

Philosophy & Purpose of NAD AY Honors

The philosophy and purpose of NAD AY honors is to:

1. Uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. Promote physical, mental and spiritual experiences.
3. Help young people love Jesus, and become more involved in service.
4. Learn new skills and discover different fields of study.
5. Change how a young person interacts with his/her world.
6. Provide new opportunities not normally experienced.
7. Develop relationships among young people and adults through mentoring.
Spend time participating in meaningful activities.

Scope and Sequence of NAD AY Honors:

1. Scope is the defined area of knowledge that we are discovering. It should cover a defined area of knowledge that introduces Pathfinder-aged young people to a developmentally appropriate topic of lasting value and breadth so as to improve their understanding. This area of knowledge should be consistent with the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and local, state and/or national expectations.
2. The Sequence is the order in which the objectives of the honor are taught. AY Honors should follow a sequence to allow for quality learning and the best use of time. *See Guidelines "Essential Elements" for details.*
3. The primary goal of scope and sequence in AY honors is to:
 - a. Create balance of theory and hands on-experiences.
 - b. Determine teaching timeframes.
 - c. Avoid repetition with pre-existing honor requirements.
 - d. Promote different learning styles and modes (Figure B).
 - e. Consider a broad base of life-experiences.
 - f. Provide skills and experiences with a long-term value.
 - g. Take into account urban, suburban and rural locations as well as a variety of cultural environments.
 - h. Encourage environmentally friendly ideals.
 - i. Never promote violence.