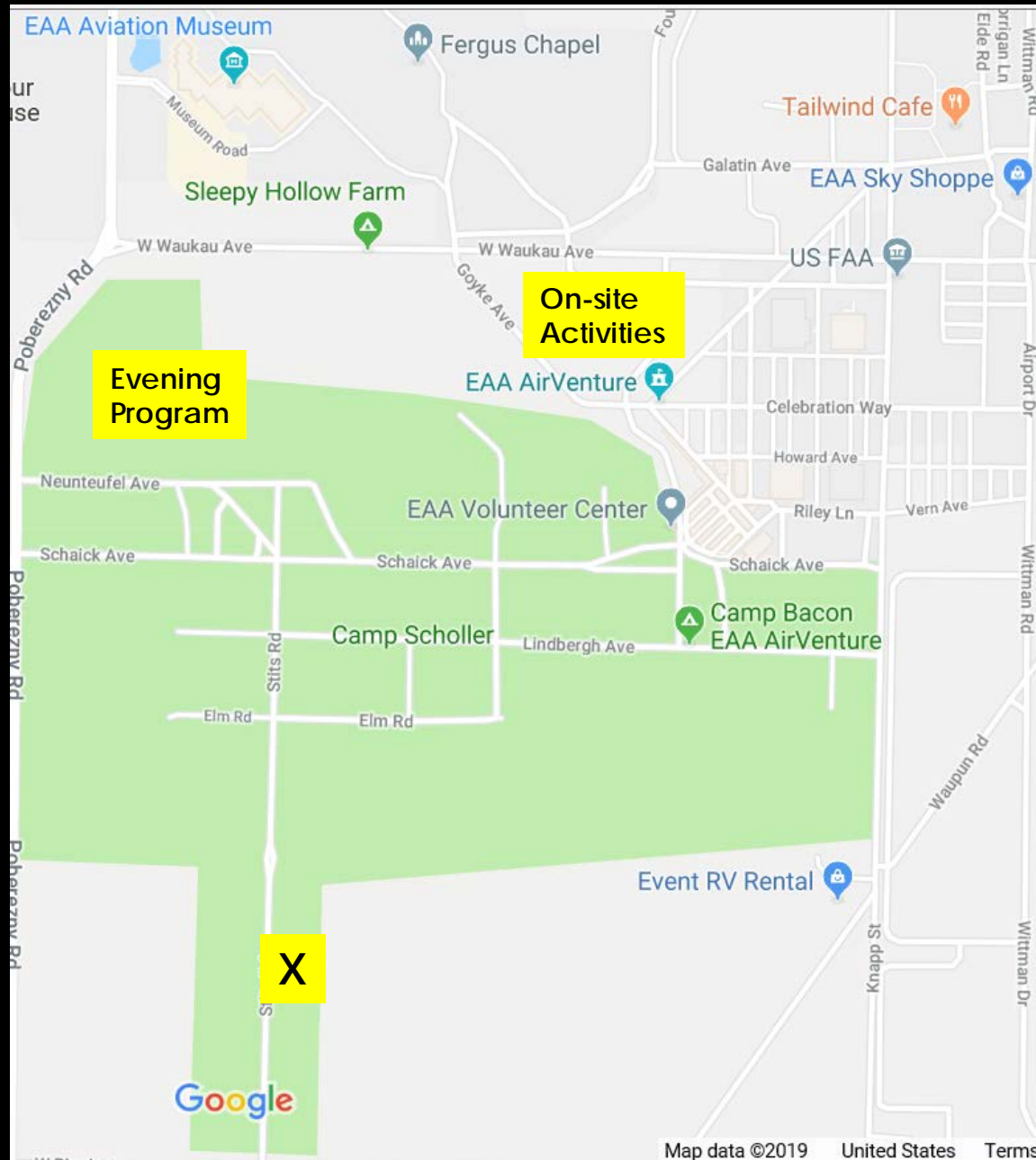
- When can you show up? and When do you have to leave?
- Where are we going to camp?
- This is the Potomac Camporee for this year – What's required?
- Afterglow & Baptisms – Why are we here?
- Steps to take before leaving home

