

GOSNELLS CITY PATHFINDER CLUB REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2009

Dear Pathfinders & Parents,
Welcome to another new Pathfinder year.

ENROLMENT DAY will be - Sabbath [Saturday] February 7 @ 4:30 – 8:30pm
SDA CHURCH HALL
97 WHEATLEY ST
GOSNELLS

Please note that enrolment is on a Sabbath afternoon. We are taking the opportunity to have a club meeting after enrolment to try to fit more into our year's program.

We request that club fees be paid or other arrangements made after Sabbath at the end of the meeting (~8:10 pm). I know it is late, but with daylight saving....

Pathfinders should bring their tea.

Below are a few items we would like you to take note of to help us all have a good time in Pathfinders

1. Annual Fees.

The annual fee for Pathfinders this year is \$70.00 [inc GST] (approx. \$4.50 per club meeting and event). This includes:

1. Honours & honour tokens
2. Insurance [personal & Club property]
3. Investiture supplies
4. Any equipment that we might have to replace.
5. It also helps to partly pay for staff training.

First year pathfinders need to pay an extra \$50:00 for uniform badges, Tee Shirt, Pathfinder Passport and Adventist Outdoors passport. Total for first time pathfinders is \$120.00. Fees can be paid in instalments, but, **need to be paid within 3 months to enable our church treasurer to deal with GST**. Keep this in mind when doing your finances. Please make arrangements with our club treasurer, *Mrs Janette Sherman*

At times extra costs may arise that will have to be passed on to you but we will endeavour to keep these to an absolute minimum.

2. Uniforms. Your largest initial expense is the club uniform. It is a Conference requirement that every club member be in FULL DRESS UNIFORM within three months of joining. Some Second Hand uniforms *may* be available on enrolment day.

3. Club Camp Fees. These vary according to the type and duration of the camp. Costs are usually between \$30:00 and \$50:00 inc GST.

4. Excursions. At times the club will go on excursions and there could be a cost for travel and/or entry plus GST.

5. Pathfinder Calendar. You will have been given a calendar of club events with this information sheet. The year will be quite busy for Pathfinders and leaders. Our club is graded on our attendance at local, and conference activities. If you are unable to attend for any reason you need to let us know so that we can adjust our records etc. We will soon find out if we achieved the 200 Club Award for 2008. Thank you to all the dedicated Pathfinders and Parents / Guardians who help the club to achieve this high award.

6. Fund Raising.

The club takes what opportunity it can to offer fundraising ventures to offset the cost for AUC and SPD Camporee trips, which occur every four years. We trust that you take advantage of this so as to lessen the burden when Camporee comes around.

At Easter Camp we once again have the "privilege" to keep the amenities clean and smelling sweet, this is a very good opportunity to raise money for Pathfinders.

If any parents are interested in forming a fund raising committee to consider options for raising funds towards the next Camporee, we would love to hear from you.

7. Information. Gosnells City Pathfinder Club has Pathfinders and Staff who come from all over the Southern Metropolitan area. It is difficult to personally deliver newsletters and forms to everybody, and it can get expensive to post letters to everyone. Our preferred method of sharing information is by the use of email and the internet.

We ask that everyone provide an email address that is checked reasonably often (if you have one), or advise us if you require alternate means of receiving club information.

If you change any contact details including phone numbers and email address, please let us know so that you don't miss out on any information.

*The latest club newsletters, forms and other information are available on the internet at:
<http://gosnells-pathfinders.webhop.org>*

DISCIPLINE.

We attempt to follow the guidelines laid out for us in the South Pacific Division Pathfinder Staff Manual.

There are a number of punishable offences.

They are as follows:-

- 1. Offensive Language**
- 2. Indecency**
- 3. Cheating and/or stealing**
- 4. Disrespect of Leaders and members and/or their property**
- 5. Bullying**

Staffing for 2009 at present is:

Graeme Mitchell	Director
Yvonne Stewart	Deputy Director / Secretary
Janette Sherman	Chaplain / Treasurer
Michelle Mitchell	Counsellor
Hayley Wilson	Counsellor
Rebecca Martin	Counsellor
Monica Stewart	Jnr Counsellor
Katie Burnie	Jnr Counsellor

We are looking for 1 or 2 male Counsellors. Do you know someone suitable who would be willing to fill this important role in the club?

See you at Enrolment

February 7, 4:30 pm

Main Pathfinder Events for 2009

There are several events coming up in 2009 that Pathfinders and Parents need to be aware of to allow you to be physically, emotionally and financially prepared.

1. February 9 : Weetbix TRY-athlon

- We want to encourage Adults age 16+ to volunteer as Marshalls to assist in running the event. Gosnells Pathfinder Club will be paid \$25.00 for each adult who helps! Talk about easy money! (We need to have the names in very soon)
- We also want to encourage Pathfinders to attend the event. You can find out all the details, and register online at <http://www.weetbix.com.au/tryathlon/> Note that Registrations close Tuesday January 13, and places are limited, so register soon.

2. April 24-26 : ANZAC Day / Club Camp

- We are planning for a sleepover in the Church hall on Friday Evening, march in the ANZAC Day parade and Dawn Service on Sabbath Morning and then go for a Club Camp for the weekend. Plan on Pathfinders taking their own food for the camp to help prepare them for the Pathfinder Expedition.

3. May 29-June 1 : Pathfinder Expedition

- It is planned that this event will be held in the Stirling Ranges, North East of Albany. Pathfinders will do various hikes through the mountains, difficulty depending on age and ability. The last expedition to the Stirling Ranges in 1999 was a great success. We hope to have a fantastic time there once again.

4. July 3-12 : STORM Co

- For Youth and Pathfinders age 15 and over. This is all about Service in a remote community.

5. August 14-16 : Teen Initiative

- These events are designed to encourage the Teens to develop their initiate and leadership skills.

6. September 11-13 : Club Camp

- Teens can expect to do some hiking in preparation for the Teen Expedition!

7. September 27-October 3 : Teen Expedition

- It is planned that this will be a hike of the Cape to Cape track, about 130km. Participants will carry all their food, clothing, tents, sleeping bags, etc. Teens (and leaders) will need to be physically prepared for this one!

8. October 31 : Pathfinder Club Event

- We haven't decided what it will be, but it should be a lot of fun!