

NATURE Committee

Pathfinders///Georgia–Cumberland Conference

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MISSION

Lead Pathfinders and staff to a deeper relationship with God through nature experiences, “God’s second book”.

GOALS

Encourage the Pathfinders to “explore the Great Outdoors”:

- Put “nature” a high priority at all Pathfinder events
- Promote “being in nature, observing nature, learning from nature”
- Develop good programs/ exude enthusiasm

Train and equip staff to feel comfortable leading the Pathfinders in nature:

- Include nature training prominently at the Staff Training Convention
- Recruit more “naturists” and “nature lovers” to work in Pathfinding
- Support staff in nature areas so they feel more competent
- Provide a network of “nature people” available to Pathfinder leaders

Provide nature resources to Conference Pathfinder leaders and Club Directors:

- Examples of nature activities/ how to lead nature activities
- People available to lead or teach nature activities/ honors
- Nature field trip locations and contact information
- Resources and where to find them
