

The Pathfinder Club Baptismal Challenge

Each Pathfinder Club is challenged to bring at least one Pathfinder to be baptized at the Chosen Camporee. Many Clubs will bring more than one. If each club accepted this challenge, we would have more than 2,000 baptisms at the Chosen Camporee! Here are some steps that can help clubs embrace this challenge.

- A) Club Directors should work with Pathfinders, Parents, Pastors and Counselors to make a master list of Pathfinders who have yet to make a decision for baptism.
- B) Invitations should be made in group and individual settings to encourage Pathfinders to make their decision. Remember that a personal invitation can have a strong influence in encouraging a young person to commit their life to Christ.
- C) Here are some fun and creative ways to develop a culture where kids are encouraged to make a positive decision for Christ.
 - a. Schedule Pathfinder worships that allow kids to give their testimony of why they were baptized and what their experience was like.
 - b. Offer a baptismal class as part of the regular pathfinder meeting.
 - c. Ask the pastor to conduct a worship from the baptismal tank where he invites a pathfinder to join him in the tank. Here he can demonstrate how baptism represents the life, death, burial and resurrection of a new life in Christ.
 - d. Work with the Pastor to plan a special feature as part of the Sabbath morning worship service where kids share their decision for baptism with the congregation. This service could be repeated each time a young person makes a decision.
 - e. Be sure the Pathfinder Baptismal Pin is highlighted and being worn by all staff and Pathfinders who have been baptized. A worship explaining the symbolism on the pin can also be given. Pins can be ordered through [AdventSource](#).
 - f. Plan for a church wide baptismal reception to take place either just before or after the camporee. It could include all the elements of a festive birthday party (cake, balloons, decorations, gifts) since baptism represents a spiritual birthday, or a new life in Christ. This reception could also provide a formal opportunity to present the pathfinder with his or her baptismal pin.
 - g. Offer a balloon challenge by highlighting the Balloon Ceremony which will take place on Sabbath morning at the camporee. Encourage Pathfinders to be a part of the ceremony by either making their decision for baptism or studying with someone who will be baptized at Camporee.