

Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club Handbook 2006



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Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club 2004-2005

Mission Statement

The mission of the Pathfinder Club at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church is to:

- Fulfill the Elijah message of Malachi by turning the hearts of the children toward parents and parents toward the children.
- Bridge the generation gap through a bond of common experience
- Make the ideals of the Bible come alive through an active and appealing program

Club History and Eagles Facts

- The Berean Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinder Club was formed in September 1983 with 5 members. Elder George Williams served as the club's first director.
- The club chose the American Bald Eagle as its mascot because of its strength and majestic qualities.
- At maturity, eagle's energies become concentrated on the effort of finding a mate and raising offspring
- Bald eagles mate for life, but when one dies, the survivor will not hesitate to accept a new mate.
- More information on the eagle may be found at <http://www.baldeagleinfo.com/>

Monthly Focus

Each month the Pathfinder will be working in specific section of the Pathfinder Diary. List below are the specific areas for each month throughout the Pathfinder Year. Special care should be taken to see that your Pathfinder completes each section in a timely mannerly.

Month	Focus
September	Personal Growth
October	Spiritual Discovery
November	Making Friends
December	Serving Others
January	Youth Organization
February	Nature Study
March	Health and Fitness
April	Outdoor Living
May	Wrap-up

Required Memory Work

Each Pathfinder is responsible for memorizing the following passages:

<p><i>Pathfinder Pledge</i></p> <p>By the Grace of God, I will be pure, kind, and true. I will keep the Pathfinder Law. I will be a servant to God And a friend to man.</p>	<p><i>Pathfinder Law</i></p> <p>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</p>
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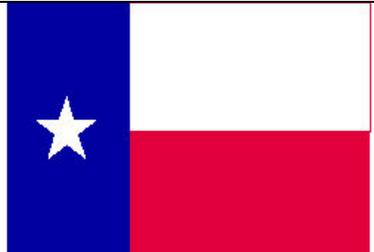
Pledge of Allegiance to the National Flag

	<p>I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.</p>
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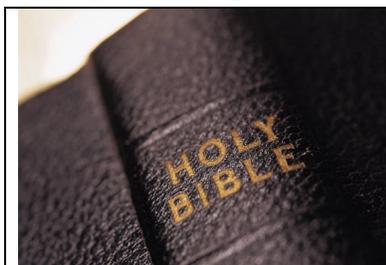
Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

	<p>I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stand. One brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.</p>
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Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

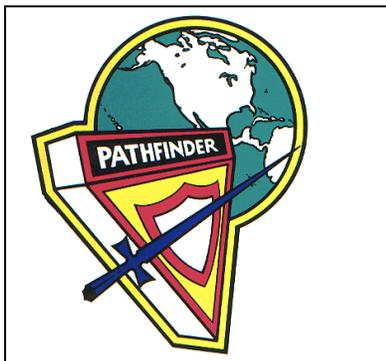
	<p>Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible.</p>
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Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible



I pledge allegiance to the Bible and the Gospel for which it stands, one Savior crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe.

Pathfinder Song



Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong.
Servants of God are we.
Faithful as we march along
In truth and purity.
A message to tell to the world
A truth that will set us free
King Jesus the Savior is coming back for you and me.

<i>Adventist Youth Aim</i>	<i>Adventist Youth Motto</i>
The Advent Message to all the world in this generation.	For the love of Christ constrainth us.

Discipline Procedures and Merit System

Discipline is not punishment or chastisement. Webster defines discipline as (1) "Training which corrects, molds, strengthens or perfects." (2) "To develop by instruction and exercise." (3) "To train in self-control or obedience to given standards."

Discipline is important, and can help prevent infractions of the rules. The Pathfinders at the Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church are taught the standard of law and order and then encouraged to exercise them.

