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FOREWARD

Ever since the Pathfinder organization became an official part of the SDA Church's youth program, Camporees and Fairs have delighted Pathfinders and challenged their leaders. The first Camporee, held May 7-9, 1954, in Idyllwild, California, set the pace, though by today's standards it was but a glorified campout with some fun events thrown in.

Innovative men and women with a talent for motivating children have worked to refine and improve the basic style and program of the Camporee and Fair ever since. By trial and error they untiringly worked at adapting and developing procedures that work, programs that inspire, and events that challenge.

Other organizations dedicated to developing self-reliant children and youth, such as Boy Scouts of America and 4-H have favorably impacted on Pathfinding. We gratefully acknowledge our debt to them.

This manual presents the best of 30 years, a collection of trusted standbys--events you may count on to make your Camporee or Fair a success. You will find here many activities in 1980s style, that appeared and reappeared in different forms over the years. Some events came into their own only in recent years. We confidently offer them all in the hope that you will adapt and use them for the best good of Pathfinders today.

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