# WHEN CAN WE COME WHEN CAN WE GO

- **When can we arrive at the Camporee?**
  - Monday, August 12 (8:00 am until midnight)
  - Tuesday, August 13 (8:00 am until 7:30 pm) Gates close at 7:30 pm
  - **Campgrounds do not open before Monday, August 12, 8:00am**
- **When do activities begin?**
  - All activities start at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 13, 2019
  - Opening night is Tuesday night, August 13, 2019, 7:30 pm
- **When can we leave for home?**
  - You can leave at 11:00 pm Saturday night, August 17, 2019, when the gates are open to exit.
  - **Only Clubs leaving Saturday night after the evening program** may bring their buses and vans into their campsites at 7:30pm, **thru the South Gate only.**
  - The South Gate will close again at 9:00pm. At 11:00pm, all gates will be opened to anyone wanting to exit the Camporee grounds.
  - Most clubs plan to leave before 12 noon Sunday, August 18, 2019.
  - The campgrounds must be vacated by 2:00pm Sunday, August 18, 2019.



# WHERE ARE WE GOING TO CAMP?



This can be a positive, if  
you use your vehicles wisely

# CONFERENCE CAMPOREE REQUIREMENTS

## What is Required

- Flag Raising Attendance
- Campsite Inspection (Only one representative from the club should be on-site, arranged individually by Area Coordinator)
- Attending the Evening Program
- Having Fun

## Morning Schedule

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Director's Meeting             | 7:45 – 8:00 am     |
| • Flag Raising and Announcements | 8:10 – 8:25 am     |
| • Taxi Availability              | 8:50 am – 11:00 pm |

# AFTERGLOW & BAPTISMS

- It is our desire to be intentional about providing opportunities for young people to make a commitment to Jesus
- Oshkosh is a great experience that touches the hearts of many young people
- After the Evening Program there will be an afterglow at the Potomac Conference Entrance Stage
  - Music to gather a crowd
  - Quick thought – 60 to 120 seconds
  - 10+ Pastors available to talk with young people that wish to come forward
- If you have a pathfinder that wants to be baptized, please fill out the form on the NAD International Camporee website

# STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE LEAVING HOME

- Please go to <https://www.camporee.org/about/club-conference-union-division-leaderschecklists> and read the club director's checklist
- Remember to purchase trip insurance from Adventist Risk Management
  - Your insurance through you church organization has limits set for trips
  - You need this supplemental insurance

# REBRANDING

Adopted in 2001  
And required by  
Union Camporee  
in August of 2002

Adopted in 2019  
And required by  
July 1, 2020



# TLT INFORMATION

- Praise God the program is growing
  - Please, if you are going to have a TLT program contact me at [mkigernelson@gmail.com](mailto:mkigernelson@gmail.com) or before 9pm at (804) 690-0570
    - We still have some clubs calling older Pathfinders TLTs without offering the necessary training and mentorship
    - It is to our benefit to help TLTs grow their leadership skills and knowledge base and the TLT program can provide structured learning
- We have some exciting upcoming events
  - October 18-20, 2019 will be our next TLT Convention
  - March 14-15, 2020 will be our second TLT Training (Location TBA)
  - We hope to visit each club with a TLT program this year
  - We are planning a TLT Fun Day in June of 2020



