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Carolina Conference Pathfinder Newsletter

January 2012

January 17, 2012

Pathfinder Leaders:

I trust that your beginning to this new year was exciting and memorable. If not, you still have time to make some good memories, especially for your children. **Your Pathfinder Council met at Nosoca Pines Ranch on the first weekend of 2012** to plan and organize Pathfinder events for this calendar year. Their spirit and commitment to the ministry of our youth reflects the same feelings and passions you have for God's children. Enclosed in this news letter is a calendar of events for 2012. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Beginning February 1st, **the Carolina Conference will be led by a new president, Elder Leslie Louis.** I am happy to announce that he is a great supporter of Pathfinder Ministry and is also a Master Guide. He has asked to be involved in our events and we have already invited him to be our devotional speaker for Work Bee camp out and Leadership Convention. I encourage you to send a welcome card to him with a picture of your club. Just send it to the conference office to his attention.

I have included a couple of **fundraising ideas** for you to consider as you get ready for the Southern Union Camporee in October. I discovered that some of you have already registered for the International Camporee in 2014 and have already begun raising money. I hope these ideas will help.

The NAD Youth Department will conduct a **Just Claim It Prayer Conference in Greensboro, NC, March 6th-10th.** Included in this event is a full Pathfinder Leadership training track for Master Guides, Pathfinder Leadership Award, and Pathfinder Instructor's Award. Information has been sent to your church and your club.

Please join me in praying for Dave Holland, who is battling cancer. Dave and his wife Doris are original members of the Carolina Pathfinder Council. They are members of the Hickory SDA Church.

Inspections have begun and I am so encouraged at the level of preparation that is being demonstrated. **Patches for the October Camporee, Sound Off for Jesus,** will be sent to you this month. I am sorry for the delay.

I'll see you at your inspection.



Stanley Knight
Carolina Pathfinder Director

PATHFINDER CALENDAR 2012

February 4-6	Snow Skiing- Cataloochee Ski Area
February 5	Swimming - Recreation Center/Waynesville, NC
March 6-10	Just Claim it Prayer Conference- Greensboro, NC
March 11	Pinewood Derby (Hendersonville, NC)
March 16-18	Work Bee- Nosoca Pines Ranch
March 30-31	Council Meeting- Charlotte, NC
April 1	META- Charlotte, NC
May 4-6	APEX- Nosoca Pines Ranch
May 27- June 2	Lake Junalaska Campmeeting
June 2	Pathfinder Award Ceremony- Lake Junaluska Assembly
August 24-26	Leadership Convention- Nosoca Pines Ranch
October 10-14	Southern Union Camporee- Camp Kulaqua, FL

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

PATHFINDER BIBLE- ACHIEVEMENT

We will be studying Isaiah 1-55 and the SDA Bible Commentary Introduction (pg. 83-91) which will include the following: Title, Authorship, Historical Setting, and Theme. Our coordinator will be Tim Blake. To get more information please visit:
<http://pathfinderbibleachievement.org>

INITIAL CLUB PAPERWORK-

The clubs listed below in **red**, still have missing paperwork. **You need to have completed all your paperwork in order to receive your certificate of operation and in order to attend WORK BEE. DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL PAPERWORK IS FEBRUARY 7th.**

SOUTHERN UNION CAMPOREE-

The Southern Union Camporee will be October 10th-14th at Camp Kulaqua, Florida. Cost will be \$60.00 for early bird registration. **More details and registration forms will be given out as time gets closer.**

MONTHLY REPORTS

<u>Club</u>	<u>December</u>
Anderson	
Arden	X
Beaufort	X*
Biscoe Spanish	X
Camden	
Charleston	
Charleston Spanish	X
Charlotte Sharon	X*
Charlotte Spanish	X*
Charlotte University	X
Durham Spanish	X
Elizabethtown	
Erwin Hills	
Fayetteville	X
Fletcher	X
Franklin	X
Greenville North	X
Greenville South	X
Haw River	X
Hendersonville	X
Hickory	X
Hickory Spanish	X
High Point	
Hilton Head Spanish	X
Kernersville	
Lincolnton	
Lumber River	
Monroe	X
Monroe Spanish	
Morganton	
Mt. Olive Spanish	
Mt. Pisgah	X
New Bern Spanish	
Raleigh	X
Raleigh Spanish	X
Raleigh Umoja	X
Rockingham Spanish	
Sanford Spanish	
Spartanburg	X
Spartanburg Spanish	X
Statesville	X
Summerville	X
Tryon	
Upward	X
Washington Spanish	
West Columbia	X
Westminster	
Winston Salem	X
Winston Salem Spn	X

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CLUB NEWS

Charleston Spanish- In the month of December the Pathfinders went out to collect more food to deliver to others. They also went ice skating and thankfully everyone had fun and no one got hurt. We went out to march at the park and had recreation afterwards. We also worked on a couple of honors and had a Christmas party. Some made cupcakes, cookies, and others cooked meals. Now we are preparing for Pathfinder Sabbath. Every class has something different prepared to share.

