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# Michigan Pathfinder Camporee

September 15-17, 2023

North Woods of Camp AuSable - Grayling Michigan

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**ON THIS DAY**  
**PATHFINDER CAMPOREE**  
**2023**

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# Michigan Camporee Bulletin

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It is always an exciting time to start off the Pathfinder year with the Michigan Pathfinder camporee. We are thankful for the opportunity for us to meet together with the purpose of discipling the young people in the Northwoods of Camp AuSable.

Camporee's definitely help "ignite" the Pathfinder program. Kids make lasting friendships with other Pathfinders, their Pathfinder leaders and with Jesus Christ.

The mission of the Camporee is to inspire, create teamwork within the club and connect to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Our 2022/23 theme is "On This Day". It is an easy theme to introduce into our daily conversations if we are intentional about doing it. Let us all encourage the pathfinders to remember: On This Day I will forgive as Jesus forgave me. On this day I will Keep the Morning Watch. On this day I will follow Jesus. On this day I will do my honest part. You get it!

With our mission in mind, we are giving you most of the morning and afternoon to be with your club. Come prepared with an interactive Sabbath School of some sort. We have enclosed a potential Sabbath School activity you can use if you would like. We encourage you to come up with something that will keep your club engaged during the afternoon. Visiting clubs, scavenger hunts appropriate for Sabbath, outreach, nature hikes, etc. We will have a special "On This Day" feature at 3:00pm in the pavilion.

We wear our Class A uniforms on Sabbath morning for church service. We encourage your clubs to wear their field uniform shirts the rest of the weekend.

As it all camporees, we ask that you create a nice entrance to your camp depicting the theme. I am excited to see what you come up with!

**There is important information in this Camporee bulletin. We encourage you to read this packet carefully.**

Thank you for your ministry to Pathfinding. Without you, there is no Pathfinder program in Michigan!

Pastor Craig Harris

Michigan Pathfinder Director

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# Camporee Schedule

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## FRIDAY

- 3:00 p.m. Pitch Camp/Registration Begins  
6:00 Supper (Plan a sack lunch as time is a factor)

## SABBATH PREPARATION

- 7:49 SUNDOWN - Plan to have your camp set and ready for the Sabbath!  
8:00 Evening meeting at Pathfinder Bowl (Bad weather option - Pavilion). Pastor Garhett  
Director's Meeting (10 minutes after the end of the meeting)  
10:30 Quiet Time

## SABBATH

- 7:00 a.m. Rise & Shine!  
7:30 Morning Watch & Prayer (with your club)  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Flag Raising  
9:30 Sabbath School in your club  
10:45 Worship Service (Pavilion)  
12:30 Dinner and Club directed visitation, hike, scavenger hunt, etc  
3:00 Special Feature (Pathfinder Pavilion)  
5:00 Supper  
6:30 Flag Lowering  
7:15 Sundown Worship at the Pathfinder Bowl  
Director's Meeting (After the evening meeting)  
10:30 Quiet Time

## SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. 5K Sandy Skedaddle  
8:00 Morning Watch & Prayer (with your club)  
8:15 Breakfast and Camp Strike  
9:00 Flag Raising  
9:30 Start at Pavilion - Contests & Field Events  
12:00 p.m. Presentation of Trophies & Awards / Flag Lowering  
1:00 Lunch, Camp Cleanup and Break Camp (thank you for doing a good job of cleaning your site!)
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# Before You Arrive

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## 1. Online Registration:

- a. Find the registration email Pastor Craig sent that gives the instructions for registering your club.
- b. Here you will enter the number of pathfinders, staff, tents, campers, trailers, medical staff, etc
- c. You must register before coming

## 2. Make sure all of the TLT paperwork is submitted to the Youth Department. Email is: coliver@misda.org

## 3. Communicate to all of your staff that there is to be NO TRAFFIC in the camping area during camporee. This is for the safety of the Pathfinders. Thank you for helping us with this important matter.

## 4. Remind Pathfinders to bring their Class A uniform. Girls are allowed to wear black slacks or a skirt at the camporee.

