

Pathfinder Day Church Service No 1

Prelude
 Ministers Enter
 Silent Prayer
 *Doxology
 *Invocation
 *Presentation of Colors
 1. Pathfinders march in and take places
 2. Pledge of allegiance
 3. Post Flags
 4. Honor Guard returns to seats
 5. Congregation and Pathfinders seated
 Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:12
 Hymn No. 587—"Under His Wings"
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering
 Special Music
 Pathfinder Report Pathfinder Director
 Sermon Pastor
 Hymn No. 589—"Anywhere With Jesus"
 Benediction
 Postlude
 *Congregation Standing

Pathfinder Day Church Service No. 2

Prelude
 Lay Activities Period Pathfinder Missionary
 Experiences
 Processional Ministers, Directors, Pathfinders
 Introit Choir
 (Ministers and Directors Kneeling)
 Doxology
 Invocation Club Director
 Post Colors Color Guard
 Welcome Pastor
 Scripture Reading—1 Tim. 4:12 Counselor
 Hymn No. 587—"Under His Wings"
 Prayer Two Pathfinders
 Pathfinder Song Pathfinders
 Pathfinder Happenings Directors
 Pledge and Law Pathfinder Choir
 Song or Instrumental Selection Pathfinders
 Pathfinder Objectives Directors
 Offering
 Sermon Pastor
 Hymn No. 589—"Anywhere with Jesus"
 Benediction
 Recessional
 1. Ministers and Directors
 2. Color Guard
 3. Staff
 4. Pathfinder Units and Counselors
 5. Congregation

Pathfinder Day Church Service No. 3

Prelude
 Lay Activities Period
 Ministers Enter
 *Processional— Organ, Piano, and Trumpets
 "The Captain Calls for You"
 Marching Order:
 1. Color Guard
 2. Directors
 3. Staff
 4. Pathfinder Units
 *Pledge of Allegiance to Bible and Flag
 *Flags and Guidons posted
 *Invocation
 Welcome— Pastor
 (Introduces Pathfinder Director)
 Scripture—1 Timothy 4:12 Deputy Director
 Pathfinder Song Pathfinders and Congregation
 Prayer
 Special Music Pathfinder Choir
 "Pathfinder Happenings" (A report) Director
 Pathfinder Pledge Pathfinders
 "What Pathfinding Means to Me" Pathfinder
 Pathfinder Law Pathfinder
 "Why I am a Pathfinder" Pathfinder
 Objectives and Needs of Club Directors or Counselors
 Offering
 Special Music Pathfinders
 Sermon Pastor, Director, or Guest Speaker
 Hymn No. 587—"Under His Wings"
 Benediction
 Recessional— Organ and Piano
 "Onward Christian Soldiers"
 Marching Order:
 1. Ministers and Directors
 2. Color Guard
 3. Staff
 4. Pathfinder Units and Counselors
 5. Congregation

*Congregation standing

Pathfinder Day Church Service No. 4

Prelude
 Ministers and Platform Personnel Enter
 Doxology and Invocation
 Processional—
 "Onward Christian Soldiers"
 (Pathfinders march in led by the National and Pathfinder Colors. Color guards post themselves on floor in front of pulpit. All stand when Colors enter and remain standing until Colors are posted on platform.)
 Pathfinder Song Pathfinders
 Pledge of Allegiance Led by a Pathfinder
 Posting of Colors
 Scripture Reading Pathfinder
 Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4

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| Prayer | Counselor |
| Welcome and Director's Report (Pathfinder director reports on year's activities, goals for the coming year and presents any recognitions and awards.) | |
| Special Music | Pathfinders |
| "I Am a Pathfinder Club" | Director |
| "Why I Am a Pathfinder" | Pathfinder |
| "How Did it All Begin?" | Director and six Pathfinders |
| Offering | Deputy Director (Taken by Pathfinders) |
| Special Music | Pathfinder(s) |
| Sermonette | Pastor |
| Hymn No. 420—"Jesus, Friend of Little Children" | |
| Benediction | Counselor |
| Postlude | |

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible

"I pledge allegiance to the Bible and to the Gospel for which it stands, one Saviour crucified, risen and coming again, with life and liberty to all who believe."

Induction Ceremony

Introduction

The Pathfinder Induction Ceremony is necessary for the Pathfinder and family to experience, which will add quality and meaning in becoming a Pathfinder.

Suggested Induction Ceremony

(The directions are worded for a AY/Pathfinder Club inducting one candidate, but they may be adapted for AY Societies and any number of candidates.)

Preparation

Materials needed:

- Table
- Pathfinder Emblem
- Pathfinder Law and Pledge
- Pathfinder Flag
- National Flag
- Candles—one 15" white; six 10" Pathfinder/AY Class colors; eight 8" white for Law and seven 8" white for Pledge.

Procedure

Place a table at the induction ceremony site. Center a large Pathfinder emblem directly behind the table, with a Pathfinder Pledge banner on the right of the emblem and a Pathfinder Law banner to the left of the emblem. In the center of the table directly in front of the Pathfinder emblem place a 15-inch candle representing the spirit of Pathfinding. In front of this candle place six 10-inch candles—blue, red, green, silver (black, if silver not available), burgundy, and gold, representing the six AY/Pathfinder classes. In front of these six colored candles place a candleholder for the candidate's candle to be placed during the ceremony. In front of the Pathfinder Law banner on a line with the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle, center eight white eight-inch candles. Place seven white eight-inch candles similarly in front of the Pathfinder Pledge banner.

Display the National Flag to the right (as participants face the audience) of the table and a Pathfinder flag to the left of the table.

Seat the Pathfinder Club by units in a "V" formation, the open end toward the table with the candles. The candidate sits in the center of the formation. The director stands to the right of the table (facing the Pathfinders), and the deputy director stands to the left of the table (facing the Pathfinders).

Ceremony - Script

After the director has given a briefing of the program procedure to the candidates and special guests, (s)he pronounces:

"I hereby declare the induction ceremony of the Pathfinder Club now in order." The room is darkened.

The **director** lights the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle saying:

"For the light of our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinding. The candle that I now light represents this spirit. It is the spirit of adventure, fun, learning, comradery, awareness, and awakening, and above all, a spirit of reverence and a Spirit of service to God and man. This light is of itself NOT complete or sufficient. To introduce the complementary lights we call on our deputy director, _____ (name)

While lighting each candle representing it, the **deputy director** defines the six classes as follows:

Pathfinder/AY Friend Class is a course of study in learning, skills, and physical fitness that will help one to be a better neighbor now and a friend of God throughout eternity.

Pathfinder/AY Companion Class is a course of study in learning, skills and physical fitness that will give more meaning to life and a companionship with Jesus Christ every hour of the day.

Pathfinder/AY Explorer Class is a course of study that will help one to find new adventure in exploring God's Word and His created works.

Pathfinder/AY Ranger Class is a course of study that will open up new areas of discovery in the natural and spiritual world to secure true and genuine happiness.

Pathfinder/AY Voyager Class is a course of study in physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual development that challenges the teen to develop a wholesome self-concept and Christian lifestyle.

Pathfinder/AY Guide Class is a course of study that emphasizes personal growth and spiritual discoveries and prepares the Pathfinder for development of new skills in leadership and survival techniques.

Option - You may wish to have a candle represent the Master Guide cClass. If so, you could say, "The Master Guide Class is a course of study that will help one to lead young people to a greater knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus as our Savior.

When the six AY/Pathfinder class candles have been lighted, the **director** replaces the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle in its original position. (S)he then explains to the candidate that the large candle is symbolic of the Pathfinder program, emphasizing the high ideals for which the club stands and the growth that the Pathfinder will make as a club member. The **director** then calls upon the Pathfinders to proceed with the ceremony of lighting the Pathfinder Pledge candles.

The **director** then calls for the lighting of the Pathfinder/AY Law candles. **Seven highest-ranking Pathfinders**, previously chosen, light the Pathfinder Pledge Candles. After each candle is lighted, the Pathfinder repeats to the director, "Sir/Ma'am, I represent the candidate, who pledges— (repeats one of the following points according to the candle lighted)."

1. "By the grace of God", which means I will rely on God to do His will.
2. "I will be pure", which means I will rise above the wicked world in which I live and keep my life clean with words and actions that will make others happy.

3. "I will be kind." which means I will be considerate not only to the people around me but also to God's creation; the animals and the environment in which I live.
4. "I will be true", which means that I will be honest in study, work or play, and will always do my best.
5. "I will keep the Pathfinder/AY Law", which means I will understand the Pathfinder/AY Law and live up to it.
6. "I will be a servant of God", which means I will put God first in everything.
7. "I will be a friend to man", which means I will treat others like I want to be treated.

At the completion of the lighting of the Pathfinder Pledge candles, the **deputy director** declares, "On behalf of the _____ (Club Name) Pathfinder Club I accept the candidate's vow to live by the Pathfinder Pledge."

Eight of the highest-ranked Pathfinders, previously chosen, light the Pathfinder Law candles. Their selection is on the basis of AY/ Pathfinder class, club office, club record, good conduct ribbon, etc. In turn, each of the eight Pathfinders marches smartly to the front, salutes the **director** with a hand salute, takes the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle and lights one of the Pathfinder Law candles. (The director returns each salute.)

After the Pathfinder replaces the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candle (s)he again salutes the director and repeats, "Sir/Ma'am, I represent the candidate, who hereby vows to—(repeats one of the following definitions according to the candle he has lighted.)"

1. "Keep the Morning Watch", which means I will have prayer and personal Bible study each day.
2. "Do my honest part", which means I will do my share of the work and be there when other people need help.
3. "Care for my body", which means I will not put anything harmful in my body; and I will stay physically fit.
4. "Keep a level eye", which means I will not lie, cheat or talk dirty.
5. "Be courteous and obedient", which means I will think about other people's feelings and do what I am asked.

6. "Walk softly in the sanctuary", which means I will be quiet in church and during worships.
7. "Keep a song in my heart", which means I will try to always be happy, even when I don't feel like it.
8. "Go on God's errands", which means I will always be ready to tell people about Jesus.

When the Pathfinder Law candles have all been lighted, the **deputy director** declares, "On behalf of the _____ (Club Name) Pathfinder Club I accept the candidate's vow to observe the Pathfinder Law."

The **director** then asks the club members to stand, and the candidate for membership is called forward to take position in front of the table between the deputy director and the director, facing the club members and standing at attention. The director then asks the candidate to affirm dedication to the high principles of the Pathfinder club and repeat the Pathfinder Pledge and Law. (If more than one candidate is presented, the Pathfinder Pledge and Law are repeated in unison.)

Following the repeating of the Pathfinder Pledge and Law by the candidate, the **director** states:

"We hereby declare _____ (name of candidate) accepted into the fellowship of the _____ Pathfinder Club of the _____ Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. You are now being presented with a candle, (**deputy director** hands candidate a four-inch white candle) which you may now light from the 'Spirit of Pathfinding' candle, and place in the candleholder on the front center of the table. (**Pathfinder** lights the candle from the 15-inch candle and places it in the candleholder.) Your light is now added to our club, and we charge you in the presence of these Pathfinders to let your light shine before others in the Spirit of Pathfinding. We shall now ask your deputy director to pray that God will give you strength to live up to the high ideals of our club and to be a faithful and loyal club member."

The **deputy director** leads out in a prayer of consecration for the new member(s), while the club stands at prayer attention.

The **director** says:

"_____ (name of new member), you are now a full-fledged member of the _____ Pathfinder Club."

The **new member** then presents him/herself to the **director** to receive a handshake, and receives a Pathfinder Bible (available through the NAD Pathfinder Distribution Center, Lincoln, NB).

Next the **deputy director, counselor, and captain** of the unit give the **member** a handshake.

The club **scribe** presents **member** with a Pathfinder membership card.

The **counselor** and **captain** usher member to assigned unit.

The **club** sings the Pathfinder Song, and the lights are turned on, which brings the induction ceremony to a close.

Investiture

The Investiture service is a program honoring the person studying one of the AY/Pathfinder classes. The study of the AY/Pathfinder class requirements trains the person for future leadership.

The following outline will help with the Investiture program.

Investiture Sponsor

This is a conference appointee representing the local conference youth department.

Responsibilities:

1. The local conference youth ministries will look to the Investiture sponsor for the follow through and completion of the Adventurer classes and advanced class work with local church school, Pathfinder club and junior youth of the church.
2. Assist the local church school teacher in the organization of the Investiture service.
3. See that all materials involved in the Investiture meeting have been ordered and received from the local conference youth ministries by the use of the Investiture requisition order blank.
4. Arrange with the church school teacher and pastor a place, date and time of the investiture program.
5. Promote the Investiture program among the parents of the youth involved and the total local church membership.