Charlotte Spanish- In the month of December the Pathfinders had a great time. We had our class meetings and went ice skating which the Pathfinders enjoyed a lot. We also had a Christmas dinner and enjoyed being together.

Durham Spanish- During the month of December we worked on ADRA recollection. Our church had a week of prayer on December 3rd -10th in which Pathfinders served as deacons. We are also working on can recycling, most Pathfinders are responding very well to this project. We also continue working on the Adventurer for Christ Honor. Please keep us in your prayers. We are half way and it's been great. We want to keep going like this.

Fayetteville- Greetings from Fayetteville! We are ready for the Holidays. We just need a little cold weather. Some of our Pathfinder practiced Christmas music to play at some area churches'. We have a string quartet within our Pathfinder group. We're proud of the efforts they've put forth. We also sang Christmas carols to our sick and shut ins from the church and our church neighbors. We enjoyed singing almost as much as they enjoyed hearing us. We've had a lot of fun this season but we also worked on our class work and honors. To close out the month the Adventurers joined us for some refreshments; fun was had by all. Until next time, Happy Holidays and God Bless!

Fletcher- We met only for our Christmas party and finished our club outreach program.

Franklin- We have had a great year so far in our Pathfinder club! This month has been busy with Christmas and our annual Christmas Tree Campout. Every year we go to a Christmas Tree Farm in the mountains of Franklin, NC to camp. There is a flat spot at the bottom of the mountain that we camp in which has good, fresh, spring water. This year we took our three Pathfinders, along with the kids from the Salem church in South Carolina. We had 15 campers total including staff. It rained during camp setup on Friday, but the rest of the weekend was clear and cold! On Sabbath, the high temperature was 45, and it got below freezing both nights. (Great for working on the Winter Camping Honor!) On Sabbath morning after our worship we took a hike to the top of the mountain. There were some great views from up there! After returning to the bottom and resting for a few hours, we took another hike to an old cemetery out in the woods, and then got back to camp in time for dinner and hide-and-seek in the Christmas trees. We all had a great time camping and look forward to our next camping trip.

Greenville North- The highlight of this month was letting all the kids be junior chefs at a fancy bistro in town for the Cooking Honor. OK, the restaurant wasn't open to the public that day, but the owner/chef did teach the kids there and they cooked a gourmet brunch for their parents and served them in the restaurant. We also did the Family Life Honor led by a church member who is a Marriage/Family Therapist. We had to cancel a Sunday meeting because of a break-in at our church (and 4 other churches in town) with broken glass all over the building.

Haw River- The Haw River Pathfinders were invited to a Holly Hill Mall in Burlington to serve in bell choir as the Christmas season approaches. Almost 30 songs were played and the response of the audiences was enthusiastic. They were very appreciative for our service to the community.

Hendersonville- For our outreach activity this month, we took Christmas presents to a real needy family. We had a lot of gifts all wrapped up to put under the tree. The children were all excited. This December must have been the month to go ice skating. The Pathfinders about took over the place. It was good to see so many Pathfinders ice skating.

Hickory- With caroling and a Christmas program, we shared our faith twice this last month. For our Christmas party we went bowling and had pizza. On New Year's Eve we had a vespers program for the church and an evening of games and videos. Pathfinders and some church members spent the night and in the morning had breakfast and went home. Happy New Years all!

Hickory Spanish- On December 3rd we met after church and had lunch together in the gym. Our pastor read a devotional and all the classes advanced in their books and readings. On the 11th, we had a meeting. Our kids worked on their books and our staff began to work on what honors to prepare for our children. Then on the 18th, we had the best meeting of the month! Adventurers, Pathfinders and parents had a lot of fun. We played musical chairs, tug of war, and many other games. We had piñatas, food, and laughter filled the gymnasium. God blessed us through the cold month of December and the holidays. We hope that he continues to do so in 2012!

Mt. Pisgah- Pisgah Pathfinders had a busy Christmas season. We had three meetings in which we completed AY class work and earned the Physics Honor. We went ice skating in Greenville and we finished up the year by giving our sweets at the retirement community and wishing them a Merry Christmas before having our club Christmas party.

