



Directors' Meeting

Potomac Conference Pathfinders

General Conference Building; Silver Spring, Maryland
July 14, 2024

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Agenda



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- Pathfinder Calendar Jeff
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Calendar Overview



2024

- July 14 Pathfinder Directors Meeting – GC building, Silver Spring, MD
- Aug 5 - 11 NAD International Camporee – Gillette, Wyoming
- Sep 8 Pathfinder Staff Training Day #1 – Hybrid Training at Location TBA & Zoom
- Sep 29 Teen Leadership Training Applications Due
- Oct 11 - 13 Pathfinder Staff Retreat - Camp Blue Ridge for Staff Only, no club members
- Oct 18 - 20 TLT Retreat – Pecometh Camp; Centerville, Maryland
- Oct 24 PBE Team Registration Deadline
- Nov 8-10 Pathfinder Coordinator Retreat - Camp Blue Ridge

2025

- Jan 18 PBE Area Level – Team Based On-line Competition; command central Beltsville Adventist Church
- Feb 14 Drill/Drum teams Registration Deadline
- Feb 15 PBE Conference Level – In-person, TBD (likely SASDAC, Silver Spring, Maryland)
- Feb 16 Pathfinder Staff Training Day #2 - In person, Location TBA
- Mar 1 TLT Training Day – Location TBA
- Mar 8 PBE Union Level – In-person in the Allegany East Conference
- Apr 4 - 6 Master Guide Camporee– See Master Guide Committee for details
- Apr 6 Drill and Drum Day – Takoma Academy
- Apr 26 PBE Division Level – Battle Creek, Michigan
- May 4 Pathfinder Fair – Tentatively at Camp Snyder Boy Scout Camp; Haymarket, VA
- Jun 30 End of Pathfinder Year

Coordinator Meetings



2024

- July 13 Admin and Council-at-Large Meetings
- 4 Aug Meeting at Gillette (kick-off to supporting the clubs)
- Nov 8 - 10 Coordinator Retreat (Council-at-Large meeting 10 Nov)

2025

- Feb 1 Admin and Council-at-Large Meetings
- Apr 12 Admin and Council-at-Large Meetings

Pathfinder Area Coordinators - Master Guide Training



- The Pathfinder Area Coordinator Team hosts MG training sessions every other month at the Beltsville SDA Church (location subject to change) from 3pm to 6pm.
- Two seminars are offered on each date.
- Seminars are held in both English and Spanish.
- Seminars are conducted in a hybrid manner supporting both in-person and virtual attendance.
- Tentative Schedule is as follows (note schedule is subject to change):
 - Sabbath September 28th 2024
 - Sabbath November 23rd 2024
 - Sabbath January 11th 2025
 - Sabbath March 8th 2025
 - Sabbath May 10th 2025
- To earn your Master Guide, there are:
 - 8 Basic Staff Training Seminars
 - 15 Additional Master Guide Seminars
 - These Area Coordinator Offered Classes provide you an opportunity to take 10 of the 21 necessary seminars each year.



Get Ready; Get Set; GOOOO!!!

The long wait is almost over;

It is time to attend the
quinquennial International
Pathfinder Camporee;

