



PATHFINDER DAY

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ARE YOU THIRSTY?

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When I was young, around 20 or 21 years old, the Spanish government called me to serve for a year in the Marines. One of the first weekends in the Marines we were taken to the woods to be trained. It was a very intense and difficult training. I will never forget the many difficulties we faced that weekend, but there is one in particular that I would like to share with you.

It was early in the morning; we were all put in line to get food and water for the day... not much food and only one liter of water for the entire day. We were told that the first thing we had to learn was to ration the water. We did extreme physical activities starting early in the morning. During one of those activities, a mate had a problem with his canteen and spilled all his water... he was really worried, imagine to do extreme physical activities and no water to satisfy the thirst, so he went to talk with the Corporal to ask for another liter. To his surprise, the response was: „You had one liter and you lost it. No more water until tomorrow.” The rest of the group decided to take turns sharing little sips of water with him throughout the day so his suffering would not be that terrible and so we would not run out of water ourselves. I learned that day how terrible it can be to run out of water to drink.

Just as the physical body needs water to continue living, so does the spirit. Jesus is the water needed by the spiritual part of man. Without Jesus, the soul will eventually die. The soul is thirsty and we try to quench that thirst with

many things that satisfy for a little while, but eventually we get thirsty again. The only thing that can truly fulfill the thirst of the spirit is the living water, Jesus Christ. I really encourage you to read John 4:1-38. You will find Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus shared with this woman some of the most meaningful words you can find in the gospel... „Jesus answered, „Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (vs. 13,14).

My dear friends, if you are thirsty, go to Jesus. He is the only one able to satisfy the thirst of your soul. May God be with you in this Pathfinder Day and in every day of your life until Jesus comes again as you witness what He has done for you.

Your friend in Jesus,

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STOP FOR A MINUTE....

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Stop for a minute and try to imagine just how busy Abraham Lincoln must have been when he was President. He wasn't just a president, but he was the president during a time in America's history when the country was full of fighting and close to collapsing. Lincoln had to spend all his time in strategy for the Civil War, fighting his own citizens, and he also had to worry about his own life. And just think about the time—everything we do today took much, much longer to do back in 1860. He had to take a train ride of many hours to arrive in Washington, D.C. for his inauguration. He had to send hand written letters to his generals and commanders in the war, waiting weeks for very important information. In 1860 they also were still using candles as their main source of light, so the rising and setting of the sun affected what could be accomplished in 24 hours.

As busy as he was with a heavy schedule of appointments, one day an elderly woman who had no official business with the White House asked to see the president, and he was kind enough to take the time to see her. When she came into his office, he politely stood up to receive her visit and ask what it was that he could help her with. Quite differently from most other people who requested an appointment with the president, the elderly woman said she was not there

to ask for anything. She simply wanted to give him something. She had heard that the president had a favorite cookie, so she had baked some for him and brought them to his office. She just wanted to do something nice for him and connect with him from her heart. It is said that President Lincoln responded to her with tears touching his eyes. "You are the very first person who has ever come into my office asking not, expecting not, but rather bringing me a gift."

We can get into the habit of being too busy to pray when we are running around accomplishing all our important things in life, whether it's school work, practice with the soccer team, or even being prepared to participate in church ministries and activities. When we do stop to pray, we often only talk to God to ask Him for something. We should think about prayer the way that the elderly lady thought about cookies. Our prayers are something that can touch God's heart. We can give Him anything—praises for our blessings and good things we have in our lives, worries about the problems we're going through, thoughts and ideas for our future, dreams and goals we have for ourselves and the people we love. All these things can be a gift to God as we give them to Him through praying about them. Special time with us, His children, is what makes His heart full.



7 REASONS WHY PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

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Who is your source of power, my dear friend? Whom do you go to every day to get the power you need in your life? Prayer is my instrument, and the power comes directly from God. Do you use prayer every day?

I would like to share with you 7 reasons why prayer is important. Maybe you would include more reasons, but I have decided to stop in number 7. Add as many as you want and I hope that this list will encourage you to pray more, as this is the best way of communication we have with our Creator.

