



Basics

Chapter 1

At the end of the lesson, the learner should be able to identify and accomplish the objective of training a Pathfinder.

Objectives

1. **Help the young people to understand that God and His church love them, care for them, and appreciate them.** As Pathfinders are accepted and affirmed they will begin to appreciate the love of God revealed through the church and its ministry, and feel a need to be more committed to and involved with its program.
 2. **Encourage Pathfinders to discover their own God-given potential** and to use their gifts and abilities to fulfill God's expectations for them and the part they can play in the great plan of salvation.
 3. **Inspire young people to give personal expression of their love for God** by uniting them together in various outreach activities.
 4. **Make the number one priority of your club program the personal salvation of every Pathfinder.** The Pathfinder age is a time when many decisions are being made that will affect the youth's future relationships and his or her own personal development. The peak time for discovering and making a relationship with God seems to be around 12 years of age.
 5. **Build into a Pathfinder's life a healthy appreciation and love for God's creation** by enjoying outdoor activity (campouts, nature walks, nature honors, etc.). Pathfinders will experience a sense of wonder and worship as they observe and explore the beauty, the majesty, and the creative power in nature. Fellowship with God will become more meaningful.
 6. **Teach Pathfinders specific skills and hobbies that will make their lives more meaningful** and will occupy their time with profitable accomplishments. Young people experience satisfaction and delight as they use their hands to fashion useful articles from wood, plastic, steel, clay, felt and yarn and as they discover how things work and operate.
 7. **Encourage the Pathfinder to keep physically fit.** This is one important way to safeguard against idleness and boredom. Teach children to care for their body and establish habits that will provide for their future happiness and usefulness (cf. 2T 536, 537; Educ. 195).
 8. **Give opportunity for the development of leadership** by encouraging club members to work together and share in leadership responsibility. This will teach them to learn the lessons of obedience, discipline, resourcefulness, patriotism and the processes of group dynamics.
 9. **Seek to foster the harmonious development** of the physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual life of the Pathfinder. The invigoration of mind and body, the fostering of an unselfish spirit, the attention to recreational and cultural activities, will provide stimulus for personal growth and act as an outlet for that restless energy,
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