Are you **READY!!!!**



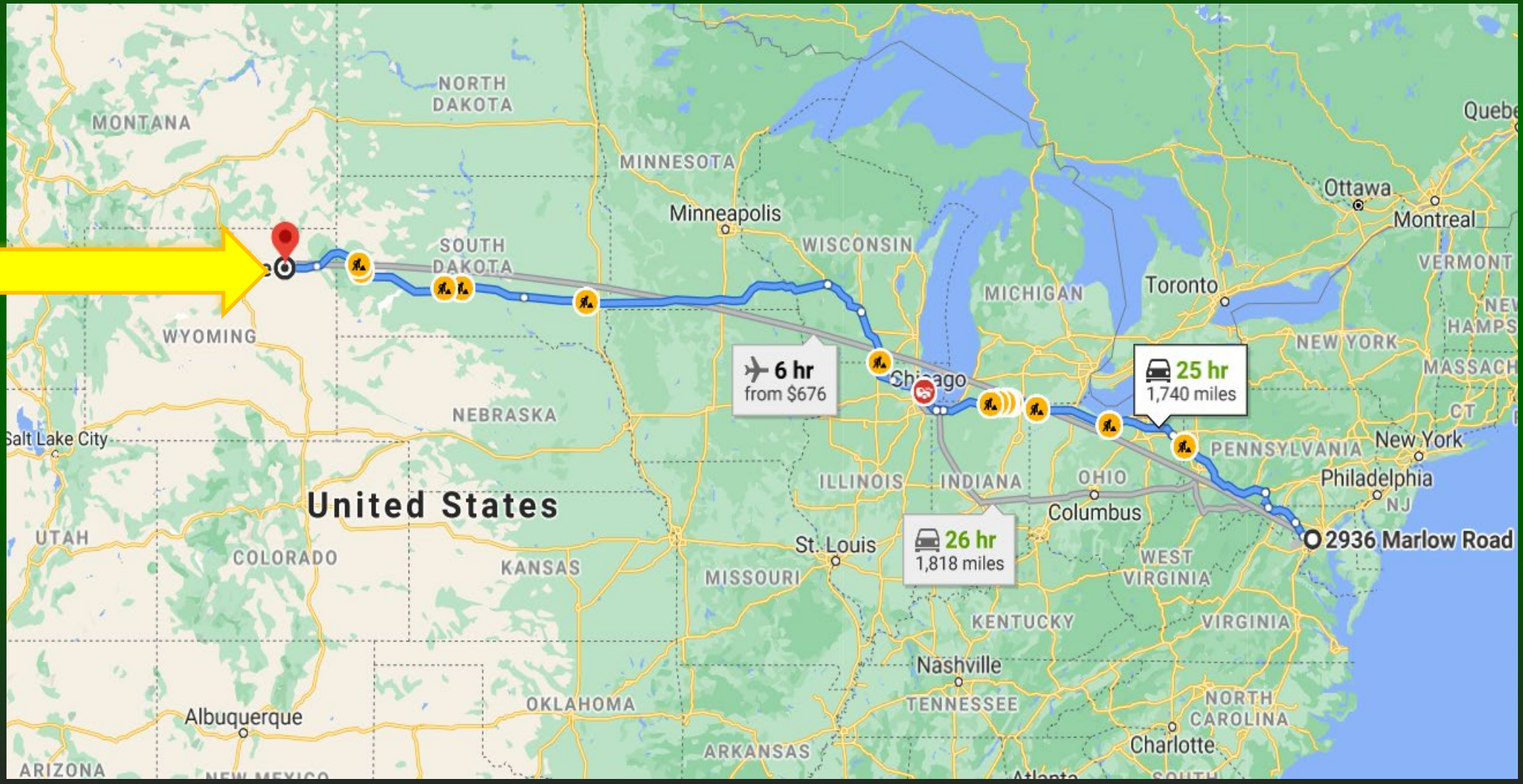


Believe the Promise; Gillette, Wyoming

Just **22** Days until Camporee



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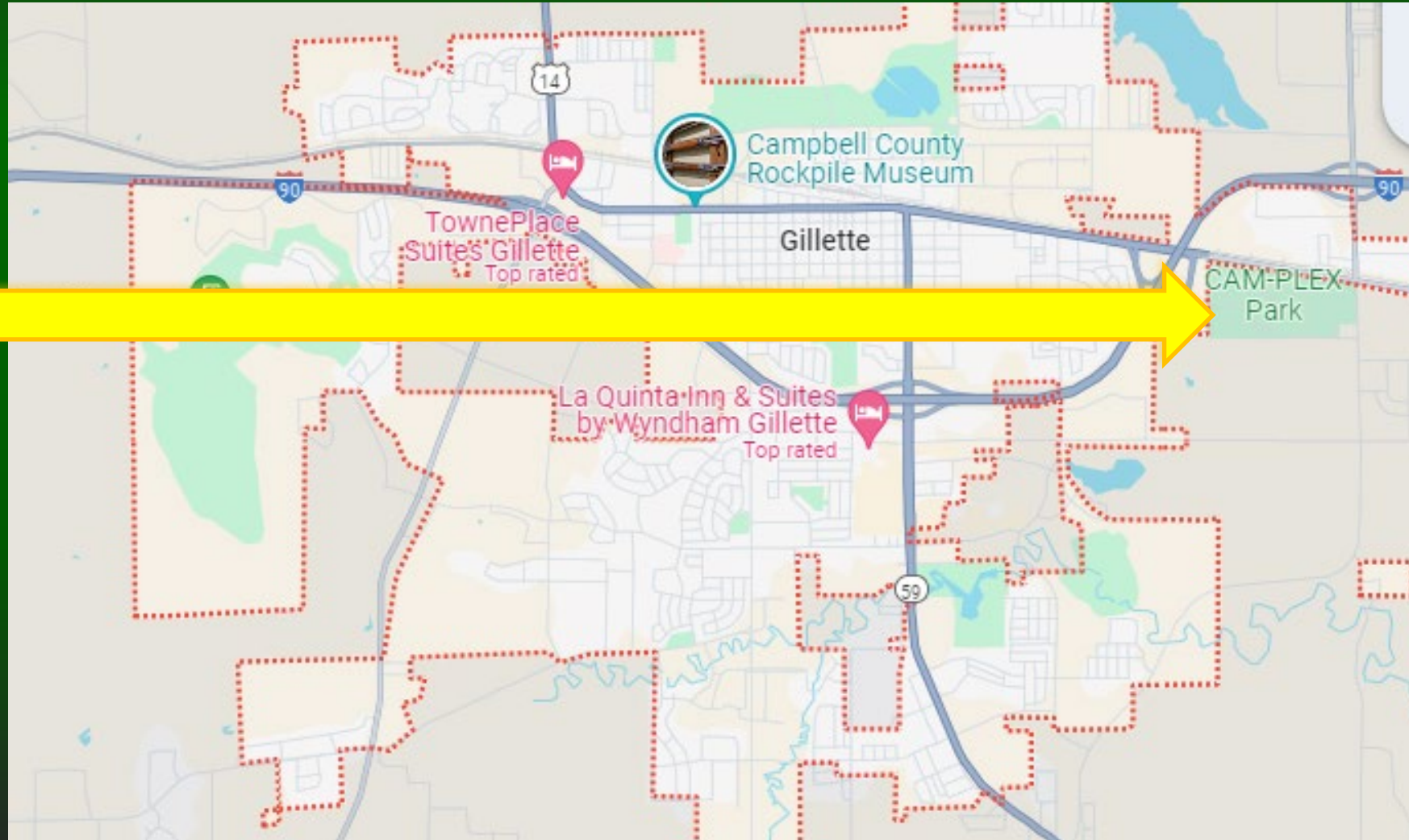


