

Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club Handbook 2025-2026



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Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club Mission Statement

The Mission of Pathfinders is to:

- Lead each Pathfinder into a saving relationship with Jesus,
- Disciple Pathfinders into active service and leadership for God,
- Help Pathfinders understand that the church loves, cares for, appreciates, and needs them,
- Develop an appreciation for nature and a concern for the environment,
- Assist Pathfinders in developing a balanced physical, mental, social, and spiritual life,
- Teach Pathfinders skills and hobbies that will make their lives meaningful, productive, and enjoyable.

Pathfinder Pledge

“By the grace of God,
I will be pure and kind and true.
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.
I will be a servant of God
and a friend to man.”

Pathfinder Law

“The Pathfinder Law is for me to:
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.

Pathfinder Motto

The love of Christ Compels us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Benjamin Leake, Director, at benjamin.j.leake@gmail.com.

Pathfinder Club Membership

All children in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to join. Although Pathfinders is a ministry of Seventh-day Adventist church, the Meadow Glade Pathfinders Club welcomes any young person who desires to be a part of this Christ-centered organization and commits to upholding the Christian principles upon which Pathfinders is built.

In order to apply for membership, the prospective Pathfinder and their parents need to fill out the registration form, commitment and pledge, and submit their forms and dues payment to the club director.

All Pathfinders will learn the Pathfinder song and learn and obey the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. Pathfinders are expected to obey Pathfinder regulations and instructions of the Pathfinder Staff.

Our club activities include regular club meetings, honors, crafts, outreach and service projects, field trips, and activities like camping, Camporee, and Pathfinder Fair. The Pathfinder must agree to participate and cooperate in these activities to the maximum extent possible.

We encourage Pathfinders to be committed and faithful in attendance. If you will not be able to attend a meeting or event, you must let your counselor, deputy director, or director know in advance, if possible. In order to get the most benefit from being in Pathfinders and to build camaraderie within your unit, you will want to attend as many as possible.

In the event discipline is necessary, club staff will notify, and as appropriate, work with parents on addressing the issue. To the extent possible, discipline will be redemptive in nature.

We encourage all parents to volunteer. Please contact the club director to get involved. Note that all volunteers must pass a background check conducted by the Oregon Conference prior to volunteering with Pathfinders or attending Pathfinder trips.

Parents and Pathfinders are encouraged to speak with club staff if they have a concern.

Uniforms

The Pathfinder Uniform makes the organization real and visible. It represents an ideal and a standard. One of the ways to set up a standard and bring the members of an organization up to that standard is through the uniform. It should stimulate loyalty toward that standard by building morale and binding members into closer fellowship. The uniform strengthens club spirit. The uniform should always be clean and neat. Wearing one that fits properly will go a long way to make it look sharp. The uniform should be worn with “humble pride.” We should remember that it acts as a visual announcement of Pathfinder ministry, and should draw questions from observers concerning the meaning of each patch and symbol.

The **Field Uniform** consists of:

- blue club T-shirt or sweatshirt
- blue jeans (no shorts, capri pants, or leggings)
- gym-type shoes (closed toe, no flip flops or sandals)

The **Class A Uniform** consists of:

- Class A dress shirt with appropriate patches
- black slacks (straight leg, flat or pleated front, belt loops, no cuff, no sweats or leggings)
- black dress shoes with black laces
- black socks
- yellow neckerchief with slide
- black belt (may be worn with or without Pathfinder belt buckle)
- black honors sash

It is a club requirement for Pathfinders and Staff to wear the Field Uniform to regular club meetings. Uniform expectations for other activities like outreach events, camping trips, and fundraisers will be determined as they occur. Uniform expectations will be communicated in advance of each event.

For those events where a Pathfinder uniform isn't worn, for example outdoor winter activities or swimming, the club will follow the Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary School dress code. In summary, clothing is expected to weather- and activity-appropriate, simple, modest, and neat. Please partner with Pathfinder staff in this, and if in doubt, leave it at home. In the event that your child is dressed appropriately for an activity, they will be asked to change into something more suitable.

Jewelry Policy

In order to avoid distraction, the club generally has a “no jewelry” policy. However, simple stud-type earrings are allowed, provided they do not become an issue. This policy applies to all Pathfinder events.