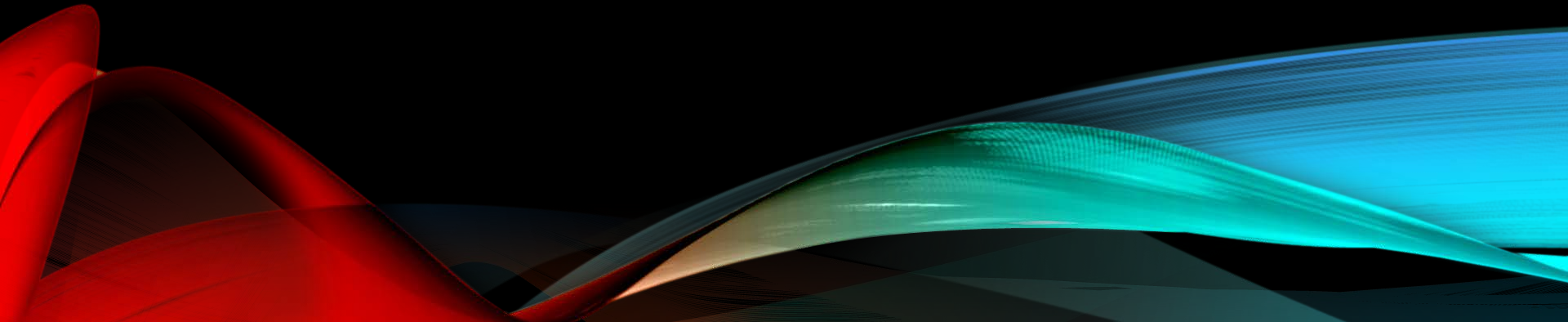
# TLT INFORMATION

- Clubs, Please submit your TLT registration packets as soon as you can
  - Shoot for no later than 15 days after your club registration
  - **Deadline is 30 September 2019**
- We encourage all registered TLTs, all teens interested in TLT, and all TLT mentors to attend the **TLT Training on 18-20 October 2019 at the Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center in Centreville, Maryland**
  - We will cover the responsibilities expected of our TLTs
  - We will cover the TLT 2019-2020 TLT calendar
  - We want to make sure applicants go into this experience with eyes-open
- The TLT t-shirts are available. Again, talk to Martha if you are interested.

# AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

- Master Guide Training

Jeff Cooley



# PLEASE IDENTIFY A CLUB POINT OF CONTACT FOR TRAINING

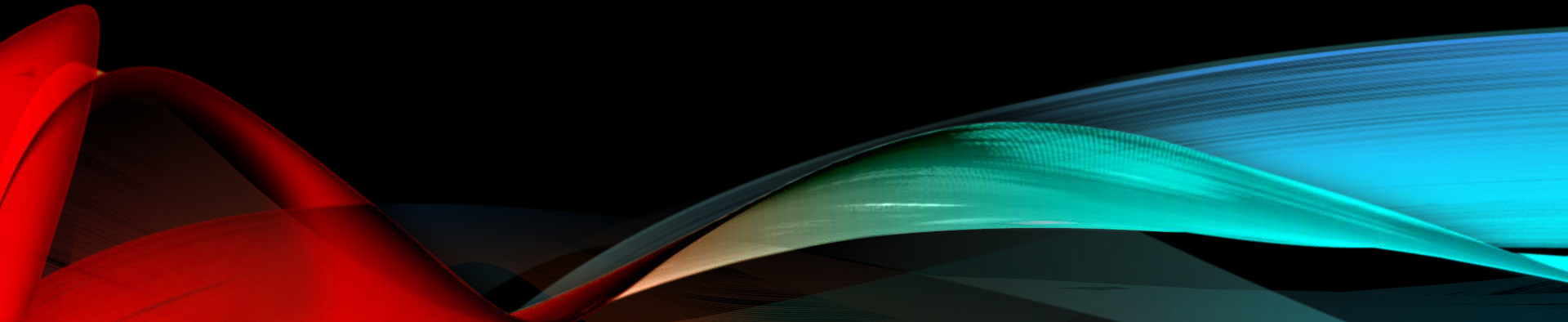
- In a by-gone era (three years ago) you could earn your Master Guide by attending two leadership training weekends, and work the rest of the requirements between those two events
- Times and requirements have changed with the new 2014 Master Guide Requirements
  - 15 Seminars – Up from 5
  - 11 Honors – Up from 4
  - Full Year of Investiture Teaching – Up from ¼ year
  - Participating in an Evangelistic Seminar – New Requirement
- Bottom Line: If we want to train Master Guides, the Conference offered training days alone will not suffice
  - Please Identify a Training Point of Contact for your club
  - **The Area Coordinators are here to help**

