

Class 2P

Teaching the Pathfinder Curriculum

(75 minutes)

Objective: To learn the scope and sequence of the Pathfinder and TLT curricula, and to learn ways of developing one's creative style of teaching.

The Pathfinder Curriculum

Objectives:

1. **Achievement:** Experiencing successful completion of worthwhile tasks.
2. **Responsibility:** Learning to accept and faithfully carry out given responsibilities.
3. **Respect for Authority:** Understanding and accepting the principle of authority

The Pathfinder curriculum is divided into nine tracks with usually 3 requirements per track. Usually, two are required for the basic class and one for the advanced class. The purpose of this was to allow some flexibility in the program. However, as a club it is our goal to complete all the requirements and invest the pathfinders with both the basic and advanced classes.

AY Class Tracks

1. Personal Growth
 - a. Involvement
 - b. Commitment
 - c. Growth

Developing an awareness of personal worth and accomplishment
2. Spiritual Discovery
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Church Heritage
 - c. Christian Heritage

Understanding the working of God in their own lives, by recognizing God's leading in the lives of others
3. Serving Others
 - a. One to One
 - b. Group Witness
 - c. Community Outreach

Diminishing self-centeredness by focusing on the need of others
4. Making Friends
 - a. Building Relationships
 - b. Christian Lifestyle
 - c. Good Citizenship

Developing positive spiritual and social graces that will guard against peer pressure
5. Health and Fitness
 - a. Health Principles
 - b. First Aid/Safety
 - c. Fitness/Exercise

Teaching health to benefit both body and mind
6. Youth Organization
 - a. Leadership
 - b. Club Awareness
 - c. Pathfinder Programming

Providing a sense of belonging not only to a peer group but to the church as a whole

7. Nature Study
 - a. Spiritual Lessons
 - b. Nature Appreciation
 - c. Nature HonorRevealing God's character through nature
8. Outdoor Activities
 - a. Outdoor Skills
 - b. Outdoor ActivitiesMeeting the challenges of the out of doors and to improve self image and problem solving skills
9. Honor Enrichment
 - a. Arts/Crafts/Household Arts
 - b. Recreational/Vocational/Outdoor IndustriesIntroducing a variety of honors to develop a wide range of interests

.The AY Honors

In addition to the AY Classwork, the AY honors are a major portion of our club's program. Honors cover eight basic categories: Arts & Crafts, Health, Household Arts, Nature, Outdoor Industries, Outreach Ministries, Recreational, and Vocational. There are 11 Master Award can also be earned. They are Aquatic Master, Artisan Master, Conservation Master, Farming Master, Health Master, Homemaking Master, Naturalist Master, Sportsman Master, Technician Master, Wilderness Master, and Witnessing Master. Each master requires the Pathfinder to earn 7 honors in that particular field. Please consult with the honor book to learn which honors are required for each master. Honors can be earned in several ways. First, honors are taught as part of the regular Pathfinder curriculum. These honors include nature, first aid, arts & crafts, camping skills, and other outreach honors. Other honors, such as swimming may be obtained by either presenting a certificate of completion from a swimming class taken, or by passing the swimming test at our annual swimming party. Other honors not included in the regular program may be completed as part of a unit activity or as a home study honor, with the parents acting as teachers.

1. Familiarize yourself with the AY Honors Book, learning the categories into which the honors are grouped.
2. Learn the difference in Skill Levels 1, 2, & 3 honors.
3. Learn the requirements for the Master Honors.
4. Learn the clubs rotation schedule for the teaching of honors.
5. Help recruit instructors, from both staff and the church at large.
6. Check to see instructors have necessary materials.
7. Keep up-to-date records of work completed each session

Teaching Strategies and Creativity

AY Classwork

When new pathfinders look at the AY program, they can become overwhelmed with what appears to be the quantity of work that they will be expected to complete. However, everything they need to learn is included in the general operations of the club program. They will be pleasantly surprised to find at the end of the year that they have completed the class. You can accomplish this, by simply monitoring each pathfinder's progress and taking time to make up missed work each time it happens. It will be to your advantage to encourage attendance and make sure that each of your pathfinders attends each campout. You will be

responsible for only one level of AY Classwork at a time. During your first year, you will only be responsible for the Friends in your unit. The second year, if you have another TLT in your unit, that TLT will be responsible for the Friends, and you will then work with the Companions, and so on. Review the yearly schedule in the three pages of Weekly Meeting Breakdowns. This will give you an overview of the schedule of classes. Then study the Friend Teaching Helps for specific instructions on completing any item of the AY Classwork. You are also responsible to make sure each Pathfinder has a copy of the current Memory Verse and to supply back copies for older Pathfinders trying to accelerate.

