



#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF PATHFINDERING

Emerging from the Missionary Volunteer (MV) and Junior Missionary Volunteer (JMV) societies of the early 1900s, and with a desire to keep the spiritual, mental, moral and physical development of the summer camp program going year round, the first official Pathfinder Club was started in 1946 in Riverside, CA. The concept spread rapidly, and by 1950, the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had agreed to make the Pathfinder Club a worldwide organization for youth.

The SAIL Pathfinder Club was founded in 2009, building on a tradition of Pathfindering in the greater Austin area. Austin South once hosted the Austin Explorers Pathfinder Club. After a brief lull due to changing demographics, the Austin Avalanche was started in North Austin to serve the greater Austin area. The Avalanche became the Austin Knights, and grew rapidly. The growth and success of the Knights paved the way for the establishment of another club in Austin, the SAILS.

# SAIL



MATTHEW 5:14-16



#### WORDS WE LIVE BY

**Pledge:** By the grace of God, I will be pure, kind and true. I will keep the Pathfinder Law, I will be a servant of God and a friend to man.

**Law:** The Pathfinder Law is for me to keep the morning watch, do my honest part, care for my body, keep a level eye, be courteous and obedient, walk softly in the sanctuary, keep a song in my heart, go on God's errands.

**Aim:** The Advent message to all the world in this generation.

**Motto:** The love of Christ constrains us.

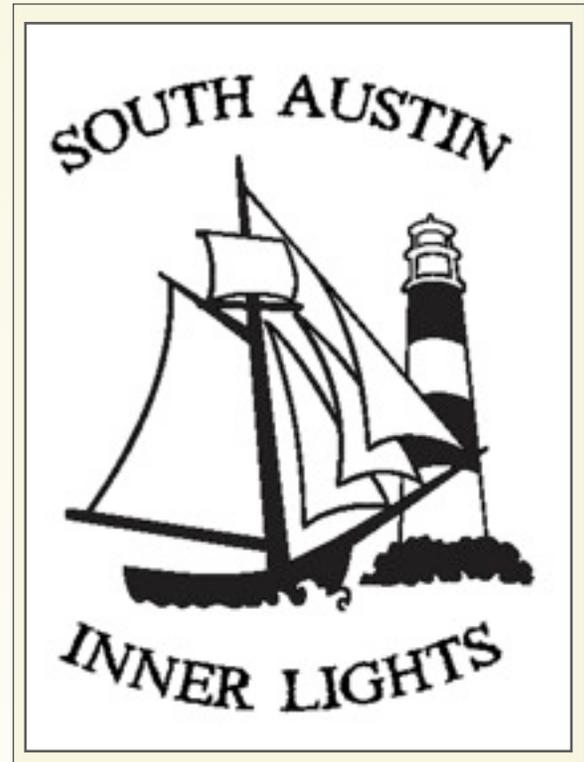
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PATHFINDER CLUB



The South Austin Inner Lights (SAIL) Pathfinder Club is part of the two million member worldwide Pathfinder organization. Pathfinders, open to all youth ages 10-16, offers numerous activities to help develop the mind, body and spirit. We believe that a healthy combination of physical and mental exercise, coupled with a focus on service and placed within a spiritual framework, will build strong leaders from our youth not only for the future, but for today.



# THE SOUTH AUSTIN INNER LIGHTS PATHFINDER CLUB



## SERVICE TO GOD AND MAN

*Pathfinding is more than just a club focused on camping and outdoor activities. Within its Pledge is the commitment to be a Servant of God and a Friend to Man. Service plays a strong role in Pathfinding; in the church and in the community. Pathfinders are encouraged to learn first aid and rescue skills, to take part in community service projects, and to take a role in spreading God's love through their words and actions. A true spirit of service creates leaders.*



Pathfinding is more than just hiking, camping and being a part of a club. Pathfinding is an attitude, a way of living, a code of conduct that shapes character and focuses youth on an active life of service. A Pathfinder pledges to be pure, kind and true, to be a servant of God and a friend to man. Not just during club meetings, or on club outings, but at all times. Pathfinders helps develop the leadership skills that youth possess.

The Pathfinder Club is designed for youth ages 10 through 15, and provides a framework for learning, physical activity and spiritual growth. Pathfinders is centered on an age-appropriate progressive class system (see below) focused on mental, physical, moral and spiritual growth and development.

In addition to the class work, Pathfinders have opportunities to earn honors in several different categories, from sports and recreation to arts and crafts, vocational and outdoor industries to nature, health and household arts. Pathfinders work in groups, on their own, with the club and at area honor fairs to learn and practice the skills necessary for achievement.

Pathfinders also has a large outdoor component, appealing to the physical nature of youth and providing a natural atmosphere free from the bustle of the city to experience mental and spiritual refreshment. Hiking, camping, knot tying, orienteering and sports are just some of the activities available to Pathfinders. At least once a year we get together for a Camporee with clubs from the area, state or even country. In 2014 we will have our next worldwide Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

As our Pledge suggests, Pathfinders also focuses on service to God and man. Guest speakers from government and community help develop

citizenship skills, while trips into the city provide opportunities for service. The SAIL club takes part each year in the Lake Travis Underwater Clean-Up, helps out with the Austin South Food Pantry, and engages in numerous other projects to assist the community and the Church.

*"Oh we are the Pathfinders strong, the servants of God are we. Faithful as we march along, in kindness, truth and purity. A message to tell to the world, a truth that will set us free - King Jesus the Savior is coming back for you and me."*



## PATHFINDER CLASS LEVELS

FRIEND	10	BLUE
COMPANION	11	RED
EXPLORER	12	GREEN
RANGER	13	SILVER
VOYAGER	14	BURGUNDY
GUIDE	15	GOLD