



FLORIDA CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

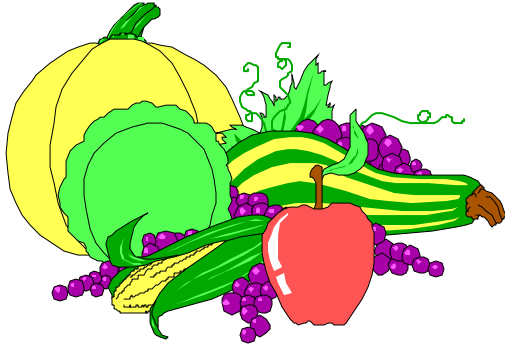
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"Share Your Faith" Project Suggestions

From the beginning of the Pathfinder year, each club needs to determine what it will be doing for its club's major "Share Your Faith" project. Pathfinder clubs are encouraged to use their imagination in planning their projects. However, examples of good "Share Your Faith" projects include:

- Earn your PAC Wings (Evangelistic honor)
- Club responsible for Bible School (similar to VBS) during church or an evangelistic series
- Tape ministry
- Parade, including floats and drill team
- Bible drama for community, area churches and others
- Branch Sabbath School
- Meals-On-Wheels
- Clean-A-Thon
- Aluminum can collection
- Historical site restoration
- Books to city officials
- Start a new church
- Collecting and repairing toys for a mission field
- Literature racks
- Adopt-A-Club
- Flea market for needy project
- Birthday cards for people in nursing homes
- Writing letters for people who are unable to write
- Raise money to send a child to camp
- Raise money to put a set of books in the library
- Parties for physically challenged and needy children
- Flowers for your town (beautification project)
- Make auto litter bags
- Make nesting houses, birdhouses, and feeders
- Environmental project
- Adopt a needy family
- Start a club
- Create a club web page
- Create a chat room to increase awareness of Pathfinder ministries
- Video of club activities to share with shut-ins
- Obituary Evangelism
- Wash cars for the elderly
- Mow grass for the physically challenged
- Involve physically challenged in club (full activities)
- Build entry ways for physically challenged
- Nurture a new club in at least three (3) campouts
- Manage a food booth



Share Your Faith Suggestion Treat-instead-of-Trick

Every year Pathfinders get involved in activities for sharing their faith. The "treat-instead-of-a-trick" campaign happens during the holiday commonly celebrated as Halloween, is a perfect example. In October when other boys and girls go around hiding behind masks and asking for candy, Pathfinders have nothing to hide. They do not come for tricks, but to ask for food for those in need. While others may sometimes come to scare, Pathfinders come to share their time in behalf of others. While there is so much hate and greed in the world, Pathfinders come to color the world with love!

Would you like to find a real interesting project for your Pathfinders at Halloween time?--Something that would really turn them on?--Yet give good wholesome guidance in Christian living?--Where they are eager and willing to help you carry it out?

"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 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 April 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 with the Quarterly Report by May 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-March. This resume must be completed **by the Pathfinder** (including the project photo), and returned to the Club Director by **April 1**. After the club staff evaluates the resume, the ORIGINAL is sent to the Conference Office by **May 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-March. 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 **April 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 **May 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

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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 **April 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.



The Florida Panther Award

**This Award is under review
Revised Panther Award form
UNDER REVISION**



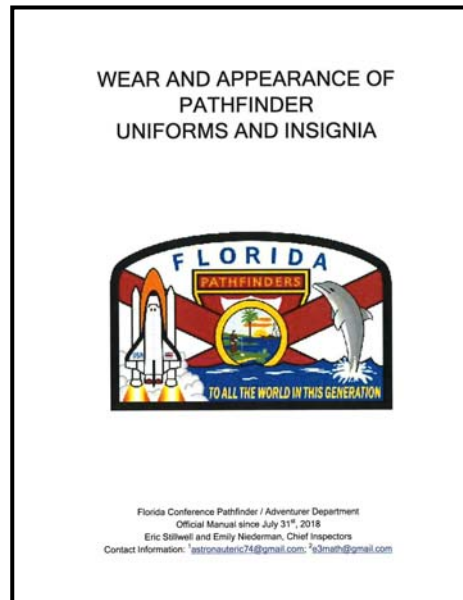
The Florida Pathfinder MEDAL OF VALOR

**This Medal of Valor is under review
Revised Medal of Valor form
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UNIFORM REGULATIONS

For Uniform Regulations and full Uniform Manual questions or concerns please contact Eric Stillwell. Contact information below.



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Submitting a New Florida Conference Pathfinder Honor

Those wishing to submit a proposal for a new Florida Honor must follow the steps listed below:

1. Compile the following materials for the proposed Honor:

- a. Name of the Honor
- b. Sample artwork for the patch
- c. Statement as to the purpose or need for the Honor (what benefit should the Pathfinder receive physically, mentally, and spiritually?)
- d. Honor requirements
- e. Answers (or descriptions) for the requirements
- f. List of resource materials (i.e. – bibliography, copies, etc.)

2. Two different Pathfinder clubs from different churches must “test pilot” the proposed Honor. (Contact your Area Administrator, Zone Administrator and Cluster Coordinator or the Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department for possible test clubs.)

3. Both test clubs must send a letter of recommendation, with the conference evaluation form, to the Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department, where they will be forwarded to the E-tracker/Varsity committee. The committee will review the honor and vote on whether or not any changes need to be made. Once the committee has approved it, the honor requirements will be submitted to the Pathfinder Adventurer Committee (PAC) for review and acceptance.

4. When a proposed Honor is submitted by its author(s) to the Florida Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department, it becomes property of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and is subject to possible changes. The final decision of the requirements and artwork to be submitted to the PAC will be made by the E-Tracker/Varsity committee. The E-Tracker/Varsity committee will notify the author(s) of the honor’s approval.