

Teen Pathfinder Taskforce

Recommendations to the NAD Pathfinder Committee January 9, 2005

1. Recommend the clarification that both teen Pathfinders and TLT's are a part of the whole Pathfinder program and not be considered separate organizations.
 - a. Unless the group of teens is quite large the teens and junior Pathfinders should meet as one club, and not as separate clubs. (Special outings/activities should be planned that involve only teens.)
 - b. The Teen Leaders in Training (TLT) program is designed for advanced/specialized training for teens, and not designed to be either a free-standing organization, or to include all Pathfinders of teen age.
2. Recommend that the requirements for Pathfinder membership be rewritten so that there is no maximum age for having to quit Pathfinders. (If a young person joins when he/she is of typical Pathfinder age [grades 5-10] and wishes to continue he/she may, and gradually will make the transition into becoming a helper/staff member).
3. Recommend that a resource booklet be developed to provide guidance and assistance to leaders of teen Pathfinders. (See attached outline)
4. Recommend that honors be developed and/or designated that can be earned only by Pathfinders of teen age.
5. Recommend that the NAD Pathfinder Committee request the appropriate NAD committee to develop seminars, presentations, and a booklet that deals with how to train church leaders to work specifically with teens.
6. Recommend that the NAD Pathfinder committee give study to the concept of having a portion of the Pathfinder uniform signify teens.
7. Recommend that the revised Pathfinder staff manual include a chapter on how to work with teens.
8. Recommend that each club director be encouraged to appoint one or two teens to attend church board meetings, representing teen Pathfinder issues.