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Dear Parents and Pathfinder Friends,

I wanted to welcome every one of our "Friends" and their parents to our club. We have many ideas and fun things to do this year; you will not want to miss one single meeting or campout!

There is a lot of information to learn, I do not want to overwhelm you all at once! I will be sending out letters, emails and texts to let you know what needs to be done.

Christian Conduct and Living Example for Jesus: We are a Seventh-day Adventist Christian club. We uphold all that being a Pathfinder means. Your Pathfinder will be learning more about this as we go along. Our goal is to help every Pathfinder develop a personal relationship with their Jesus and make forever friends with one another. Bullying or making hurtful fun of others is never appropriate. Be kind to one another.

Safety: Safety is very important to us and we at Pathfinders take it very seriously. Listening and following directions will alleviate most accidents. Some Pathfinders will be lighting matches, handling a pocketknife and cooking on a stove for the first time. Also, as a counselor, **I am responsible for knowing where my Pathfinders are at any given time**. This means that no one is to leave our group without letting me know, especially when we are camping! This causes much anxiety for the responsible counselor and it takes time away from everyone in the group.

Each Pathfinder is Responsible for Their Own Learning: Meetings and Campouts are all required attendance. We cover a lot of material and **missing even one meeting and especially a campout**, makes it **hard** for the Pathfinder **to catch up**. Unless the Pathfinder is sick, please don't miss! When a Pathfinder cannot attend (Pathfinder is sick or death in the family), it is the responsibility of the parent and Pathfinder to find out what the Pathfinder needs to make-up, if they are to be invested. We do most everything during meetings and campouts, however there are some things that need to be done at home. Each Pathfinder will have a journal or notebook.

If your Pathfinder needs a ride to Pathfinders and the parent is sick, etc. call me and I might be able to pick up and take your Pathfinder home. I am very excited about being a part of your "Pathfinding" experience.

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