Raleigh- The Raleigh Navigators Pathfinder Club is up and running this year. We started in December 2011 with registration and two Pathfinder club meetings. This allowed us all to get to know each other a little better and start establishing goals for the upcoming year. We also had the opportunity to reach out to several of our church family members who are sick and shut-in. Our Pathfinders delivered poinsettias and self-made cards to various individuals. The Pathfinders also collected items and made Christmas gift baskets for those in need. Although it's been a mild winter and we have not hit any record lows, we took a trip to the outdoor ice skating rink in Raleigh in December and had a blast! We are blessed this year with a wonderful group of Pathfinders with so much enthusiasm and excitement about reaching out to the community and coming together as a group to form Christian friendships and learn more about God. We also have an excellent team of staff working together to teach, mentor, and support our young people. Please continue to pray for us as we "Go on God's errands".

Raleigh Umoja- We thank God for seeing us through the year of 2011. In the month of December the Pathfinders of Umoja SDA church participated in an orange sale. They sold 70 boxes of oranges to raise funds for the club. They learned knot tying, had a Pathfinder Sabbath, fed the homeless, and distributed Steps to Christ and other pamphlets to them. During the Pathfinder Sabbath they learned about spiritual gifts and how one can know our spiritual gifts.

Spartanburg- During our regular meetings this month, the Pathfinders have been working hard preparing for our January 25th inspection. Our drilling and marching is looking pretty sharp! In December we also earned one honor that we are very excited about - Parade Float Building! On December 13th, the

Pathfinders and Adventurers participated in the Spartanburg Jaycees Christmas Parade, "A Festival of Lights". It aired on December 25th, 2011 on the Spartanburg CBS affiliate station. The Adventurers loved riding on the float, and the Pathfinders enjoyed walking and handing out candy to kids along the parade route (although many of us were still smiling and talking in loud voices thirty minutes after the parade)! There were many people to thank for their assistance from Pathfinders, to staff, parents, church members and new friends made in the community. Finally, a huge thank you to God, who, in addition to making this whole thing possible, gave us wonderful weather that night and kept our lights working the whole way through the parade. We had a lot of fun, and we can't wait to do this outreach again next year!

Spartanburg Spanish- We went ice skating and our Pathfinders had lots of fun. It was a good experience for them. They were also happy to see the other clubs at the ice skating rink.

Statesville- We delivered food to two families in need this month.

Summerville- Happy Holidays! Our Pathfinders helped make food baskets for 7 needy families this Christmas. We have completed the Plaster Craft Honor. Older Pathfinders have completed the Family Life Honor while the Friend Class is working on Red Alert. We distributed "Who are the Seventh Day Adventist" to the community.

Upward- In December we finished Glass Etching, Maple Sugar, and started Spiders. It was fun watching the kids try pure maple syrup for the first time. The glass etching was a big success but the boys are afraid of spiders. We also had fun ice skating. The turnout was great. We did our can collecting and passed out our baskets for Christmas this year and had better success with increased giving. Overall it was a good month.

West Columbia- This was a short but very busy month. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Years. This month our drum team started back up again. We are very excited about doing new and exciting things with our team. We also went out to a local K-mart and wrapped presents for customers. The people really loved it and were even more surprised that we weren't taking up donations. It really made their day and ours. The kids just love doing it. The weather was really good also. I can't wait to see what the new year brings!

Winston Salem- Club members participated in sharing Christmas with a family that was much less fortunate than any of our members. Fire safety around Christmas trees was part of the Red Alert Honor that was taught this month.



INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Hickory	Jan 11
Summerville	Jan 15
Fayetteville	Jan 18
Raleigh Umoja	Jan 21
Hendersonville	Jan 25
Spartanburg	Jan 25
Tryon	Jan 25
Statesville	Jan 28
Spartanburg Spn	Jan 28
Hickory Spn	Jan 29
Mt. Pisgah	Jan 30
Greenville South	Feb 1
Lincolnton	Feb 1
New Bern Spn	Feb 4
Durham Spn	Feb 5
Charleston	Feb 8
Morganton	Feb 15
Anderson	Feb 15
Biscoe Spn	Feb 18
Raleigh Spn	Feb 19
Charleston Spn	Feb 21
Arden	Feb 22
Winston Salem Spn	Feb 25
Greenville North	Feb 25
Kernersville	Mar 14
Hilton Head Spn	Mar 24
Rockingham Spn	Apr 1
West Columbia	Apr 4
Fletcher	Apr 11
University City	Apr 21
Winston Salem	Apr 21





Spartanburg Pathfinder Club



West Columbia Warriors



Fundraising Ideas:



The Adventist DVD: Selling copies of *The Adventists* is a great fundraiser for schools, Pathfinder Clubs, and youth groups. Buy a case of 30 and you pay only \$9.95 for each DVD. Sell DVDs to family, friends, and church members for \$20 and make a \$300 profit! Every Adventist home should have a copy. Order from Advent Source. 800.328.0525 (Code to order is ca02)

Balloon-o-gram or Flower-o-gram: A balloon-o-gram or flower-o-gram is a telegram with balloons or flowers. Church members, families, and friends can order a balloon-o-gram at anytime for anyone in the local area. The Pathfinders would then deliver a bunch of balloons or flowers, a card and message, and sing a song for the receiver. The cost for the balloon-o-gram or flower-o-gram would be on a donation basis. Run this fundraising event for a while to include holidays as well as birthdays; from February to Memorial Day would give you Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mothers Day, as well as birthdays.