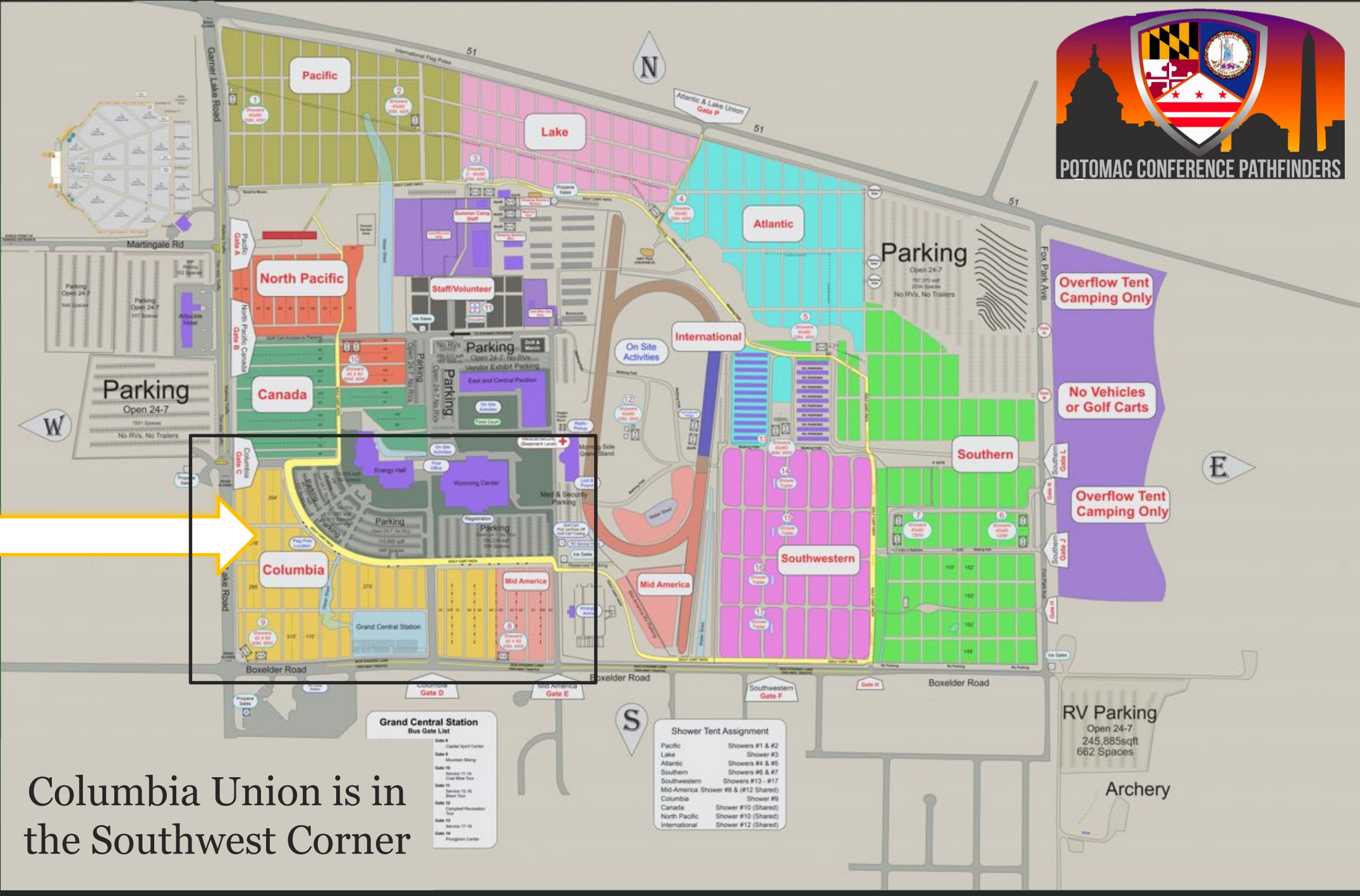


CAM-PLEX is on the East Side of Gillette, Wyoming



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Columbia Union is in
the Southwest Corner

**Grand Central Station
Bus Gate List**

Gate 8	Captain Sport Center
Gate 9	Mountain Biking
Gate 10	Swimming 11-14 Climb Rope Tour
Gate 11	Swimming 15-16 Bike Tour
Gate 12	Canoe/Kayak Tour
Gate 13	Swimming 17-18
Gate 14	Playground Center

Shower Tent Assignment

Pacific	Showers #1 & #2
Lake	Shower #3
Atlantic	Showers #4 & #5
Southern	Showers #6 & #7
Southwestern	Showers #13 - #17
Mid-America	Shower #8 & #12 (Shared)
Columbia	Shower #9
Canada	Shower #10 (Shared)
North Pacific	Shower #10 (Shared)
International	Shower #12 (Shared)

