

## OBJECTIVE

To help Pathfinders recognize unsafe conditions that could cause serious injury to others or physical damage and provide them with the skills necessary take corrective action to prevent camping related accidents.



## 10 KEY TRAINING AREAS

- Understanding Fire Safety
- Proper Storage of Food
- Understanding Camp Cooking Fuels
- Precautions in Building a Latrine
- What to have in a First Aid Kit
- Three Ways to Purify Water
- Good Camp Hygiene Practices
- Personal Safety When Camping
- Safe Handling of Camping Tools
- Conducting a Camp Inspection



## HELPFUL RESOURCES FROM ARM

- Pathfinder Safety Honor Training Kit
- Pathfinder Safety Honor Training PowerPoint
- Pathfinder Campsite Safety Inspection Form
- Trainers Guideline
- Introductory True & False Quiz
- Answer Key to the Honor Requirements
- Honors Final Quiz



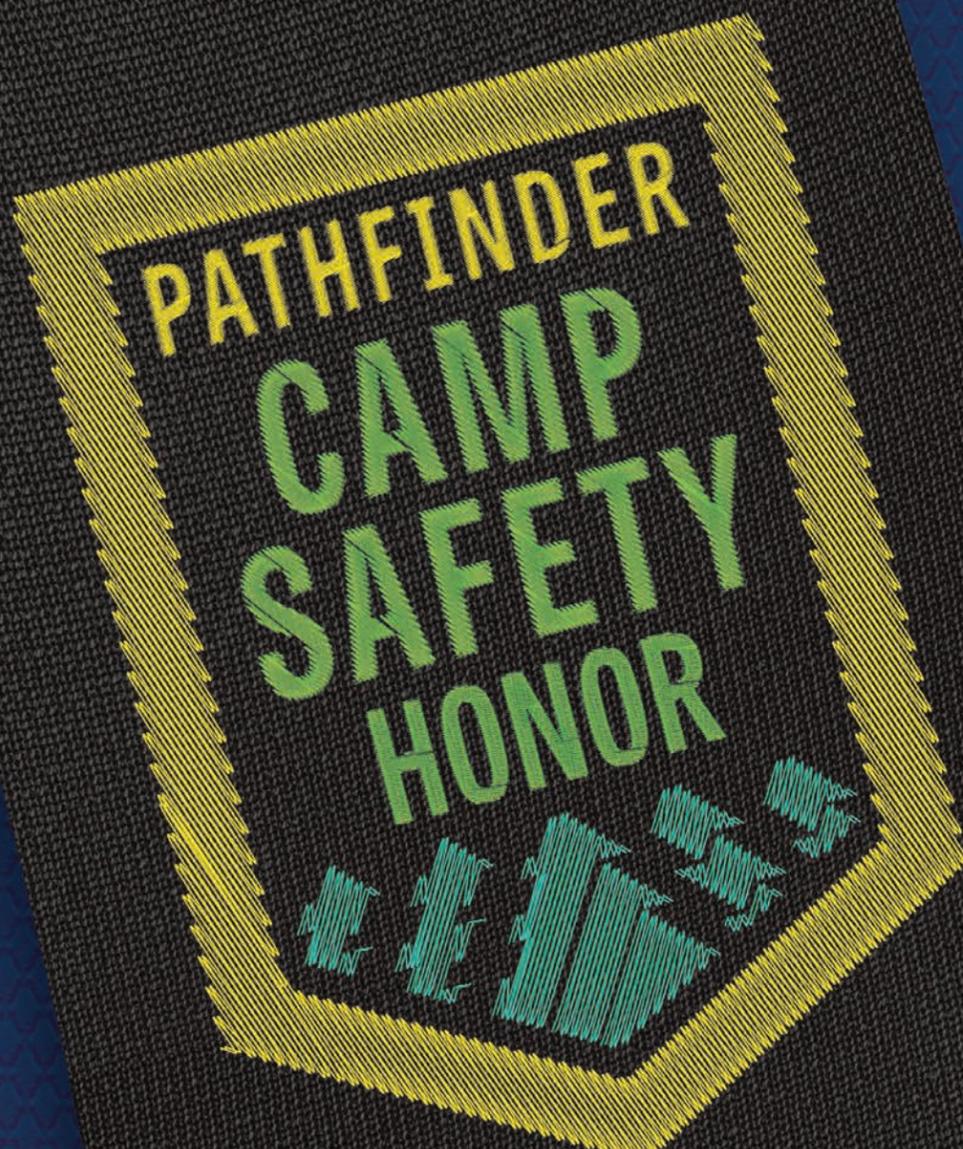
## HELPFUL VIDEO RESOURCES

### MonkeySee.com

- How to Go Camping
- Campfire Cooking
- Protecting Food
- Finding & Purifying Water
- Going to the Bathroom in the Woods



Numerous camping safety topics available free online!