# AREA COORDINATOR'S ARE OFFERING MASTER GUIDE TRAINING CLASSES

- Every other month, the Area Coordinators in the Washington Metropolitan Area are offering Master Guide Seminars in both English and Spanish
  - Normally the third Sabbath or Sunday of the month
  - The Next Session is the weekend of August 18 & 19
  - The following session will be pushed back to November due to the October Camporee & TLT Training. Plus, we are changing the months to avoid the Christmas holiday season
- To earn your Master Guide, there are:
  - 8 Basic Staff Training Seminars
  - 15 Additional Master Guide Seminars
- Even if you attended every Conference Training opportunity it would take 3 years to earn your Master Guide
  - These Area Coordinator Offered Classes provide you an opportunity to take 12 of the 21 necessary seminars each year.
  - If you couple this with three Conference opportunities you can finish all your seminars in a single year.

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# CALENDAR OVERVIEW

- 2019

- Jul 21 Pathfinder Directors Meeting
- Aug 12-17 Chosen: International Camporee Oshkosh, WI
- Sep 8 Pathfinder Staff Training Day #1 – TBD
- Oct 10-13 Pathfinder Outdoor Experience – Explorer+
- Oct 18-20 TLT Training Weekend – Pecometh Riverview Retreat
- Oct 30 PBE Team Registration Deadline

- 2020

- Jan 25 PBE Area Level – Various
- Feb 22 PBE Conference Level – TBD
- Mar 8 Pathfinder Staff Training Day - Date Subject to Change
- Mar 14-15 TLT Training Event #2 - TBD
- Mar 21 PBE Union Level – NJ Conference Retreat Center
- Apr 18 PBE Division Level – Centralia, Washington
- Apr 26 Pathfinder Fair – TBD
- May 16 Pathfinder Outdoor Experience – Explorer+
- May 17 Drill and Drum Day – Takoma Academy
- July 26 POE – Rafting Trip – Explorer+



# POTOMAC CONFERENCE FAIR

- April 26, 2020
- Shenandoah Valley Academy (Camping available 24-26)
- Theme: Recovering from Oshkosh (Just Kidding)
- More info coming soon
  - For suggestions contact Dick Kiger-Nelson
    - [dick.kigernelson@gmail.com](mailto:dick.kigernelson@gmail.com)
- NOW A brief announcement from Joel concerning FOOD BOOTHS @ Fair

# Food Booth's @ 2020 Fair

- **Registration Procedures:**

- We may be moving to a Digital Form of Registration via Web Site this year
- Registrations will not be accepted until after the development of Digital Process
- Standing Reservation will still be in place
- Food Booth Items will not be confirmed until Fair Registration has been received and either "Bill the Church" or Payment has been made.

- **Single Item Reservations:** Only 1 main item "entre" can be reserved from year to year. Any additional items will be granted at the discretion of the Food Booth Coordinator.

- **Drinks:** Specialty Drinks such as Fruit Smoothies are considered a "main" item and those will be the only item reserved from year to year.

- **Foods by any other name:** Items with similar ingredients or foundation protein by another name may reserved by another club may not be allowed so please include Pictures and descriptions of your dish to help clarify exactly what you are making.

- **Foods by any other name: All Items must be 100% Vegetarian in product, ingredients & preparation... including spices, marinades, and/or flavorings.**

# TRAINING

- We will offer training days
  - The First Training Session will be September 8, 2019 – Location TBA
  - The March date in the calendar is subject to change
- It is our desire to offer as many classes as possible toward four tracks
  - The Basic Staff Training Program – English & Spanish
  - Master Guide Certification Classes – English & Spanish
  - AYMT Director Certification
  - AYMT Counselor Certification

# PATHFINDER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE - TEENS

- First Event: October 10-13, 2019





# PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Jeveline N. Lettsome

[potomac.pbe@gmail.com](mailto:potomac.pbe@gmail.com)

301-254-0545



# 2020 Events

October 30, 2019: Registration closed

January 25, 2020: Area (tba: multiple sites)

