



Pathfinder Pathways...

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Would You Be Wise?

If you were the world's greatest geologist and knew every rock and yet knew not Him who is the Rock of Ages, would you really be wise?

If you were the most brilliant botanist and knew every flower in the vast field of botanical science, and yet knew not Him who is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, would you really be wise?

If you were the most renowned astronomer and knew every star in the limitless reaches of space, and yet knew not Him who is the Bright and Morning Star, would you really be wise?

If you were the best-informed scientific wizard in this marvelous, enlightened age of ours and knew all the laws of electronics, nuclear fission, and the complicated mathematical calculations of rocketry and space exploration, and yet knew not Him who is the Light of the World, would you really be wise?

If you were the most successful businessman and know all the laws of world economics and the fine art of business administration, and yet know not Him who made and owns the world, would you really be wise?

If you were the most famous and popular of all celebrities and know the way to success, wealth, and fame, and yet knew not Him who said, "I am the way," would you really be wise?

If you were the most noted linguist and knew every dialect and tongue spoken by man, and yet knew not Him who is the living Word, would you really be wise?

If you were the most authoritative sociologist and knew all the ills and problems of mankind and all the laws governing human behavior, and yet knew not Him whose name is Love, would you really be wise?

If you were the most eminent historical and archeological scholar and knew every king and ruler who ever lived and yet knew not Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords, would you really be wise?

If you were the most learned of all the world's sages and knew all the wisdom of the ages, and yet knew not Him who to know, to love, and to fear is the beginning of wisdom, would you really be wise?

WOULD YOU? Matthew 7:21-23



Outreach Activity Ideas

The NAD website has an article on Outreach ideas called *Love by the Month*. Here's the idea for November. Volunteer to serve dinner at a local rescue mission the weekend AFTER Thanksgiving (USA), once all the holiday helpers have gone home.

*No one so thoroughly appreciates
the value of constructive criticism as
the person who gives it.*

V.R. Benner

Coordinator's Corral

Get to know the Coordinators

David and Sandra Holt



David and Sandra Holt have been in Pathfinders a total of 13 years and North TN Coordinators for 8 of those years. They've been everything from counselor, honor teacher, director to Master Guide. Their specialties are wood-working, livestock, Youth Leaders and hospitality. So if your club needs guidance in these areas, David and Sandra are definitely the ones to call on.

The thing they most enjoy about Pathfinders is seeing young people together having clean fun and growing in Jesus!

When they are not busy planning Pathfinder activities they own Holt Custom Cabinets a kitchen cabinet company. They have two married sons Travis and Tracy.

Their hobbies are Pathfinders, livestock-farming, fishing, being youth/young adult leaders and social activity coordinators. Also, next time you see Sandra ask her about her footprints collection!

The thing that they most wanted everyone to know was "We love our country and hometown in Tennessee; SDA is our heart!"

Nature Nugget

Houseplants Honor – probably not the first nature honor that comes to mind when you think of teaching a nature honor, but it's a fun and really quite easy honor to teach and with a little planning you may help Pathfinder become interested in houseplants. Here are a few hints:

- Where to get plants - put a notice in the church or schools bulletin that you need house plants or cuttings, especially in the fall when people may be bringing in their

houseplants and find they have more plants than they have room for.

- Potting soil can be expensive, so make your own by mixing 40 lbs of topsoil with perlite and vermiculite. You can mix it a large Rubbermaid tub. This will also give you a good place to store the mixture.
- If you are teaching a large group of children it can take a lot of pots to put all of their plants in. Ask a local cafeteria to save the 24-oz cottage cheese and 16 oz sour cream containers. Then with a hot nail (held with insulated pliers) poke at least five holes in the bottom of each container. This should be done only by adults.

- Internet links

<http://www.ianr.unl.edu/pubs/horticulture/g1022.htm>

<http://www.evergrowing.com/tips/lighting.htm>



Safety Tip

Every club needs to have a first aid kit but sometimes it's hard to figure out what should be in it. At least one staff should have a current First Aid and CPR card, and they should be assigned to be responsible for club first aid and the first aid kit.

Here are some suggestions of things that should go in a club first aid kit.

Rubber gloves	tongue blades
Scissors	thermometer
Triangle bandage	one-way valve mask
Gauze pads (2x2, 3x3, 4x4)	
Gauze wrap	alcohol
Tape	neosporin ointment
Hot & cold packs	caladryl lotion
Bee sting kit	activated charcoal
Antihistamine	anti-acid
Aspirin & Tylenol	cold remedies
Band-Aids	betadine
Syrup of ipecac	ace bandages
Tweezers	



Camping 101

One of the first things that comes to mind when I think of Pathfinders is camping. And while Pathfinders is not a camping organization, it is one of the activities that helps make it a well-rounded organization. It can also be one of those activities that cause a lot of stress when you're the one doing the planning. To help with some aspects of camping, we will be covering the following subjects in upcoming *Pathways*.

