



Knoxville 1st Pathfinders

Handbook

Purpose of Pathfinders

The purpose of the Pathfinder Club is to:

1. Lead its members into a growing, redemptive relationship with God.
2. Build its members into responsible, mature individuals
3. Involve its members in active, selfless service.

Pathfinder Objectives

1. Help each Pathfinder understand the Gospel and the steps of salvation and to work towards the personal commitment of every Pathfinder to the Lord.
2. Help each Pathfinder develop a balanced physical, mental, social and spiritual life.
3. Help Pathfinders to understand that the church loves, cares and appreciates them and needs them in its total program.
4. Show Pathfinders what God has planned for their lives.
5. Train Pathfinders for missionary service.
6. Develop the Pathfinder's appreciation for nature.
7. Teach Pathfinders specific skills and hobbies that will make their life meaningful and will occupy their time profitably.
8. Help keep Pathfinders physically fit.
9. Give opportunities for the development of leadership.

The Pathfinder Club will encourage its members to belong to the church, confess their Christian faith, and take an active part in fellowship, worship, outreach and service. The Pathfinder Club will challenge its members in the mission and ministry of Christ through the church so that God's Word becomes meaningful and fruitful in their lives.

Code of Conduct

1. Pathfinder will respect leaders and counselors. Romans 13:5; Exodus 20:12
2. Pathfinder will listen for instructions and follow them the first time he/she is asked. Proverbs 16:20
3. Absolutely NO put-downs! John 13:34, Romans 12:10
4. Pathfinder will respect other club members. Romans 13:9-10, Galatians 5:13
5. Pathfinder will respect church/club property and the property of others. Philippians 2:4
6. Pathfinder will exhibit modesty in dress and appearance. 1 Timothy 2:9-10, 1 Timothy 4:12
7. Pathfinder will keep a positive attitude and not bring others down with complaining. Proverbs 17:22, Philippians 2:14
8. Pathfinder will be obedient and cooperative. 2 John 6, Titus 3:1
9. Pathfinder will keep a Christian attitude. Philippians 2:5
10. Pathfinder will not engage in improper conduct with someone of the opposite sex. Ephesians 5:3
Our club maintains a hands off policy with regards to relationships with those of the opposite sex.
11. Pathfinder will keep the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.

Discipline Procedures

Step 1 Warning

Step 2 Separated from group for 5-10 minutes.

Step 3 Taken to director

Step 4 Director will bring issue to parents to discuss further action

Here in Knoxville, our Pathfinders understand that being part of our club is a choice. If negative or bad behavior is a continual issue, each Pathfinder understands that they are making a choice not to be part of our club, because Knoxville does not have problem Pathfinders.

Uniforms and Dress Code

Uniforms are required for all meetings and events unless specified otherwise by the Pathfinder director. We have 2 uniforms.

1. Club T-shirt
2. Class A uniform – full dress uniform including Khaki dress shirt, dress pants, sash, scarf and slide and belt.

The Class A uniform includes low-heel, black dress shoes, black socks for boys and hosiery for girls.

Patch and pin placement is important on the dress uniform. Please pay close attention to the diagram that is provided on our website, www.knoxville1stpathfinders.org on the right side under uniform information. Patches must be sewn on.

Dress code: We expect all Pathfinders to exhibit modesty in dress. No bare midriffs, no spaghetti straps or low-cut shirts, no high-cut shorts, no low-riding pants, no jewelry or heavy make-up.

Attendance and Participation

Regular attendance is necessary for a successful program. Pathfinders that are absent may not be able to complete projects, honors or Class Level requirements. They also miss information and important announcements.

Attendance at non-meeting events is also important. All Pathfinders are expected to participate in service projects, fundraisers, and field trips.

Excused absences are granted for illness or vacation only. Please call your counselor or Director before the event to be missed. This is especially important if you cannot make it to an off-site event. The Directors phone number can be found on our website www.knoxville1stpathfinders.org

Arrival and Dismissal

We have only a short time to accomplish our goals each meeting so we ask that Pathfinders be prompt to meetings and other functions. The regular meetings start at 6:00 PM. Please arrive in between 5:50-6:00.

The club meeting is over at 8:00 PM. We try to finish by this time and we ask parents to arrive promptly to pick up their child(ren). **Please come into the gym to pick up your child(ren).**

Personal Electronics Policy

We do not allow any personal electronics at our club meetings, events, or campouts. This includes Ipods, MP3 players and related devices, cellphones, or video game devices. Occasionally, on long trips, we will allow them in vehicles only. But if it becomes a distraction, it can be taken away at the discretion of the director. Please keep these items at home.

Finances

Fees for Pathfinders include a yearly registration fee to be paid upon entering Pathfinders. After that, Pathfinders will pay for camping trips and other events as they occur. A list of events and anticipated fees and due dates will be handed out on the Pathfinder schedule at registration. Payment must be made before each trip and turned in with a permission slip. Usually, fees for trips are due the month before the trip is to be made. This is so we can pay fees to whoever is hosting the event.

Each Pathfinder must also have a club T-shirt. The cost for a T-shirt is included in the registration fee.

Also, each Pathfinder is responsible for purchasing a dress uniform. The shirt, scarf & slide, sash, belt, and pants are available from www.adventSource.org (there is a link to this site from our website, www.knoxville1stpathfinders.org, on the left side under "Links"). A complete uniform should be around \$70 - \$90. All of these will need to be ordered on your own from AdventSource. All Conference and club patches are provided by the Knoxville club, but you will need to order the world and triangle patches from AdventSource.

Check Policy:

If a check is returned to the club for any reason, a \$25 charge will be added to the amount of the original amount to cover the bank charges.

If fees are a problem, please contact Mike Lopez, 865-318-0251 to make other arrangements.