## 5. Remind the Pathfinders that shorts are allowed by must be at least to the top of the knee.

## 6. Create a nice entrance to your campsite depicting the theme "On This Day"

## 7. Remember to leave your pets, including your dog, at home or at a kennel.

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# When You Arrive

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## 1. Receive your site assignment and pitch camp in your assigned site. (This will be emailed to you )Move vehicles to the designated parking areas. If folks needs to run to town, please have them park in the front parking lot.

## 2. Director should register in the Pathfinder Pavilion when your are able.

## 3. Remind your Pathfinders of the Sabbath. We encourage you to use this time as a good teaching moment for the sanctity of the Sabbath hours. We also encourage you to remind the Pathfinder that all of the footballs, soccer balls, etc keep the Sabbath in the North Woods. So don't let them tempt the balls into breaking the Sabbath! :)

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# When You Leave

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## 1. Please make sure there is no fire in the fire pit. Please douse the fire with water until there is no doubt it is out.

## 2. Have your Pathfinder Team comb the entire camp site picking up the littlest piece of paper or trash and throw in trash bag.

## 3. Dispose of trash bag in the dumpster on your way out.

## 4. Have a great trip home.

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# Camporee Guidelines

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The mission of the camporee is to **inspire, teach** and **build** friendships within the local club and the Michigan Pathfinder program under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Our focus will always be on God's nature, God's word and God's mission. With this mission in mind:

## **General**

1. We have created a schedule this is a bit lighter on its feet so you can have more time with your club to start off the year. We hope this will help you in teaching and building of the lasting friendships Pathfindering offers.
2. Medical - We will post the sites where medical people are located. There is a local hospital for emergency situations.
3. Club Directors are requested to have your club sit together with their counselors at the programs. There will be no assigned seating areas. Clubs are responsible for all Pathfinders at all times. All Units are to have a designated counselor with their unit.
4. Encourage your Pathfinders to refrain from bringing their phones, mp3 players, or other electronic devices to camporee. Thank you for encouraging them to have the joy of the camporee and God's leading without these distractions. We do realize that many use these for the Bible, etc...but a weekend free of electronics is a great thing!
5. Thank you for participating in all of the camporee activities
6. Thank you for respecting other clubs and guard carefully the Quiet Time.

## **At the Campsite**

7. All fires must have a shovel, and a bucket of water near the fire pit. For obvious reasons.
8. Each campsite should have a useful First Aid Kit. See below for First Aid Kit suggestions.
9. One open fire per campsite only
10. **Sorry, Pets are not permitted at the camporee. If you bring a pet, we will kindly ask you to take it to a local boarding house.** We had a young person bit by a dog in years past. And it was a "friendly" dog. A couple of local Dog boarding house numbers:
  - a. Pet Parlor - 1584 W Houghton Lake Dr, Prudenville, MI 48651 (989) 366-7500
  - b. Northern Trails Quality Pet - 5951 Glenwood Ct, Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 344-9999
11. Camping is permitted in designated areas only.
12. Thank you for parking your cars in the designated parking areas only. No cars are to be at the campsite.

## **Dress Guidelines**

We have modified the dress code at the camporee/fair to be as follows:

13. Modesty is the rule. No tank tops, low neck lines, or any clothing that allows undergarments to show is tolerated. (This includes boys pants riding low). This policy is for the entire North Wood's camp including the club's campsite.

14. We encourage clubs to wear their field uniforms Sabbath Afternoon and Sunday. (Realizing that many Pathfinders have only one field uniform shirt.)

15. Sabbath morning dress is Class A for all Pathfinders and Pathfinder staff. (We understand you may have new Pathfinders that have not been outfitted yet. We also understand, you may also have a camp cook, camp superintendent or parent that may not have a uniform.) TLT's are full dress uniform.

Girls are allowed to wear black slacks or a skirt for Class A at any Pathfinder event in the North woods.

16. We have modified the field uniform to include knee length shorts. No other length of shorts is acceptable. (Thank you for making sure these guidelines are followed.)

17. The North American Division Pathfinder Department has directed each conference to NOT ALLOW any type of army fatigues, or camouflage wear, to be worn at any Pathfinder Event in North America. The Michigan Conference will abide by this guideline. Thank you for your cooperation in not wearing these types of clothing.

## **Bathrooms and Water Pumps**

18. The bathrooms are not garbage cans. So please do not throw diapers, dirty undergarments, shirts, hats, cans, water bottles or anything else into the tanks.

