

INVESTITURE INFORMATION

A. INVESTITURE DATE

Please be sure you are planning for your scheduled date. Be sure to include your pastor in your plans. A special mailing will be sent out later in January with an Investiture request form that needs to be sent back to the Pathfinder department in order to make up the Investiture schedule.

B. REQUISITION FORMS

Another mailing will be sent with the requisition forms in March. Wherever there is a Church School, Adventurer Club, or Pathfinder Club, it is requested that the classroom teacher and club leaders work together in preparing the requisition form, and the classroom teacher is requested to send in the forms. Where there is *only* a Church School, an Adventurer Club, or a Pathfinder Club, it is the responsibility of the one in charge to order the Investiture materials.

C. REQUIREMENTS

1. *JUNIOR BIBLE READING PLAN* - One section of the Junior Bible Year is completed each year for the Friend through Ranger. No certificate is given each year. In order to obtain a Junior Bible Year certificate, **all** four sections must be completed.
2. *READING REQUIREMENT* - Each young person must read their appropriate set of requirements/books in order to be invested in each class. **Note:** If they are being invested in more than one class, a class reading or book club certificate is required for each class. All reading requirements are outlined in the "AY Curriculum Manual" for Friend through Guide. Adventurer reading requirements (for grades 1-4) are found in the *Adventurer Manual*.
3. *SWIMMING REQUIREMENT EXCEPTION* - This requirement is for the Advanced class. Therefore, if there is a question as to a person's disability, please check the "AY Curriculum Manual" under the Honor Enrichment track of any class. If it is impossible to obtain physical facilities to meet the swimming requirement of the AY classes, special exception can be arranged by contacting the Conference Pathfinder Department.
4. *MEETING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS* - It is important that the young people meet the needed requirements. We know that you will have to use your judgement regarding their ability, but let's do our best to make the Investiture program as meaningful and character-building as possible. If at Investiture time, some of the young people lack one or two requirements, we will invest them at your request with the understanding that you will take the responsibility to see that they have it completed before the end of the school year.
5. *TIME CONSUMING REQUIREMENTS* - Some areas will require more time or good weather are: Scripture Memorization, Community Outreach, Physical Fitness, Leadership, Hiking, and Outdoor Skills. Be sure to work out these schedules early to avoid conflicts and disappointments at Investiture time.

D. **ADVENTURER/AY CLASS SCHEDULE** - Please observe the following:

Eager Beaver	-	Kindergarten	Friend	-	5th grade
Busy Bee	-	1st grade	Companion	-	6th grade
Sunbeam	-	2nd grade	Explorer	-	7th grade
Builder	-	3rd grade	Ranger	-	8th grade
Helping Hand	-	4th grade	Voyager	-	9th grade
			Guide	-	10th grade

The reason to follow the above schedule is: if students go ahead of their grade level, they run out of the classwork too early. Also, if you try to cover just one class for two grades and the alternate the next year, this will cause problems for students transferring.

E. **PARENT PINS (ANCHORING IN CHRIST)**

A handsome series of small pins are available for the purpose of recognizing parents who have demonstrated commitment through regular participation in the Adventurer Club and in the Adventurer Family Network.

Adventurer Club Parents may qualify to be awarded with their Adventurer boy or girl if they have met the following requirements as outlined in the *Adventurer Manual*:

1. Regular attendance at Adventurer Family Network meetings.
2. Supporting the Adventurer Club leadership.
3. Participate in Adventurer Club functions.
4. Child participation and investiture in Adventurer Club.

F. **REQUISITION FORMS**

1. The requisition forms are to be typed or printed. Please follow instructions correctly. Each student invested must have completed the reading requirements to receive a Reading Award patch or Reading Class/Book Club Certificate. Please check the appropriate box on your copy or they might not receive it. If you have any questions, please contact the Pathfinder Department. **Note:** Adventurers will receive a patch only.
2. Please **print** or **type** the information needed on the forms and return to the Pathfinder Department. We must have your completed forms at least **TWO WEEKS** before the date of your investiture in order to have your items ready.
3. **AWARD/HONOR LIMIT:** There is no limit. This is part of your Investiture expenses.
4. *Name of Reader:* To help make the program run smoothly, we request that you select someone to read all the names. Please fill in their name on the Requisition Form.

G. **ADVERTISING**

1. This is a good opportunity for parents and others in the church to get better acquainted with what their young people are doing in the AY, Adventurer and Pathfinder programs. Also, it is our opportunity to encourage attendance at Camp this summer. Please be sure that your

program is well-advertised and especially announced in your church or church's bulletins.

2. An offering is taken during the program to help cover the cost of the supplies and it will be left with the church/school. Please make your members aware of this prior to the program.
3. Please encourage all Master Guides to come with their scarves, sashes, etc., ready to help us with the Investiture service.

H. UNIFORMS AND SCARVES

1. All students who have received scarves previously *MUST* wear them to the Investiture program as only new pins and slides (where applicable) will be issued. If they are to be invested for the first time into Adventurers (Busy Bee - Helping Hand) or the first time in AY (Friend - Guide), check the box, *scarf needed*. Those who have Adventurer/Pathfinder scarves should wear them as they will not receive another scarf.
2. *Scarves*
 - a. Burgundy (Adventurer) scarf is for those in grades 1-4.
 - b. Yellow scarf is for those in grades 5-10 who are NOT a member of a Pathfinder Club.
 - c. Pathfinder scarf is for those in grades 5-10 who are a member of a Pathfinder Club. This scarf is purchased by the Club or Club members.
 - d. Master Guide scarf is presented to those who are invested as a Master Guide.
3. *Uniforms*

We would ask all Adventurer/Pathfinder Club members in the Investiture service to wear their uniforms. This is another opportunity to show our church what Adventurers and Pathfinders mean as they tie in with the AY program.

I. PROGRAM

The suggested Investiture program will help some of you who are new. If you want to add to the program, it is certainly all right. Please keep in mind this Investiture service should be about 1 hour to 1 1/4 hours long.

J. AMERICAN FLAG - Please Note

1. If marching with several flags, the American flag should be in front of the other flags and in the center.
2. When the flag is brought in, the *audience should stand* and remain standing until the flag ceremony has ended.
3. Adventurers, Pathfinders, and staff in uniforms should salute. Others in the audience should place the right hand over the heart. Explain this to your audience before the flag ceremony.

If you need any assistance at any time, please feel free to call us.