M&M Tubes: Buy a bunch of m&m tubes filled with m&m's and attach a tag that says something like this: "Instead of selling candy, the Pathfinders are giving it away. . . Take this tube home and enjoy the m&m's, then we'd appreciate it if you'd fill the empty tube with quarters and other spare change and return it to the Pathfinder Club member who gave it to you. Thank you for supporting the Pathfinders." Give them out freely to family and friends. Each empty tube holds up to \$14.

Selling Art: www.helpsdakids.com- Every sale, from your conference, will bring a donation amount of \$20 to \$140, depending on the artwork, to your ministry. Please contact Arthur Pletcher at 903-231-3522 or email at artpletcher@gmail.com.

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Trash-A-Thon: Each Pathfinder gets a sponsor sheet and fills it in with pledges. The pledges can be of any amount per hour (preferably at least \$1). The club then schedules a place and time to go to public areas and pick up trash for 2-4 hours. The director/coordinator officially signs the sponsor sheet and fills in the number of hours the Pathfinder worked and then the Pathfinder goes to each sponsor and collects the pledges. This is an easy fundraiser which benefits the community. Also, it teaches the Pathfinders about community service and the importance of not littering.

PATHFINDER – ADVENTURER

Family & Friends

ANNUAL SKI & SNOWBOARD WEEKEND

CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA

Maggie Valley, NC

www.Cataloochee.com

800-768-0285

February 4– 6, 2012

SESSIONS	TIMES	LIFT	SKI RENT	SB RENT	1.5 HR BEGINNER LESSON
Saturday Night	6:00-10:00 pm	\$26	\$14	\$30	FREE*
Sunday Day	8:30am -4:30 pm	46	19	30	FREE*
Monday Day	9:00am – 4:30 pm	30	14	30	FREE*

- Please pre-register your group with Group Sales. \$20 per person deposit due by January 20 is required.
- Groups may be less than 15. Group Sales office located in the Lower level of the Group/Snow School building
- Ski Sunday and Monday and get Saturday night free
- Each group must arrive together and pay with one check
- Lessons are scheduled as soon after your arrival as possible
- Free Beginner Lesson is for ages 7 and up when renting Cataloochee equipment
- Saturday night class is at 7:00pm. Arrive a minimum of 1 hour before class times.
- *Upper level Ski and Snowboard lessons are available at the Ticket Center for an additional \$12. (reg. \$20) 1 ½ hr same times as above.
- Ski bibs (pants) and jackets are available for rent in the Gift Shop at \$9 per jacket or bibs or \$16 for both. \$20 refundable deposit per item
- Helmet rentals are \$7

For information & registration go to the website or call Group Sales at 1-800-768-0285

groupsales@cataloochee.com

The Waynesville Church will be available for sleeping overnight. There is one shower available. Please contact Kathy New for reservations. Space is limited.

Kathy New 828-734-9815

e-mail - Kathy_New@hotmail.com



Swimming Party

- WHO:** ALL PATHFINDERS AND STAFF
- WHEN:** Sunday, February 5, 2012
- WHERE:** Waynesville Recreation Center
Howell Mill Road
Waynesville, NC
(828) 456-2030
- TIME:** 1:00-3:00 pm
- COST:** \$3.00/person (Ages 5-11)
\$4.00/person (Ages 12-17)
\$6.00/person (Ages 18+)
(Please Note: These rates are for groups of 15+.
Tell them you are with the Pathfinder group.)

This facility has a lot features that will be fun for the Pathfinders:

- Water park with sprinklers
- Full size pool that is 4' in shallow end and 9' in deep end (diving is allowed off side of pool)
- Large slide in 4' end of pool
- Gym for basketball
- Game room with ping pong, air hockey, and foosball
- Snack machines (no food bar)

*****A MODEST ONE PIECE BATHING SUIT IS REQUIRED*****

For more information call Becky Wynn at (828) 692-7713 (h) or (828) 551-0498 (c)
(Note: If anyone is interested in teaching or taking the Beginners Swimming Honor, please let Becky know.)