RV Parking
Open 24-7
245,885sqft
662 Spaces

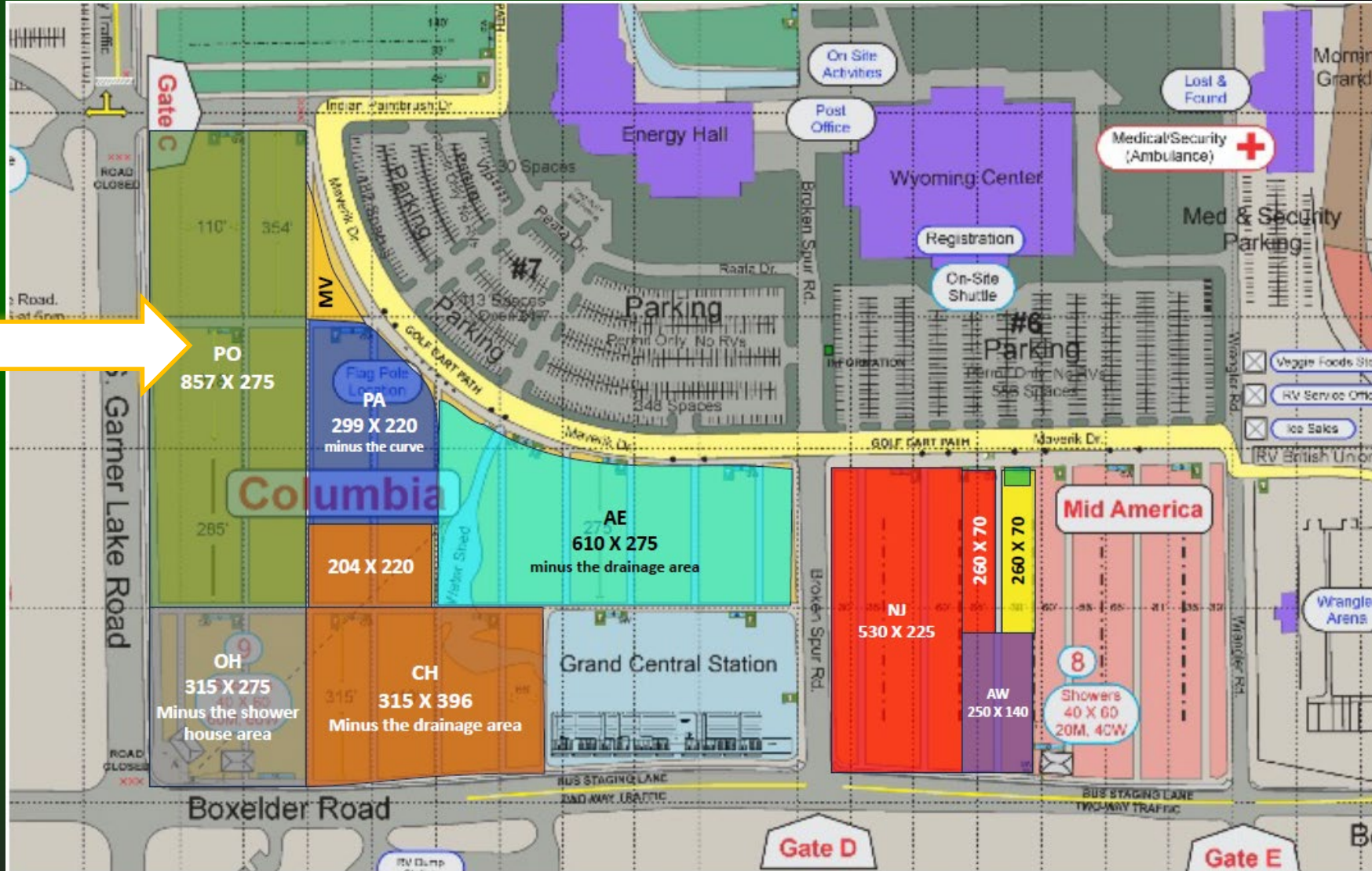
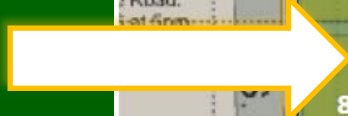
Archery



Potomac Camping Space



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Camporee Survey From the Conference



If you have not done so already, please fill out the survey

We need that information before we can layout club space
and cooking space assignments

It will also help us, help you!!!!



Planning for Camporee



- If you are not 95% done, you are probably behind 😊
- Overcommunicate with your staff to make sure they know what to expect
- Double check with all providers: travel, food, supplies to ensure you have no last minute issues
- Come up with a plan for how you are going to deal with crises
 - Issues will come up; if you have a plan ahead of time it is better
 - It is advisable for every pathfinder to have a health card with them for this event
 - **I cannot stress enough, get ARM Insurance on every member of your club**
 - Make sure you know where Mom and Dad are going to be !!!!
 - Story time with Jeff on Parents taking vacation out of the country during an event



Planning For Gillette



Be **INTENTIONAL** with your planning

- Spiritual
- Fun
- Safety

Meet with staff to discuss what to expect

- Facilities
- Walking
- Activities/pin trading
- Evening program





How have we prepared to Help



This is a copy of
last year's slide

I will highlight
where we are on
these projects

Conference Game Plan



Three Big Challenges with Gillette (Travel, Wind, and Food)

- **Travel**
 - You have to figure out how to get cross country, but how is your gear going to get there
 - The Conference is negotiating to rent two tractor trailers - 34 pallets each
 - Pallet size is 48" x 40" and can be stacked 72" high
 - Pallet cost will be under \$500 (still trying to negotiate down)
- **Wind**
 - The normal grey or white tarp systems most clubs use for camping kitchen tents will likely last on order of minutes in the consistent 30 mph winds of Gillette
 - The Conference is in negotiations to rent a number of "party tents" to be set up between clubs so that they can be shared kitchen tents for clubs – details to follow shortly
- **Food**
 - The camporee organizers have convinced themselves that everything in Oshkosh was bought at Walmart, hence the Walmart in Gillette is planning to replicate the Oshkosh Inventory
 - The Conference is negotiating with SYSCO to have tractor trailers of food brought in
 - ***IF AND ONLY IF we can organize what the clubs need and organize clubs paying in advance***



