



PATHFINDER CONNECTION



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Join Us for CHANGED 2020 Later This Year!

Camporee will go on despite rescheduling triggered by coronavirus

Even though the GCC Pathfinder Camporee will not be happening in April 2020 because of concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, CAMPOREE WILL STILL GO ON!!! The Country Fair, various honors and activities, the soccer tournament, the entry way contest, the Pathfinder Cooking Challenge, and the much-anticipated Soap Box Derby are all in the works for Camporee, along with so much more!

The rescheduled date is currently being finalized, but we will announce it soon! Directors, be sure to keep checking your emails for updates and announcements concerning Camporee!

Certain Promises for Uncertain Times

God's promises are sure, even in the toughest times

There is so much fear and panic going on in the world right now, and everyone seems to be unsure about how to cope with the scary unknown. How wonderful it is that God's word, the Bible, holds so many promises of God's love and care for us all!

Here are some Bible promises about God's love and care. See how many more Bible promises you can find to add to this list!

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| Isaiah 41:10 | Psalms 56:3 | Psalms 94:19 |
| 2 Timothy 1:7 | Psalms 112:6-7 | Deuteronomy 31:8 |
| Philippians 4:6-7 | John 14:27 | John 16:33 |
| Psalms 23 | Joshua 1:9 | Proverbs 18:10 |

SPECIAL FEATURE

GCC Pathfinder Club Service Projects 2019-2020

Let's put all disappointment and fears aside to focus on the awesome things that your clubs did this year! A few weeks ago, we asked directors to submit stories and photos of service projects that their clubs did during this Pathfinder year. See the inspiring responses below. These are such great ways to witness to people and communities!

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.

Matthew 25:40

ALPHARETTA

The Alpharetta, GA club volunteered this winter to partner with Meals by Grace to pack over 250 dinner meal kits for those less fortunate in our area. Pathfinders and others participated in unpacking a food truck, sorting and staging food for picks, prep work in the kitchen, packing the boxes with hot and cold dinners with up to 20 lbs of food, and driving the food to the designated homes where food was needed.

We prayed over the food and our club of Pathfinders experienced true serving and giving back to our community.

— Rick Mosley, director



LOGANVILLE

Loganville made fruit baskets in December 2019, a project that our club does every year. Each Pathfinder is responsible for at least one complete fruit basket. They collected the fruits for their baskets from church members and Pathfinder parents. On Saturday night, December 21, we met at church to pack the baskets and decorate them.

The next morning, after meeting for prayer and instructions, we divided in groups to distribute the baskets and some books in our church community. After the distribution everyone returned to church to share our experiences. Even though the club does this every year, there are always Pathfinders who encounter new experiences, emotional surprises, and thankfulness that God was able to use our club to bless others.

— Lucinda Cox, director



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DECATUR

The Decatur Crusaders Pathfinder club is a small club nestled between Knoxville and Chattanooga. Decatur, TN is a small community, well taken care of by a nondenominational thrift store ministry. Finding opportunities to serve in our community has been difficult with the ministry monopolizing most service projects in the community. Because of this, our club has been thinking outside of the box.

On February 8, we had our monthly Pathfinder Sabbath and planned to go to the Chattanooga Community Kitchen (CCK) to serve the homeless for their 3:30pm meal. Of the only seven Pathfinders that showed up Sabbath, the oldest got sick and had to go home with her mother. We were down to six Pathfinders. If anyone remembers this particular Sabbath, they will remember it was a snowy, dangerous day to be out on the roads. Because of this, one family didn't feel comfortable allowing their two youths to go to the CCK. We were down to four Pathfinders and four staff. We thought for sure we were going to have to cancel our serving at the CCK because of the snow. SAFETY COMES FIRST!

We prayed and watched as the snow on the roads melted throughout the church service and early afternoon. We would have to leave at 2pm if we were to make it on time to serve at the CCK. Praise God the roads were clear! We got in our cars and headed to Chattanooga. After seeing the roads were clear, the family with the other two youths met us at the CCK. Now we had six Pathfinders to serve the meal.

We had one staff member per two Pathfinders serving three tables each. Our director was helping behind the line "loading up" the plates with a delicious meal. The plates were then placed on the counter for the Pathfinders to serve up along with bread and a dessert. As quickly as a patron was served their meal, another would come in and sit down. Back and forth the youth went, juggling dinner plates, desserts, and waters. Finished plates had to be quickly picked up and taken to the kitchen to be washed. It was a quick and furious hour - 149 needing patrons were served. The joy we, as staff, saw on the faces of not only the patrons, but also the Pathfinders, was priceless. Our youngest Pathfinder could hardly wait to ask if we could do this again. What an opportunity for our Pathfinders to serve those less fortunate than us!

— Cindy Kyle, director



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

I Peter 4:10

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO When You're Stuck @ HOME

Stuck at home and looking for ideas about what to do? Look no further! Here are the Top 10 things to do when you're stuck at home, Pathfinder-style!

1. Go outside

Big or small, your backyard is a great place to explore! While you're out, you can plant a garden, count the types of backyard birds you have, and of course soak up some healthy sunshine!

2. Complete a project

Do you like to sew? Crochet? Work with wood? Paint? Draw? Dig up some old projects, dust them off, and work towards checking them off your to do list! Or start a new project!

3. Watch past Oshkosh videos

The Center for Youth Evangelism has posted the *Forever Faithful* and *Chosen* Bible dramas on their YouTube channel! English and Spanish subtitles are available for both. They also have posted song soundtracks and their behind the scenes video, *The Making of Daniel*.

Here is the link to the Center for Youth Evangelism YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEpaK8GLkH2beVbXq8KEIjw>

4. Your Story Hour

During these times of recommended self-quarantine, Your Story Hour is releasing one free story every day on their website, instead of their usual once a week free story. Check it out on their website: <https://www.yourstoryhour.org/>

5. Make and send cards

Make a card or note for someone who would enjoy some encouragement and send it to them.

6. Learn some history

Ever been curious about world history? United States history? Adventist history? Your own history? Here are some great resources for learning some cool things about the past:

- Smithsonian website: <https://www.si.edu/>
- Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/>
- Adventist Heritage Ministries: <https://www.adventistheritage.org/>
- *Tell the World* Adventist pioneers film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nH2r0J5VbL4>
- Genealogy Pathfinder honor: http://wiki.pathfindersonline.org/w/Adventist_Youth_Honors_Answer_Book/Arts_and_Crafts_Genealogy
- And more!

7. Discover more Pathfinder stuff

Spend some time on clubministries.org to explore cool Pathfinder resources, news, updates, honors, etc.

8. Read a new book

Do you have a stack of books that you have been meaning to read but just haven't had the time yet? Now you do! Tackle that stack and catch up on some good books.

9. Play some games

While your whole family is together at home, it's a great time to play some games! Have a family game night and enjoy some quality time together.

10. Learn a new language

This is a great time to learn a new language! There are many resources available to help you do this. One great app for learning several common spoken languages is Duolingo. A great online resource for learning American Sign Language is lifepoint.com. Both of these resources are free.

Pathfinder directors: how are you connecting with and encouraging your Pathfinders during this time of social distancing? Please share your ideas with us by sending them to pathfinders@gccsda.com and we will compile a list to share with all GCC directors. Let's learn from each other!