Code of Conduct



It is the club's desire for each Pathfinder to be the best that he/she can be. Therefore, the club's code of conduct will be the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. (See Page 9)

Discipline Procedures

1. If a Pathfinder is not obedient and cooperative;
 - The counselor tactfully talks to the Pathfinder.
 - The counselor explains what is expected of the Pathfinder as a member of the club.
 - The counselor has private visit and prayer with the Pathfinder.
2. If a Pathfinder continues to be disobedient and uncooperative, the counselor solicits the help of the deputy director.
 - They talk privately with the Pathfinder.
 - They ask for the Pathfinder's cooperation.
 - They pray with the Pathfinder.
3. If it is necessary to it is necessary to approach the Pathfinder on a third occasion, the counselor, deputy director, and director meet with the Pathfinder privately.
 - They explain how important it is to have unity, cooperation and understanding from each club member.
 - They convey the seriousness of the matter.
 - They pray with the Pathfinder.

- They make an appointment to visit the home and counsel with the parents and the Pathfinder together.
- 4. If the misbehavior continues, the counselor, deputy director, director and Pathfinder have another meeting together.
 - The offending Pathfinder's parents should be notified and he/she is given a one-month suspension from the club.
 - The counselor visits the Pathfinder at the home during the suspension period.

Merit System

The merit system challenges participation and involvement, thus opening the door to character development. The following list contains a few of the benefits of the Merit system:

1. It challenges participation and involvement
2. It helps develop personality and character.
3. It emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility
4. It encourages Pathfinders to compete against a standard rather than one another.
5. It develops cooperation and coordination instead of competition.
6. It offers a legitimate and profitable reward to those who attempt to excel through individual initiative.
7. It develops an attitude of self-discipline and self-control, thus helping to insure a well controlled club atmosphere

Merit points can be given for attendance, uniform and registration fee and many other things as determined by the executive council.

Honor points and reason:

Pathfinder merit points will be awarded weekly for the following reasons:

Registration Fee Paid during open-enrollment period (September) (5 points)

Attendance (2 points)

Uniform (2 points)

Completion of class assignments (2 points)

Completion of AY honors (2 points per honor)

Having required items such Bibles, notebooks, pencils, etc. (2 points)

Participation or helping in on a special occasion, fair, fundraising projects (5 – 15 points)

Missionary endeavor (**5-15 Points**)

Visitor is brought to club meet (1st visit 5 points, 2nd visit 3 points, 3rd visit 1 point)

Good Conduct Award

1. Be an active member for at least one year.
2. Have a complete class "A" uniform.
3. Have an excellent (90%+) record of faithful attendance.
4. Have a conduct record consistent with the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.
5. Have a record of achievement and progress in the AY/Pathfinder classes, Advance Classes, AY Honors and other comparable activities.
6. Have been invested in one AY/Pathfinder Class Prior to being awarded the Good conduct Award.

Points off and reason:

Points may be lost for any irregularity:

Unexcused tardiness (5 points)

Uniform and personal appearance (2 points each)

- incorrect placement of patches;
- shoes not clean or shined,
- messy uniform,
- incorrect belt,
- dirty face, hands, or nails,
- hair messy

Insubordination (5-15 points)

Talking out of turn, rowdiness, etc., depending on the severity of the irregularity.

Drum Corps Membership Requirements



Membership in a drum corps means many things. Sure, it means you get to travel and perform, learn music, and make new friends. But membership also means taking responsibility for yourself and others around you. It means self-discipline, teamwork, and sharing. It means hard work, mental and physical health, and learning about yourself - about your character. Membership comes with a lifetime of memories.

1. **Desire** - Membership in the Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club Drum Corps is optional. The courage and determination to practice on your own time, learning the material presented will determine your fitness for the drum corps.
2. **Time** - You need to have the ability to attend practices and all events that drum corps participates.
3. **Finances** - Tour Fees, camp fees, and membership fees need to be considered. Currently drum corps is supported from the general operation account for the Pathfinder club. This activity highlights a greater need to raise funds for the general operations of the Pathfinder Club.
4. **Attitude** - Sometimes drum corps is quite difficult. Your attitude in the face of stress will be the single most important factor in your success as a member of the Berean Eagles Drum Corps.
5. **Age** - any second year Pathfinder that meets the membership requirements of the Berean Eagles Drum Corp is eligible for membership. We are currently limited by equipment, so those who perform by learning the material presented by the drum corps director, earn the marching and drilling honors, both standard and advance, will be given first preference.
6. **Assignments** - All regular club assignments must be completed in addition to drum corps assignments. Each member must come to rehearsal prepared to practice.
7. **Health** - Drum corps practices and performances make drum corps even more intense and demanding than some school sporting events. Your body must be capable of holding up under tremendously stressful physical conditions, such as marching in 90+ degree weather.