Travel - Getting Gear to Gillette



We have a contract for two trucks - each can realistically hold 27 or 28 pallets (turns out - you can't get 34 40"x48" pallets in a truck)

We put out a registration form in February and all the available spots are taken

It will cost \$500 per pallet; we are actually taking a loss at that price but with all the other expenses for clubs we held firm at the quoted price



Travel - Getting Gear to Gillette



Your pallet will come with one box that is approximately 40”x48”x36” high

- We are borrowing these boxes and so they need to be kept out of the elements
- We will need these back as soon as you empty them
- We will return them to you on Sabbath or Sunday when you begin to pack up in Gillette.
- You can pack loose gear in that box - you can pack equipment in bins on top of that box to have a wrapped pallet 40 x 48 x 84 inches
- We will supply the shrink wrap; **you will supply the personnel to wrap your pallet.**



Travel - Packing Day



- We will support a packing day at the General Conference Warehouse on **July 21** where you will bring your gear, pack your pallets, and shrink-wrap them.
 - Remember you have to stay within a 40 x 48 footprint all the way up before/after you wrap
- We will load your pallets in the trucks
- We will unload your pallets in Gillette so that they are available on Monday August 5th
- You will need to repack your gear before you leave; including having everything completely shrink-wrapped
- If you leave a bunch of loose gear in Gillette, it will be staying in Gillette; **we load pallets not gear**
- If you do not pick up your gear at the GC on time, **it will be discarded; there is no storage option at the warehouse**



Wind



Sherilyn has a contract for 4 40' x 80' Party Tents to be erected in Potomac Spaces
Each Club that wishes to utilize this space will be offered a minimum of a 20' x 10'
area for a kitchen space

We intend to have a small generator to power lights for each tent to facilitate use
at night - ***DO NOT PLUG YOUR CORDS INTO MY GENERATORS;***

I WILL UNPLUG YOU - WITHOUT ASKING - BYOG

You cannot consume food in this space - It violates the inspection policy of the
State of Wyoming

You must have a fire blanket to put out any unintended fires so that you do not
contaminate everyone else's food with fire extinguisher foam/powder/liquid



Wind (Continued)



We need everyone to fill out the survey so that we can finalize who is going to take use of these tents.

I am trying to get the larger clubs a little more space if I can (We have 16 - 18 clubs with over 50 attendees)

You can use this space on the outside perimeter as a serving line -
You cannot use it as seating area as previously mentioned

I highly recommend having some area under cover for your eating area. I noticed that many clubs are going to have trailers on their areas; these make great wind blocks for a large tent



Food



A Huge Thank You to Darrell Milam and all of the team assisting with SYSCO Ordering

- There will be two food deliveries during Gillette
 - The First on Monday the 5th
 - The Second on Wednesday the 7th
- A team will help you get your food on those days
- Please be extra nice to that team; They are working hard to make sure your kids have the food you ordered
- Sherilyn has your club/church SYSCO invoices with order details
 - Please pick it up **TODAY** and get it to your church Treasurer so that they will understand the conference billing charge.



Bottom Line



We have done what we promised to the best of our ability

We continue to hope and pray that all goes well with
Travel, Wind, and Food

Please be patient with us as we are handling far more
logistics than normal to make it easier on everyone



Notes from a Wyomingite



Get good stakes for tents. The longer the better, especially in sandy soil. Metal is usually stronger than plastic, but plastic can be made in more effective shapes than metal. Make sure everything is tied down and that trash cans are covered (things blow away quickly). Make sure skin is covered. You can get wind burn fairly quickly and not realize it.

Watch out for heat-related illnesses and injuries. They can be sneaky. Cover up skin or wear sun screen or sun block. Stay hydrated. Make sure you have plenty of water and some sort of electrolyte. It's semi-arid here, so when you sweat, it tends to evaporate quickly. Feels great, but you need to replenish that liquid and salt or your body can't cool itself.

Watch out for critters. With all the people around, they'll likely be hiding, but they're attracted to water and food, so be careful about leaving stuff out just in case. I usually wear boots whenever I go out to provide an extra layer of protection against critters and falling. ***Don't leave shoes out at night, they make a great home for crawling critters.***

I assume most of your folks will have cell phones, but you can also consider FRS radios. They're relatively inexpensive, no individual license is required, and they're relatively simple to use. Wyoming advertises a specific channel and privacy code for SAR ([307](#)). You likely won't need it because you'll be around so many other people and cell should work, but it doesn't hurt to have a backup.

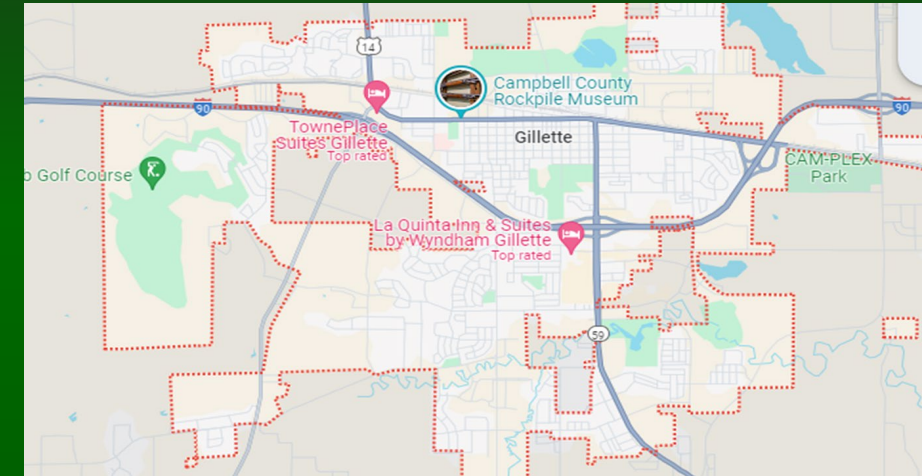
You might consider getting the [Wyoming Ready](#) app. It should have more information. I haven't used it, so I can't guarantee it's quality.