Logistics – Location and transportation

Equipment – Tents sleeping bags, etc.

Cooking – Cooking for a group

Cooking – Cooking by units

Backpacking – How do I get started?

Backpacking – Cooking

This month we will cover types of camping. Whether you are a new club, new to a club or have been with the same club for years, make sure that you and everyone else in the club knows what type of camping your club will be doing and what will be expected of them. If your club is big into backpacking and several new staff come in and expect to only go camping pulling their RVs, someone is in for a big shock. Make sure that everyone has the same objective.

If you are the director, discuss with everyone the type or types of camping your club will be doing; if you are a new staff member ask what type of camping the club does. Will you be camping in state parks with electricity, water, flush toilets, and hot showers, or somewhat more primitive group camping areas with portable toilets? Or will you be backpacking and need to purify your water and dig a hole for the bathroom. Or maybe some combination of all three.

There are several things that may dictate the type of camping that you will be doing. Such as the type of equipment you already have, the ages of your Pathfinders, the transportation you

will be using, and the amount of money available for buying equipment.

In future issues we will discuss what to look for when purchasing camping equipment, but until then here's a checklist to help you identify the direction the club is or will be taking when deciding how they will go camping. Remember if you have a plan you will be able to be more flexible and have the appropriate camping supplies to fit your needs in any situation.

Where are you going to camp?

- Camp grounds
- Group campsites
- Primitive (example: backpacking)
- All of the above

How are you going to camp?

- Large tents (by units)
- Medium tents (too heavy for backpacking)
- Small tents

How are you going to cook?

- By club
- By units
- Individuals
- All of the above at different times

If you are going to go backpacking

- Club will supply equipment
- Pathfinder will have own equipment

Campsite Spotlight

Looking for a place to go camping? Consider **Stone Door**. It is a 10-foot wide 100-foot deep crack that leads from the top of Big Creek Rim, 750 feet below to Big Creek. There are 10 primitive campsites that operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and because they are about ½ mile walk from the parking lot, this makes it a great place to take your young beginning backpackers. Or there are several trails to take Pathfinder backpacking on. Stone Door is located between Monteagle and Tracy City. The visitor center is on Highway 41. For more information call (931) 692-3887

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/socumb/index.html>

<http://www.backpacker.com/destinations/article/0,3772,1065,00.html>

Counselor's Corner

No matter how well you plan and organize there still may be times when you need a "Counselor's Survival Kit". Make sure to take the survival kit to meetings and any other times when you might have to come up with something when things don't go as planned. This kit would have supplies in it to use when unexpected things happen. Don't use this kit as a substitute for planning (except for the pencils, rope and Bible).

If you have ideas of what should go in a "Counselor's Survival Kit" please send them to the editor. Here's a list of some items that could be included.

- Pencils
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Bible
- Rope – enough rope cut to appropriate lengths to teach about knots. Also include a couple of knot games.
- A couple of games and any supplies required. Also be sure to know how to play them, don't wait until you need them to figure it out.
- Honor information and supplies – this should be an honor that could be completed in 45 – 60 minutes. It would help if it were one that most of the Pathfinders didn't already have. Some easy honors to do are dogs, cats and mammals.
- Keep in mind the grade that you are most likely planning for. You wouldn't include the same items when planning for 10th grade as you would when planning for 5th graders.
- Use the kit when you end up with twice as many Pathfinders as you planned your meeting for that week. Make sure that you have enough supplies.
- Have a rainy day activity for that campout when rain wasn't forecast.
- Or when you only have one Pathfinder and you planned for six. Teach one of the honors that everyone else has and that one Pathfinder doesn't. Or teach an honor that isn't on the schedule for that year.

Camp Cooking

Haystacks-in-a-Bag

This is an easy meal that requires almost no clean up. If you don't want to use bowls to serve the ingredients from, you can put them in the plastic bags that stand up. This is a great meal to have for the last meal of a campout – very little clean up.

Spoon equal amounts of the ingredients into plastic sandwich bags and eat using a fork. Corn Chips, Chili Beans, shredded lettuce, chopped fresh tomato, shredded Cheddar cheese, salsa, olives, sour cream, chopped onions.

A mother was teaching her three-year-old daughter The Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride, as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail, Amen".

Computer Connection

Here are some more websites that you might find interesting.

Georgia-Cumberland Pathfinders

<http://www.gccsda.com/departments/pathfinders/index.html>

Southern Union

<http://www.southernunion.com/>

The Center for Youth Evangelism

<http://www.andrews.edu/CFYE/>

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