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This month's issue highlights our
Pathfinders and Club Ministries.

Promising Youth

You likely know that Pathfinders is a worldwide youth group for ages 10-15 sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. All youth, regardless of religious persuasion, are encouraged to join this Christian organization where they will develop their character as they grow their mental, physical, social, and spiritual walk with God.

Local Pathfinder clubs teach outdoor skills, leadership skills, and Bible knowledge. Activities include community and civic service projects, camping, high adventure activities and trips around their community and the world.

There are over two million Pathfinders around the world, with over 75,000 clubs in 180 countries. Within the Lake Union, there are approximately 8,000 Pathfinders in 265 clubs.

This August 5-11, 2024, 60,000 Pathfinders from over 100 countries will be attending the Believe the Promise International Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. The Lake Union will bring almost 5,000 Pathfinders from 165 clubs. This quinquennial camporee was hosted within the Lake Union for 20 years, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Now, our Lake Union Pathfinders will travel out of our Lake Union to meet new Pathfinder friends, experience new activities, learn

Ron Whitehead

Lake Union Youth and Children's Ministries Director

"Guest Perspective: Promising Youth"

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FEATURED STORIES



Keeping the Promise

A ValueGenesis study revealed that young people make significant life and faith decisions in settings which are not their typical everyday experience. This is why spending a week at summer camp or VBS or attending youth retreats or Camporees is invaluable to a young person's spiritual experience and their future spiritual lives.

This was certainly true for two sets of twins who chose to be baptized at the 2019 Pathfinder Camporee in OshKosh.

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A Mother's Vision Leaves an Impact a Generation Later

In May 1997, Rosana M. Perez was attending the Hayes Hispanic church in Milwaukee. She was concerned that there weren't enough efforts to help her daughters on their spiritual journey.

She started talking with her brother in Puerto Rico about Adventurers, and how he had started a club in his church. He was able to send her all the information

become the very first Adventurers Club in Wisconsin.

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A Mother's Pin Collection Grows into an Impressive Display of Club Ministry History

LaToya Austin's introduction to the world of Pathfinders began through her daughters, who were members of the Pontiac Warriors Pathfinder Club in Michigan.

At first, she was just a supportive parent, attending events and helping where she could. But at the 2019 Chosen camporee in Oshkosh, her involvement became more intentional.

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Motor City Youth Find Purpose and Family in a Community-Based Pathfinder Club

American International Academy in Inkster, Michigan, based in the suburb of Detroit, is not a Seventh-day Adventist academy.

However, both Principal Jeff Wilder and the District Superintendent Thomas White are products of Adventist education and club ministries. The two men noticed students slipping through the cracks, getting in trouble at school, or simply struggling with their studies and knew something had to be done.

Drawing upon their memories of Pathfinders, they saw the opportunity to create an uplifting, faith-centered space where students could thrive. As a result, at the beginning of 2020, the wheels for the first community-based Pathfinders Club

Fortunately, God used that time to align planning and leadership to make the Pathfinder Club a reality.

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We're Going LIVE at Gillette

The excitement is building as we get ready for the International Camporee in Wyoming, Gillette. Our Comm team is setting up headquarters right in the middle of our 5,000 Lake Union Pathfinders from 165 clubs. Camera gear is rented. Interviews are lined up. The production run sheet is taking shape.

We can't wait to showcase stories about our extraordinary Pathfinders, staff and leaders. Plus, Pathfinders from all our conferences will be featured as hosts and field reporters.

When can you watch: Beginning Tues. Aug. 6, we plan to go live at, 11 a.m. CDT; Noon EDT, with a replay before the evening program each night.

Where to watch: Lake Union Herald [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) (Tell your family and friends!)

BONUS: Come visit during the camporee and learn how you can receive your own limited edition Lake Union Herald camporee pin!

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