February 29, 2020: Conference (tba)

March 21, 2020: Union (NJC)

April 17-18, 2020: Division (Centralia, WA)





# PBE Materials

1. English: NKJV (Thomas Nelson ed).
2. Spanish: Reina Valera 1995.
3. SDA Bible Commentary: Themes



## 2020 PBE Books

1. Ezra: except ch.2; 8:1-14; 10:18-44.
2. Nehemiah: except 7:7-63; 10:1-27; 11:3-12:26
3. Hosea
4. Amos
5. Jonah
6. Micah
7. SDABC Themes



# PBE Team Member

1. Any registered, inducted, and active Pathfinder members (10-18 yrs old).
2. Only 6 active members + 1 alternate.
3. Dues \$10.00 per team member.



# Placement

Area 70%

**Conference 90%** (By decision of the Columbia Union Youth Directors)

Union 90%

Division 90%

1st 90%, 2nd 80%, 3rd 70% of the highest score.

# DRILL AND DRUM EVENT DAY

- **Sunday, May 17, 2020 @ Takoma Academy**
- **Drill Team & Drum Corps Competition – Minimal Changes to the 2019 Rules**
  - We may be moving to a completely Digital Registration Platform this year.
- **Fee Structure:** There will be a \$30 registration charge for each team competing. Hence if you have a team from all 4 categories (Basic, Advanced, Fancy and Drum) registration will now be \$120. Any combination of 3 is \$90, and any combination of 2 is \$60.
- **Bonus Points:** A maximum of 15 points awarded per participating club.
  - Basic Team                    3 points
  - Advanced Team            6 points
  - Fancy Teams                15 points
  - Drum Corps                 15 points
- **Drill Instructors/Drum Corps Captains:** May be a Pathfinder, TLT, or Staff of any Age (Bonus Points are given to the Score if the Drill Instructor/Drum Corps Captain is 18 or under)
- **Team Size:** A minimum of 4 Pathfinders (If your Drill Instructor is a Pathfinder and/or a TLT they may be one of the 4, not encouraged but permitted)

# DRILL AND DRUM EVENT DAY

- **Team - Drill Down:** Similar to individual drill downs except "Team" oriented with a Club Standing Trophy. 3 categories (Basic, Advanced, and Freestyle)
- **Team Advancement:** It is our desire to have teams advance to the next category every year and encourage clubs to create new teams in their place if at all possible. Basic teams should advance to an Advanced Team and Advanced Teams should Advance to Fancy Teams. To assist in this advancement we may require all Basic and Advance teams to participate in a Drill Clinic at the Drill Event Day in order to be eligible to perform.
- **Shoes:** The Venue has asked the Potomac Pathfinders to limit hard soled shoes or heels on. We are asking if at all possible that your Pathfinders **wear rubber soled dress shoes** or platform heels of no greater than 1".
- **Note:** All Pathfinders that attend must have an Identification Badge displaying the information required by the Potomac Conference. Also, all clubs must bring their own first aid kits and attend to their own minor injuries as necessary.

# DRILL AND DRUM CORPS

- **Drill & Drum Corps Instruction:** If a club is in need of training and instruction in the area of Drill Commands or Drum Corps or have any related questions to Drill & Drum Corps please contact the Drill & Drum Corps Coordinator or your Area Coordinator so we might be able to offer assistance or training.
- **Drill & Drum Corps Coordinator: Joel Hutchins 301-802-4326**  
**THSLDU@comcast.net**



# DRILL DOWN @ 2020 Fair

- **Drill Down:** There "will be" a Conference level Drill Down at the 2020 Fair

~ **Contact Information** ~

**Joel Hutchins:** 301-802-4326 or

**THSLDU@comcast.net**

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Directors' Meeting

Please See Holly Cooley for your Club's Free Gift from Pastor Sherilyn

1 Potomac Coordinator Pin for each person that purchased general admission or staff child tickets. Excludes staff baby and day pass tickets. Please distribute to all ticket holders as requested by Sherilyn