



# Pathfinder Club Counselor

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## PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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## **Pathfinder Club Counselor Participant Guide**

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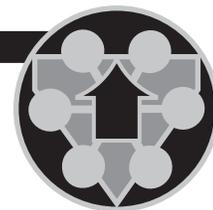
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# Pathfinder Club Counselor CERTIFICATION

## Introduction and Sign Off Record

The Pathfinder Club Counselor Certification is designed to develop the skills required to be an effective counselor in a Pathfinder Club. Participants will learn leadership skills, the process of building a team, and much more.

Participants will attend training conducted by the conference Pathfinder Club Ministry personnel. This will normally be conducted over one weekend but may, at the discretion of conference personnel, be broken up into smaller segments, if necessary, to suit the needs of the conference. This training includes both lectures and discussion. Each participant must own a *Pathfinder Club Handbook*.

Following the completion of the workshops the participant must complete the required field work and portfolio review before receiving the certification.

## Prerequisites

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Commit to the Youth/Children’s Ministry Volunteer Code of Conduct (p 13).
3. Be currently approved by your conference’s child protection screening verification.
4. Be a baptized Seventh-day Adventist Christian who loves Jesus and is willing to share this love in both word and deed.

## Workshops

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| • Pathfinder Club Outreach – PFAD 004                                              | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • The Pathfinder Club Chain of Command:<br>The Counselor’s Support Team – PFAD 100 | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • The Counselor’s Responsibilities – PFAD 101                                      | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • Developmental Growth – PYSO 104                                                  | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • Discipling and Discipline – PYSO 121                                             | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • The Counselor’s Relationship to the Pathfinder<br>– PYSO 124                     | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • Safety and the Counselor – RCSF 120                                              | Signature _____ | Date _____ |
| • Spiritual Applications in Nature – NAOS 120                                      | Signature _____ | Date _____ |

## Overview of Workshops

### Pathfinder Club Outreach—PFAD 004

This workshop focuses on how to help Pathfinders develop a life-long relationship with God, connect with others, and participate in outreach activities. The Personal Growth, Spiritual Discovery, and Serving Others sections of the Investiture Achievement curriculum, along with honors in the Spiritual Growth, Outreach, and Heritage category, will be reviewed in order to understand how outreach ministry is incorporated into the Pathfinder program.

### The Pathfinder Club Chain of Command: The Counselor's Support Team—PFAD 100

This workshop discusses the proper chain of command of the servant leaders who support the ministry of the club counselor. The roles of the club director, associate director, support staff, TLTs, church board/members, pastor, parents, coordinators, and local conference will be reviewed as they relate to the counselor's responsibilities.

### The Counselor's Responsibilities—PFAD 101

This workshop focuses on the duties and responsibilities of the counselor and reviews guidelines that ensure a safe environment that fosters learning and spiritual growth. It outlines the Do's and Don'ts of counseling and covers the tasks for meetings, campouts, outreach activities, and all phases of the Pathfinder year.

### Developmental Growth—PYSO 104

This workshop describes the mental, spiritual, physical, and social growth and needs of the typical Pathfinder and how to relate to them effectively. It includes practical pointers on leading, nurturing, and discipling them. The objective of this seminar is to enable leaders to help Pathfinders mature in the full stature of Jesus Christ.

### Discipling and Discipline—PYSO 121

This workshop will consider the Biblical meanings of discipline and disciple. Christ gave us the perfect example of discipling. It will look at Christ's methods of evangelism as shared in Scripture and the practical lessons that we can draw from His methods and apply to our ministry. It then continues with the concept that to discipline, you need the heart of Jesus. It closes with the application of two principles: There are few discipline issues when the counselor is with their unit, and preventative discipline is the only true discipline.

### The Counselor's Relationship to the Pathfinder—PYSO 124

This workshop discusses developing a mentoring relationship with your Pathfinders, and what that will mean in terms of teaching them to relate to others and drawing them to Jesus Christ.

### Safety and the Counselor—RCSF 120

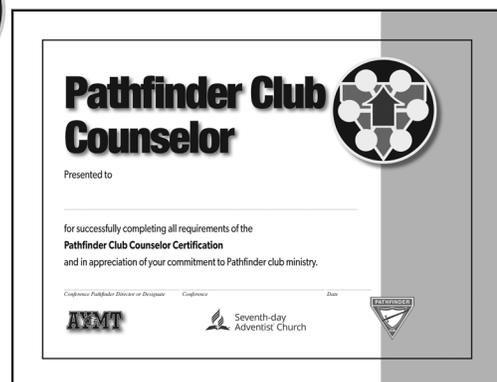
This workshop focuses on the moral and practical obligations of the counselor to guard the well-being of unit members. It includes a review of physical safety issues, supervision policies and rationale, health concerns, transportation issues, abuse prevention and intervention, and accident reporting and response, all primarily from the unit viewpoint rather than the club viewpoint.

