

PATHFINDER INDUCTION CEREMONY

DIRECTOR:

I hereby proclaim the induction ceremony of
the _____

Pathfinder Club to be called to order and declared in session. For the light of our program we now turn to the “**Spirit of Pathfinding**”. As we turn off the room lights, the candle which I now light represents this spirit, which is the essence of pathfinding. It is the spirit of achievement, adventure, awakening, and awareness; the spirit of beauty, blessing, commitment, comradery, and consecration; the spirit of dedication, duty, energy and enthusiasm. But above all it is the **Spirit of Reverence**, and the **Spirit of Service to GOD and man**. But this light is of itself not complete nor sufficient. To introduce the complementary lights I now call on the assistance of our deputy director(s).

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 1

The Pathfinder **Friend** class is a course of study in spiritual awareness, intellectual learning, manual skills, and physical fitness that will enable the young pathfinder to be a better neighbour in the church and the community, and a friend of God throughout eternity.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 2

The Pathfinder **Companion** class is a course of study in spiritual growth, mental development and learning, manual skills, and physical fitness that will enable the growing pathfinder to acquire a deeper meaning to life, and a meaningful companionship with **Our Lord Jesus Christ** every hour of every day.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 1

The Pathfinder **Explorer** class is a course of study in spiritual development, mental growth and learning, manual skills, and physical fitness that will enable the developing pathfinder to discover new methods, and experience new adventures in exploring **God's** written word, and **His** created works.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 2

The Pathfinder **Ranger** class is a course of study including spiritual, mental, manual, and physical development that will lead the pathfinder to new areas of discovery in the natural world, together with new and deeper spiritual understanding that will open the way to greater happiness and genuine fulfillment.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 1

The Pathfinder **Voyager** class is a course of study that will encourage and lead the more mature pathfinders to dedicate themselves more fully to acquiring a deeper and broader understanding of **God** through a diligent and consistent study of **His** written word and the marvels evident in **His** created works as seen through the book of nature.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 2

The Pathfinder **Guide** class is a course of study that emphasizes personal growth and spiritual discovery, guides the more mature pathfinders to the development of new survival skills, nurtures the development of leadership skills, and strengthens the commitment to being a dedicated servant of God and a friend to man.

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The **Teen Leadership Training (TLT)** program is a four year course designed to train and mentor and challenge the teen pathfinder with new and meaningful responsibilities in the pathfinder club and pathfinder ministry, and in the mission and outreach of the church. The program promotes the development of life skills, a sense of achievement and responsibility, a greater understanding and respect for authority, and a progressive development of leadership skills acquired and enhanced through actual supervised participation in real and meaningful positions of responsibility in the pathfinder club and the church, thus providing the development of the next generation of leaders, and assuring the successful passing of the torch of leadership.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 2

The **Master Guide** class is a course of study including deeper spiritual insight, greater mental and intellectual growth, and greater and more varied manual and physical skills that will enable the more mature candidate to become a leader and role model who will influence young people and lead them to acquire a greater knowledge and deeper understanding of our relationship with **Our Lord Jesus Christ** as Creator of the universe, Saviour and Redeemer of mankind, and our soon coming King.

DIRECTOR (Optional, following lighting the Master Guide candle)

The **Master Guide** is a **Prophet**, laying the foundation for tomorrow.

The **Master Guide** is an **Artist**, working with precious clay of unfolding personality.

The **Master Guide** is a **Builder**, working with the higher and finer values of civilization.

The **Master Guide** is a **Friend**, his heart responding to the faith and devotion of his students.

The **Master Guide** is a **Citizen**, selected for the improvement of society.

The **Master Guide** is a **Pioneer**, always willing to attempt the impossible, and succeeding.

The **Master Guide** is a **Believer**, having steadfast and abiding faith in the **Gospel of Jesus Christ**.

