

# Investiture Service

The Investiture service is one of the most important services we have in the Pathfinder year! It is when the local church celebrates the accomplishments of the young people. This service should be communicated to the church family several weeks in advance of the Investiture Service.

## **When do I have my investiture?**

- Investitures are done in the spring of the year, giving you enough time to complete the Investiture Achievement requirements.
- Most clubs have their investitures either on a Friday night, Sabbath worship time, or on Sabbath afternoon or evening. Some clubs have it during the week in place of prayer meeting.
- You will coordinate your date with your pastor, teacher, and Adventurer director
- The youth department will send you a investiture date request where you will put three legitimate dates and times down for your investiture. The youth department will create the schedule and send back to you in January.

## **Who is invited?**

- Every family member
- Every church member
- The local Pastor

## **Where is the investiture held?**

- usually the investiture is held in the church sanctuary. But it can be held at a camp out, or in a large tent, etc

## **What is the Club Director supposed to do?**

- The club director will order all of the investiture supplies from Advent Source two weeks prior to the investiture. These supplies include the Investiture Achievement class pins, the class name stripe, good conduct bars (if used) and all of the honors the pathfinders have earned
- You will create a packet for each pathfinder with their awards in the package. Some suggested ways to package the awards is follows:
  - Staple the honors on a nice 3 foot ribbon with the name strip and their IA pin attached to it. The ribbon can be draped over the pathfinders neck
  - Place in a nice envelope with the IA pin sticking through the envelope. It is much easier to grab the pin if the pin is THROUGH the envelope instead of IN the envelope.
- Communicate the investiture service through the church bulletin, church announcement, website, your clubs facebook page, twitter, or other social media

## **What happens at an Investiture?**

- A typical investiture looks like this
  - Short song service
  - Pathfinders march in and post the colors.
  - Pathfinder recite the pledge and the law
  - Sing Pathfinder song
  - Opening prayer
  - An overview of the pathfinder year can be done several ways:
    - Pathfinders share what they have learned this past year. Have them practice this so it is done very well.

- A slide show showing the many activities done this year
- Have Pathfinders recite the memory verses they learned this year
- Have the pathfinders describe and demonstrate hours they have earned this year
- Introduction of the youth department representative. Either Youth director or Area Coordinator
- Youth department will give a 15-20 minute talk
- Youth department will invite any master guides in attendance to come forward
- Youth department will invite Adventurer leader forward to read the names of those being invested
- The emblems are given and the Master Guides will pin the young people
- The youth department will invite the Pathfinder director forward
- The emblems are given and the Master Guides will pin the young people
- Youth department will ask the local pastor to have a prayer of dedication
- Any announcements from the local club director

If done well, this program will take about one hour.

Have fun and make this service a very special service for the young people