### Spiritual Applications in Nature—NAOS 120

This workshop will help club leaders encourage Pathfinders to develop a love of nature and for their Creator. It will use the lessons discovered in nature to help Pathfinders in character development and their walk with Jesus.

## Recognition of Completion

Upon completion of the Counselor workshops the participant is eligible to receive an enameled pin and certificate of completion.



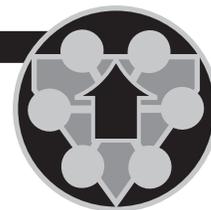












# The Counselor's Relationship to the Pathfinder – PYSO 124

## Description

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## Notes from Seminar

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## Resource Material

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## Ideas for My Club

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## CHILD PROTECTION PLAN RESOURCES

### Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America



## NAD - YOUTH/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

### Acknowledgment

Because I want the best possible environment for our children and youth to grow up in, it is important that those working with children have guidelines for conduct in order to protect both themselves and those under their care. As a ministry volunteer, I want parents and others to feel comfortable and confident with me.

### My Commitment to Volunteer Ministry

#### As a Youth/Children's Ministry Volunteer, I will:

1. Provide appropriate adult supervision at all times for the children for whom I am responsible.
2. Have at least one other adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older, to help with the supervision of children. If I find myself in a situation where I am the only adult present, under no circumstances will I allow myself to be alone with one child (the "two-person rule"). This protects the child as well as protecting the adult from possible allegations.
3. Ask a child's permission before physically touching him/her anywhere, even when responding to an injury or problem. This is especially true for any areas that would normally be covered by a T-shirt and/or shorts. If an injury is within this area, make sure another adult works with you as care is provided.
4. Refrain from physical and verbal attacks and corporal punishment which are inappropriate behaviors and should never be used as discipline. "Time outs" or "sit-in-that-chair" may be helpful discipline methods to use with children.
5. Affirm children with appropriate touching by keeping hugs brief and "shoulder-to-shoulder" or "side-to-side." I will keep hands at (not below) the shoulder level. For small children who like to sit on laps, I will encourage them to sit next to me.
6. Provide extra care when taking small children to the restroom. I will take another adult along, or leave the door open.
7. Be aware of conducting activities in rooms that do not have an interior viewing area, or I will leave the door open during the activity to allow easy observation by others.
8. Cooperate with the volunteer screening process and complete the Volunteer Ministry Information form, as required by the church.
9. Be aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse and aware of the legal requirements for reporting suspected cases of abuse. In addition to any legally required reporting, I agree that if I become aware of any behavior by

another individual which seems abusive or inappropriate towards children I am supervising, I will report that behavior to the church pastor, elder, or directly to the Conference Treasurer's or Risk Management Director.

10. Cooperate with church leadership in conducting children and youth ministries by being a volunteer who is loving, kind, firm, and always a thoroughly professional person. Working with children and youth is not only a privilege; it is also a serious responsibility that must be approached with utmost care.
11. Participate in orientation and training programs conducted by the church.
12. Uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

\* In the event I find it impossible to comply with the above, I will comply as closely as possible with the Code of Conduct and act in good faith for the welfare of the people involved.

**Thank You for your service as a Youth/Children's Ministry Volunteer**



The Pathfinder Club Counselor certification is something that every Pathfinder Club Counselor should complete. These eight workshops are required for Pathfinder Club Counselor certification.



The workshops in the Counselor certification include:

- Pathfinder Club Outreach – PFAD 004
- The Pathfinder Club Chain of Command: The Counselor’s Support Team – PFAD 100
- Discipling and Discipline – PYSO 121
- Developmental Growth – PYSO 104
- The Counselor’s Relationship to the Pathfinder – PYSO 124
- The Counselor’s Responsibilities – PFAD 101
- Safety and the Counselor – RCSF 120
- Spiritual Applications in Nature – NAOS 120
- Pathfinder Club Outreach – PFAD 004

The Pathfinder Club Counselor Certification is part of the Adventist Youth Ministries Training (AYMT) which includes certifications for Adventurer Club Ministries, Pathfinder Club Ministries, Master Guides and Youth Ministries.



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