Additional Information



- As you can see - CAM-PLEX is in Gillette, Wyoming
 - It is neither in the country nor isolated
 - It is in the 3rd largest Population Center in Wyoming
- You **MUST BE VIGILANT** in watching your Pathfinders
 - Whenever they leave your camp, they must be with an adult
 - Even when going to the port-a-johns or to the shower houses
 - We are used to CBR, SVA & Oshkosh, all far more isolated
 - Gillette requires a whole different level of vigilance
 - Think of Gillette as if you were taking your Pathfinders to NYC





Wyoming is in the West



- Not a point of Alarm, just a point of information
 - 66.2% of households in Wyoming have guns
 - It is not uncommon for citizens of Wyoming to openly carry pistols
 - Educate your Pathfinders on this fact
 - It is a different Culture
 - One that requires respect
 - And like everywhere else in the world, **Pathfinders should be RESPECTFUL**
- Point of Fact, it might surprise you to find out the % of Pathfinder leaders that own Guns

What to do when you arrive



1. BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- **PRINT ALL YOUR DOCUMENTS and BRING THE COPY WITH YOU.** Don't rely on WIFI or cell service.

2. Do NOT arrive before Monday Morning; if you do, you will be sitting in your transportation until Monday

- We will not have space marked out before Monday
- You will not be able to get your tickets verified before Monday

3. On Monday, If you can enter the property, come to the Potomac Conference Headquarters (HQ)

- We will have a 12' x 2' sign at our entrance so you should be able to find HQ
- We will tell you where your camp site is going to be
- You will have 80 square feet per person (hopefully more, won't know until I walk the space)

4. Send one or two representatives over to the Camporee Registration Area in the Wyoming Center

- **Bring ALL the printed tickets for your club with you; this is why you printed them in step 1 before you left**
- Your club account will be pulled up to verify that your printouts match.
- You will then be issued wristbands for every ticket. FYI: Jr Tickets will have a different color than general admission tickets.
- **NOTE: - If you bought or sold tickets from another club after the July 3 deadline OR if you never contacted CYE to get those tickets transferred into the secondary purchasing club's account, the club with the original purchase will be given the wristband for those tickets. The original purchasing club will need to turn the wristbands over to the secondary purchasing club. IF you have any challenges, come to conference HQ and we can help sort things out.**



Teen Leadership Training

Mrs. Shawna Patterson



TLT Information

Believe the Promise Camporee



- TLT Volunteer opportunities: Sabbath morning offering, Adventist Youth Ministry Museum, Camporee Operations, assisting Honors, or On-site activities with Potomac Conference or Columbia union
- Sign up at Camporee.org, Select Volunteer under Experience drop down tab, and select BTP TLT service projects
- A T-shirt and pin will be provided to those who volunteer 12 hours by NAD; a Potomac BTP TLT sweatshirt will be gifted those who volunteer 16 hours



TLT Scheduled Events 2024 - 2025



- September 29: TLT applications due (absolute must if attending TLT retreat)
- TLT retreat at Camp Pecometh: October 18-20
 - We have reserved additional cabins as we have reached maxed capacity the previous 2 years. There is room for all!
 - \$80 per TLT and staff which includes meals and sleeping quarters
 - Fall operation tracks (Administrative, Teaching, and Records) and Mentor meetings will be taught



TLT Information

Application Process



- First time TLTs **MUST** complete both the recommendation forms and the application form; returning TLTs only complete the application form
- These are first approved by club then by conference
- Mentors: anyone with strong leadership skills within the church; doesn't have to be a club member but preferred
- Each semester a TLT must complete a minimum of 72 hours of service (SS, club meetings, audio/visual, church leadership, outreach, etc.)



TLT Information Conclusions



- Please reach out to myself and/or Channel Hillard should you request one of our presence at a club meeting, PF Sabbath, Inspection, Investiture, etc., especially come spring.
- **Shawna Patterson:**
 - Text: 540-920-9925
 - Email: spatterson.home@gmail.com
- **Channel Hillard**
 - Text: (540) 455-3814
 - Email: channel.hilliard@gmail.com

Organizational Change



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:" - Ecclesiastes 3:1

On June 30, 2025 I will be stepping down as Executive Coordinator. I have served in this capacity for more than a decade and I feel that it is time for a new leader to step up into this role.

I have enjoyed my 20 years working as a coordinator: area, specialty, head area, and executive and I appreciate the dedication of the coordinator team, with whom I have had the privilege of serving.