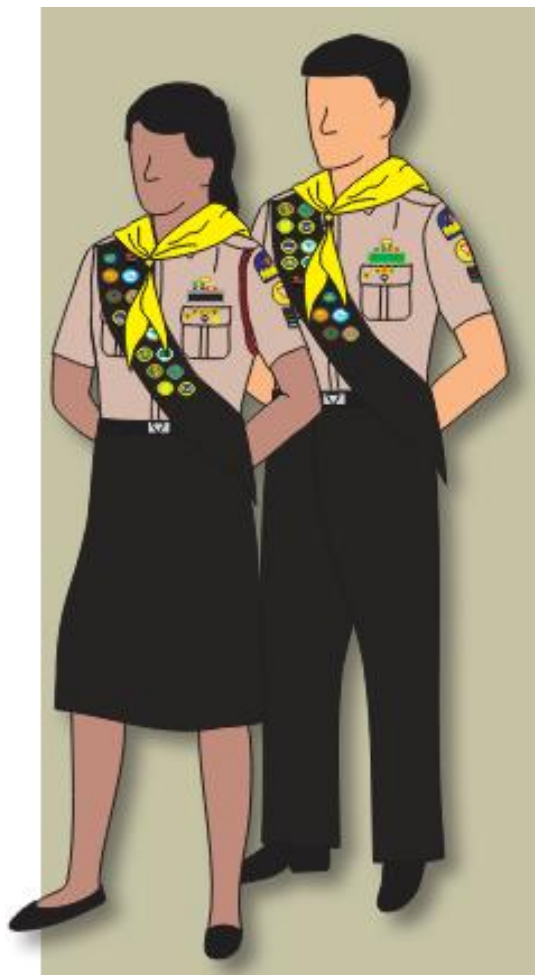
The Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club will follow the North American Division Uniform Standards, which are available online at:

<https://clubministries.org/wp-content/uploads/UniformPolicy2016v1.pdf>

Uniforms should not be worn by non-members, for work or play, when engaged in selling for personal or commercial profit or political purpose, or in personal solicitation. It should not be worn at any time or place when its wearing discounts Pathfinders, the church, or our Savior, or casts a poor reflection on the uniform or organization.

Class A uniforms are available to rent from the club. Alternatively, families are welcome to procure their own uniform equipment. Officially licensed uniform materials are available through www.adventsource.org.

If finances are a barrier related to uniforms, please contact the club director.



Typical Class A Uniforms

Club Dues and Fees

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club is funded in part by a subsidy from the Meadow Glade SDA Church. We also receive private donations from friends in Christ who love Pathfinders and the Pathfinder program. Lastly, each child's family unit is responsible for covering some of the costs through annual dues. However, if these dues cause undue financial hardship, please contact the club director, as scholarships may be available.

Club Dues

The annual dues for the Meadow Glade Pathfinder club are \$100.00. There is a discount for having more than one Pathfinder in a family, provided dues are paid in full at registration for the entire 9-month Pathfinder year. The other option is to make three equal payments of \$35.00 each: the first at registration in August, the second by December 1st, and the third by March 1st. There is no multi-child discount when paying in installments.

What do our dues help pay for?

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder club provides materials and honors patches for the Pathfinder honors we teach during the year. The club supplies the materials for events and subsidizes camp outs during the year, in which the club arranges for food, transportation, lodging, camping equipment, and activities. In an effort to provide our kids with the best staff possible, the club also funds the annual "Pathfinder Leadership Training" weekend sponsored by the Oregon Conference for all staff that wish to attend. One of the the biggest benefit to families is our Pathfinder Class A uniform rental program.

The club purchases and maintains a supply of uniforms large enough to provide one uniform for each child who wishes to join our club. This allows our Pathfinders to rent a uniform for a one-time rental fee. The rental fee helps cover cleaning, maintaining, and replacing our club uniforms. If your Pathfinder grows out of their uniform during the year, just trade it in for a larger size. It must be returned complete, clean, and in good condition at the end of each Pathfinder year.

We appreciate each Pathfinder family who contributes its time and finances. We ask that you would please continue to support our club at Meadow Glade with your prayers as we help to train our youth for service in Christ!

Merit System

The Oregon Conference uses a Pathfinder merit system called the 700 Club. It is in place to help Pathfinder Clubs reach their full potential by achieving a high standard. The merit system challenges participation and involvement, opening the door to character development. It not only helps to develop personality and character, but also guides Pathfinders into a proper relationship with others through the practice of self-discipline and self-control. They learn to pit themselves against a standard rather than against one another. It helps them to learn the importance of obedience to the natural and moral laws of life and practice firm self-control in their relationship to these laws.

