

Meadow Glade
Pathfinder
Handbook
2014-2015



Meadow Glade Pathfinders Mission Statement

The Mission of Pathfinders is to:

Work for the salvation of each individual Pathfinder;

Train Pathfinders for witnessing and missionary service, and to help them become leaders;

Help Pathfinders understand that the church loves, cares for, appreciates, and needs them;

Develop an appreciation for nature and a concern for the environment;

Assist Pathfinders to develop a balanced physical, mental, social, and spiritual life;

Teach Pathfinders skills and hobbies that will make their lives meaningful and productive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call:

Shane Scalf, Director at 503-608-8511

Pathfinder Pledge

"By the grace of God,

I will be pure and kind and true.

I will keep the Pathfinder Law.

I will be a servant of God
and a friend to man."

Pathfinder Law

"The Pathfinder Law is for me to:

Keep the morning watch.

Do my honest part.

Care for my body.

Keep a level eye.

Be courteous and obedient.

Walk softly in the sanctuary.

Keep a song in my heart.

Go on God's errands."

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1. Pathfinder Club Membership

Requirements and Information:

All children in grades 5 through 12 are eligible to join.

Participating in Pathfinders is a privilege, not a right. All Pathfinders are expected to learn the Pathfinder song and learn and obey the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. Pathfinders are expected to obey all regulations and orders of the Pathfinder Staff, including Junior Staff.

Our club activities include weekly meetings, honors, crafts, outreach projects (i.e. Walk & Knock), field trips, Camporee, Pathfinder Fair, etc. The Pathfinder must agree to participate and cooperate in these activities.

Members must be committed and faithful in attendance. If you will not be able to attend a meeting or event, you must let your Counselor, Deputy Director, or Director know in advance, if possible. **70% of the available points (at the time of the event) will be required for attendance of Meadow Glade Junior High and Oregon Conference Teen events.** An excess of unexcused absences may result in being dropped from our Pathfinder roster, which will exclude you from participating in special events.

Good Conduct Award: Be an active member for one year, have a complete Class A uniform, earn 90% of our total yearly points, have conduct consistent with pledge & law, show achievement in class work and honors, and be Invested in at least one Pathfinder Class. See page 2.

Pathfinders of the Year: Please see Page 3.

Special Achievement Award: Pathfinder member for 4 years, earned up to and including the Ranger Class, have a minimum of 12 honors, and have a minimum of two good conduct ribbons.

Photo release policy: When parents register their child to be a part of the Meadow Glade Pathfinders, they understand that when participating in Pathfinder activities the Pathfinder may be photographed for print, video or electronic imaging. Parents also understand that the images may be used in promotional materials, news releases and other published formats the Pathfinders. Permission can only be revoked by written request.

GOOD CONDUCT AWARD

Good Conduct Award Ribbon Bar – Yellow in the middle with red, white and blue ends.

The Good Conduct Ribbon is a special ribbon given to Pathfinders grade 5-12 who exemplify Pathfinder ideals. It is recommended that this ribbon be given as a reward for Christian conduct that helps make your club a ministry within your church. Attitude within and without the club is an important guideline in selecting Pathfinders for the Good Conduct Ribbon.



Requirements:

- Be an active member for at least one Pathfinder year
- Have and wear a complete Class A and Field uniform as requested
- Have an excellent (90%+) record of faithfulness in the club's point system
- Have an exemplary conduct consistent with the Pledge and Law.
- Have a record of achievements in AY class levels, honors, and other comparable activities this year
- Have been invested in an AY class level not previously achieved

Application - Nomination: Individual record by club

Granted and Approved by: Club Director or Assistant Director

Minimum Authority to Award: Club Director or Assistant Director

Place of Presentation: Investiture or Club meeting

Rules for wearing: Worn centered above the left pocket flap of uniform, above any advanced class level ribbons

- No Pathfinder should wear more than one Good Conduct ribbon. If a Pathfinder is awarded this ribbon for another year, they add a bronze star.
- The Good Conduct Ribbon should not be taken away for later misbehavior or failure to meet the above standards. Pray with the Pathfinder and encourage them if this occurs.

Note:

It is the intention of Oregon Pathfinders to follow the NAD Pathfinder guidelines for this award

PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Pathfinder of the Year Pins – The color of the border indicates the AY Class Level the Pathfinder has achieved during the current Pathfinder year.

- Friend – Blue
- Companion – Red
- Explorer – Green
- Ranger – Grey
- Voyager – Maroon
- Guide – Yellow



The Pathfinder of the Year Award is a special recognition for youth grades 5-12 that uphold Pathfinder ideals in their life and who have a high level of achievement.