19. Please keep the lids closed when done using the stool. It helps with ventilation.

20. Please wash your dishes, hair and brush your teeth at your campsite NOT at the water pumps. The water pumps are to be used for gathering drinking water only.

## **Events**

21. We encourage you to have fun and march your group to and from meetings. Perhaps create a marching song just for your club.

22. The camporee events will be team oriented. We encourage clubs and or units to stay together during the events for better team building. All events are general in nature so no practicing is required prior to the camporee.

23. We encourage each club to take in at least one Flag raising/lowering during the camporee.

### **Garbage and Trash**

24. Campsites are to be kept clean, and all garbage and trash are to be put in the dumpster behind campsite #1. Thank you for your help.

### **Firewood**

25. Dead trees may be cut up and used for firewood. Thank you for being kind to our live trees and let them live! Please neatly stack the firewood near a tree on the edge of the site when you leave.

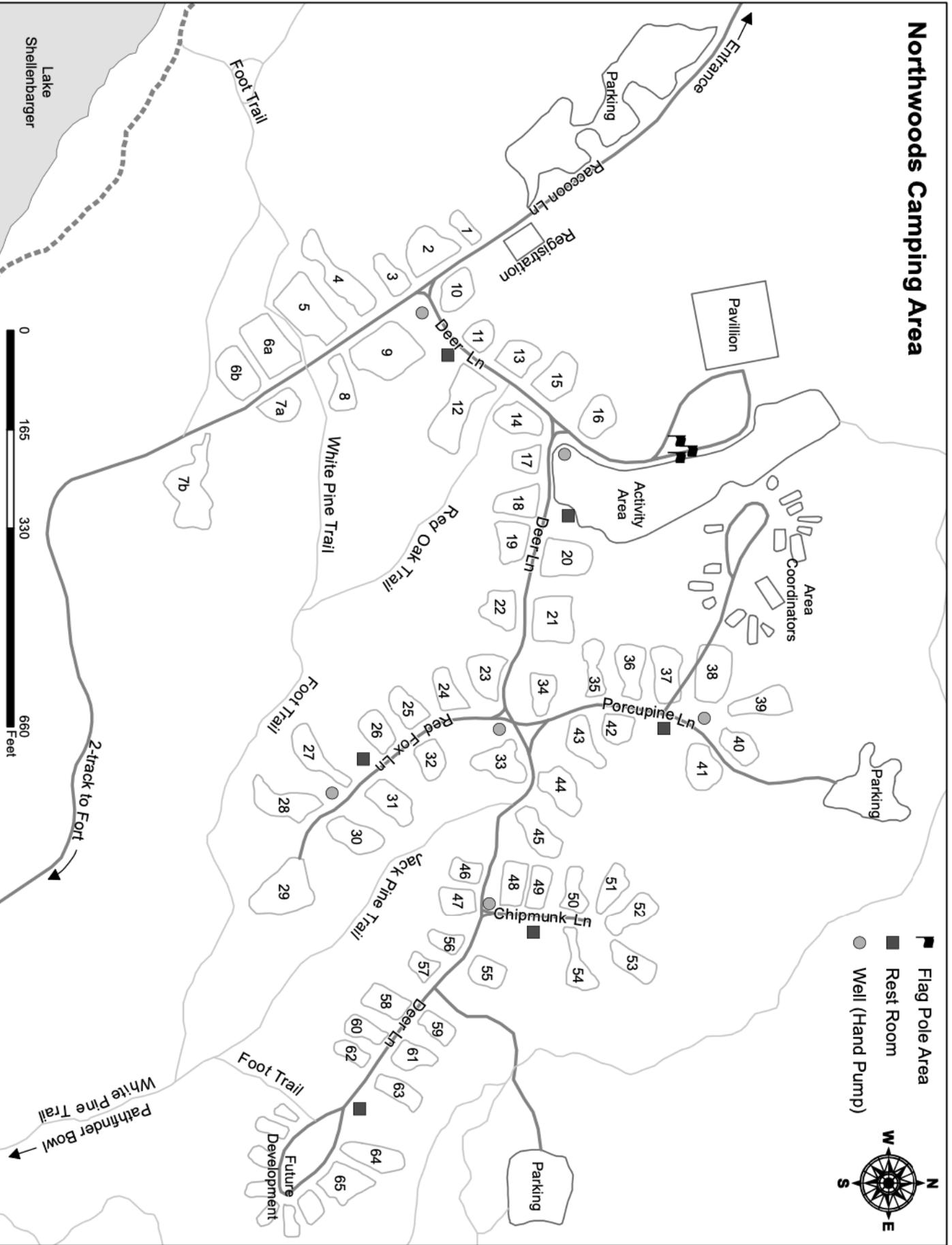
### **Parking and Vehicle Traffic**

26. No vehicles are to be left in the campsite. This clutters the campsite and campground. We want the camp to look nice so others can see your decorated camp entrance, etc. Vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking areas only.

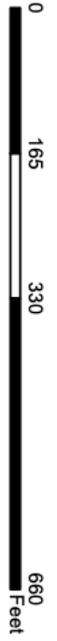
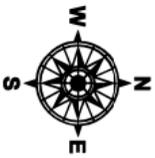
**NOTE: Only those vehicles parked in the large lot near check-in are allowed to leave for town. Vehicles parked in the parking areas within the campground must stay parked until Sunday morning.**

- a. We understand the need to get the vehicles in and packed on Sunday. The gates will be opened at 9:30 on Sunday morning.
- b. Please respect the camporee safety rule of having **NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON THE CAMPGROUND**. The only exceptions are for medical emergencies. Please do not ask the Area Coordinator they will say no. The Conference Director or the Camporee Safety Director will give the ok to move a vehicle. ***This rule is not unreasonable, it is for safety concerns of having 1,000 people walking/running on the roads.***

# Northwoods Camping Area



- Flag Pole Area
- Rest Room
- Well (Hand Pump)



## Camporee Sabbath School Idea

### Deaf as a Hammer. - Art of listening

**Theme:** Listening

**Scripture:** James 1:9

**Prep:** Need wrapped candies and Bibles

#### **Experience:**

Say: We're going to have a pop quiz on trivia. The first person to pop up and answer each questions wins a piece of candy. If you pop up before I finish the quest, you must finish the question correctly before giving the answer.