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## Camping is one of the most enjoyable activities we can provide to our young people, especially our Pathfinders.

Anytime we take a group out camping, we have to be extremely careful because parents entrust us with their kids' lives. The lives and health of these young people can never be replaced.

These young people are the future of the church. Pathfinder staff and older Pathfinders must protect the younger Pathfinders from harm and also incorporate fun and spiritual growth into the activities. The leadership should know how to maintain necessary health, safety and sanitary conditions without neglecting opportunities for fun and high adventure.

Outdoor benefits prove rather ineffectual if the Pathfinder returns home with a cold, earache, bad sunburn, poison ivy, upset stomach, cut foot, or sprained ankle. A camping experience can destroy forever a Pathfinder's interest in the outdoors, the church, or

even a relationship with God just as easily and as effectively as it can foster and build them up. Look at an overnight camp not as a test of endurance but as a test of unique living situations in which campers, counselors, and staff can, through skill, knowledge, and teamwork adapt to primitive conditions sanely, safely, healthfully, and in the spirit of fun and adventure.

The Pathfinder Camp Safety Honor was developed by Adventist Risk Management, Inc. in 2008 and introduced at the 2009 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The purpose of this honor is not to teach Pathfinders their basic camping skills—it is to train them in how to recognize unsafe acts and conditions that can occur when camping.

“Safety Through Skill” should be our motto whenever Pathfinders are camping.

## CAMPSITE SAFETY INSPECTION

### Objectives:

- To teach Pathfinders how to identify unsafe conditions at a campsite.
- Learn how to take the necessary actions to correct unsafe conditions.
- To understand why safety practices are an essential requirement all Pathfinder events.
- To equip them to become part of the Pathfinder's Club safety leadership team.



## HONOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Successful completion of Camping Skills I-IV.
2. What is meant by “Pathfinders are a sacred trust” and how does camp safety support that aspect of ministry in the church?
3. Why is it important to find out what the local laws are before starting a camp fire and where would you get that information?
4. Identify 3 reasons why a camp fire should never be left unattended.
5. List 10 rules for fire safety to consider when camping.
6. Identify the temperature the following foods should be kept at and explain why this is important when camping.
  - a. Hot foods
  - b. Cold foods
7. List 5 things you can do to prevent animals from coming into your campsite.
8. What safety precautions should you consider when building a latrine?
9. Make a list of items that should be in a “first aid kit?” Inspect your Pathfinder club camping first aid kit and make recommendations of any missing items if applicable.
10. List 5 things to consider when practicing good hygiene at a camp site where there is no running water (i.e. showers, flush toilets, sinks or faucets).
11. Demonstrate 3 ways you can purify water when camping.
12. Identify two types of fuel used for camp cooking and explain what precautions should be used when using them.
13. Discuss 5 guidelines for personal safety and self-protection when camping.
14. List 5 guidelines for safely handling camping knives, axes and hatchets.
15. Conduct 5 campsite inspections using the Pathfinder Camp Safety Inspection form.

## HONOR REQUIREMENTS

Successful Completion of Pathfinder Honors:

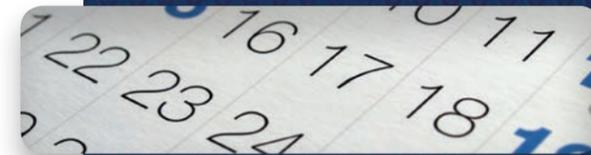
**Camping Skills I  
Camping Skills II**

**Camping Skills III  
Camping Skills IV**

**PATHFINDER CAMP SAFETY IS A SKILL LEVEL III HONOR.**



## SUGGESTED TEACHING OUTLINE



Plan to teach the Pathfinder Camp Safety Honor over several weeks, preferably 6 to 8 weeks prior to a campout or Conference Camporee.

Go over one or two safety elements in each training session so they learn the principles.

Use video training resources to illustrate the course principles wherever possible.



Provide actual medical supplies to give the Pathfinders experience in building their own First Aid kits.



Have the Pathfinder demonstrate they can safely handle knives, axes, and hatchets.



Set up a “bad campsite” before the final teaching session so Pathfinders can practice using the Campsite Inspection form.

Conduct a final review and test knowledge.



Have the Pathfinder do actual campsite inspections during a campout or camporee to complete the requirements.

