

ALBANY PATHFINDER CLUB





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Pathfinder Requirements

1. Ten years, or in the fifth grade, to eighteen years is the official age for being a Pathfinder.
2. Club activities include crafts, campouts, outings, weekly club meetings and fundraisers. The Pathfinder must agree before joining the club to participate and cooperate in these activities.
3. Members must be faithful in attendance. The Albany Pathfinder Club has established limits on unexcused absences (3) and tardiness (3 = 1 unexcused absence). (See Behavior Policy, page 2, 3)
4. The Pathfinder's parents must be willing to cooperate with the regulations and activities of the club. At times they will be asked to supply funds and time to support their child's membership.
5. New members must pay a registration fee.
6. Each Pathfinder should regularly wear a complete Pathfinder uniform. They must come to meetings and club sponsored events in either field or full dress uniforms, as advised by the club director. See page 6 for details.
7. Pathfinders are expected to obey and understand all regulations, instructions, behavior policy, and orders of the Pathfinder staff.
8. Club members must be willing to participate in community projects, Share-Your-Faith, or Outreach programs.
9. Pathfinders will be expected to participate and cooperate in all conference events, such as Camporees and fairs.
10. Pathfinders must learn and keep the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.
11. In order to foster greater engagement and participation among our youth, the use of mobile devices is prohibited during all Pathfinder activities.



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Behavioral Policy

*The Pathfinders behavior shall represent
the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.*

Minor Offenses

1. Hurting themselves.
2. Name calling.
3. Pushing or tripping of others.
4. Vandalizing or destroying property.
5. Disobedience of any kind.
6. 1 unexcused absence or 3 tardinesses. **It is important that the club knows if you will not be at an event. Please relate planned absences to the club beforehand.** Other excused absences would be illness, no transportation, etc., but please **call or text at the time of the event** if possible. **Please don't just not show up.** Thank you.

A record of Minor Offenses will be kept only for the **Quarter**.

Any Pathfinder who commits any offense against another will apologize to the person or persons offended.

Actions

First Offense: The Pathfinder will be **given a warning**.

Second Offense: The Pathfinder will be **talked to by their counselor with the parent present**.

Third Offense: Escalates to a Major Offense, First Offense.



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Major Offenses

1. Hitting
2. Kicking
3. Biting
4. Fighting, even if provoked by another person.
5. 3 unexcused absences.

Actions

First Offense: The Pathfinder will have chosen to **not attend the next Pathfinder activity outside the club meeting.** (Such as a campout or special event)

Second Offense: The Pathfinder will have chosen to be **dismissed for one full quarter.** (Quarters are September-November, December-February, March-May, and June-August.)

Third Offense: The Pathfinder will have chosen to be **dismissed from Pathfinders for the remainder of the Pathfinder year.**

Super Major Offenses

1. Any kind of drug use. (exception: prescription drug from Dr.)
2. Any kind of weapon. (bomb, gun, sword, or knife with blade over four inches)

Action

The Pathfinder will have chosen to be **expelled from the Pathfinder Club indefinitely.**



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Financial Obligations

The Albany Pathfinder Club will pay all fees for normal Pathfinder events.

Registration Fees:

\$45.00 to be paid at registration, if possible.

Other Costs:

- 1. Half the purchase price of tickets of a conference event, such as a camporee or teen events.**
- 2. Some portions of the uniforms. See page 6 for your responsibility**

Payment Plan:

We wish to make Pathfinder membership available to all who wish to join. We want to ensure your child's participation in this excellent program. **Under no circumstances will anyone be refused membership because of money.** We have many different sources for sponsorship. Your financial situation is strictly confidential; so please talk with us to arrange finances to best meet your family budget. Tim Arakawa: 541-704-8427 or Sunny Arakawa: 541-248-4401



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Dress and Appearance Code

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1, NKJV

Pathfinder attire should be **consistent with Biblical principles** with consideration of the following: the Pathfinder club is a **Christian organization**, the way we dress **affects our behavior**, and our lives are a **witness for our Savior**. It is our goal to help Pathfinders **attain their highest potential**.

The Pathfinder should always endeavor to have their dress and appearance neat and clean.

Dress or field uniforms should be worn at all Pathfinder functions unless advised otherwise. Please see the Uniform page next.

‘UN’ Uniform Rules

1. Skirts, pants, and shorts should be of **modest length** both standing and sitting and not draw attention to the body.
2. Swimming attire: Girls-**one piece modest** and Boys- **modest**
3. Writings and pictures on T-shirts must be in keeping with **Christian values**.
4. Cosmetics and hair color and style should be **natural looking** and not attract attention to the wearer.
5. **Jewelry** is discouraged (exception: wedding rings).
6. **No mobile devices** during events. Special permission as needed.



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Uniform

The dress or the field uniform is a requirement for all Pathfinder sponsored events. Which uniform is to be worn will be designated by the director and included on the calendar of events.

Dress Uniform

1. Tan Pathfinder Shirt with Patches
2. Black Dress Pants and Pathfinder Belt
3. Pathfinder Scarf and Slide
4. All Black Dress Shoes (preferably tie – no high heels or slings) and Black Socks
5. Black Pathfinder Sash

Please see this notebook's section: "Patch Placement" for instructions.

Field Uniform

1. Pathfinder T-shirt and/or Sweatshirt
2. Tennis Shoes or Sandals with back strap (no flip-flops)
3. Blue or Black Jeans or hemmed Blue or Black Jean Shorts

Club Provided

The club will provide the following items upon induction into the club:

1. Pathfinder Bible
2. Field T-shirt
3. Pathfinder Dress Shirt and Club Patches
4. Scarf and Slide
5. Belt
6. Honor sash and any honor patches earned

The items may be exchanged for larger sizes when needed. When the Pathfinder leaves the club the Bible, the Honor Sash, and all Patches or Pins earned are theirs to keep. All other items will be returned to the club.

Pathfinder Responsibility

1. All black dress shoes (preferably tie)
2. Black dress socks
3. Black dress slacks with belt loops (can be ordered from Advent Source if you can't find locally)
4. Field uniform jeans or jean shorts
5. Field uniform shoes

Pathfinder Pledge & Law

The Pathfinder Pledge & Law is an important part of Pathfinders. Thousands of Pathfinders each year learn and choose to abide by the requirements of the Pathfinder Pledge and Law for the sole purpose of growing closer to their fellow men and women, and to their Creator.

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.

The 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 errand.

Pathfinder Song

English:

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong,
The servants of God are we.
Faithful as we march along,
In kindness, truth, and purity
A Message to tell to the world,
A truth that will set us free!
King Jesus the Savior's coming back
For you, and me!

Pathfinder Pledge Explanation

By the grace of God	Only as we rely on God to help us can we do His will.
I will be pure	I will fill my mind with everything that is right and true and spend my time in activities that will build a strong, clean character.
I will be kind	I will be considerate and kind, not only to my fellow man, but also to all of God's creation.
I will be true.	I will be honest and upright in study, work and play and can always be counted upon to do my very best.
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.	I will seek to understand the meaning of the Law and will strive to live up to it's spirit, realizing that obedience to law is essential in any organization
I will be a servant to God	I will pledge myself to serve God first, last, and best in everything I am called upon to be or do.
I will be a friend to man.	I will live to bless others and do unto them as I would have them do unto me.

Pathfinder Law Explanation

Keep the Morning Watch.	I will have prayer and personal bible study each day.
Do my honest part.	By the power of God I will help others, and do my duty and my honest share, wherever I may be.
Care for my body	I will be temperate in all things and strive to reach a higher standard of physical fitness.
Keep a level eye.	I will not lie, cheat or deceive, and will despise dirty talk or evil thinking.
Be courteous and obedient.	I will be kind and thoughtful of others, reflecting the love of Jesus in all my association with others.
Walk softly in the sanctuary.	In any devotional exercise I will be quiet, careful and reverent.
Keep a song in my heart	I will be cheerful and happy and let the influence of my life be as sunshine to others.
Go on God's errands.	I will always be ready to share my faith and go about doing good as Jesus did.

Pathfinder Song History

In the spring of 1949, Henry T. Bergh, John H. Hancock, Clark Smith and Miller Brocket met for the MV Director's Council. Among other items that were worked on, John Hancock suggested to Henry Bergh that he write a Pathfinder song. Henry replied, "I'm no song writer. I've never written a song and I am not a musician."

In a letter written to the World Pathfinder Director, Michael Stevenson in 1984, Elder Bergh wrote, "I dispatched that idea very quickly. But along in May 1949, I was driving to a Sabbath appointment at Monterey Peninsula from San Jose (70-80 miles). I was riding along thinking about Pathfinders and about our need for the song and started thinking about a tune. What would be a good tune for a Pathfinder song? Then I thought, well, I could write the words. So I tried to compose a poem.... I started thinking of what things would I want to put in the poem for a Pathfinder song. I thought about the JMV pledge—pure and kind and true, with a message to go to the world, and things started to fall into place. I pulled over to the side of the road, took a piece of paper out of my Bible, and began to write:

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong,
The servants of God are we
Faithful as we march along
In kindness, truth, and purity.
A message to tell to the world,
A truth that will set us free
King Jesus the Savior's coming back
For you and me.

Well, I thought, that's not bad.... I took off again for my Sabbath appointment and got down the road a ways and started to hum a tune. Then I started singing the words with that tune. I have said repeatedly that God gave me the tune because I am not a musician and I have never written a song before or since. The Lord just gave it to me. I pulled off the side of the road, turned the sheet of paper over, and put down five lines for a staff.

I knew enough about music to be able to read it, so I started humming the tune that was going through my mind and putting dots on the staff...

That evening when I got home, I asked my wife Miriam to play this thing for me from the dots on the page. We corrected where I had misplaced the dots and got the tune just as it is today. I still wasn't confident that it was good enough for a Pathfinder Song, so I sent it to Wayne Hooper, who is a personal friend of ours and was the musical director for the radio program Voice of Prophecy. I asked Wayne to edit it and to harmonize it. He sent it back and said, 'It's a good song—go ahead and publish it!'

So we mimeographed it for use among our Pathfinder clubs (in the Central California Conference). I think that the first time it was really introduced on a conference-wide scale was at the Pathfinder Officer's Convention in Ascilimar, near Monterey, California, January of 1950." -Pathfinder Staff Manual, 2007 edition, page 13