

November 23, 2005

Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Pathfinder Leadership

Dear Pathfinder Leaders,

From the Youth Ministries Department we want to wish you a great holiday season. May you feel the blessings of the Lord as we enter into this joyous season.

The Pathfinder Advisory Committee met and made the following suggestions to which our department will try to implement. Please take note of the additional dates that have been added to our "revised" calendar that is enclosed. Additional information will come, as we get closer to the events.

Pathfinder Camporee - Location:

Our annual Camporee location will be at Live Oak Camp Grounds <http://www.sbparks.com/Scripts/ParksDetail.asp?ParkID=9> in Santa Barbara County. It is a 3-hour drive from Glendale. It is 15 minutes East in the mountains of Santa Barbara.

Set-up will start Thursday evening, September 14, with a full day of activities on Friday. The physical fitness award will be offered plus other honors. I know many have to take off work an extra day but it will be worth the time if you plan ahead.

The campground is only 12 miles from Solvang <http://www.solvang.org/html/events.html> and perhaps you would want to take your club on Sunday and visit that area. Go on the Internet and see what they have to offer.

Convocation - Theme:

The Convocation main service theme will be Baptism. If you have any Pathfinders or staff who would want to be baptized on this day please contact our office. We would like to have 5-10 baptisms that Sabbath.

A Master Guide investiture will take place in the morning so contact us if you have any candidates.

For Sabbath School, we will have a drama team plus two mission trip reports.

Saturday evening after sundown arrangements will be made for you to do one of the following: bowling in Long Beach, ice skating in Burbank, or gym night at a local YMCA. A sign-up commitment and more information will be sent to you, as we get closer to the date.

Sports League:

If your club is interested in an organized league for soccer, basketball, or softball please call or contact our office either by phone (818-546-8439), letter, or e-mail bwong@sccsda.org. We would like to start immediately.

Director's Meeting (a new date to calendar):

Keep March 25 open as a time of spiritual refreshment. All directors and deputy directors will be invited with up to 3 per club in attendance. We will start with a Prayer Breakfast with a Spiritual Feast. In the afternoon we will have an open session for discussion and how clubs are doing mid year.

Bible Conference (a new date to calendar):

A date for Bible Conference has been set as April 21-23 for Teen Pathfinders. This will be a weekend of spiritual retreat.

Monthly Meeting:

The first meeting for Pathfinder Leadership Training will be on January 14, 3:00 p.m. at the Conference Office. We will be talking about safety and policies of the Conference. This is the seminar I was going to do at the Leadership Weekend at Camp Cedar Falls but ran out of time.

The other topics and dates will be sent to you shortly under a different mailing. We will cover the 10 hours of Basic Staff Training, 8 hours of Professional Growth, and other interesting topics.

Also a seminar on how to use your teens (specifically your TLT's) in your club will be shared for 3 different sessions in our monthly leadership meetings.

Teen Leadership Training (new dates to calendar):

Feb 18-19—Snow Ski Trip (local mountain)
April 21-23—Bible Conference
July 17-20—Water Ski Trip (local lake)
Aug 6-13—Mission Trip

We want to involve the TLT's into all our activities. The plan is to send out TLT's for club inspections, inductions, club visits, and especially utilize their enthusiasm at our Camporee and Fair.

Outreach:

All clubs will be notified when a Pathfinder or staff is ill or in the hospital. You will be encouraged to make cards and send it to the person. A visit with permission by the person will be suggested if the person is near your club meeting area.

E-Mail:

E-mail is an efficient and fast way to communicate. Send my secretary your e-mail address with your name and church name to dhamilton@sccsda.org. We will continue with regular snail mail for those who do not have this technology.

Office Closed:

The Youth Ministries Office will be closed for inventory on December 22.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Wong
Director of Youth Ministries

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Enclosure