Achievements Required:

- **Attendance record** - present and on time to a minimum of 90% of meetings.
- **Uniform and Insignia** - complete, clean and worn to required activities and meetings.
- **Personal appearance** - neat, clean, hair combed, shoes shined, etc.
- **Conduct** - at home, school, church, and club must be courteous, kind, respectful, and a good example to others.
- **Spiritual** - reverent, studies Bible and attends Sabbath School and Church regularly. Provide an attendance option for non-Adventist Pathfinders
- **Cheerful Participation for at least one year in**
 - Local club functions, Pathfinder Sabbath, hikes, campouts, trips, projects
 - Conference-wide Camporees and Fairs, District Jamborees
 - Church spiritual and secular activities in one of the standard AY Class Levels
- **Achievements Required**
 - Pathfinders who have met the Gold Merit Award would be eligible for this award.
 - Invested in an AY Class Level not previously attained during the current year
 - Complete one of the Advanced AY Class Levels within the year
 - Earned six Pathfinder honors within the year, one on their own
- **Special Accomplishment**
 - Organize and complete a personal special project such as a Share Your Faith activity (For project examples see the *Pathfinder Staff Manual*, 2007 edition, pg. 50)
 - Written report on the special project and given to the Pathfinder Club Director

Application – Nomination: Individual Record by club

Granted and Approved by: Club Director or Assistant Director

Minimum Authority to Award: Club Director or Assistant Director

Place of Presentation: Investiture or Club meeting

Rules for wearing: Worn on left pocket flap of uniform for 1 year, then move to sash.

Note:

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2. Uniform Definitions

Full Dress Uniform:

- Pathfinder Dress Shirt/Blouse with appropriate patches
- Black Dress Pants with belt loops, NO stitching
- Black Socks and Black Shoes with Black Laces
- Scarf and Slide
- Pathfinder Belt and Buckle
- Black Honors Sash

Field Uniform:

- Blue Club T-Shirt or Sweatshirt
- Blue Jeans (no short pants or Capris)
- Gym-type shoes (closed-toe, no flip flops or sandals)

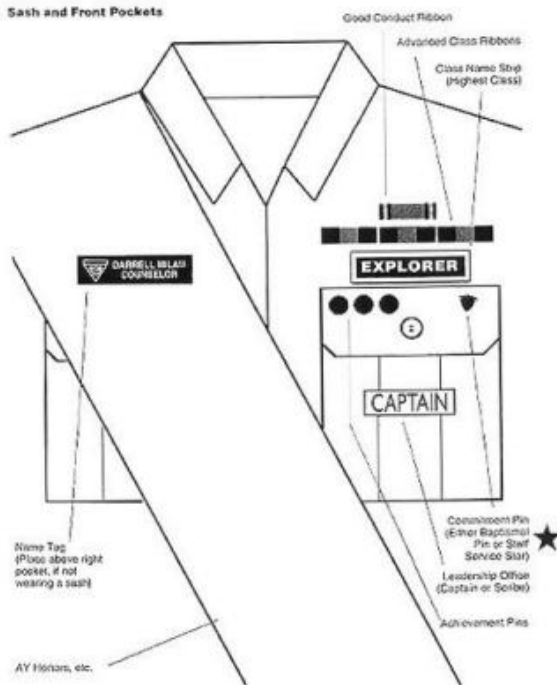
It is a club requirement to wear the Field Uniform to weekly Club Night meetings. About once a month we will have the opportunity to wear our Full Dress Uniform. You will be notified in advance when it is required.

The Full Dress Uniform is an important part of the overall Pathfinder program. Please see the illustration on page 5. Because it is seen by so many in our churches and communities, it is vital that our outward witness be sharp, clean, and modest.

Jewelry Policy

We try to uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and will continue to follow the Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School's "no jewelry" policy. Parents, please help us out in this area. The rule applies to all Pathfinder events.

