

PATHFINDER LEADERS' QUALITIES – Presented by Pedro E. Perez (FL Conference) / KY-TN Leadership Training

“He who cooperates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God and molding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. He awakens a desire to reach God’s ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe.” Education pg. 19.

- **Love _____ supremely:** You must model what you expect your Pathfinders to become. Remember our young people follow what is modeled to them.
- **Love _____ sincerely:** Sincere love will be expressed more in action than by words. The Pathfinder notices when an adult gladly shares time, energy and companionship with them. This love perseveres even when the adolescents are unappreciative.
- **_____ with enthusiasm:** Enthusiasm is contagious. Pathfinders quickly follow an optimistic leader who emphasizes the positive and supports the program with energy. Staff must serve with enthusiasm for Pathfinders to want to get into Pathfinders.
- **Possess _____ stability:** Leaders need to learn self-discipline, temperance, faith, trust in God, and have a sense of responsibility. Outbursts of temper, anger, or depression destroy the image of a competent Christian leader. Everyone is human and sometimes leaders react in anger but we must learn to apologize and ask forgiveness when we fail to exhibit Christian standards.
- **Enjoy being _____ :** Many Pathfinder activities are done in an outdoor setting. Leaders need to enjoy camping, hiking and learning the skills required so they have something new and fresh to introduce to the Club or unit.
- **Know the essential _____ of adolescents:** Pathfinder age involves both pre and early adolescent children. A leader will need to understand the pressures affecting adolescents and the characteristics common in these age groups.
- **Learn a variety of _____ :** A leader who is versatile and diverse always has something new to introduce to the group and should be able to discover the joy of new experiences.
- **Develop the ability to _____ :** Leaders need to be organized or if you are lacking in these skills, work with someone who can organize the group.
- **Maintain good _____ with fellow workers:** Problems can cripple a Club. As a leader, our job is to encourage and utilize the strengths of our staff.
- **Be _____ and creative:** The leader needs to be resourceful and have alternate options ready in an emergency. Be creative and determined in accomplishing goals.
- **Radiate a dignity of _____ :** A good leader commands respect and does not dominate.
- **Sense of _____ :** A sense of humor is important when dealing with people.

What would you add to the list?

Answers: God, children, serve, emotional, outdoors, characteristics, skills, organize, relationships, resourceful, presence, humor