Preparing to Teach an AY Honor Class

1. Know the material.
2. Plan the lessons, dividing the material into classes, so that it can be completed in the prescribed time.
3. Prepare each lesson ahead of time, making sure to have the required teaching aids.
4. Make the lessons interesting. It is not acceptable to read the information from the manuals.
5. Vary your teaching methods.
6. Ask questions and encourage responses from the Pathfinders
7. Make sure, either by use of a written test or by asking for verbal responses, that each Pathfinder has learned the material and understands it.
8. Remember that people learn much better by doing, than by listening.

The TLT Curriculum

The four levels of Teen Leadership Training cover the four high school years. However these are progressive. All beginning TLT's begin at level 1 regardless of their current grade.

Purpose:

Train Leaders for the Adventist Church in general
Train Leaders for the future of Pathfinding in particular

Considerations:

Keep active Pathfinders motivated to continue
Not a replacement for Church Youth Program
Honor society status
Not a time saver
Not a substitute for adult staff
Long term commitment

Materials:

TLT Program Book, Pins, Patches, and Braid

Requirements:

Required will vary by club, but the minimum is to be a pathfinder for at least one year and have completed Friend, Companion, and Explorer.

Year 1

Minimum 9th grade (all new TLTs start here)
Complete two operational Tracks (Counseling and AY Tracks)
Complete AY Classwork (Voyager)
Maintain points
Attend a Conference leadership program

Year 2

Complete two operational Tracks (Camping and Administration)

Complete AY Classwork (Guide)

Maintain points

Attend a Conference leadership program

Year 3

Complete two operational Tracks (Outreach and Finance/Clerical)

Complete AY Classwork (Half of Master Guide)

Maintain points

Attend a Conference leadership program

Year 4

Specialize in one operational Track

Complete Master Guide

Maintain points

Attend a Conference leadership program

Implementation:

Are you ready? (You can not teach what you do not know.)

Introducing the Tracks

Counseling

1. Demonstrate leadership ability and set a good example at all times.
2. Maintain an enthusiastic attitude and have a sense of humor.
3. Be loyal to Pathfinders, supporting both the program and staff.
4. Encourage a family atmosphere in unit and treat members fairly.
5. Guide rather than boss your unit and encourage member's ideas.
6. Be interested in your own unit, not hanging out with other TLTs.
(*That's what TLT meetings and trips are for*)
7. Maintain discipline in unit at all times, and control your own emotions.
8. Listen to your unit members and pray for guidance before responding.
9. Be resourceful in dealing with problems, and seek help if needed.

AY Classwork / Honors

1. Study the Bible and *Education* about the teaching methods of Jesus
2. Interview at least two teachers to learn effective teaching strategies
3. Prepare one Honor Lesson Plan Booklet.
4. Teach at least two AY Honors
5. Oversee one level of AY Classwork for the entire year
6. Serve your church in a teaching capacity for at least 10 hours
Options-Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church, Discovery Club, Other Approved Program

Camping / Activity

1. Earn the Nutrition Honor
2. Earn the Fire Building and Camp Cookery Honor
3. Learn how to develop a yearly camping program
4. Understand the importance of campsite selection
5. Assist with the menu and food purchase for a campout.
6. Learn and participate in all level of program planning
7. Prepare and print campout program
8. Assist in equipment and supplies transportation.

Administration

1. Assist in preparation for Awards Programs.
2. Earn the Journalism Honor
3. Assist in all Club Administration Functions
. Master Calendar, Registration, Weekly Meetings, Worship
Security and Transportation, Equipment
4. Assist in publishing the Pathfinder Newsletter. and Handbook

5. Teach Drill and March

Outreach

1. Earn the Personal Evangelism Honor
2. Coordinate Outreach Honors-Junior Witness, Adventure for Christ, Adventure for Christ, Advanced, Sign Language, Temperance
3. Plan Share Your Faith Activities for the Yearly calendar.
Options: Literature Distribution, Nursing Home Visits, Vacation Bible School Puppet or Clown Ministries, Evangelistic Meetings, Other
4. Plan Community Service Activities for the Yearly calendar
Options: Food Basket Distribution, Feeding the homeless, Community Beatification projects, Tutoring Program, Adopt a Grandparent Program,
5. Plan Pathfinder Sabbath Program

Financial / Clerical

1. Earn the Typewriting Honor
2. Earn the Computer Honor
3. Prepare and submit the Monthly report
4. Tabulate Club points
5. Assist in Uniform Distribution
6. Learn all functions of record keeping
Applications, Medical Consent, Permission Slips,
7. Earn the Bookkeeping Honor
8. Be an assistant treasurer.

The TLT program is an extensive training course for young people with the desire and drive to complete it. Obviously not every teen is a suitable candidate for the program. Some have thought it is a way to bring wayward teens back to church, but that will do nothing but cause chaos on all sides. The TLT program is not a substitute for an active Youth Ministry in the church.