1. The Word of God Calls Us to Pray

- a. Matthew 5:44
- b. Matthew 6:9
- c. Philippians 4:6
- d. Colossians 4:2

2. Jesus Used Prayer Every Day

- a. Matthew 14:23
- b. Mark 1:35
- c. Luke 5:16
- d. Luke 6:12

3. Is How We Communicate with God

- a. 2 Chronicles 7:14
- b. Hebrews 4:15-16
- c. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

4. Prayer Keeps us Humble

- a. Matthew 18:4
- b. Luke 18:9-14

5. It Is the Way to Give Thanks

- a. Psalm 100:4
- b. Matthew 15:36
- c. John 6:23
- d. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- e. 1 John 5:14

6. Powerful to Intercede

- a. Genesis 18:16-33
- b. 1 Samuel 12:23
- c. Luke 22:32
- d. Acts 12:5
- e. 1 Timothy 2:1

7. An Excellent Way to Give Praise

- a. Psalm 27
- b. Psalm 150
- c. 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- d. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

I urge you to pray my dear Pathfinders and Leaders, use the Lord's Prayer as an excellent example and as a Guide given to us in the Bible by Jesus as the best structured prayer of all.



You may be wondering, “Why do they give us the numbers?” The work of God and what He accomplishes through the body of Christ is not quantifiable. Our aim is not to have the biggest number of members or the largest population of churches.

However, we want to make sure that you don’t end up on the other side of the spectrum, feeling alone and doubting whether your hard work in the Pathfinder Club really matters.

Here you can see that every single Pathfinder Club is a vital part of the overall ministry in the whole world! Whether your Club has 10 kids or 100, we remember each of you every day and pray for all of you on a consistent basis.

Now you know about your counterparts from all the different parts of the globe. We hope this data encourages you and makes you excited about the bigger picture. God is using Adventist youth in a mighty way and the values of the Pathfinder Club make a very big impact wherever they go. People from other religions and those who don’t know God see the involvement of our youth and youth leaders. It makes them curious about our faith and contributes to the growth of God’s heavenly kingdom.

WORLD DIVISIONS
East Central Africa (ECD)
Euro Asia (ESD)
Inter American (IAD)
Inter European (EUD)
North America (NAD)
Northern Asia Pacific (NSD)
South America (SAD)
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean (SID)
South Pacific (SPD)
Southern Asia Pacific (SSD)
Southern Asia (SUD)
Trans-European (TED)
West Central Africa (WAD)
MENA



2014 DIVISIONAL JUNIOR YOUTH STATISTICAL REPORT			
ADVENTURERS		PATHFINDERS	
CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP	CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP
3,617	95,310	3,699	181,027
177	1,363	418	3,617
3,800	80,320	5,251	126,531
589	8,795	757	10,249
1,660	22,530	2,380	56,625
34	243	367	7,173
4,076	65,842	8,062	194,467
8,112	997,011	9,285	815,003
2,465	16,074	1,730	32,296
1,901	47,666	2,109	58,010
277	14,127	257	19,532
127	2,420	296	5,116
853	10,533	1,677	22,684
4	38	7	123
27,692	1,362,272	36,295	1,532,553



PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE CHURCH SERVICE OPTION 1

1. Prelude
2. Ministers enter
3. Silent prayer
4. Doxology
5. Invocation
6. Presentation of Colors
7. Pathfinders march in and take places Pledge and Law
8. Post flags
9. Honor Guard returns to seats
10. Congregation and Pathfinders seated
11. Scripture reading: 1 Timothy 4:12
12. Hymn No. 529, "Under His Wings"
13. Congregational prayer
14. Offering
15. Special music
16. Pathfinder report--Pathfinder club director
17. Sermon by pastor, child preacher, or guest
18. Hymn No. 508, "Anywhere With Jesus"
19. Benediction
20. Postlude
21. Congregation stands
22. Adult Sabbath School can also be directed by Pathfinders.

PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE CHURCH SERVICE OPTION 2

1. Prelude
2. Personal ministries period Pathfinder missionary experiences
3. Processional Ministers, directors, pathfinders
4. Introit (platform group kneeling) Choir
5. Doxology
6. Invocation Pathfinder
7. Post Colors Color guard
8. Welcome Pastor
9. Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12 Pathfinder
10. Hymn no. 529, "Under His Wings"
11. Prayer Two Pathfinders
12. Pathfinder Song Pathfinders
13. Pathfinder Happenings Teen Pathfinder
14. Pledge and Law Pathfinder choir
15. Song of Instrumental Selection Pathfinders
16. Pathfinder Objectives Club director
17. Offering
18. Sermon Pastor, child preacher, or guest
19. Hymn no. 508, "Anywhere With Jesus"
20. Benediction
21. Recessional
22. Ministers and directors
23. Color guard
24. Staff
25. Pathfinder units and counselors
26. Congregation



PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE CHURCH SERVICE OPTION 3

1. Prelude
2. Ministers and platform personnel enter
3. Doxology and Invocation
4. Processional: "Onward Christian Soldiers".
(Pathfinders march in led by the national and Pathfinder flags. Color guards post themselves on floor in front of pulpit. All stand when flags enter and remain standing until flags are posted on the platform.)
5. Pathfinder Song Pathfinders
6. Pledge Led by a Pathfinder
7. Law Led by a Pathfinder
8. Posting of Flags
9. Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4
10. Prayer: Pathfinder
11. Welcome and Director's Report Pathfinder club
director reports on year's activities, goals for new year and presents any recognition and awards.
12. Special music Pathfinders
13. "Why I Am a Pathfinder" Pathfinder
14. "How did it all begin?"* Director and some Pathfinders
15. Offering: Teen Pathfinder - (Pathfinders)
16. Special music: Pathfinder or Group of Pathfinders
17. Sermonette: Director, guest, child preacher
18. Hymn no. 543, "Jesus, Friend of Little Children"
19. Benediction: Pathfinder
20. Postlude

PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE MORNING & AFTERNOON

1. Introduction
2. Sabbath School
3. Break
4. Assemble for Processional Entrance
5. Processional Entrance
6. Pathfinder Song
7. Pledge, Law
8. Welcome & Introductions
9. Song Service
10. Prayer
11. Offering
12. Special Item (it can be music)
13. Scripture Reading
14. Sermon
15. Special Item (it can be music)
16. Closing Song
17. Closing Prayer & Announcements
18. LUNCH
19. Assemble for Street Procession
20. Street Procession
21. Concert
22. Baptisms
23. Closing Ceremony
24. Small and impactful Devotional
25. Closing Prayer
26. Farewell



SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OUTREACH, & HERITAGE



Christian Art of Preaching



Gift Wrapping

Filled with knowledge: to fill something or someone is an ongoing process. Growth is essential; what doesn't grow is dead. Since we are not dead, but alive through Christ, Him living in us will naturally cause growth. Just as a baby needs to grow in order to live, so each person needs to grow in order to accomplish anything in the kingdom of God.

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord: Christ's example to us is selflessness. We show that we are part of God's family by treating each other the way Christ would, reaching out to help one another, to have positive and valuable relationships that will last for eternity.

Bearing fruit in every good work: this is our heritage in Christ. Christ's work on the cross made us heirs to God's kingdom. The pioneers of the Adventist Church allowed God to lead them every step of the way. It is our duty to know our heritage and share it with others. When we know where we come from, we can know where we are going. Christ is coming soon; to arrive at our destination, we must have solid roots.

