

YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT AND CAMP CEDAR FALLS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE 2011 – 2014

Our Pathfinder and Adventurer Programs are strong in the Southern California Conference, with directors and staff who are dedicated to the youth of our church and who strive to serve to the best of their abilities. We have strong and active Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs, with 11 Area Coordinators who serve their area's clubs and members of the Adventurer Advisory Board.

Yearly, we invite the Pathfinder clubs to attend a Pathfinder Convocation gathering. This year we had 80 young people make a decision for baptism or to have extended Bible studies to prepare them for baptism.

We have regular Pathfinder and Adventurer Leadership trainings for the directors and staff during the course of the year that have a strong showing in attendance. Each month we have events that the Adventurers and Pathfinder Clubs participate in, such as Leadership trainings/seminars, Adventurer Rally, Adventurer Fun Day, Pathfinder Fair, Community Service events, Adventurer Family Camp, Pathfinder Camporee, Pathfinder Convocation, Pathfinder Club evaluations/inspections, etc.

The Adventurer Family Camp weekend retreat held at Camp Cedar Falls has so many in attendance that we plan two weekends to accommodate them for this yearly event—one in May and one in June for the Adventurers and their families.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer Directors have excellent networking and are willing to learn, share and give in all aspects of their clubs. Clubs are invited to join each other to share in a community service event, hiking, camping, Investiture services and teaching Pathfinder Honors.

Thanks to the leadership of Steve & Lynnette Clement, we have a strong TLT (Teen Leadership Training) Program for our Teen Pathfinders. Teens are challenged to be leaders, to experience responsibility, acceptance and achievement; and in developing a redemptive relationship with God. This program is designed to train and mentor youth in service and leadership skills.

In August 2014 the "Forever Faithful" International Pathfinder Camporee was held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our conference had 1,800 Pathfinders and 60 clubs in attendance! At the Master Guide Investiture Service, our conference had over 100 Master Guides who were invested. Sixty young people were baptized at Oshkosh! During the October 2013 to December 2014, year a total of 68 Pathfinders were baptized.

During the summer, we open Camp Cedar Falls to young people ages 6 – 16, as well as to families and groups. We have six weeks of summer camp, starting with Adventurer Camp, four weeks of Junior Camp and one week for Tweens. Being conscious of the

economic situation of our members and the L.A. community, our summer camp has the lowest cost per week for a seven-day residential camp.

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