



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# Adventurer Leader



A NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO LEAD CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN ADVENTURER MINISTRY

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## New Director's Experience at 2004 NAD Youth Ministries Leadership Convention

*Chris Bower, Ames, Iowa*

The 2004 NAD Youth Ministries Leadership Convention was extremely helpful to me, as a new director. For this reason I have had more confidence in establishing an Adventurer program for the Ames-Nevada, Iowa churches.

Initially, I was asked to help start an Adventurer club, but I wasn't sure what an Adventurer Club was all about. I went over the manual and even asked others how the club worked. I attended a meeting that gave insight as to how the club functions. I was shown in this meeting many ideas for the club, but was overwhelmed at times because I still didn't know what to expect.

The NAD Youth Ministries Convention had all the pieces I needed to start the Adventurer club. I got a lot of advice from experienced leaders in their respective clubs. I found out I wasn't the only one attending who was new in establishing a club. I learned different techniques to curriculum that would be easy to handle if given enough time to plan. I also needed to know how many people it took to easily manage a club meaning what is the best ratio of kids to staff.

Parent Networking is something I want to really incorporate into this club because this is the start of that bonding

between a child and his or her parents. When a child knows that their parent or guardian is there for them in their younger years, they will trust them when they get older and start to experience things on their own. Trust is the biggest reason why many parents will not let their kids do things when they aren't around. The parent just isn't ready for the child to go out on his or her own.

I also want to be able to help the children to grow in their self-esteem. Many kids are being picked on these days and these kids just do not have confidence in themselves to handle pressures. I would like for parents to be there for their kids in activities that builds their confidence, not only in themselves, but also in their parents or guardians.

I met a lot of people at the convention who helped me to understand it was okay to just start simple. God will bless if I put the desire into the club. I can say that after the convention I have grown stronger spiritually just to be able to minister to the kids in a better way. I am more confident in expressing to these kids who I am and I hope they will express more of who they are. I would like to thank the committee who planned this convention. I will hopefully attend the next convention if given the opportunity.



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# Rocky Mountain Conference Fantastic Fun Day



Wow! What fun we had!!! The Rocky Mountain Fun Day hosted 100 Adventurers and the staff and families put the number to over 200 people! What an amazing day! God provided plenty of sun for a wonderful event. Adventurers earned the Whale Award. Pastor Pete, the Youth Director, shared the story about Jonah and the whale.



The Adventurers made whale sculptures out of clay and foam fish frames and had their

picture taken inside the mouth of the whale as Jonah. One of the best parts of the day was all of the water games and relays that we had in the afternoon. It was a great way to end the day. God is so awesome.

This years 1000-point trophies went to the following clubs: Aurora Stars, Casper Climbers, Cheyenne Koala, Denver 1<sup>st</sup> Mountaineers, Denver South God's Followers, Franktown Gold Seekers Ore, Loveland Timberwolves, Northglenn Flames, and Pecos Hispanic Telaim. Way to go to all of our clubs. Our trophy, as always, went with our theme. They were all hand made, once again, by the very talented Ken Jerabek. They were a wooden whale with a hole cut out of the belly and Jonah in there praying. They were awesome!! A very special "thank you" to him.

Congratulations to the following kids

*Carla Wakefield, Rocky Mountain Conference*

for all of their hard work this year and earning the Adventurer of the Year pin: Pieter Tampusolon, Faith Awoniyi, Scott Gage, Cecelia Gage, Jaeden Sandoval, Susan Pacheco, Zacchary Fry, Felicia Peters, Josh King, Navonna Brown, and Joseph Laurie. The recipients for the Eager Beaver of the Year pins were: Alston Sibuea, Madison Kamarad, Katie McTavish, Rosie Smith, and Kendra Pauls. The recipients of the Little Lamb of the Year pins were: Lade Kolawole, Garry Gage, and Conner Chittick.

We also presented two very special awards to our volunteer staff for the Adventurer Hall of Fame. This award is for the adults who volunteer so much of themselves, their time, energy, and finances. Names are submitted to the conference with letters of recommendation for these individuals. We had two recipients of this award this year. The first one goes to Lila Barton. She devoted many years to the Adventurer Ministry in RMC as the conference Executive Coordinator helping to develop this program since it began here in the early 1990s. She has served on various taskforce teams at the NAD level to help make improvements on a national level. Thank you Lila!! The second recipient is Becky Anderson. She has been a staff member of the Aurora Stars for over ten years. She has helped out wherever she was needed in her club. She gave much of her time to helping those kids. Thank you Becky.

It is such a joy to see the smiles and the excitement on the faces of all of the children. I am reminded that we all should "come as little children."

## January's Feature Pacific Union

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# Florida Conference South Area Fun Day

Lisa Gary, Florida Conference

South Area Fun Day was Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at Greater Miami Academy. The theme was International. We had 20 Clubs represented with almost 300 registered Adventurers plus parents and staff.



The day started with the parade of countries around the school complex, two local Pathfinder drum corps lead the way. Following a short program,

including a welcome and songs in several languages the events opened. Seventeen clubs had preregistered to present either a craft, game or food tasting from 14 different countries.

Each Adventurer was given a “passport” that they could get stamped at each country they visited. Countries included: Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Scotland, China, Japan, India,

Thailand, South Africa, Kenya, Australia, Peru, Egypt and Puerto Rico. The Adventurers spent the day earning several Florida patches - including “Speeches of other Countries”, “International” (from Carolina), “Country Fun” (NAD), Eager Beaver Chip - “I Like My Home” and the Little Lamb



Star - “Travel”.

There was also an obstacle course for them to challenge, a dunking booth and a three-in-one bounce house. Several local Pathfinder Clubs also had food stands - all with International foods - to help raise money for their clubs.



# CRAFTY

by Brenda Stokes of Crafty Creations



## NOVEMBER

### Lollipop Surprise

'Tis the season for sharing the "Sweet" love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have Adventurers make a Lollipop Surprise for the sick and shut-in, senior citizens in the church or homeless shelters. Oh! Don't forget to let them make one for themselves. This is a very simple craft with a heartfelt message.

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### Materials

- ◆ 6 inch paper plates
- ◆ candy canes
- ◆ 3x4 ziploc bags (Walmart or Michaels craft section)
- ◆ red or green cellophane paper
- ◆ gift wrap ribbon
- ◆ treats to go inside the lollipop (peppermints, holiday candy, nuts, herbal tea bags, etc.)



### Instructions

- ◆ Decorate the bottom of two paper plates for the "Lollipop."
- ◆ Tape the straight end of a candy cane to the inside of the bottom of a paper plate.
- ◆ Lay the treats to go inside the "Lollipop" on one plate and carefully glue or staple the plates together.
- ◆ Measure enough of the cellophane to cover the stapled plates and to allow some of the cellophane to be gathered at the bottom of the plates.
- ◆ Use curling ribbon to tie a bow or bows to secure the cellophane. Curl the ends of the ribbon by pulling it gently with a scissor blade.
- ◆ Make a nice addition to the "Lollipop" by adding a gift card. Cards can be made from scrap card stock, holiday stickers, and decorative scissors.
- ◆ Add a sweet message and the "Lollipop Surprise" is complete.



### Suggested Messages

- ◆ Knowing you makes life sweeter.
- ◆ 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus!
- ◆ The name of Jesus is the Sweetest name I know!