Uniform and Dress Policy

Uniform Requirements

Each pathfinder is required to have the following uniforms in order to participate in club activities:

1. Class A Pathfinder dress uniform complete with scarf and slide, belt, beret, sash, black shoes and black socks or hosiery.
2. Official Berean Eagles Pathfinder T-shirt is to be worn with blue jeans only.

Dress Policy - unless otherwise specified

Inappropriate: Jewelry, makeup, colorful nail polish, and beer/cigarette/rock/rap group/gang related paraphernalia or T-shirts, short shorts, mini-skirts, low cut blouses, etc.

Appropriate: For regular meetings, club T-shirt (required), modest/mid-thigh shorts or jeans, socks and athletic shoes.

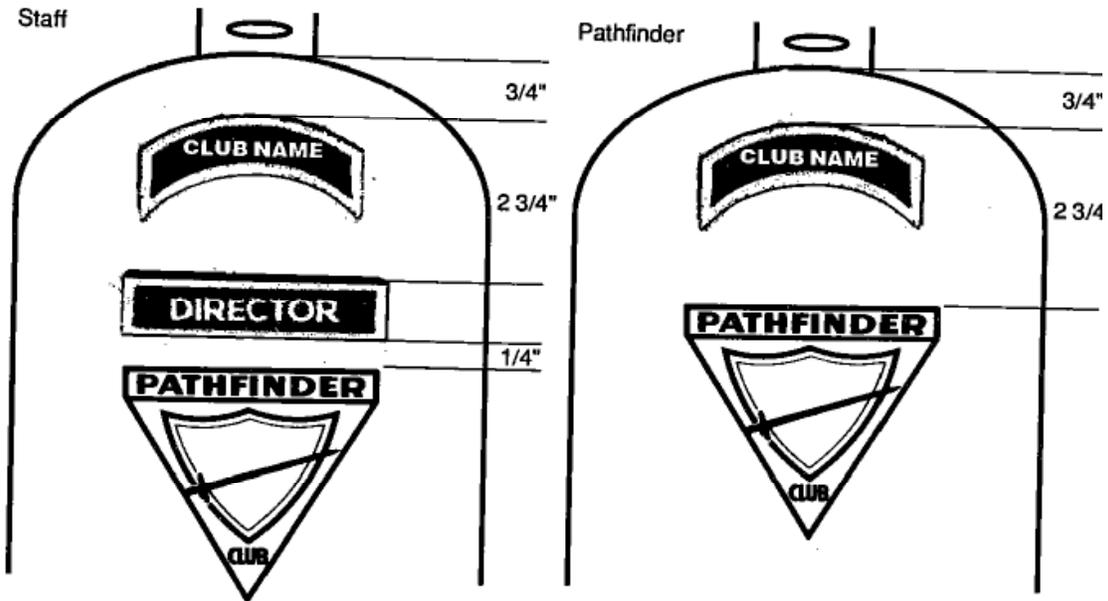
Purchase Back Policy

When a child outgrows a uniform that is determined by staff to be in good condition, the club will buy back the uniform for half of the original purchase price. Any uniform that the club has on hand can be purchased for half the purchase price of a new uniform. Parents are responsible for purchasing their uniform directly from the supplier (Advent Source). If we have used uniforms in stock, they may purchase those.

