

# Honor Pathfinder Award of Excellence Program

## Information and Concepts for Directors

The *Honor Pathfinder Award of Excellence* is presented by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in recognition of the Pathfinder who proves to be an outstanding club member and completes the requirements of the Honor Pathfinder program.

The **Honor Pathfinder Committee** is to be composed of the entire local Pathfinder staff who will, with input from the school teacher and pastor, make the final determination of which Pathfinders qualify for the Honor Pathfinder Award of Excellence. The committee should promote the Honor Pathfinder program and encourage all Pathfinders but full club participation is not expected and should not be required.

The *Honor Pathfinder* will be recognized at the annual Georgia-Cumberland Pathfinder Camporee. At this time, they will receive several honor items including a t-shirt. Club directors must register *Honor Pathfinders* for their club online by March 7 and include all information needed (including shirt size). If this information is not received by the registration deadline, a shirt will not be ordered.

Each Pathfinder who completes the *Honor Pathfinder Award* requirements and is selected by the local **Honor Pathfinder Committee** shall receive the Honor Pathfinder Award for Excellence pin along with **Good Conduct Ribbon which will be presented to them at the local club investiture.**

The enclosed letters can be used to communicate with key leaders regarding the program and the necessity of their input. One can be distributed at the first of the year.

## Program Standards

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*An Honor Pathfinder must write a 150 word essay describing their "Service for Others" project and why they want to be an Honor Pathfinder and turn it into the local Honor Pathfinder Committee.*

*An Honor Pathfinder must attend the annual Conference Pathfinder Camporee.*

**(Send in Honor Pathfinders Recipients form by March 7! –under February Tab)**

**NOTE: Directors may need to make adjustments to the Program Standards (requirements) according to individual needs, such as learning disabilities or handicaps. It is suggested that these individual circumstances be handled confidentially.**

**(Example: A Pathfinder may not be able to do the 20 hr work project or some of the other items listed because of a disability.)**

## Sample Letter #1:

September \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher/Pastor,

As leaders, we are all looking for way to encourage our young people to strive toward the goal of excellence at home, school, church and community. The Honor Pathfinder Award (see enclosed brochure) is a way we can work together in helping our young people continually improve in these areas.

You will be asked to send an evaluation form (sample enclosed) back to our local Honor Pathfinder Committee, at which time your evaluation along with the other cafeteria will be considered in choosing the Honor Pathfinders. Please note that all Pathfinders will we working toward this goal.

(List names of all Pathfinders enrolled in the club)

The Pathfinders who fulfill the requirements will be honored at our Conference Camporee and at our investitures at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Director's Name

Club Name

Enclosures: Honor Pathfinder Brochure  
Sample Evaluation Form

## Sample Letter #2

February \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher/Pastor,

As you may remember, a letter was sent to you at the first of the Pathfinder year regarding the Honor Pathfinder Award of excellence program. Please fill out the enclosed evaluation forms for each Pathfinder listed below and return the forms by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Pathfinder Director's name). Your immediate response will be a tremendous help in assisting the committee to finalize their decisions.

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Etc.

Please let us know if you have any further comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Director's Name

Club Name

Enclosures: Evaluations Forms

# Honor Pathfinder Evaluation Forms

Please return to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pathfinder Club Director) (Date)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check what you believe to be appropriate:

## Conduct:

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Courteous						
Kind						
Obedient						
Helpful						

**0 = No Information, 1 = Poor, 2 = Below Average, 3 = Average, 4 = Above Average, 5 = Excellent**

Comments on ratings or additional information that would be helpful in appraisal:

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How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Honor Pathfinder Committee Worksheet

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Achievment Standards:

Essay	Yes	No				
Completed regular and advanced AJY Class for applicant’s grade level	Yes	No				
Service for Others Requirement	Yes	No				
Attendance at ____% of all club functions. 90% or above	Yes	No				
Uniform worn ____% of time as requested. 90% or above	Yes	No				
Personal Appearance	0      1      2      3      4      5					
Conduct	0      1      2      3      4      5					
Spiritual	0      1      2      3      4      5					
Participation	0      1      2      3      4      5					

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**\*\*Reminder - A Pathfinder who is awarded the Honor Pathfinder Award of Excellence should also be awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon at the club investiture.**

Comments:

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## Instructions for the Honor Pathfinder Committee

1. Distribute the Honor Pathfinder brochure to all Pathfinders and encourage all to strive toward the Award of Excellence.
2. Send a letter to the Pathfinders' school teacher and pastor in September with a list of all the Pathfinders. Use the enclosed #1 sample letter for reference.
3. Keep accurate records throughout the year of all the Program Standards listed in the Honor Pathfinder brochure for reference during the final evaluation.
4. Early in the Pathfinder year, send the Evaluation Form along with a letter (sample #2) to the teacher and pastor asking them to return the forms in plenty of time for the committee to evaluate the Pathfinders and submit the Honor Pathfinder Recipient Form to the conference office.
5. Send in the final list of Honor Pathfinder recipients to the conference office on or before March 7<sup>th</sup>. Honor Pathfinder pins and Good Conduct ribbons need to be ordered by the club director from the conference office. Please remember to order at least two weeks in advance of needing the pins.



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- A. A Pathfinder should not become an Honor Pathfinder just for the reward activity at Camporee.
- B. The Honor Pathfinder must be at the actual activity during Camporee to receive the awards, such as the t-shirt, hat, etc.

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