DIRECTOR:

These candles represent all the good and noble achievements and learning which are embodied in the Pathfinder program. They symbolize both the high ideals for which pathfinding stands, and the growth and achievement that each pathfinder will experience as a member of the pathfinder club.

We will now proceed with the solemn ceremony of lighting the Pathfinder Pledge candles.

Pathfinder # 1

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“By the grace of GOD”

which means that only as we rely on God to help us can we do His will

Pathfinder # 2

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will be pure”

which means that I will rise above the wicked world in which we live, and will keep my life clean and pure with words and actions that will make others happy.

Pathfinder # 3

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will be kind”

which means that I will be considerate and kind not only to all the people around me, but also to all of God’s creation: the animals and the environment in which I live.

Pathfinder # 4

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will be true”

which means that I will be honest and upright in study, work, or play, and will always be counted on to do my very best.

Pathfinder # 5

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will keep the Pathfinder Law”

which means that I will diligently seek to understand the meaning of the Pathfinder Law, and will strive to live up to its precepts and its spirit, realizing that obedience to law is essential in every organization.

Pathfinder # 6

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will be a servant of GOD”

which means that I will pledge myself to serve God first, last, and best in everything that I may be called upon to be or to do.

Pathfinder # 7

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge

“I will be a friend to man”

which means that I will live to be a blessing to others, and will always strive to treat others in the very same way that I would want to be treated myself.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 1

On behalf of the _____ Pathfinder Club, I
accept the vow of the candidates and their representatives to live by
the spirit and and the principles of the **Pathfinder Pledge**.

DIRECTOR

We will now proceed with the solemn ceremony of lighting the
candles that symbolize the **Pathfinder Law**.

Pathfinder # 1

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Keep the Morning Watch”

which means that I will have prayer and personal Bible study each day.

Pathfinder # 2

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Do my honest part”

which means that by the power and the grace of God I will do my share of the work at hand, and will always be there when other may need my help.

Pathfinder # 3

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Care for my body”

which means that I will be temperate in all things, I will never put anything harmful into my body, and I will always strive to stay physically fit.

Pathfinder # 4

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Keep a level eye”

which means that I will not lie, cheat, or deceive; will always avoid dirty talk or evil thinking; and will be mindful to expose my mind and senses only to that which is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

Pathfinder # 5

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Be courteous and obedient”

which means that I will always be kind and thoughtful toward other people, reflecting the love of Jesus in all my dealings and association with others.

Pathfinder # 6

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Walk softly in the sanctuary”

which means that I will always be quiet and reverent in church, and during any and all devotional exercises or worship services.

Pathfinder # 7

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“ Keep a song in my heart”

which means that I will always be cheerful and happy, so that the influence of my life will always be like rays of sunshine to others.

Pathfinder # 8

Sir, on behalf of the candidates I pledge to

“Go on God’s errands”

which means that I will always be ready to tell other people about Jesus, and will always seek to go about doing good to others, just as Jesus did.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - 2

On behalf of the _____ Pathfinder Club I
accept the vow of the candidates and their representatives to live
by the spirit and the precepts of the Pathfinder Law.

DIRECTOR

We will now have the solemn privilege of lighting an individual candle to symbolize our commitment, or rededication, to conduct our lives in accord with the high and noble precepts of the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.

Will the new pathfinders, who are candidates for induction, please stand.

Will all the returning pathfinders who are already members of the club please stand.

I now invite all those in the audience who have been pathfinders in the past to stand. (Light the commitment candles)

Let us raise our right hand holding our candle of commitment and dedication in solemn oath as we recite the Pathfinder Pledge and Law.

Let us join our voices together as we sing the Pathfinder Song.

DIRECTOR

Your light is now added to the other lights already burning brightly in our club, in our church, and across the land; and I solemnly charge you in the presence of these witnesses to let your light shine before others in the Spirit of Pathfinding, that all may see your good works, and may glorify our Father who dwells in Heaven.

(Prayer of commitment.)

The induction ceremony is ended. Go in peace.