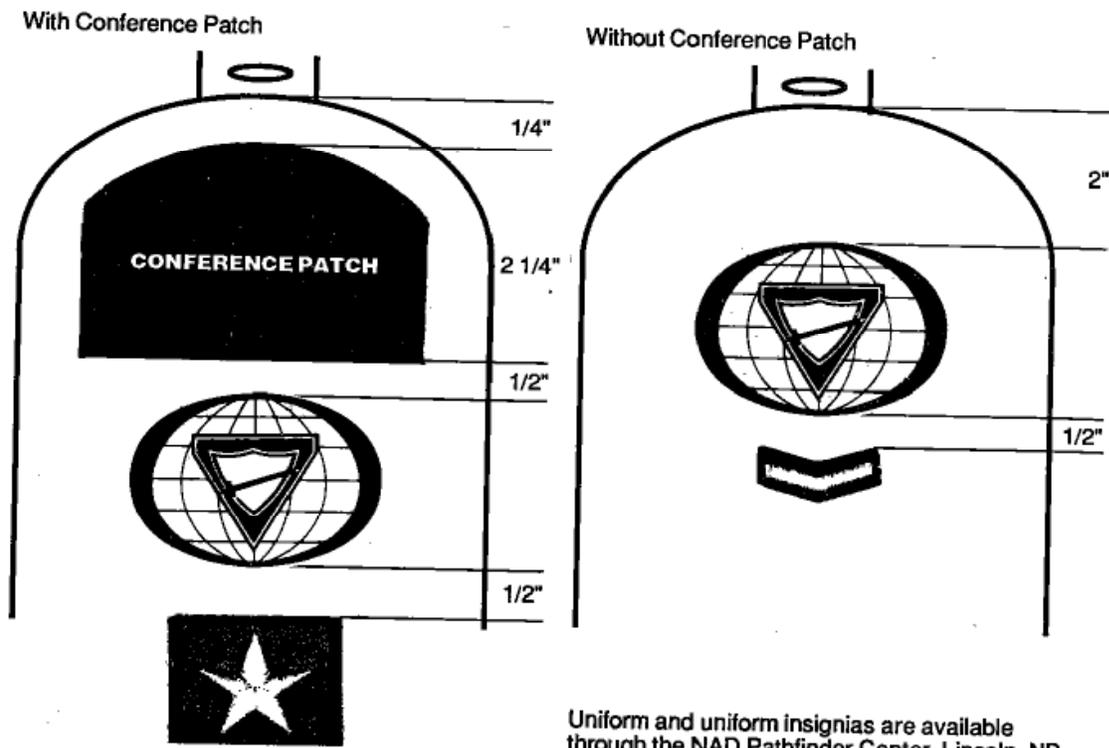
Uniform Insignia Diagram

The Berean Eagles Pathfinder club will always use the insignia design with club name and conference patch unless otherwise designated by the Pathfinder Executive Council.