CLASS-A INSIGNIA PLACEMENT

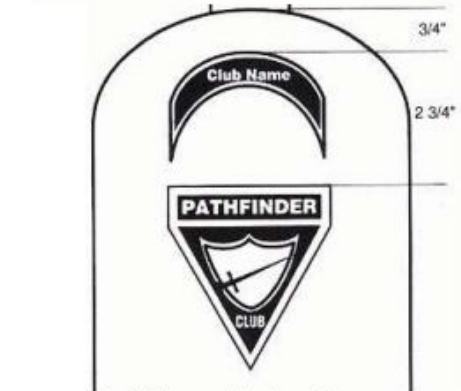
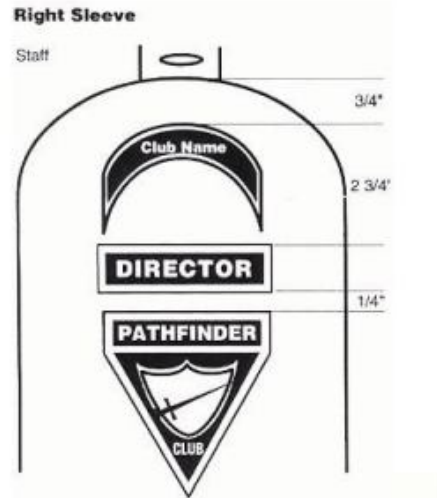


Left Sleeve with optional World and Master Guide star combination



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Left Sleeve with class chevrons
Left Sleeve without Master Guide patch



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3. Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club Dues

At Meadow Glade we are blessed with a large club membership. We are a very active club and try to meet the standards of participation set forth by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. To fund a club of our size to the level necessary to accomplish our goals and make Pathfinding both fun and meaningful for our children is not simple. It requires teamwork! The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club is funded in part by a subsidy from the Meadow Glade SDA Church. We also receive private donations from friends in Christ who love Pathfinders and the Pathfinder program. Lastly we find it creates a feeling of ownership to charge each member monthly dues. That said; no one is turned away from Pathfinders because of finances. If the fees cause undue hardship please contact the club director, Shane Scaff, as scholarships may be available.

Monthly Dues

The monthly dues for the Meadow Glade Pathfinder club are \$10.00 per month. We meet nine months out of the year, for a total of \$90.00 per year. If the dues are paid in full at registration, for the entire Pathfinder year, a \$10.00 discount will apply. (When paying yearly there is also a discount for having more than one Pathfinder in a family.) The other option is to make three equal payments of \$30.00 each: the first at registration in August, the second at the first meeting in December, and at the third at the first meeting in March.

What do our dues help pay for?

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club provides materials and honors patches for the many Pathfinder honors we teach during the year. The club supplies the materials for our yearly "pinewood derby" or "other District event." We subsidize our camp outs during the year, in which the club arranges for food, transportation, lodging, camping equipment, and activities. The club provides transportation and materials for our annual Pathfinder Fair. In an effort to provide our kids with the best staff possible, the club funds the annual "Pathfinder Leadership Training" weekend sponsored by our Conference for all staff that wish to attend. The club also funds our monthly field trips, yearly lock-in, "90%" parties, and various other events, programs, and summer activities. But probably the biggest benefit to families is our Pathfinder "Full Dress" uniform program.

The club purchases and maintains a supply of uniforms large enough to provide one for all who wish to join our club! Most clubs ask new members to purchase their own uniforms, but at Meadow Glade we allow our Pathfinders to "borrow" a uniform for the year. If your Pathfinder grows out of their uniform during the year, just trade it in for a larger size. If it is returned complete, clean, and in good condition there is no charge for its use outside monthly dues. A full dress uniform consisting of pants, belt, shirt with proper patches, scarf, and slide costs about \$75.00.

We appreciate each Pathfinder family who contributes its time and finances. We ask that you would please continue to support our club at Meadow Glade with your prayers as we help to train our youth for service in Christ!

4. Merit System

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club will continue to use a merit system. The merit system challenges participation and involvement, thus opening the door to character development. It not only helps to develop personality and character, but also guides Pathfinders into a proper relationship with others through the practice of self-discipline and self-control. They learn to pit themselves against a standard rather than one another. It helps them to learn the importance of obedience to the natural and moral laws of life and practice firm self-control in their relationship to them.

Unselfish rewards achieved and gained without causing others loss and sorrow are good. Even God our Father offers to His faithful children the reward of eternal life. The merit system offers rewards of honor trips and special adventures to the Pathfinders who achieve a predetermined percentage of the total possible points over a given period of time. That means that all can be winners and no one needs to be a loser.

Points are awarded as follows:

- A. Each weekly club night meeting is worth five (5) points:
 - 2 points for attendance
 - 1 point for arriving on time (6:30 PM sharp)
 - 1 point for being in uniform (Full Dress or Field, as required)
 - 1 point for bringing Pathfinder folder
- B. Camporee and Sunset Lake Campout are worth ten (10) points each.
- C. District event is worth five (5) points.
- D. Pathfinder Induction is worth five (5) points.
- E. Walk-n-Knock share your faith activity is worth ten (10) points.
- F. Pathfinder Sabbath is worth ten (10) points.
- G. Pathfinder Fair is worth ten (10) points.
- H. Pathfinder Parent Night is worth five (5) points.
- I. Investiture is worth five (5) points.

