



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Adventurer Leader



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

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The Evangelistic Aspect of Adventurers

Located southern Missouri, halfway between Springfield and St. Louis on I 44, The Rolla, Missouri, Adventurer Club is supported by a church that loves kids. The Rolla church has a strong Pathfinder and Adventurer Club with leaders who have worked with the children for over 8 years.

The church has decided to build a day care as well. The current Adventurer leader, Jeanna Murray has been working with the Adventurer Club for 5 years now and loving it. She and her assistant, Alicia Spaid keep each other motivated. They ended the year with 12 Adventurers and are looking at expanding this next year and working with the



Rolla Missouri Adventurers & Eager Beavers

day care. This church keeps growing and thriving and they believe it is because of the strong emphasis on taking care of the children in the church.

Pocket Sharing Tracts Available for Adventurers!

Primary Treasure and Pacific Press have created new mini-sharing tracts to help evangelize children. These pocket sharing pieces, called *Little Treasures*, are especially designed to be attractive to children and easy to understand.

Two are currently available: *Forgiving Jeff*, in which children learn about forgiveness, and *The Great Dog Rescue*, which teaches children about salvation. Both of these *Little Treasures* include an email and mailing address for kids to sign-up for the *Kids Club* to receive free Bible lessons written for children. Upon completion of the lessons, children receive a free Bible. "Research has shown that the highest probability of

a person accepting Jesus Christ as their savior for a lifetime relationship occurs before the age of 13. That's why we have created these *Little Treasures*. They are inexpensive, yet attractive tools for pastors, children's ministry leaders, and church members to share with kids," says Aileen Sox, editor of *Primary Treasure* and *Our Little Friend*. "They are also a great hand-out for Halloween when kids come to your door." *Little Treasures* can be purchased at your local Adventist Book Center store, online or by calling toll-free (800) 765-6955. *Little Treasures* are available in packs of 100 for \$6.99US or \$9.45CAN.



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How to Afford the Hotel

I really want to go, but how can I afford the hotel and transportation?

Contact your local Adventurer coordinator or Conference Office or even Pathfinder Area Coordinator. This seminar covers youth ministry from Adventurers, Pathfinders and more. It is very likely that others from your conference wish to attend, but have the same difficulty.

Get together and car pool, rent a van and share the hotel rooms. There are usually two queen sized beds available in each room. Another idea is to make a family vacation of it. Jacksonville Florida is definitely warmer in February than a lot of places in North America!

Living Prayer

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How many prayers get answered, and we don’t even notice or acknowledge it? Part of that is trust. It is in God’s hands so we no longer think about it. Part of it is humanity. We just plain forget.

Teaching Adventurers about prayer and journaling can be challenging, yet rewarding! Prayer is the life blood of a Christian. When we communicate with our heavenly Father, things just go better. Here are some ideas of how to incorporate prayer into your meetings.

Make a bulletin board with a pond. White paper on back, blue on bottom in waves. A few green plants sticking up behind the water, and a piece of shore. Make a cloud to float in the sky with the words, of Matthew 18:20 *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”*

Make fish that are big enough to write on. Make two buckets to

Can Adventurer Leaders Earn their Master Guide

YES! But what about “Adventurer and Pathfinder Ministries, Why they Are Not the Same?” How can you work with an Adventurer club and still do all the Pathfinder requirements to earn the certification? That person must not be as busy as I am! Is it possible the requirements have changed with the growth of the Adventure Club?

The requirements of Master Guide are that the participant must be 16. A Master Guide can work with either club. A Master Guide Candidate can specialize in Adventurers or Pathfinders!

The Hotel Name Changed!

The 3rd North American Division Youth Ministries Leadership Convention has not been moved. The hotel simply changed names. It is now the Hyatt Regency.

This convention includes six dynamic general sessions, more than 200 seminar options, concerts, resource rooms and lots of fellowship. It is for all leaders who work with youth, Pathfinders, Adventurers/Children, and young adults in their church or community. For more information check out www.plusline.com. Choose event registration.

hold the fish. One to hold empty gold fish. Kids take the empty gold fish out and write their prayer request and pin the fish into the water. The second bucket is to hold answered prayers.