Right Sleeve

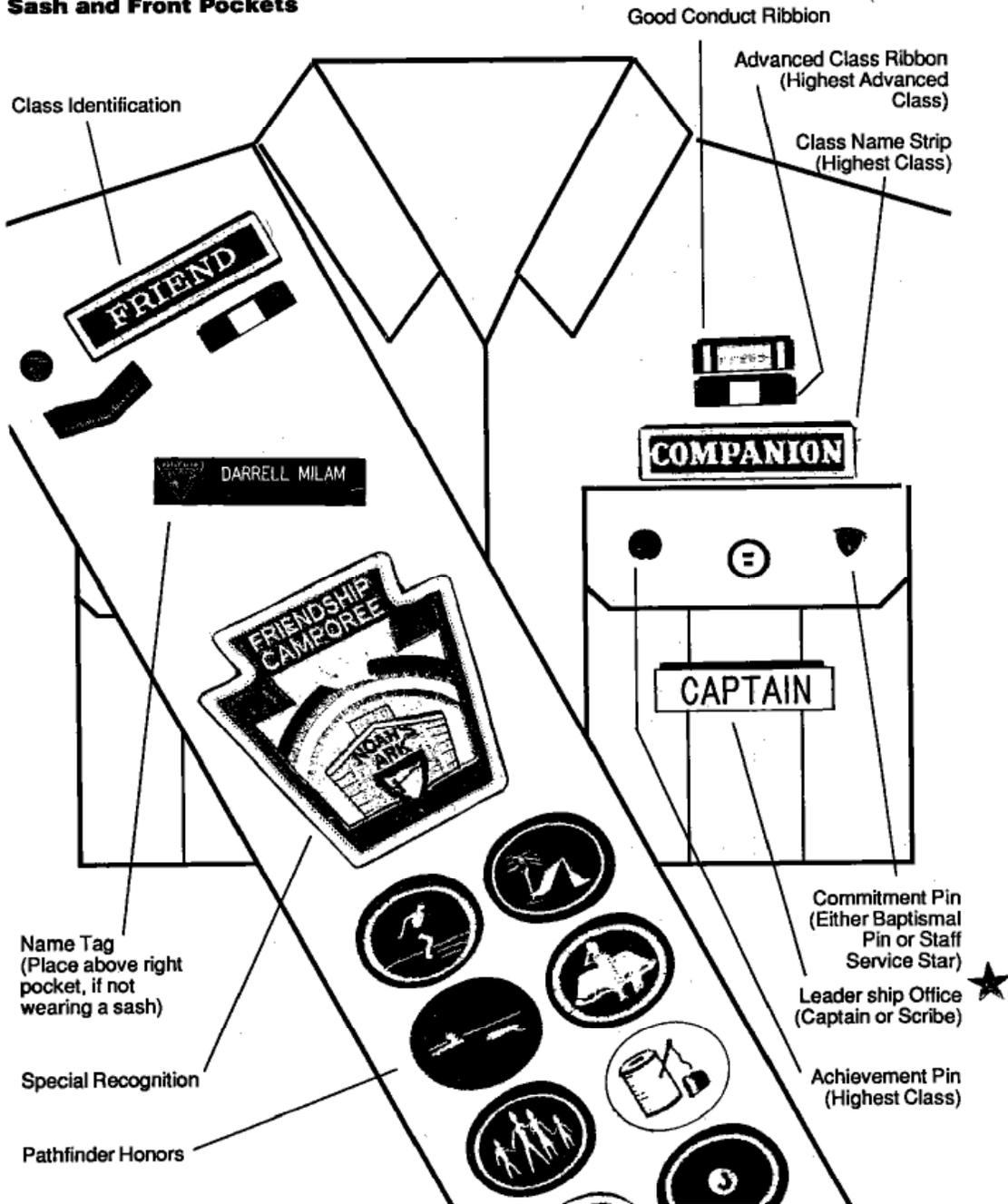


Left Sleeve



Uniform and uniform insignias are available through the NAD Pathfinder Center, Lincoln, NB.

Sash and Front Pockets



Club Meetings

- Pathfinder meetings will be held on the **second** and **fourth** Sunday of each month
- Club meetings will begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.** and end at **1:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced.**
- All club members must be picked up within 15 minutes of the official end of club meeting. There will be a \$1.00 per minute donation when a pathfinder is not picked up within the specified time.
- Each Pathfinder must attend at least **70%** of the club meetings during the Pathfinder year (Aug. - June) to qualify for investiture.
- When absent from a club meeting, it is the Pathfinder's responsibility to get any information that was missed.

Class Assignments

- A counselor will assign AY class homework
- All reading and memory assignments must be completed outside of the Pathfinder meeting.
- Pathfinders may work on any honor independently of the Pathfinder Club.

Class Materials

The following items are required for each club meeting, unless otherwise noted in advance.

1. Bible
2. Pathfinder Class Diary
3. Pathfinder Notebook and Paper
4. Pencils or Ink Pen
5. Pathfinder Drilling and Marching Manual

Special Days and Services



Berean Eagles Pathfinder Day 2004

Enrollment Night / Day

The enrollment night/day program introduces the parents and Pathfinders to the entire program of the Pathfinder club, its goals and objectives, work accomplishments, and activities both secular and religious.

The program will consist of an introduction and welcome, organizational structure, parents meeting and closing.

Induction Ceremony

Induction ceremony will be held in September to officially welcome new Pathfinders into the club. It is also used to inspire Pathfinders with the high purpose of Pathfinders and to help each Pathfinder realize the serious aspects of Pathfinding.