Read the following questions slowly and deliberately so kids will attempt to jump early.

#### **Ask:**

1. When is Valentines Day? (February 14)
2. How many books in the Old Testament? (27)
3. Who was the first person to walk on the moon? (Neil Armstrong)
4. What is the fifth Pathfinder Law? (Be Courteous and Obedient)
5. How many letters in the word "Elephant". (8)
6. What is the Postal abbreviation for the state of Michigan? (MI)
7. What is the name of Cain's father? (Adam)
8. What is the name of the last book of the Bible? (Revelation)
9. What is the Postal abbreviation for the state of New Hampshire? (NH)
10. What is the Postal abbreviation for the state of Missouri? (MO)

#### **Response:**

Ask: On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being "all ears" and 1 being "deaf as a hammer", how carefully were you listening to me? What were the rewards of listening very carefully to me? How is this like or unlike how carefully you listen o to your parents? Your teachers? Your friends?

What are the rewards of listening carefully?

What are the consequences or bad effects of not listening carefully?

How do you feel when someone pays close attention to you when you are talking?

How do you feel when someone you're talking to looks away or seems disinterested?

#### **Closing:**

Form pairs and read James 1:19 together. Then take two minutes to discuss with your partner why you agree or disagree with the statement, "Listening is the simplest way to show love."

Close with silent prayer and then have one of your TLT's or yourself pray after everyone is done.

Wrap it up be encouraging the pathfinders to thank God for always listening and to ask God to help them be attentive, loving listeners.

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# First Aid Kit

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Most clubs will purchase a good first Aid Kit, which is acceptable. Just in case you haven't, here is a list of the essential and recommended items for your kit:

## Essential Items

Ace Bandages (2" and 4" wide)

Sling

Triangle Bandage

Adhesive Bandages (Band Aids) one inch wide

Adhesive Bandages (Band Aids) two inches wide

Disinfectant - Hydrogen Peroxide is good

Tape and Gauze bandages

Gloves

Instant Cold Pack

## Recommended Items

CPR Mask or resuscitation mask

Finger Splint

Cortaid for insect bites

This is just a starter kit. You may wish to add other items you feel your club may need.