At the beginning of each meeting pray for the prayer requests. As prayers get answered, write the answer on the fish and put it in the answered bucket. This could get sensitive. Depending on the kids, it may be a good idea to put a wait bucket. Sometimes He answers, sometimes He says no, and sometimes He says wait. One daddy didn’t quit smoking and come to church until the little girl turned

The Master Guide award has been “remodeled” to take Adventurers into consideration. There are still four Pathfinder honors that need to be earned. These can be done while teaching Adventurers. The Christian Story telling honor and the Camping Skills 1 honor are both useful skills for a leader of either club. Two other honors of the candidates choice are required. Let’s face it, the Adventurer Awards are neat, but the Pathfinder honors that will teach the candidate new skill needed for their “continued education.”



17. Some prayers take longer to be answered, but they are answered.

For those who are keeping their prayer journal, allow them time to update their journals with what has happened during the week since they were last there. Theoretically, they are working with their parents at home, however; allow them time to keep it up to date at the meetings as well. Developing a positive prayer life and relationship with Jesus is too important to let slip through the cracks of over scheduled lives.

Garden Activities

<http://www.naturepark.com/act.htm>

1. Go on a Bug Hunt Equip your child with a baby food jar or bug jar and encourage them to look for natural life around them. Look under leaves & stumps (be sure to turn them back over), on tree trunks & leaves and in flowers. Handle the bugs gently and let them go when you are done.

2. Listen to the World Around You Have your child sit and listen to the sounds of nature by closing their eyes, and counting on their fingers the different sounds they hear. Compare natural vs. unnatural sounds. Try this in several different habitats such as in a field, near a pond and in a forest and compare the kinds of sounds heard.

3. Get a New Perspective Have your child lie face upward under a large tree. Have them look into the branches. Can they see the top branch? What patterns can they see. What other things are present? What animals can they see moving around in the tree?

4. Wet Noses Wet the underside of your child's nose with a small wet sponge. This improves their sense of smell just as it does for deer and rabbits.. Find familiar smells such as flowers to try, then go on to other things like rubbing a leaf between your fingers and smelling or scratching a pine needle. Also try moss, bark, pitch or grabbing an handful of leafy soil etc.

5. Discover Color in Nature Get 10 old paint swatches of various natural colors from a paint store. Cut them into individual squares and take these and your child to a natural area. One at a time, have your child look for each color in nature. You will be amazed at what colors you can find if you really look!

6. Touching Nature Blindfold your child and lead them to a tree to get to know it by feeling the bark texture, finding branches and any other way to recognize a specific tree without looking at it. Still blindfolded, lead your child back to where you started. Now take off the blindfold and have them try to find their tree using their sense of touch to confirm it. What other senses helped them to locate their tree? (sounds, sense of balance, smells, warmth etc.)

7. A Rainy Day Experience Dress to stay dry but with your hands free (no umbrellas) and go out on a rainy day with your child. Peek into puddles, listen for bird & frog calls. How many kinds of raindrops can you see? Can you find plants with a drip tip? Try to find out where animals go when it is raining.

Vegetarian or Meat Eaters?

<http://www.gp.com/educationalinnature/index.html>



All birds do not eat the same things. Some eat insects and meat, while others eat vegetables and plants. It's fun to see what different birds eat. Attach five or six shallow dishes to a board. Fill each dish with a different food birds like to eat. Use cracked corn, worms, bird seed, fat, cheese or any other food you prefer. Change the food from time to time and record what birds eat what foods. Before long you can feed your favorite birds and watch them whenever you wish.

Water Works

Caterpillar Relay--Create two teams. Have teams each form a line, and place a bucket filled with water and a car-washing sponge at the front of each line. Show the children how to pass the sponge down the line and back, having children alternate the sponge over their heads and then between their legs. Have the first person in line return the sponge to the bucket, then run to the end of the line. Repeat the game until each child has gotten a turn to be in the front of the line.

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