Now I am looking forward to entering my next phase of Pathfinder Ministry as a free-lance honors and seminar instructor for clubs in the D.C. Metropolitan Area

At this time I am happy to announce my successor as Potomac Conference Pathfinder Ministry Executive Coordinator starting on 1 July 2025

Please Welcome



Mr. Kevin Snaith

Kevin has served in many roles in our conference:

- As a dedicated club director of the CPC Panthers;
- As an exceptional Area Coordinator in the Northern Virginia Area;
- As Potomac's Deputy Head Area Coordinator;
- As a Master Guide Training Coordinator;
- As a member of the Potomac Conference Master Guide Club Leadership Council
- And on 1 July 2025, he will become the Pathfinder Executive Coordinator

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Kevin Snaith. I hope and pray that you will **give him all of your support** as he takes on this leadership role



Changes to the Org Chart

Since Last Directors Meeting



Personnel Departing with our regrets

- Elmer Smith
- Happy Garcia
- Bertilia LaVern

On a Leave of Absence from duties

- Dave Carlson

New Coordinators



- **Area Coordinators**
 - N/A
- **Specialty Coordinators -**
 - Darrell Milam - PBE Coordinator - Technology
 - Andrew McKenzie - PBE Coordinator - Technology



Area Coordinator's Corner

Topics We Will Cover

Forms

- Application and Medical
- Monthly Report
- Points

Club Events

- Induction Service
- Pathfinder Sabbath
- Club Inspection
- Investiture Service
- Camp Inspection

Area Coordinators Support

- Contact Your AC
- Amada – 703-597-4001
- Kevin – 703-577-3985





- Each Pathfinder Medical Form is to be seal in a single envelope with the name of the Pathfinder written on the outside of the envelope. All envelopes can be then placed in a folder, binder, etc.
- Individual envelopes should be open only upon a medical situation which requires presenting the medical documentation to a first responder or others rendering medical care.

Pathfinder Application & Health Record continued.

Applicant's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Medical History and Information

The following information is critical for the safe care of your Pathfinder during routine Pathfinder activities and emergencies. Please answer all questions as to yes or no & if yes explain with additional information.

- | Y | N | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your child have any health history? (Asthma, Constipation, Epilepsy, Diabetes, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your child have any difficulties that would affect them during Pathfinder activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your child have any allergies to medications? Please list with reaction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your child have any allergies to foods, insects, or seasonal? Please list with reaction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there any dietary considerations which should be considered when planning a menu? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there any physical restrictions that would affect your child during Pathfinder activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All Pathfinders are required to have up to date shot records, are there any shots that <u>are not</u> ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your child currently on any medications? If yes, please list with dosage. |
| | | 1. _____ |
| | | 2. _____ |
| | | 3. _____ |
| | | 4. _____ |
| | | 5. _____ |

Pathfinder Application & Health Record continued.

Applicant's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Insurance/Physician/Emergency Contact Information

Primary Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance: _____ Number: _____

(Please provide Pathfinder Club a copy of insurance card)

Being the Parents/Guardians of the applicant, I/we certify the above medical history and information is correct to the best of our knowledge and the applicant has permission to engage in all Pathfinder activities except those noted. I/we give permission to list the allergies, medical considerations, and medications on the applicant's ID card required by the conference and provided by the club to be worn at all Conference activities. In the event the I/we cannot be reached in an emergency, permission is given to the adult leader to whom the applicant is charged to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia or physician, order injection, surgery, resuscitation, or any care deemed necessary by that leader or physician to insure safe return of said applicant to his/her Parents/Guardians. I/we also understand that photocopies of this document shall have the same force and effect as the original when the Club Director or Health Care Staff attests that the original form is still valid and has not been revoked by us as parent/guardian.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Form Review Signature (Please review, update, and sign each subsequent year)

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Points



Maximum points for the following Pathfinder Club event/ceremonies:

- Top 8 months of monthly reports – 320 points
- Induction Service – 50 points
- Pathfinder Sabbath – 50 points
- Club Inspection – 50 points
- Investiture Service – 175 points
- Pathfinder Camporee – 200 points (International Camporee this year)
- Fair – 75 points
- Field Trips (which do not include Camporee, Fair, PBE, or Drill & Drum) – 40 points
- Community Service (to be performed off church property) – 40 points
- Fielding a Drill or Drum Team and/or a PBE team will earn 15 bonus points for each event (no extra points for multiple teams, max 30 bonus points)

Total of 1000 points

- Sweepstakes Club earns at least 950 points
- Trophy Club earns between 850 and 949 points
- Honor Club earns between 750 and 849 points

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Club Inspection Form

To be added: Each Pathfinder Medical form is to be sealed in a single envelope. All envelopes can be enclosed in a binder, folder, etc.

FORMS	Y/N	Points
Forms in a single location/organized for quick access		
Standard Health & Medical Consent form for all Pathfinders		
Every Pathfinder has a current Application form		
Every Pathfinder has a current photo ID for off-site events		
Every Pathfinder has a current health insurance card or Waiver on file		
Every TLT has a current Application Form		
Total Deductions (1/2 point for each No)		
TOTAL Points (10 minus Total Deductions)		
TOTAL Points For Club Inspection		

Camp Inspection at Gillette



- Camp inspections **will NOT be conducted for points.**
- For those clubs that are camping, **an inspection will be conducted for safety.**
- For the 2024-2025 year, all clubs, that attend the International Camporee, will automatically be credited all points associated with a camp inspection.



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Scheduling Your Area Coordinator



- We ask that you send your Area Coordinator your club calendar as soon as possible
- We also ask that you keep them informed if you make changes to your calendar. Particularly if those changes involve events requiring Area Coordinator involvement, such as: Induction, Inspection, Investiture, or Pathfinder Sabbath
- Please examine the Conference Youth Department Calendar, and we ask that you do not place your club events on weekends where a conference Pathfinder Event is being held:
 - **Camporee, Fair, and Drill and Drum Day**
 - **Training Weekends or Days**
 - **PBE Events at the Area or Conference Level**
- Your Area Coordinator is expected to be working in support of the above events.

