

Apison Allies Pathfinder Guidelines

Welcome to Pathfinders

We are so glad that you have decided to join us this year! We all look forward to a fun-filled year of learning about God and learning more about yourself, your relationship with Jesus, your family, and your world.

We have a great team this year and it is very important that you treat them with respect, because they are working hard to make Pathfinders a great club for you.

Uniforms

Pathfinder Uniform consists of:

Class C – Club T-shirt and pants/knee length shorts

Class A is the full pathfinder Uniform

Class B is the Pathfinder shirt and pants only. No Sash or Scarf

Attendance & Participation

Regular attendance is necessary for a successful program. Pathfinders that are absent may not be able to complete projects, honors or Class Level requirements. They also miss information and important announcements.

Attendance at non-meeting events is also important. All Pathfinders are expected to participate in service projects, fundraisers and all campouts. Absences will be excused if a note from the parent is received, otherwise absence will be considered unexcused.

Please call Angel and Tina Segarra, (423)443-4229 or (423) 664-3828, when you need to miss a meeting or other function. Please call before the event to be missed. This is especially important if you cannot make it to an offsite event.

Arrival & Dismissal

We have only a short time to accomplish our goals each meeting so we ask that Pathfinders be on time to meetings and other functions. The regular meeting starts at 6:30 PM every Wednesday. Please arrive between 6:20 and 6:25 PM. Pathfinders can be dropped off at the Church. The club meeting is over at 8:30 PM. We try to finish by this time and we ask that you arrive promptly to pick up your child.

Please come downstairs to the Pathfinder room to pick up your child. They will not be released until someone comes into the room to pick them up. They also must be picked up by an adult you have designated. If you are unable to pick up your child please let the staff know the name of the person that will be picking the child up from church.

Electronics Policy

We do not allow any personal electronics at our club meetings, events or campouts. This includes iPods, MP3 players and related devices, cell phones, or video game devices. If a parent would like their Pathfinder to keep a cell phone with them on a trip, it must be used to call parents only and will need to be kept with the staff. Many cell phones have video games pre-installed and we do not want this to become a distraction. Texting can also become a distraction and a nuisance. Phones are allowed only to call home. If a parent needs to reach their child A staff phone number will be available at all times. Please keep these items at home.

Achievement Level Binders

Your child will be given a binder during the first meeting of the Pathfinder year. In it you will find their required reading, honors, assignments, and notes. We would like to encourage you to participate with your child in their Bible reading. Each pathfinder level has weekly assigned verses and are also required to keep some kind of journal. This can be done however they are most comfortable with: written, verbal recording, artistic, etc. The binders must be brought to each meeting. There will be a replacement cost for damaged or lost binders.

Behavior

If a pathfinder chooses to be interruptive during pathfinder meetings or activities, parent(s) will be ask to attend and participate with them until they demonstrate they can be cooperative.