

Pathfinder of the Year

RESUME

(Submit to Local Club Director by March 1 – Forward to Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department by April 1)

PATHFINDER'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CHURCH: _____ DIRECTOR: _____

1. Attach to this form a photo of you working on your "Special Accomplishment".
2. What was your "Special Accomplishment" (describe preparation, implementation & follow-up)?

3. How many total hours did you spend on the project? _____
4. Why did you choose this project? _____

5. Explain how (if at all) other people helped you with your project: _____

6. How have you been affected by this project? _____

7. What Basic & Advanced level study did you complete this year? _____
8. Explain what part of your Basic or Advanced level study was most challenging this year?

9. What Honor did you complete on your own initiative, and how did you do it? _____

10. How did you contribute to the over-all Spiritual Level of your club this year? _____

11. Why do you think you should be *Pathfinder of the Year*? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

“Pathfinder of the Year” Award

E-Tracker & Varsity

PHILOSOPHY

The *Pathfinder of the Year* award is given to the young person who, on his or her own initiative and without prodding, desires to receive the award. The requirements are not intended to be easy and are designed to present a challenge to the Pathfinder who is **exceptional** in all aspects of life and desires in every way to be an **"outstanding"** individual.

The director must realize that this is an award for an **exceptional** Pathfinder. The program must be explained and each Pathfinder should be encouraged to participate. This award should be highly sought after, and those receiving it must be deserving of it. It is the intent of this program to encourage **excellence** among our young people. However, this is not an award for a Pathfinder who must constantly be reminded and prodded to meet the requirements.

In reviewing the requirements for the *Pathfinder of the Year*, you will note that those who complete the requirements have met and exceeded the requirements of the *Good Conduct Award*. Also, note that **four honors must be taught to all Pathfinders during the year and one additional honor must be earned on his/her own efforts.** Also, note that a regular Pathfinder level and advanced Pathfinder level must be earned. Spiritual and “Share Your Faith” activities must be performed.

Even if a Pathfinder has met all the requirements of this award, but does not have a **positive attitude** toward Pathfinding, he/she should not be considered for this award. Throughout the entire Pathfinder year the director and staff should be looking closely at all Pathfinders to determine what kind of attitude the Pathfinder under consideration might have.

IMPORTANT: To receive this award, the Pathfinder must be approved by the local Pathfinder Club Staff by a SECRET BALLOT majority vote. This vote should be based on the Pathfinder’s evaluation sheets, and on the personal observations of the Club Staff. This puts the decision on the total staff so that no one person must bear the responsibility.

A maximum of three (3) Pathfinders of the Year applicants PER CLUB may be submitted to the Conference. If a Club Director feels that he/her club has more than three candidates he/she must submit those names and the reason for recognition to the State Pathfinder Administrator AND Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Director by March 20th for consideration.

Please understand that the Conference-level *Pathfinder of the Year* award and an award for a local outstanding Pathfinder are not the same. You may have an outstanding local Pathfinder who may not meet the requirements for the *Pathfinder of the Year* award. Any Pathfinder who barely misses being *Pathfinder of the Year* certainly deserves some special recognition from the local club as compensation for his/her accomplishments. This local award, however, may not be worn on the Pathfinder uniform.

The *Pathfinder of the Year* award for E-tracker and Varsity Pathfinders will be presented at the Florida Conference “Red Zone.”

The *Pathfinder of the Year* program should be the central focus when planning for Pathfinder activities. On registration night, it should be explained to parents and Pathfinders.

Forms need to be received by the conference office by April 1.

Pathfinder of the Year Requirements

PATHFINDER CLUB PARTICIPATION

1. PATHFINDER CLUB PARTICIPATION

- a. Be an active member since the beginning of the current Pathfinder year.
- b. Be present and on time for no less than 85% of the weekly club meetings.
- c. Attend 85% local club functions: hikes, campouts, trips, and projects.
- d. Must attend at least one of the following conference functions - State Camporee, Area Camporee, or Red Zone. If your club will not be attending a Camporee, or if there is no camporee scheduled for the year, you must attend Red Zone as your conference function.
- e. Have a complete, clean and pressed uniform and wear it when required.
- f. Exhibit a positive attitude towards wearing the uniform.
- g. Know the meaning of the uniform insignia, or the meaning of the Pathfinder Pledge & Law.
- h. Be invested in a Pathfinder level completed during the year.
- i. Be invested in a Pathfinder advanced level completed during the year.
- j. Must earn five (5) honors during the year, one of which must be earned on his/her own initiative and not done at camp, school or in Pathfinders.

2. SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

As an individual, perform an **outstanding** accomplishment during the year, giving at least ten (10) hours to the preparation, implementation and follow-up. The project must be organized entirely by the Pathfinder, it must be outside of Pathfinder activities, and it cannot be for the benefit of his/her family. All projects, and any exceptions to the rules, must be approved by the club director (no more request forms to the Conference).

3. PATHFINDER RESUME

The Director should give all eligible Pathfinders a blank "Pathfinder of the Year Resume" by mid-February. This resume must be completed **by the Pathfinder** (including the project photo), and returned to the Club Director by **March 1**. After the club staff evaluates the resume, the ORIGINAL is sent to the Conference Office by **April 1**.

4. PERSONAL EVALUATION

The Director should make sure that all eligible Pathfinders are given four (4) *Pathfinder of the Year* "Evaluation Sheets" and envelopes by mid-February. Pathfinders must (with complete honesty) fill out one of these sheets to evaluate themselves. It is their responsibility to give the remaining sheets to three (3) adults who know them well. We strongly recommend the following people: Pathfinder Counselor, Parent/Guardian, School Teacher, their Sabbath School Teacher or Pastor. The evaluators should complete the form, seal it in the envelope, and return it to the Pathfinder, who then forwards all four (4) sheets to their Director by **March 1**. The combined point's average of all four (4) evaluation sheets **must total at least 8.45 points** to be eligible for the award, and must be documented on the "Requirement Completion Form". The Personal Evaluation will be based on the following:

- **APPEARANCE:** Personal appearance and hygiene; keeps bedroom neat; cleans up after him/herself.
- **CONDUCT:** Shows respect towards authority, elders, and all family members. Sets a good example to his/her peers by being courteous, kind and obedient. Takes active interest in school, and in all aspects of Pathfinders. Finishes chores without being excessively prodded.
- **SPIRITUAL:** Pathfinder must show that he/she is spiritually reverent, has positive Christian attitudes and manners, has personal devotions (Bible studies), and must be regularly involved in church activities (a non-Adventist youth involved in his/her own church meets this requirement, and a non-churchgoer may rely on the Pathfinder Club's spiritual activities).

5. CLUB STAFF EVALUATION

The candidate must be approved by the Club Staff (at a staff meeting) by a SECRET BALLOT majority vote. This vote should be based on the Pathfinder's Resume, his/her four (4) Evaluation Sheets, and on the personal observations of the Staff. Document the results of this majority vote on the "Requirement Completion Form".

6. REQUIREMENT COMPLETION FORM

A Pathfinder Club Leader must fill out the Pathfinder of the Year "Requirement Completion Form" and send it to the Conference office by **April 1**. Please attach the Candidate's Resume to this form, for these are the only two documents we need to determine the award winners.

Pathfinder of the Year

Special Accomplishment

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Once the individual "Special Accomplishment" is completed, the Pathfinder must document the procedure and results on the *Pathfinder of the Year* **Resume**, and submit it to the Club Director by **March 1**.

The Pathfinder should feel free to choose a special project that interests him/her. Some examples are:

1. Fund raising for worthy projects
2. Assisting in Sabbath School department
3. Temperance talks to younger grades
4. Tutoring of younger student at school
5. Free yard care and/or housework for the elderly or an invalid
6. Having Story Hours
7. Holding a church office
8. Volunteer work in hospital (Candy Striper)
9. Landscaping public building or churches
10. Developing nature trails
11. Tree planting
12. Flower boxes for town streets
13. Clown Ministry
14. Books and games to hospital
15. Rehabilitation with physically challenged
16. Posters and art projects for hospitals
17. Prepare Christmas stockings for orphans
18. Develop vespers program for church
19. Assist with food or clothing distribution
20. Adopt a grandparent
21. Babysitting during church programs
22. Volunteer work at Humane Society
23. Free pet sitting or pet care for elderly or physically challenged
24. Reading to a blind person
25. Secret pals to shut-ins
26. Baking and sending cookies to servicemen or academy/college students
27. Adopt-A-Highway (river, beach, park, or playground)
28. Letter writing for elderly or blind person
29. Puppet ministry
30. Adopt a club
31. Start a new club
32. Develop an Evangelistic web page
33. Teach computer skills to children
34. Adopt a family in need
35. Obituary Evangelism
36. Raise money for special needs children

Remember that this should be an outstanding project. It is **NOT** a club project. It is something that the Pathfinder should choose, work at, and report on from an individual basis.