There will be a special event for all those who receive 90 per cent of the available points at the close of our 2014/2015 Pathfinder year, a trip to Wild Waves Amusement Park in Federal Way, WA. Points are cumulative from the beginning of our year (starting at our first regular meeting in September 2014 and ending at the Pathfinder Fair in May 2015). You must also be a club member for the entire year to be eligible.

70% of the available points (at the time of the event and at the discretion of the club Director) will be required for attendance of Meadow Glade Junior High and Oregon Conference Teen events.

To be eligible for "Pathfinder of the Year," the "Good Conduct Award," and possibly a few other awards, 90% of all points must be earned.

If a Pathfinder is ill or traveling out of town with family they may be granted an excused absence if they call their counselor, deputy director, or director before the meeting or event they will be missing. One half of the points available for that meeting or event will be awarded in the event of an excused absence. Total points will be awarded if a Pathfinder misses a scheduled meeting or event because of an official school sponsored activity or mission trip.

5. Electronics and Pathfinders

As parents and Pathfinder staff it is our responsibility to protect our youth from negative outside influences. There are quite a number of factors to consider when it comes to running a safe Pathfinder club and the use of personal electronics is one of them.

Our policy has always been to prohibit the use of electronics while attending a Pathfinder event. At one time we did allow their use while traveling with the club to and from Pathfinder events, if the content/use was approved by a staff member, but even that approach led to some problems.

First: we all have different standards of what is acceptable or not when it comes to music, games, and movies, so how do we set a standard that is consistent, enforceable, and proper in the eyes of everyone?

Second: in the past we have asked our club members to turn in their electronics to their counselors once on site, but that did not always happen. The devices are generally small and quite easy to conceal from staff. The devices are also capable of storing a variety of content that can be hidden from staff.

Third: wireless phones, iPods, MP3 players, handheld video games, Kindle, Nook, and like devices are often multifunctional devices that can send and receive wireless internet signals (We hope that all of you parents are aware of that)! How can we be sure inappropriate content is not viewed and shared on these devices?! The answer is "we can't."

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club policy is: **NO** electronics during Pathfinder events, nor while traveling to and from Pathfinder events. We know many of you like to have direct contact with your Pathfinder. Instead of that connection being through their cell phone, let's make it through the cell phone of a staff member. All of our staff carry a cell phone, so there will be plenty around in case of an emergency.

We're sure you will agree that the safety of our youth should be a primary concern to all of us. Your Pathfinder staff believes that the ban of all personal electronic devices while attending, or traveling to and from Pathfinder events will help us ensure an environment that is as safe as possible. Please partner with us to make a safe environment possible.

If your Pathfinder is found to have a electronics device with them at any Pathfinder activity it will be confiscated. A parent will be required to collect the item, but please know that we cannot be responsible for these items. We will do our best to keep the items safe, but if they become damaged, lost, or stolen while in our possession we will NOT take financial responsibility for those items.

A stand-alone digital camera is the only electronic device your Pathfinder may carry to events.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Shane Scalf at 503-608-8511.

Oh, We Are the Pathfinders Strong

Soy Conquistador Fuerte y Fiel

Nous Sommes les Explorateurs

H. T. B.

Henry T. Bergh

capo on 1st fret

G F#G G G B7 C E7/B Am

Oh, we are the Path - find - ers strong, The ser - vants of God are we;
 Soy Con - quis - ta - dor fuer - te y fiel, Un sier - vo de Dios yo soy;
 Nous som - mes les Ex - plo - ra - teurs, Les ser - vi - teurs du Sei - gneur;

C A7 D7 G

Faith - ful as we march a - long, In kind - ness, truth and pur - i - ty.
 Fiel - es mar - cha - re - mos ya Por la sen - da del de - ber.
 Bons, loy - aux et purs, mar - chant Fi - dé - les à la vé - ri - té.

G F#G G G B7 C

A mes - sage to tell to the world, A truth that will set us free,
 Men - sa - je ten - e - mos que dar, Ver - dad que li - ber - tá - ra,
 Nous vou - lons an - non - cer à tous Un mes - sage li - bé - ra - teur

C/E Cm/Eb G C G/D D7 G

King Je - sus the Sav - iour's com - ing back for you and me.
 Je - sús muy pron - to re - gre - sa - rá por ti, por mí.
 Bien - tôt des cieux re - vient le Sau - veur, Pour moi, pour vous.

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