Points are awarded for attending regular meetings and activities, arriving on-time and in the appropriate uniform, and for being prepared for whatever activity is on the schedule for that day. Additional points are also awarded for completing honors, and participating in special events like Pathfinder Sabbath, Fair, and trips.

To be eligible for “Pathfinder of the Year”, the “Good Conduct Award”, and some other special recognitions, at least 90% of available points must be earned.

If a Pathfinder is ill or traveling out of town with family they may be granted an excused absence if they contact their counselor, deputy director, or director before the meeting or event they will be missing. One half of the points available for that meeting or event will be awarded in the event of an excused absence. Full points will be awarded if a Pathfinder misses a scheduled meeting or event because of an official school or church sponsored activity or mission trip. There may be other exceptions allowing full points to be awarded at the discretion of the club director.

Personal Electronics Policy

Part of the purpose of Pathfinders is to foster engagement with God, with nature, with the community, and with each other. Personal electronic devices often pose a significant distraction to that relationship-building and are therefore not allowed at Meadow Glade Pathfinder events and activities. This policy applies to all electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, cd players, and yes, even walk-mans.

In the event that a Pathfinder or parent needs to contact each other, all Staff members will have cell phones and can facilitate that contact.

If a Pathfinder brings a personal electronic device to a club activity or event, they will need to return it to their parents or turn it over to a Staff member for the duration of the event. We ask that families partner with us on creating this space free from electronic distraction.

Illness Policy

The Meadow Glade Pathfinder Club is committed to safety and wellness. The club expects that all Pathfinders who attend Pathfinder meetings and outings to be in good health and free from any symptoms of illness for the previous 24-hours. Please do not send your Pathfinder to an event if they are ill. Contact the club director or your Pathfinder's counselor if you need to keep your Pathfinder home.

If a Pathfinder suffers an injury or illness while on a Pathfinder outing, the Pathfinder staff will use their judgment about appropriate activation of the 911 and Emergency Management System.

If a Pathfinder becomes ill, but is not in need of urgent or emergent off-site medical evaluation, the Pathfinder's parent/legal guardian will be contacted by the club director, counselor or their designee, and the parent/legal guardian will be asked to pick up their Pathfinder in a timely manner.

The Meadow Glade Church does provide some insurance coverage for injuries sustained while participating in officially sanctioned Pathfinder activities. All injuries must be reported promptly in order to access this policy.

Photo Release and Privacy Policy

During the course of participating in Pathfinders, members of the club may be photographed or videoed, which may in turn be used in promotional materials, news releases, and other published media. These media are most likely to be Seventh-day Adventist church-centric, (e.g., on the bulletin board, in slide shows, and in Gleaner magazine) but could see broader distribution. By registering, parents and guardians understand this and agree that these photos and videos can be used to promote the club and its activities. If you have any concerns about photography and privacy, please contact the club director. You may revoke this permission at any time by written request.

Pathfinder Song

Oh, We Are the Pathfinders Strong

Soy Conquistador Fuerte y Fiel

Nous Sommes les Explorateurs

H. T. B.

Henry T. Bergh

capo on 1st fret G F#m/G G G B7 C E7/B Am



Oh, we are the Path - find - ers strong, The ser - vants of God are we;
Soy Con - quis - ta - dor fuer - te y fiel, Un sier - vo de Dios yo soy;
Nous som - mes les Ex - plo - ra - teurs, Les ser - vi - teurs du Sei - gneur;

C A7 D7 G



Faith - ful as we march a - long, In kind - ness, truth and pur - i - ty.
Fiel - es mar - cha - re - mos ya Por la sen - da del de - ber.
Bons, loy - aux et purs, mar - chant Fi - dè - les à la vé - ri - té.

G F#m/G G G B7 C



A mes - sage to tell to the world, A truth that will set us free,
Men - sa - je ten - e - mos que dar, Ver - dad que li - ber - tá - ra,
Nous vou - lons an - non - cer à tous Un mes - sage li - bé - ra - teur

C/E Cm/Eb G C G/D D7 G



King Je - sus the Sav - iour's com - ing back for you and me.
Je - sús muy pron - to re - gre - sa - rá por ti, por mí.
Bien - tôt des cieux re - vient le Sau - veur Pour moi, pour vous.