REQUIREMENT COMPLETION FORM

Pathfinder of the Year

FOR PATHFINDER LEADER ONLY

Church: _____ Candidate's Name: _____

Pathfinder Leader filling out the Form: _____

- Is an active member (or "online" member) since the beginning of the current Pathfinder year.
- Was present and on time for 85% of weekly club meetings. ("Online"- e-mail counselor 85% of the weeks. Meet with counselor at least once a month.)
- Attended 85% of local club functions. ("Online" as allowed by school schedule.)
- One of the following completed:
- A. Attended a Conference State/Area Camporee.
 - B. Attended at least one Conference Pathfinder function.
 - C. Will attend "Red Zone".
- Has a complete, clean and pressed uniform and wore it when required.
- Exhibited a positive attitude towards wearing the uniform.
- Knows the meaning of one of these: The Uniform Insignia
 The Pathfinder Pledge & Law
- Was (or will be) invested in the following Pathfinder Level completed during the year
_____.
- Was (or will be) invested in a Pathfinder Advanced Level completed during the year
_____.
- List 5 honors earned, one of which must be earned on his/her own initiative.
1. Honor by own initiative: _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
- Special Accomplishment Project was approved by the Club Director.
- Resume was completed by the Candidate and is attached to this form.
- Please calculate the average of all four (4) Evaluation Sheets (must be at least **8.45**):
- A. Average of Evaluation Sheet #1 _____
 - B. Average of Evaluation Sheet #2 _____
 - C. Average of Evaluation Sheet #3 _____
 - D. Average of Evaluation Sheet #4 _____
 - E. Total Evaluation Points (add A, B, C & D) _____
 - F. Average of all 4 Evaluation Sheets (divide E by 4) _____
- The candidate was approved by the Club Staff (at a staff meeting) by a SECRET BALLOT majority vote. This vote was based on the Pathfinder's Resume, his/her four (4) Evaluation Sheets, and on the personal observations of the Club Staff.

Signature of Pathfinder Leader

Date

* You must send this form to the Conference office by **April 1**. Please attach the Candidate's Resume to this form, for these are the only two documents we need to determine the *Pathfinder of the Year* award winners.

(This is the only document we need to determine the Pathfinder of the Year award candidate)

EVALUATION SHEET

Pathfinder of the Year

NAME OF CANDIDATE (please print): _____

The *Pathfinder of the Year* award is given to only a few young people (maximum three (3) per club) throughout the Florida Conference each year. The requirements are not intended to be easy and are designed to present a challenge to the Pathfinder who is **exceptional**, and **outstanding** in all aspects of life. The Director will give four (4) *Pathfinder of the Year* "Evaluation Sheets" and envelopes by mid-March to the candidate. One of the requirements for this award is that the Candidate must (with complete honesty) fill out one of these sheets to evaluate him/herself. They must then give the remaining sheets to three (3) of the following adults who know them well: Pathfinder Staff/Counselor, one Parent/Guardian, School Teacher, Sabbath School Teacher or Pastor.

EVALUATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY: Please take the time to evaluate the above-mentioned Candidate to the best of your knowledge. There may be questions that do not apply to you - **LEAVE THOSE BLANK**. Once completed, seal this form in an envelope, and return it to the Pathfinder Director.

EVALUATOR'S NAME (please print): _____

EVALUATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

RATING SCALE: 1= VERY POOR 3=POOR 5=AVERAGE 7=GOOD 10=EXCELLENT

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Personal appearance and hygiene: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 2. Keeps bedroom neat: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 3. Cleans up after him/herself: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 4. Shows respect towards adults and those in authority: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 5. Shows respect towards all family members: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 6. Sets a good example to his/her peers
by being courteous, kind and obedient: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 7. Takes active interest in school: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 8. Takes active interest in all aspects of Pathfinders: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 9. Finishes chores without being excessively prodded: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 10. Is spiritually reverent and has positive
Christian attitudes and manners: | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 11. Has personal devotions (Bible studies): | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 12. Is regularly involved in church activities: (a non-
Adventist youth involved in his/her own church
meets this requirement, and a non-churchgoer may
rely on the Pathfinder Club's spiritual activities). | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

FOR PF LEADER ONLY

- A) Total points circled: _____
 B) Amount of questions answered: _____
 C) Average (A divided by B): _____

Signature of Evaluator

DO NOT SEND TO YOUR CONFERENCE PATH/ADV DEPARTMENT
Please make four (4) copies of this SHEET