WENDY YOUTH

BOARD MEMBER

PATHFINDER CLUB DIRECTOR

Ministries in the Youth category are responsible for activities and events that have a focus on children, teens, and young adults.

INTRODUCTION

A ministry to children grades five through ten and older, involving them in camping, nature study, physical fitness, community service, Christian witness and character development. Selects his or her own staff with the approval of the church board or Church Ministries Council.

DUTIES

1. Programming. A large share of the Pathfinder director's time is involved in organizing Pathfinder Club programming. These include a wide variety of activities such as regular club meetings, Pathfinder Sabbath each year, social events, campouts, and outreach projects. The programming of the Pathfinder Club is designed to provide varied and interesting opportunities for children. The goal is to lead each child to a relationship with Jesus.

2. Planning. The Pathfinder director develops a yearly calendar of activities and a budget. These complete plans must be submitted to the board two months prior to the beginning of Pathfinder Registration opening. Be mindful that the board only meets once a month. All plans must pass the approval of the church board and it must coordinate with the program of the local conference. The Pathfinder Club staff gets involved by giving suggestions that might improve and expand on the ideas already presented.

3. Recruiting and supervising. The Pathfinder director is responsible for recruiting staff to help with club activities. The Pathfinder Club staff is made up of volunteers: adults and youth. All staff are under the supervision of the Pathfinder director. All staff, volunteers, and chaperones must complete the background check process.

4. Teaching. The Pathfinder director assists the young people in learning outdoor skills; developing

DUTIES (cont'd)

spiritual values (which of course is of prime importance to us as a church), and serving in ways which could be beneficial in saving lives in their communities. Crafts are always an enjoyable part of the meetings and the Pathfinder director should be right there (along with her or his staff) to answer any questions pertaining to completing various projects assigned.

5. Listening to parents and children. The effective Pathfinder director enjoys young people and can relate to them in a way that makes them feel comfortable around him. He or she should let them know by their actions and words that he/she is their friend and is there to listen to them when they have any problems, especially those of a spiritual nature.

6. Communication. The Pathfinder director should make sure the children, parents and the entire church are made aware that there is a viable Pathfinder Club. The program should be promoted in all departments since there are areas of interest to all ages.