



Grade-level Pathfinder Planning

Many teens drop out of Pathfinders after being involved for two or three years. Here is a guide for activities and program planning that, if followed, can enable long-term participation in Pathfinding.

For Teen Pathfinders and TLTs to desire to attend area-wide and conference-sponsored Pathfinder events, area coordinators and conference leaders must be intentional about focusing their programming and activities in ways that will be challenging for them.

Junior Pathfinders (grades 5-8) – Plan activities and programming for grade 7 interest level.

- Conference Camporee
- Pathfinder Bible Experience
- Conference Pathfinder Fair

Grade 5 Pathfinders say, “Wow, this is challenging!” Grade 6 Pathfinders say, “Hey, this makes sense!”
Grade 7 Pathfinders say, “Ah – this is perfect!” Grade 8 Pathfinders say, “Uh – this is boring!”

Write your thoughts:

Teen Pathfinders (grades 7-10) – Plan activities and programming for grade 9 interest level.

- Area-wide Teen Excursions
- Conference Teen Retreat
- Conference Teen Events (high-adventure weekends)

Grade 7 Pathfinders say, “Wow, this is challenging!” Grade 8 Pathfinders say, “Hey, this makes sense!”
Grade 9 Pathfinders say, “Ah – this is perfect!” Grade 10 Pathfinders say, “Uh – let me be a leader!”

Write your thoughts:

TLT Pathfinders (grades 9-12) – Plan activities and programming for grade 11 interest level.

- Area-level TLT Council
- Conference Leaders Convention
- Conference TLT Convention

Grade 9 Pathfinders say, “Wow, this is challenging!” Grade 10 Pathfinders say, “Hey, this makes sense.”
Grade 11 Pathfinders say, “This is perfect!” Grade 12 Pathfinders say, “Oh Yah! I’m going to finish!”

Write your thoughts:

Master TLTs (ages 18 and over) – Let them plan activities and programming for Young Adults.

- Area and Conference Teen Activities and Events – Assist as leaders
- Pathfinder Leaders Convention – Assist as with TLT Operations as needed
- TLT Convention – Assist with TLT Operations as needed
- Area and Conference TLT Councils – Assist as leaders and promote TLT ministry

Most Collegiates don’t have time to be tied down to weekly club meeting responsibilities because of their studies. Rather, they may enjoy coming to weekend events and stay connected with their TLT mentors. Therefore, it is important that area coordinators and conference leaders continue to invite young adults to participate with leadership responsibilities at events they can attend when possible.