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KYTN PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR

- The Pathfinder of the Year project should be the central focus of the planning for the entire Pathfinder year activities. At registration night, the Pathfinder of the Year program should be explained to parents and Pathfinders.
- The "Pathfinder of the Year" award, presented by the Conference, is given to **every 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 the Pathfinder who is exceptional in all aspects of life and desires in every way to be an "outstanding" individual.
- **Every Pathfinder** should be encouraged to complete these requirements. They are all within their reach. This award should be highly coveted and those receiving it must be deserving of it. It is the intent of this program to encourage excellence among our young people.
- In reviewing the requirements for the Pathfinder of the Year, you will note that four honors must be taught to all Pathfinders during the year, so that the Pathfinder of the Year award will be attainable by all Pathfinders. Two additional honors must be earned on his/her own efforts. Also note that all sections of the Investiture Achievement Classes must be taught. Spiritual and Outreach Ministry activities must be performed.
- The director must realize that this is an award for a very exceptional Pathfinder. The program must be explained and each Pathfinder should be encouraged to participate. However, this is not an award for the person who must constantly be reminded and prodded to meet the requirement.
- Even if a Pathfinder has met all the requirements of this award, but does not have a positive attitude toward Pathfinding, he 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.
- Please understand that the KY-TN 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 measure up to a Pathfinder of the Year award. (Any Pathfinder who barely misses this award certainly deserves some special recognition by the local club.)

- The Pathfinders to receive the Pathfinder of the Year award must be approved by the majority vote of the local Pathfinder club staff based on personal observations and the Pathfinder's evaluation sheets. This puts the decision on the total staff so that no one person must bear the responsibility.
- Resumes and evaluations must be received by the Conference office by May 1st. Extensions may be requested in advance but this is strongly discouraged.
- When a local Board of Recognition meets (usually in conjunction with Investiture), its purpose is to recognize those who have already completed the requirements. The decision will have been made by a majority vote of the club staff and from the results of the resumes and evaluation sheets that were sent in with the March report. Those in question must be reviewed prior to the recognition and is not left to the judgment of the Conference designate attending.

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KYTN PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR REQUIREMENTS

All Pathfinders are encouraged to accept the challenge of being a Pathfinder of the Year. All candidates who fulfill all the requirements will receive a medal to be worn on their sash. This will be given out at the annual Awards Ceremony.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD Pathfinder must be present and on time for no less than 85% of the meetings and events.
2. UNIFORM & INSIGNIA Pathfinder must own a complete, clean and pressed uniform and wear it when required. He or she must know the meaning of the insignia.
3. PERSONAL APPEARANCE Pathfinder must be neat, clean and well groomed.
4. CONDUCT A Pathfinder must be courteous, kind, obedient, and an example to others at home, in school, in church, and at Pathfinder meetings, reflecting positive Christian attitudes.
5. SPIRITUAL The Pathfinder must show reverence, evidence of personal devotions (morning watch), and attend church regularly.
6. PARTICIPATION
 - A. Be an active member for at least one year.
 - B. Attend all local club functions: hikes, campouts, trips, and projects.
 - C. Attend all Conference functions that are applicable.
 - D. Be involved in church spiritual activities. Explanation should be given that a non-SDA involved in his own church activities meets this requirement. Also, a non-SDA who is a non-church member anywhere may rely on the Pathfinder club's spiritual activities for meeting this requirement.
7. ACHIEVEMENT
 - A. Complete Regular and Advanced Investiture Achievement requirements for grade level.
 - B. Complete six AY honors within current Pathfinder year, two of which must be earned on the Pathfinder's own initiative.
8. INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT Plan and perform as an individual, an outstanding accomplishment during the year, at school, church, or for the community, approved by the club director*. A detailed plan of the special project will be submitted by the Pathfinder to the club director* by November 1. The club director* will submit a list of names and proposed projects to the Conference office by Dec. 10.
9. RESUME A resume will be submitted by the Pathfinder to the Club Pathfinder Director* by April 1 or before your club's investiture.

A copy of the resume will be submitted to the Conference Pathfinder Director by May 1 or earlier. It should include name, age and club. It should be legibly written on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. The resume should include a description of the outstanding accomplishment and why the Pathfinder feels he or she should be chosen as Pathfinder of the Year. In other words, as a result of the preceding guidelines and your project, how has your life or character been better molded: What has it done for your outlook on life.

10. EVALUATION SHEETS

Pathfinder of the Year evaluation sheets are to be filled out by a Pathfinder Leader, the Pathfinder's parent, pastor, and teacher, and turned in with the resume.

*Or Conference Pathfinder Director

INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT

Early in the Pathfinder year, each counselor needs to meet with his unit to determine those Pathfinders who desire to earn "Pathfinder of the Year." One of the requirements needing long range planning is the Pathfinder's Individual Outstanding accomplishment.

In selecting a project, the Pathfinder needs to remember that a proposal of the project should be given to the club director* in writing by November 1. This outstanding accomplishment should be completed, and a written resume of approximately 200 words should be submitted to the club director* by April 1.