Specialty Coordinator Reports



Pathfinder Leadership Training	Nadine
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Drill and Drum Competition Information	Joel
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Upcoming Pathfinder Leadership Training Days



- Training Dates

- Sunday, September 8, 2024
- Sunday, February 16, 2025

- Location: To be Announced 30 days prior to training

- Classes offered in the following format

- Format: **Hybrid**, In person and virtual options will be offered will be offered
- It is highly recommended to come in person if at all possible

Potomac Conference Camporee Staff Retreat



- Theme:** Let's be a kid again
- Location:** Camp Blue Ridge
- Date:** October 11 - 13 2024
- Cost:** TBD
- Activities:** Rock Climbing, Honors, Hand-on Training, Camping
- Honors:** TBA
- Registration:** Opens August 21.

This weekend is only for staff and their immediate family members.

DO NOT PLAN TO BRING YOUR CLUB; only staff kids allowed



PATHFINDER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Jeveline N. Lettsome

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301-254-0545



Eligibility



No age limit but a REGISTERED and INDUCTED Pathfinder in one of Potomac's 8* Investiture Achievement classes; must be in range of 5th to 12th grade only.

8 = Friend, Companion, Explorer, Ranger, Voyager, Pioneer, Navigator, or Guide



The Plan



Area testing Virtual per team per club.

Which means that each team will meet in person in one location (church or school) connected to main Hub via zoom.

In-person testing for the other 3 levels (Conference, Union, Division).

Which means present physically at testing site.



FORMS



1. Club Registration Form. Due 10/30/2024.
2. Team Registration. Due 01/03/2025.
3. Statement of Integrity Form. Due the morning of testing dates at Area, Conference, and Union level.
4. Video/photography Release Form. Each club will keep the hard copy. An electronic zip file must be sent to Jeveline by 1/3/25.



2025 Events



- September ??, 2024: Coaches orientation & training
- October 30, 2024: Club Registration Due
- January 18, 2025: Area Testing (Local)
- February 15, 2025: Conference Testing (MD)
- March 08, 2025: Union Testing (AEC)
- April 25-26, 2025: Division Testing (MI)



2025 Books



The Books of Romans & First Corinthians



PBE Materials



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



Resources



1. Potomac Club Ministries website (forms and First Letters)
2. <https://nad.org/pbe-resources>
3. Others

Drill and Drum Event Day



Date: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Drill Team & Drum Corps Competition Rules – Posted on the Pathfinder Website

– These rules will also be for the International Camporee. *Potomac will be competing Wednesday Afternoon at Gillette*

Registration: Via the Potomac Pathfinder Website only. Please don't register multiple times if changes are needed please call or e-mail.

Fee Structure: There will be a \$30 registration fee for each team competing.

- \$120 for participation in all 4 categories (Basic, Advanced, Fancy and Drum)
- \$90 for any combination of 3 teams
- \$60 for any combination of 2 teams

Bonus Points: A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for participating in this event. Participation in any category ie, Basic, Advanced, Freestyle, or Drum Corps

Drill Instructors/Drum Corps Captains: May be a Pathfinder, TLT (18 or under), or Staff of any Age. The Instructor/Captain will be the only one allowed to direct the team/corps on the floor during the exhibition and cannot be coached from the sideline.

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, this is not encouraged but permitted)

Drill & Drum Corps Coordinator: **Joel Hutchins**
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Honors Coordinator Request for Feedback



- As Honors Coordinator, my role is to aid the clubs in expanding their opportunities to teach Pathfinder Honors.
- I would like to get some feedback from the Directors as I approach the Pathfinder Council about two possible events to add to the Pathfinder Calendar
 1. Would there be interest in having a yearly Honor Fair.
 - This would be one day dedicated to nothing but honors.
 - We would offer 8 options and pathfinders can earn 2.
 - This would be a full day event from 0900 - 1600 (with an hour for lunch 1200-1300)
 - It would not be a required event (no points / just learning)
 2. Would there be interest in a Staff Honors Day
 - The goal of this day is to teach the teachers
 - We would offer 4 options and staff can learn 2
 - This would be a fuller day, 0800 - 1700 as each session will likely take 4 hours to teach in depth
 - It would not be a required event (no points / just learning)

Potomac Conference Pathfinder Fair



- **DATE:** May 4, 2025
- **LOCATION:** Camp William B. Snyder, Boy Scouts of America (6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, Virginia 20169)



MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Food Booth's @ 2025 Fair



Reservation Procedures:

- Reservation via Potomac Conference Pathfinder Website only.
- Please do not register multiple times. If changes are necessary please call or e-mail
- Reservation will not open until end of year this year.
- Standing Reservation will still need to register to confirm their intent to sell that item this year.
- Food Booth Items will not be confirmed until the Fair Registration has been received and either “Bill the Church” or Payment has been confirmed.

Single Item Reservations: Only 1 “main” item or “entree” can be reserved from year to year. Any additional items may be considered after the Fair Registration deadline.

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 that are requested by another club **may not** be approved... please include pictures and descriptions of your dish including ingredients to help clarify exactly what you are offering.

REMINDER: *All items must be Vegetarian: That means 100% Vegetarian in product, ingredients & preparation... including spices, marinades, and/or flavorings.*



Pathfinder Outdoor Experience - Teens



- The Pathfinder Outdoor Experience Opportunities for this year are cancelled
- The Conference Leadership is looking for ***a leader*** that is passionate about outdoor experiences and is willing to build a team to help Pathfinder Clubs put some Outdoor Adventure back in Pathfinding
- If you are interest or have a candidate please contact Pastor Sherilyn O'Ffill or Jeff Cooley



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS