



FLORIDA CONFERENCE SPECIAL CLUB PROGRAMS

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PATHFINDER INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Pathfinder INDUCTION CEREMONY admits new Pathfinders of grades 5-12 into membership in the local club and into the fellowship of Pathfinder Clubs all over the Florida Conference and the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is used to inspire Pathfinders with the awesome responsibility of upholding the Pathfinder ideals that they have pledged to live by as well as presenting to them the serious aspects of Pathfinding. The program is meant to be a solemn occasion, however, not boring! The best way to accomplish this is to instill in your Pathfinders early on the importance of the Pledge and Law and allow them to feel like they own a part of the service. This is their chance to SHINE in front of their church family and boasts in a godly manner about the club which, for many, makes all the difference in their lives. Most often, this is a candlelight service of dedication, but it does not have to be that way. Gauge how receptive your home church would be to such a program and adapt the following to meet your specific needs.

PREPARATION

Center a large table with a smaller one directly in front of it at the Induction Ceremony site. Place a large Pathfinder emblem on the wall directly behind both tables. The Pledge and Law banners are located on the right and left of the Pathfinder emblem respectively. Place a 15" candle representing the "Spirit of Pathfinding" in the center of each respective table. In front of the Pathfinder spirit candle place eight 10" foundation candles representing the Investiture Achievement/progressive Pathfinder level colors. Two 8" white candles, representing the Pathfinder Law and Pledge, are placed, one on each side of the Pathfinder table in front of the class work candles. Eight white 8" candles are placed in front of the Pathfinder Law banner on the Pathfinder table, and seven white 8" candles are placed in front of the Pledge banner on the Pathfinder table. Display the American flag to the right of the tables and the Pathfinder flags to the left of the tables. Have ready in holders on the tables a 4" candle for each person to be inducted.

Setting up does not constitute total preparation! PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE (!!!) If you want to make this program run smoothly and be a total success, you must practice with the Pathfinders and participants.

Induction Theme - Outline to the candidates to be inducted and special guests the program procedure and its meaning to the local Pathfinder Club.

CEREMONY

Director: “I hereby declare the induction ceremony of the _____ club is now in order. *The room is darkened as the spirit candles are lit.* For the light of our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinding, represented by the candles which have just been lit. They are the spirit of reverence, training, adventure, fun, learning, awareness, and awakening to God and man. These two candles in and of themselves are not complete, however. Will the following Pathfinder staff please come forward?” *The director then calls the names of the staff who light the eight (8) foundation candles while giving the appropriate meaning for the level represented by the candles lit.*

Director: “For further complimentary lights, we turn to the following e-Tracker & Varsity Pathfinder staff.” *Once more, the director calls the names of the staff who light the eight (8) foundation candles while giving the appropriate meaning for the level represented by the candles lit.*

Friend (Blue)	Friends learn skills that will help them be better neighbors now and friends of God throughout eternity.
Companion (Red)	Companions explore ways to build a more meaningful and fulfilling companionship with Jesus Christ every hour of the day.
Explorer (Green)	Explorers adventure into God’s Word and His created works.
Ranger (Gray)	Rangers open up new areas of discovery in the natural and spiritual world to secure true and genuine happiness.
Voyager (Burgundy)	Voyagers acquire a wholesome self-concept and Christian lifestyle by studying their personal physical, mental, cultural, and spiritual development.
Guide (Yellow)	Guides grow in knowledge about the Spirit of Prophecy as they discover their place as leaders in society.
Pioneer (Orange)	Pioneers strengthen their faith in God by learning about Biblical and historical pioneers for Christ.
Navigator (Teal)	Navigators allow Jesus Christ to navigate them through His truths about the Sabbath.

Director: These candles are symbolic of the good of the Pathfinder program emphasizing the high ideals for which it stands and the growth that the Pathfinder will make as a club member.

PLEDGE AND LAW

Director: The Pledge and Law propose a Christian standard of living which all Pathfinders should strive to uphold. The Induction Ceremony is meant to inspire new members and remind the old just what this means to them.

Have the Pathfinders come to the front and recite the Pathfinder Pledge as a staff member lights the Pathfinder Pledge candle.

Repeat the procedure, only this time single out 10 Pathfinders to repeat the following as a staff member lights the Pathfinder Law candle from the "Spirit of Pathfinder" candle.

In continuation, the procedure is repeated only with eight e-Tracker & Varsity Pathfinders which salute and light their Law candle from the "Spirit of Pathfinder." After he or she replaces their candle, he again salutes the director and repeats,

"Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to"—(repeats from the following according to the candle he has lit):

<u>KEEP THE MORNING WATCH:</u>	I will have prayer and personal Bible study each day.
<u>DO MY HONEST PART:</u>	By the power of God, I will help others and do my duty and honest share, wherever I may be.
<u>CARE FOR MY BODY:</u>	I will be temperate in all things and strive to reach a high standard of physical fitness.
<u>KEEP A LEVEL EYE:</u>	I will not lie, cheat, or deceive, and I will despise dirty talk and evil thinking.
<u>BE COURTEOUS AND OBEDIENT:</u>	I will be kind and thoughtful of others, reflecting the love of Jesus in all my associations with others.
<u>WALK SOFTLY IN THE SANCTUARY:</u>	During any worship services, I will be quiet, careful, and reverent.
<u>KEEP A SONG IN MY HEART:</u>	I will be cheerful and happy and let the influence of my life be as sunshine to others.
<u>GO ON GOD'S ERRANDS:</u>	I will always be ready to share my faith and go about doing good as did Jesus.

Oh, We Are the Pathfinders Strong

Kami Ini Pandu - pandu Soy Conquistador Fuerte y Fiel

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capo on 1st fret

G F#G G G B7 C E7/B Am

Oh, we are the Path - find - ers strong, The ser - vants of God are we;
Ka mi i - ni Pan - du Pan - du, Di da - lam la - dang Tu - han
Soy con - quis - ta - dor fuerte y fiel, Un Sier - vo de Dios yo soy

C A7 D7 G

Faith - ful as we march a - long, In kind - ness, truth and pur - i - ty.
Se - ti - a ka - mi ma - ju, Berbuat ba - ik su - ci dan be - nar
Fe - les mar - cha - re - mos si, Por la sen - da de ver - dad

G F#G G G B7 C

A mes - sage to tell to the world, A truth that will set us free,
Mem - ba - wa ke - pa - da du - nia, Ka - bar ke - se - la - ma - tan
Men - sa - je te - ne - mosque dar, Ver - dad que li - ber - ta - ra

C/E Cm/Eb G C G/D D7 G

King Je - sus the Sav - iour's com - ing back for you and me.
Se - gra da - tang - lah Ra - ja Ye - sus Un - tuk ska - lian
Muy Pron - to El se - nor Je - sus ven - dra, Por ti y por mi

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Director: *Once the Law candles have been lit.* On behalf of the candidate's representatives and on behalf of the candidate's declaration, we accept the vow to the Law.

The Director then calls the lighting of the Pledge candles. The same procedure as used in the lighting of the Law candles is followed by seven Pathfinders. After each candle is lit, the Pathfinder repeats to the director,

"Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge"—repeats the following according to the candle they have lit:

<u>BY THE GRACE OF GOD:</u>	As I rely on God to help me, I can do His will.
<u>I WILL BE PURE:</u>	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.
<u>I WILL BE KIND:</u>	I will not only be considerate and kind to my fellow men, but also to all of God's creation.
<u>I WILL BE TRUE:</u>	I will be honest and upright in study, work, and play and can always be counted upon to do my very best.
<u>I WILL KEEP THE PATHFINDER LAW:</u>	I will seek to understand the meaning of the Law and will strive to live up to its spirit, realizing that obedience to law is essential in any organization.
<u>I WILL BE A SERVANT OF GOD:</u>	I will pledge myself to serve God first, last, and best in everything I am called upon to be or do.
<u>I WILL BE A FRIEND TO MAN:</u>	I will live to bless others and do unto them as I would have them do unto me.

Director: On behalf of the candidate's representatives and on behalf of the candidate's declaration, we accept the vow to the Pledge.

Director: Will all the new candidates for membership please step forward. ***Allow time for them to come to the front, at all times facing them in attention.*** Please affirm your dedication to these high principles here presented by repeating the Pathfinder Pledge and Law, beginning with the Pathfinder candidates. ***Following the repeating of the Pathfinder Pledge and Law by all of the candidates,*** I hereby declare these candidates to be accepted into the fellowship of the _____ Pathfinder Club of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. You are now being presented a candle (***have the Deputy Director hand each candidate a 4" white candle***) which you may now light from the "Spirit of Pathfinding" candles and place it in the candle holder on the front center of the tables. ***Give them time to light all the candles and put in candle holders.*** 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. ***Invite parents or guardians of each one that has been inducted into membership to come forward to the front and stand behind their child. Give a challenge to the parents or guardians to help these young people reach the high ideals of the club and to encourage them at all times in whatever they try to do.*** Please bow your heads as we pray that God will give you strength to live up to these high ideals and to be a faithful and loyal club member.

The Deputy Director or pastor leads out in a prayer of consecration for the new members and families while the club stands in prayer attention.

Director: These new Pathfinders are now full-fledged members of the _____ Pathfinder Club.

The new members then present themselves to the director to receive the hand of fellowship, followed by the deputy director, counselors and captain of his/her unit. The secretary presents the new member with their Pathfinder Induction certificate or membership card and ushers the new member to his/her unit.

INDUCTION SERVICE

ALTERNATIVE (no candles)

This is a sample program and can be adapted to meet your club's need.

PREPARATION

Have the Pathfinders and staff march in and stay standing until the Pledge of Allegiance, Law and Pledge, have been recited. After the singing of the Pathfinder Song and the posting of the flags, the Pathfinders and staff can be seated. (Use the American, Christian, Pathfinder flags for this service.)

SERVICE

Ask the E-tracker/Varsity Pathfinders to come forward and have them explain:

- Pathfinder Law and Pledge. (Pass out the parts well in advance to have them memorizes them if possible.)
- Have them repeat the Law and Pledge together.
- Pathfinders explain the meaning
 - Of the Triangle
 - Colors of the Triangle
 - Why they decided to join Pathfinders.
- Refer to Induction Ceremony for further assistance.

Following the Service, the Pastor is called upon to offer a dedicatory prayer. It is appropriate to ask the Parents and/or Guardians to stand with their children while the prayer is recited.

Pathfinder Sabbath

Excellent material on step-by-step procedures for planning a Pathfinder Sabbath can be found in **this staff manual** or in **the General Conference Pathfinder Staff Manual** (this may be ordered through Advent Source or call the Conference office). Other suggestions include:

1. Special speakers for Pathfinder Sabbath (approval must be given by pastor):

- Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Director or Associate Director
- Area Administrator
- Zone Administrator
- Cluster Coordinator
- Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Church School Principal
- Council Members
- Pathfinders

PLEASE!!!! Do yourselves the favor and call them with plenty of anticipation. Also, remember that it costs to travel. Travel expenses for guests from out of town should be reimbursed. Conference, Union and General Conference speakers need not be compensated. Officially appointed Conference Leaders also have a travel budget.

2. Display crafts and/or posters of what Pathfinders do.
3. Display items that need to be replaced (such as old tents) to the church on Sabbath. After new items have been purchased, show that to the church also.
4. Put into the church bulletin the Pathfinder agenda for the year and news items. You may want to include a form with blanks for church members to fill out if they would like to help with the club. The needs mentioned on Pathfinder Sabbath should include monetary needs as well as needs for staff, cooks, counselors, Sabbath School teachers on camp outs, chaplain, etc.

The offering taken on Pathfinder Sabbath should be used for the Pathfinder Clubs. However, permission from the Church Board must be obtained first.

Remember, the real secret to a successful Pathfinder Sabbath is planning ahead and plenty of publicity. Make planning to include more than just the church service;. Include Sabbath School, fellowship dinner, afternoon specials, and vespers.

Most important, make the day a spiritual blessing for both those attending and the participants. Encourage Adventurer, E-tracker, Varsity, Pathfinder and Master Guide participation in your programming.

Have a **well-planned program** and start and end on time.

Make sure all Pathfinders and Staff are in FULL DRESS UNIFORM.

IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU PLAN TO FAIL!!!

Planning the Pathfinder Sabbath Program

PURPOSE

The General Conference each year suggests a Sabbath in October or November as Pathfinder Day to be observed in all Seventh-day Adventist churches with the following objectives:

1. To give official recognition and encouragement to the Pathfinder Clubs in the local church.
2. To acquaint the congregation with the scope of possibilities afforded by the Pathfinder Clubs in the development of our youth.
3. To encourage greater cooperation and support of the local Pathfinder Clubs by the congregation.
4. To recruit additional Pathfinder staff members.
5. To give the Pathfinder Club members a greater sense of belonging to the church by the active participation in the worship hours.
6. To give an opportunity for the church to provide more financial assistance for the clubs by giving a special Pathfinder Club offering during the worship hour. By vote of the local church board the church offering on this day may be appropriated to the local Pathfinder Club (clear this in advanced with Pastor/Board).

PLANNING THE PROGRAM

For the Pathfinder Sabbath to meet the above objectives, planning the program in every detail is a must. Here are some hints and ideas to better the program.

1. Most pastors are long-range planners. Arrange with the pastor for a Pathfinder Day weeks or months in advance.
2. Discuss Pathfinder Day with the club staff and decide on the best programs. Work as a team.
3. Present the program to the pastor with a complete outline. Ask for his suggestions and cooperation.
4. Apply to the church board to have the Pathfinder Club receive the offering and do the ushering.
5. Notify parents, church members, and the church press secretary.
6. Begin training participants, color guard, speakers, etc. Remember the Pathfinder Club is on parade.
7. Most church members do not know the Pathfinder song or Pledge or Law. Therefore, make a bulletin insert with the Pathfinder song, Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible and flag, and the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.
8. Indicate in the bulletin when the congregation is to stand. Also, announce during the lay activities period that a change has been made in the order of service.
9. Program should be snappy--no lagging. While the next part of the program is being announced, have the participants on the way.
10. Practice at least one dry run of marching in, taking places, and reciting pledges, posting colors, and marching out.

Planning the Pathfinder Sabbath Program, Cont'd

11. Places where groups or individual participants stand should be marked with masking tape.
12. Color guard ought to be dressed up with white gloves, belts, and leggings.
13. Secure good equipment: flags, standards, banners, etc.
14. Full dress uniform with sashes and scarves is a must. The more color, the greater the impression.
15. The Pathfinder offering prayer should be written out to avoid meaningless repetition. Minds sometimes "jelly" when they get up in front. All presentations should be outlined and checked by the club director. Leaders, too, need outlines.
16. Take music to the church organist or pianist at least a week in advance, preferably two weeks before the program.
17. As the program develops, the pastor should be kept in touch.
18. A good report on "Pathfinder happenings" should cover past year's activities and the Pathfinders themselves should be used to tell the story.
19. Let the Pathfinders have full participation on the program. This is not an occasion to show off, but to present to the church what the Pathfinder Club can do for the youth of the church. They do not want to see leaders speaking, but their own children.
20. The "needs of our clubs" section must have specifics. Tell the congregation exactly what the clubs need by way of funds. A dollar per person will allow the club to do such and such. A campaign may be launched for a room, headquarters for the clubs, tents for camping, etc.
21. Leaders should have confidence in the presentation of the program. Apologies reveal lack preparation.
22. Invite a good speaker to present the message, or better yet, have one or more of the Pathfinder present the sermon. The Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Director or Pathfinder/Adventurer Assoc. Director will be thrilled to be invited. He probably schedules speaking appointments months ahead, so invite him six months or a year ahead of time. It may be necessary to hold Adventurer Sabbath on another day. Work closely with your pastor on this part of the program.

PATHFINDER INVESTITURE

Investiture is a cooperative program for club and church school.

Step-by-step instructions for Investiture programs can be found in the **General Conference Pathfinder Staff Manual** available at Advent Source. (Or, contact the Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department for information).

Be sure to order the supplies you will need from the Pathfinder/Adventurer Department well in advance of Investiture and have them ready and sorted before the program. A well-planned, appropriate program with active participation from the Pathfinders demonstrating their newly acquired skills should be part of the service.

Arrange with the pastor and church board for use of the church. Notify Master Guides ahead of time to participate.

Communicate with the church school teachers throughout the year to be sure they are doing their part of the Level work and that it will be done on time for Investiture. This is a great way to partner with Sabbath School and work together with the same children.

IDEAS FOR SERVICE

- Slide or video program of year's activities.
- Practice for the program with the Pathfinders ahead of time.
- Display activities and crafts done during the year.
- Give out the honors earned during the year.
- Put all awards in one envelope for each Pathfinder.
- Call the honors and levels earned while all are being pinned.
- Prepare a skit.

Don't miss any details of the program. Arrange for piano player, color guard, and deacon to open up the church, turn on the air conditioner, etc.

Make sure your program moves along quickly. Begin and end on time. **The program should be no longer than 1 hour in length.**

Full dress uniform is suggested for the Pathfinder Investiture program.

PATHINDER INVESTITURE SERVICE

Suggested Program Outline:

Opening Song "Missionary Volunteers", or "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Scripture Reading Psalm 19 - read by a Pathfinder

Law and Pledge Pathfinder

Prayer Pathfinder

Flag Salute Everyone stands and is led by a Pathfinder

3 Angels' Message Pathfinder

Identification of flowers: In the spring we take several field trips within walking distance of school. There we look for flowers and upon return we learn the name of each one. One Pathfinder has a bouquet of flowers and proceeds to name them.

Report of Book Club Pathfinder

Special Song Pathfinder(s)

Special Speaker Guest or Pathfinders

Presentation of Level Insignia

Presentation of Honors

Presentation of Book Club Certificates

Benediction

(Or be creative and plan your own special program)

Remember to include Pathfinder song, Law, Pledge in print during program so all present can participate.

Master Guide Induction Ceremony

_____	Director
<u>Director</u>	Light the Spirit of Pathfinding Candle – Large Thick White Candle
_____	Guide Candle – Yellow Candle
_____	Master Guide Candle – Gold Candle
_____	Pathfinder Leadership Award – Red Candle
_____	Pathfinder Instructor’s Award – Blue Candle
_____	Pathfinder Pledge – White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Law – White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Aim – White Candle
_____	Pathfinder Motto – White Candle
_____	Inductees Affirmation
_____	Master Guide Charge
_____	Prayer

Inductees, please come forward.

Inductees, please be seated.

Director: I hereby declare the induction ceremony of the Florida Conference Master Program now in order.

Light the Spirit of Pathfinder Candle.

For the light of our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinder. The candle which I now light represents this spirit. It is the Spirit of Adventure, Fun, Learning, Camaraderie, Awareness, and Awakening, and above all, a Spirit of Reverence and a Spirit of Service to God and man. This candle represents the light that Master Guides shed on this dark world. It stands for shining Master Guide examples, showing how the Christian life is happy, healthful and filled with service to others.

This light is, of itself, NOT complete or sufficient. To introduce the complementary lights we call on our Master Guide Staff to assist in the ceremony.

Guide Candle – Yellow Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the spirit of the Adventurer, ETracker and Pathfinder levels.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, who have previously been invested in Pathfinder levels. We, in the past, have completed Eager Beavers, Busy Bees, Friends, or Guides. The completions of these levels have allowed us to mature spiritually and prepare ourselves for Master Guide Ministry.

Christ through Paul says, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put away childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I know fully, even as I am fully grown."

I represent those whose goal it is to be with our Master Guide, Jesus Christ, and have advanced toward that goal, as members in the Adventurer, ETracker and Pathfinder Clubs.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Master Guide Candle – Gold Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Master Guide level.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, for the Master Guide level. The Master Guide Level is a course of study that will help one to lead young people, to a greater knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus, our Savior.

Jesus, through Isaiah said, "I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths they have not know, I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light and the rough places into level ground."

A Master Guide is an experienced leader of Christian Youth, training them for service to God. A Master Guide is to exemplify the Fruits of the Spirit, and the Character of your Heavenly Father, and Characteristics of Jesus Christ, our personal Master Guide. Completing the Master Guide level is the final regular step in Pathfinders.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Leadership Award – Red Candle

_____ **is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Pathfinder Leadership Awards.**

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates for the Pathfinder Leadership Award. The PLA is a course of study, for those who are Master Guides, and feel the calling to grow in Youth Leadership and Christian Service.

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

As PLA candidates we will expand our knowledge of Pathfinder Programming, strengthen our leadership and planning skills, find new ways of supporting Pathfinder Clubs, and organize new ways of introducing others to Jesus.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Instructor's Award – Blue Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the candidates for the Pathfinder Instructor Awards.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates, for the Pathfinder Instructor's Award. The PIA is a course of study for Master Guides, who have completed the PLA requirements, who feel the calling to teach counselors, staff and directors Pathfinders skills and spiritual applications.

Jesus said, "But you are not to be called Master, for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and he whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

As PIA candidates, we will learn to organize curriculum materials, present seminars, and join the pool of qualified instructors available to the Florida Conference and Local Clubs, and be of greater service to our Master Guide.

Turn, salute the Director and be seated.

After the lighting of the Level candles, the director says,

These candles are symbolic of the good things of the Master guide program, emphasizing the high ideals for which the program stands, and the growth the Master Guide candidate has made in their ministry; in the past, is currently making, and will be making in the future.

We now turn to the representatives of the high calling and character to which we are called.

Pathfinder Pledge – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the Pathfinder Pledge.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I dedicate myself to the commitments of the Pathfinder Pledge. We have felt the calling to the Pathfinder Ministry of Christ and are advancing his ministry by living our lives according to his principles, and being involved with his children.

“And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of the Lord, and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might; so that we may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us in the share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I vow to keep the Pathfinder Pledge.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Law – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the
Pathfinder Law.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, who by the Grace of Christ, will live by the principles of the Pathfinder Law. We will achieve the high ideals, by covering ourselves with Christ’s righteousness and letting him lead in our lives.

“I will give you an undivided heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you, your heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh. Then you will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, I vow to keep the Pathfinder Law.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Aim – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the
Pathfinder Aim.

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience.

Sir, I represent the candidates who’s aim is, to spread the Advent message to all the world in this generation. We are eagerly awaiting the soon return of Christ, and want to hasten that moment, by our personal involvement.

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How

soon might the end com – the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where ‘the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever:’ where ‘the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick,’ and ‘the voice of weeping shall be no more heard.’

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, my aim is, the Pathfinder Aim.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

Pathfinder Motto – White Candle

_____ is now going to light the candle which represents the **Pathfinder Motto.**

Salute the Director, Light the Candle and Address the Audience

Sir, I represent the candidates, whose motto is: The Love of Christ constraineth us. Love is the reason for the creation of the world, Love is the reason for Christ laying down his live on the cross, and Love is the reason for Pathfinder Ministry.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you; and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.’

Sir, On behalf of the candidates, my motto is the Pathfinder Motto.

Turn, salute the director and be seated.

After the lighting of the pledge, law, aim and motto candles, the Director says:

On behalf of the candidate’s representatives and on behalf of the Florida Conference, I accept the candidate’s vows to dedicate themselves to their Master Guide, PLA and PIA level of study; to live according Pathfinder Pledge and Law; and direct their lives according to the Pathfinder Aim and Motto.

Master, PLA and PIA Candidates,
Attention: Candidates, Front and Center.

Inductees Affirmation

_____ will lead the Inductees in their Affirmation of the principles of Master Guides.

Inductees, I now ask you to affirm your dedication to the high principles of the Master Guide Program and repeat the Pathfinder Pledge, Law, Aim and Motto aloud. Please repeat after me:

We hereby declare that I,	Be pure, kind, and true;
(please say your own name):	I will be a servant of God;
Will keep the morning watch;	I will be a friend of man.
I will care for my body;	My aim is to spread,
I will keep a level eye;	The advent Message;
I will be courteous and obedient;	To all the World;
I will walk softly in the sanctuary;	In my generation.
I will keep a song in my heart;	My motto is,
I will go on God's errands.	The Love of Christ Constraineth Me.
I will, by the Grace of God,	

Thank you for your commitment. Please move forward, receive your candle, and light your candle from the Spirit of Pathfinding Candle.

Inductees light their own candles

The Director says, "You are now being presented with a candle which you may now light from the spirit of Pathfinding candle."

As you light is now added to the other lights of your Program, we charge you in the presence of these Pathfinders leaders present, to let your light shine before others, in the spirit of Pathfinding.