The Pathfinder should feel free to choose a special project of personal interest. Some examples are:

1. Assisting in a Sabbath School Department
2. Temperance talks to younger children
3. Adopt a grandparent (other than your own)
4. Tutoring of a younger student at school
5. Free yard care and/or housework for the elderly or invalid
6. Having "Story Hours"
7. Holding a church office
8. Volunteer work in hospital (candy striper)
9. Landscaping public building or churches
10. Tree Planting
12. Flower boxes for town streets
13. Literature racks
14. Books, games to hospital
15. Books to officials
16. Helping church with mailing list
17. Rehabilitation with physically handicapped
18. Posters and art projects for hospitals
19. Prepare Christmas stockings for orphans or homeless children
20. Develop and present a vespers program for church
21. Assist regularly with food distribution (meals on wheels, soup kitchen)
22. Assist with a charity institution (local organization for clothing/food distribution)

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.

*Or Conference Pathfinder Director

Guidelines for Resume Pathfinder of the Year

Please see that these important questions are answered, in narrative or composition form, within the resume. Do not make the resume simply a question and answer document. Don't be afraid to have the Pathfinder redo his or her resume until it meets the standards of a good composition.

INFORMATION FOR RESUME

Name: _____ Club: _____

Age: _____ Date: _____

Describe in detail your project. How did you get started? What materials and supplies did you need? Were there any expenses encountered? How did you organize it? How long did it take?

Why did you choose this project?

Explain how other people, if any, helped you with your project.

How did people respond to your project?

How has your life or character been affected?

Would you recommend this project to anyone else? Why or why not? What would be the advantages of the project? How could it help others now and in the future?

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SAMPLE RESUME

PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR

NAME:

AGE:

CLUB:

As a Pathfinder I always strive to be the best I can be with God's help. I always try to look clean and neat, participate in activities whenever possible, maintain good conduct, and keep a spiritual attitude while at home, school or church. This is all necessary to make a good impression and set a good example for others.

Because I am not able to attend an Adventist church school, I have many opportunities to witness to others that I utilize. I always set my goals high when trying to accomplish Investiture Achievement classes and honors. This year I completed Friend and Trail Friend. I completed the following AY honors: Basic First Aid, First Aid, Hiking, Seeds, Flower Arranging, Mammals, Ferns and Fungi.

My major and most outstanding project I did this year was to raise money for the United Way at my school. I had to do a lot of pre-planning and bookkeeping. I raised the money by collecting donations from the student body and selling doughnuts, baked goods and other snacks. A total of \$1,600 was raised during the eight-day campaign. Some of the other projects I completed were raising \$400 for the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, "adopting" a seven year old boy in West Virginia, (writing letters and sending him packages), planting 15 trees for Arbor Day, making Thanksgiving Baskets for the elderly, preparing Valentines for children in the hospital, and putting together a National Student Leadership Day convention for the student leaders in my community.

While doing these various projects I had the opportunity to see another way of life, a life of service. I was able to see all of the ways in which the Lord has blessed me. I am now more able to appreciate some of the things I have taken for granted. I can relate to others and their problems and help them and show them God's love through my actions.

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Due March 10

EVALUATION SHEET - PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR

For: _____ Club: _____
(Pathfinder's Name)

Each of the following people should fill out a separate form from his or her personal knowledge of the Pathfinder. Score from poor to excellent, where you feel that this individual has progressed in his or her young life, placing a check mark on the appropriate line. Submit this to the Club Director*.

*Or Conference Pathfinder Director

Filled out by (please print): _____

__Pathfinder Staff Member __Parent __Pastor __Teacher

	Poor				Excellent	Comments
1. Takes active interest in all aspects of Pathfinding	1	2	3	4		_____
2. Takes active interest in school responsibilities	1	2	3	4		_____
3. Helping at home: Room is clean, helps in home duties, attitude toward other family members	1	2	3	4		_____
4. Spiritual attitude and involvement in church related activities	1	2	3	4		_____
5. Shows leadership ability	1	2	3	4		_____
6. Shows respect for authority, elders and peers	1	2	3	4		_____
7. Conduct, including positive attitude	1	2	3	4		_____
8. Personal appearance and hygiene, including pride of uniform	1	2	3	4		_____
9. Rate Pathfinder's special individual accomplishment	1	2	3	4		_____
10. Explanation of the nature of the special project	1	2	3	4		_____

Realizing that this award is the highest recognition in Pathfinding, I recommend that this individual receive this award.

Signed _____

EVALUATION SHEET - PATHFINDER OF THE YEAR (continued)

To be completed by a Pathfinder Leader

11. Attendance

Number of regular meetings held by club during the year _____

Number of meetings attended by the Pathfinder _____

Percentage attended _____

Did Pathfinder participate in all Conference functions? _____

12. Personal initiative in achievement areas. Fill in the blanks.

Investiture Achievement Class Completed _____

Honors (at least 6; two completed on own initiative)

13. Resume submitted: Yes No

14. Additional comments

The _____ Club staff, in a duly called staff meeting, has endorsed this Pathfinder for KYTN's Pathfinder of the Year. Realizing that this award is the highest recognition in Pathfinding, I, along with the staff of this club, endorse without reservation this individual to receive this award.

Signed _____

Club Director

Date _____

Signed _____

Pathfinder Leader

Date _____

Summit this evaluation and the Pathfinder's Resume by May 1.

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