

Michigan Conference

Pathfinder Induction Ceremony

Director - _____

I hereby declare the Induction Ceremony of the _____ Pathfinder Club now in order.

The lights are darkened.

For the light of our program we turn to the Spirit of Pathfinding. The candle which 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 complimentary light we call on our Pathfinders.

Person --1 _____

The Pathfinder 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.

Person --2 _____

The Pathfinder 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.

Person --3 _____

The Pathfinder Explorer Class is a course of study that will help one to find new adventure in exploring God's word and his created works.

Person --4 _____

The Pathfinder 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.

Person --5 _____

The Pathfinder 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.

Person --6 _____

The Pathfinder 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.

Person --7 _____

The Master Guide Class is a course of study in your leadership that will enable the Pathfinder Leader to draw closer to God and to teach the high ideals of the Pathfinder Club. The Master Guide Class will help one to lead young people to a greater knowledge and relationship to our Lord Jesus as our Savior.

Club Director - _____

The Spirit of Pathfinding candle represents the good things in the Pathfinder program. It represents the high ideals for which the club stands and the growth that each Pathfinder leader will make as a club member. We will now light the Pathfinder/AY Pledge candles.

Person --1 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "By the grace of God" which means I will rely on God to do His will.

Person --2 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "I will be pure" which means I will raise above the wicked world in which I live and keep my life clean with words and actions that will make others happy.

Person --3 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "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.

Person --4 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "I will be true" which means that I will be honest in study, work or play, and will always do my best.

Person --5 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "I will keep the Pathfinder/AY Law" which means I will understand the Pathfinder/AY Law and live up to it.

Person --6 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "I will be a servant of God" which means I will put God first in everything.

Person --7 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates we pledge "I will be a friend to man" which means I will treat others like to be treated.

Person --8 _____

On behalf of Michigan Pathfinder Leaders I accept the candidate's vow to live by the Pathfinder Pledge.

Club Director - _____

Let us proceed with the ceremony of lighting the Pathfinder/AY Law candles.

Person --1 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Keep the morning watch", which means I will have prayer and personal Bible study each day.

Person --2 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Do my honest part" which means I will do my share of the work and be their when other people need help.

Person --3 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Care for my body" which means I will not put anything harmful in my body; and I will stay physically fit.

Person --4 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Keep a level eye" which means I will not lie, cheat or talk dirty.

Person --5 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Be courteous and obedient" which means I will think about other people's feelings and do what I am asked.

Person --6 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Walk softly in the sanctuary" which means I will be quiet in church and during worships.

Person --7 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Keep a song in my heart" which means I will try to always be happy, even when I don't feel like it.

Person --8 _____

Sir, on behalf of the candidates, we pledge to "Go on God's errands" which means I will always be ready to tell people about Jesus.

Person --9 _____

On behalf of the Michigan Pathfinder leaders I accept the candidate's vow to observe the Pathfinder Law.

Club Director -

Invite All Candidates To Stand - To affirm your dedication to the high principles of the Pathfinder Club we ask you to join with us and repeat the Pathfinder/AY Pledge and Law in unison.

I hereby declare the (give names of candidates) accepted into the fellowship of the _____ Pathfinder Club of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. **(Invite them to come forward)** You are now being presented with a candle, which you may now light from the 'Spirit of Pathfinding' candle. Your light is now added to our club, and we charge you in the presence of these Pathfinder leaders to let your light shine before others in the Spirit of Pathfinding.

Sing the "Pathfinder Song"

We will now ask _____ 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 member.

Pathfinder Induction Service – Optional Readings

This part would be read by a person in the back of the room or in a side room using a mike. This is read while the candle is being lighted, that adds another part to the service which brings more meaning.

The Pathfinder Pledge

By the grace of God

Prov. 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

I will be pure

Prov. 22:11 He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the King will be his friend.

I will be kind

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

I will be true

Col. 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

I will keep the Pathfinder Law

Eccl. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

I will be a servant to God

Josh. 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

And a friend to man

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

The Pathfinder Law is for me to -

Keep the morning watch

2 Tim. 2:15 ABe diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.@

Do my honest part

Eph. 6:6-7 ANot with eye service, as men pleasers, but as bond servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.@

Care for my body

1 Cor. 6:19-20 Or do you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Keep a level eye

Matt. 6:22 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

Be courteous and obedient

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work.

Walk softly in the sanctuary

Lev. 26:2 You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the Lord.

Keep a song in my heart

Eph. 5:19 Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

And go on Gods errands

Isa. 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who shall go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me".