_____ will now give the Master Guide Charge.

Master Guide Charge

As a representative of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, it is my privilege to ask each one of you to re-dedicate and re-commit your lives to Jesus as you are inducted into this Master Guide Program.

You have been given the greatest responsibility in the world - to work with God's young people.

Lighting your candle from the Spirit of Pathfinding candle shows that you are willing to live up to the highest ideals of the Master Guide Program and the principles for which the church stands. The Master Guide Program is a course of study that lasts until Jesus comes.

Christ is our true Master Guide, and he has already shown the way for us. After he takes us home, he will take away these uniforms, sashes and honors we now have; and he will replace them with white robes and golden crowns, as heavenly emblems, for the loving care you have shown, for his young people.

Therefore, you are charged, that by the grace of God; to endeavor every day to cherish these high ideals and principles; to love and obey God in all your live works, words and actions, and to daily draw nearer to God through prayer and Bible Study. By doing so, you will prove to be a true servant of God and friends to man, every day, so long as you live.

We trust and pray that you will always be faithful to God and man, and uphold the worthy ideals for which the Church stands.

From this day forward, we pray that each of you will realize the job God wants you to do: lead in His Church programs, love those around you, and be a true servant of God and friends to His young people.

After the Charge

Inductees, please remain at attention while prayer is offered.

_____ will now lead us in prayer.

Pathfinders, Attention. Parade Rest. Prayer Attention.

PRAYER

Pathfinders, Attention.

These new Master Guide, PLA and PIA candidates are now inductees of the Florida Conference Master Guide Program.

The Induction Ceremony is now closed. You are dismissed.

BAPTISM RECOGNITION SERVICE

The basic Pathfinder philosophy requires that Pathfinder leaders help the youth to understand that the Church loves them, cares for and appreciates them. Club leadership has encouraged, as the basic purpose for Pathfinding, the importance of a child understanding the great plan of salvation. The years of Pathfinding are the years in which a young person needs to commit himself to a personal walk with God and make his decision with a public declaration through baptism.

When this decision is made and after the baptism takes place, often times very little is said to help affirm this positive important decision. Realizing that baptism and what it represents is the most important decision of an individual's life; we recommend a two-step Baptismal Recognition Service.

First, at a club meeting, as soon as possible after an individual is baptized, a special part of the meeting time should be given to recognizing this decision. A "Recognition of Baptism Certificate", available through the Conference Pathfinder/Adventurer Department, should be filled out and presented with appropriate comments of approval.

Along with this, a permanent record of this decision should be recorded and displayed in the club meeting room.

A parchment scroll or special record book should be signed by the Pathfinder, using decorative special ink (gold) with a fancy quill pen (feather or ink pen), used only for this solemn sacred service.

In addition, a wall plaque should be purchased and displayed where all church members can see it. This plaque should read:

_____ Pathfinder Club
(Name of club/church)

Realizing the importance of the decision to follow Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, the following Pathfinders have been baptized according to the example of Jesus.

Secondly, Baptism Recognition should continue beyond the time of an individual's actual baptism. In fact, since this is the most important decision in a person's life, recognition should follow throughout one's life. It is recommended that each month during the club's spiritual time, attention should be given to those who are celebrating their "Born Again" Birthday. An affirmation of their decision should be made (along with a small gift) by the club chaplain, recognizing those who are celebrating their baptisms--one year, two years, and so on. An appeal to those who haven't given their lives to Christ to study and prepare to do so should be made, and a commitment to those who have been to commit themselves anew. This should be a very sacred and meaningful service (only last a few minutes). Special lighting and background music would be nice.

At the end of the club meeting, a light refreshment could be served in celebration. It could be called a "Re-Birthday Party" or something appropriate. This type of celebration is encouraged in the place of regular birthday parties.



Recognition of Baptism Certificate

In recognition of your baptism into the family of Jesus Christ on _____
_____ at _____, as fellow members of the

_____ Unit we pledge our prayers and help toward your Christian growth, and join with the angels of heaven in joy for your decision to follow Jesus as your personal Saviour. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16.

Unit members:

Counselor

MV Certificate 15-J

Baptismal Pin and Baptismal Certificate is available through Florida Conference on line store:
www.flpathfinderstore.com.