Investiture Service

- Pathfinder requirements must be completed 30 days prior to the investiture service date.
- A Pathfinder review board will be convened to determine if a candidate has successfully completed all of the requirements for the Pathfinder class.
- The review board will consist of one Master Guide (Non-Director) from the each of the area Pathfinder clubs.

Pathfinder Day

The Pathfinder Day program gives recognition and encouragement to the local church. The day is typically held on the fourth Sabbath in October.

Registration and Re-enrollment

Registration

Formal registration will be held once a year in **August**, and informal registration will be held once per quarter (**Nov, Feb, May**) thereafter throughout the Pathfinder year so that new club members may join the club that is appropriate for their age. At registration there will be a \$50 annual registration fee. This fee currently covers the following items: Pathfinder class diary, club insurance, purchasing of honors and pins. Each Pathfinder is expected to have the official Berean Eagles club T-shirt.

Re-Enrollment

If at any time a club member drops out of the club and no longer wishes to be a member or if that club member is asked to take a leave of absence, that club member will not be allowed to enroll again for three months. Any member that drops out of the club on a voluntary basis must be re-inducted.

Membership Application and Health Record

A current membership application and health record must be on file with the club director at all times.

Pathfinder Outings and Events



Parents will receive written notice of all major outings 30 days prior to the event. This notice will outline the event with all available information at the time of the notice.

Major Outing eligibility

The child must be formally registered (including all necessary forms and fees) and attended 2 meetings prior to the outing. New members must have attended at least two meetings prior to the major outing and all other members must be in good and regular attendance standing, be up-to-date on dues, and have a signed and completed consent/permission slip before being able to attend the outing.

Food Policy

Caffeine beverages, candy, gum, and flesh foods are not allowed during club events.

Pathfinder Personal Campout Checklist

Essentials

- Rain Gear (Rain suit or Parka)
- Whistle
- Flashlight with extra batteries & bulbs
- Camping / utility Knife
- Water Bottle

Sleeping

- Sleeping Bag (typically 4 lb or greater)
- Sleeping Pad
- Camping Pillow (10 X 12 in.)
- Sleeping bag liner (optional)

Apparel and Personal Items

- Clothing for 2 days
- Comfortable hiking shoes
- Bible
- Notebook
- Pencil / Pen / Highlighter
- Winter Camping apparel (May not be needed)**
 - Winter Coat
 - Fleece Top/Sweater
 - Thermal Underwear or Silk Underwear from Academy
 - Sock / Boot liners
 - Gloves / Mittens
 - Ski cap
- Lip Balm
- Biodegradable Soap/Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Tooth Brush and Paste
- Bandana
- Hair Comb / Brush

NOTE:

Every item listed on this checklist can be purchased at Academy, Walmart for a nominal price. The Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club provides travel bags and sleeping bags.

Pathfinder Staff and Executive Council

Pathfinder Staff

Club Director

The church nominating committee nominates the Director. The term for the Pathfinder club Director is 2 years.

Club Deputy Director

The church nominating committee nominates the Deputy Director. The term for the deputy club director is 2 years.

Unit Counselor

The unit counselor is select by the director and deputy director. The names are presented to the church board for approval. The unit counselor will serve during the same period of the club director and deputy director.

Parent Advisor

The parent advisor is a volunteer position that acts as a liaison between the Pathfinder Staff and Pathfinder Parents. Their names are presented at church board meeting and serves during the same period of the club director and deputy director.

Pathfinder Executive Council

The Pathfinder Executive Council serves as the board of directors for the club. It is responsible for and approves the clubs activities and functions. This committee is responsible preparing the club budget and making sure that the club reaches the goals defined at the beginning of the Pathfinder year.

The Pathfinder Executive Council shall consist of the following members:

Pathfinder Director

Deputy Pathfinder Director

Treasurer

Secretary Fundraising Coordinator

Parent Advisor (1 but not more than 3)

Pastor (ex officio)

Non-Staff Help

The names of parents and other adults who wish to help will be brought to the staff and voted on before they are asked to help the club.

Club Information and Contacts

Contact the Pathfinder Club Director or Deputy Director for all information regarding club policies and procedures.