ARTS, CRAFTS, & HOBBIES



Guitar & Advanced



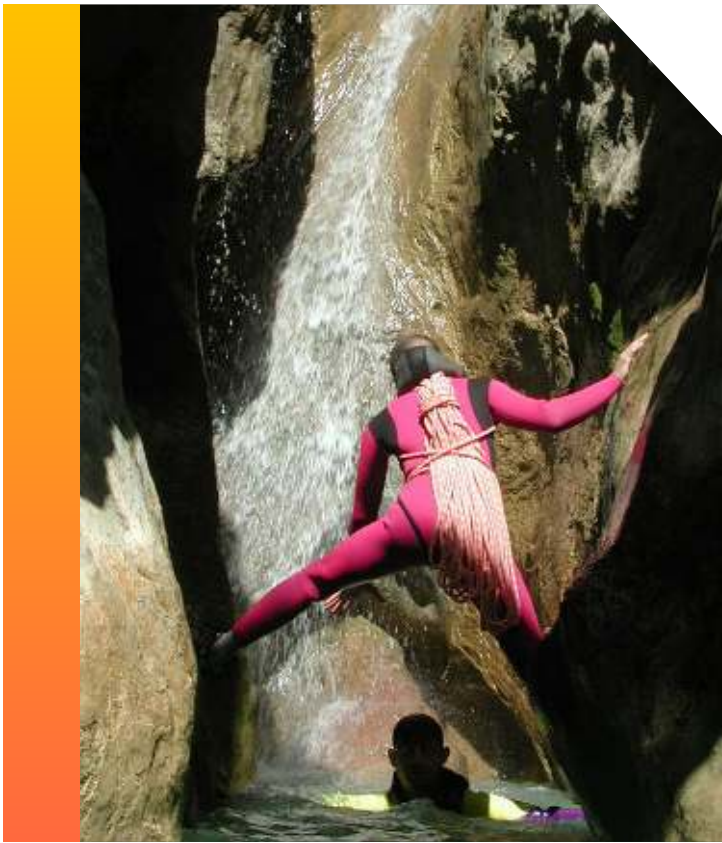
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As we explore our own creativity, we learn more about the creativity of God.

He makes all things new and that requires thinking outside of the box. When we attempt new things we have never done before through crafts and hobbies, we add to the dimensions of our minds and broaden our horizons.

Even more importantly, the various arts are how human beings express their most influential passions, thoughts, feelings and desires. Just as God reaches us through our senses, emotions and His will, we also can communicate with Him and with each other through the arts.

Arts create connections and connecting through the love of God is what Jesus made possible for us.



RECREATION



Adapted Sports



Tents

The great thing about recreation is that you can have fun and gain value at the same time. In days when many kids from 10-15 years old think recreation is entertainment, it's important for leaders to instill in our youth the value of choosing to be involved in activities that are meaningful to their lives.

Rather than spend countless hours in front of the TV or on the internet, they can get involved in the world around them and broaden their horizons. After all, recreation means to recreate. There's not much re-creating happening when we're caught up in passive entertainment, but the activities of recreation honors truly open up a world of possibilities. Through them Pathfinders will gain invaluable experiences that will enrich their lives.

HEALTH & SCIENCE



Volleyball



Viruses

What do you think of when you think of the word health? We usually associate health with our physical condition. However, true health involves far more than whether or not your body is working properly; it also includes your mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being.

As true followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to follow His example; just as Jesus as a young man "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52), so we are to grow mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

The honors that you will find in the Health & Science group will help you to grow in knowledge, but also will draw you closer to know and understand better the Creator of our bodies.

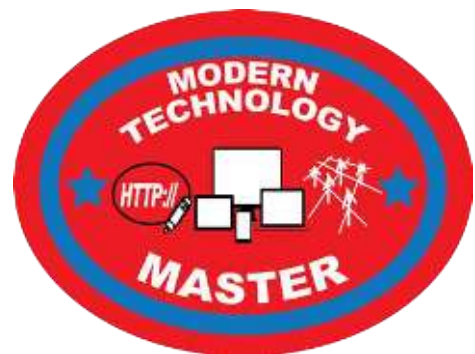


FOUR NEW MASTER AWARDS IN

NATURE



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THREE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OUTREACH, & HERITAGE



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