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THE DIRECTOR'S PEN

BY LORRAINE WARD

The year 2023 can be considered **GREAT** for the Heavenly Hands Pathfinder Club.

Growth The club, for the first time in many years, had Pathfinders in all six classes.

Resilient Some members of the club attended the IAD camporee in Jamaica under difficult conditions. Even though a few of us were ill, we all came away stronger, and the experience was invaluable.

Enthusiasm This characteristic, especially of our new counselor was very encouraging. Mr. Gollop, although inexperienced, successfully instructed his charges in all areas. He was outstanding in outdoor activities.

Achievement **Travin Grant**, one of our senior pathfinder was able to attain good results at CXC, while still attending club every week. We also recognize Enrico Browne for excellence in the sports of volleyball and cricket.

Transformation After Covid, the club returned to outdoor activities. Drilling and marching were reintroduced in 2022 and Pathfinders, who were described as 'not having any idea about marching', were able to post the colours on Pathfinder day and on Sabbath before Independence Day in September and November 2023, respectively.

Finally, I encourage our Pathfinders, Counsellors, parents, guardians and supporters to continue to strive for excellence as we 'press on to know the Lord.' Hosea 6:3



PATHFINDER HONOR ROLL

Senior Pathfinder of the year



Abeni Glasgow has recently completed the Voyager class. She was recognized for her diligence, willingness, punctuality, and participation. Abeni is currently the only Pathfinder that has received advance pins for all the classes she has completed. She is a second-time recipient of the Pathfinder of the Year award.



Junior Pathfinder of the year



Alina Hinds is a whole bundle of energy wrapped up in one parcel. She is always eager and willing to participate, whether the task is big or small. She was recognized for her punctuality, perfect attendance, timely completion of classwork, and overall positive attitude. She will be advancing to the Companion class in the new year.



Most Improved



Enrico Browne is a recruit in the Pathfinder Band and was the Captain of the Combermere volleyball team. He was judged the Most Improved Player and received recognition at this year school's Speech Day. He also played a pivotal role in his school winning the 2023 schools' under 15 cricket competition.

This year Enrico has shown a high level of maturity in terms of his attitude towards club assignments and activities and as such was selected for this award.

STAYING THE COURSE

BY ALERTHA GLASGOW

It seems so distant now, but just over ten years ago, there was no Adventurer Club here at Holders. However, it all changed in 2014 with the entrance of energetic Jordyn-Quinn. She was the lone member of the club. She successfully completed the Busy Bee class under the watchful guidance of Mrs. Ward and the support of her mother, Heather Agard. That little spark was all that was needed to get the Adventurer Club going.

Savannah and Travin joined Jordyn-Quinn the very next year in the Sunbeam class, and they have moved together year after year, conquering memory verses, class requirements, club activities, and evaluations, embracing the holistic development that both the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs offered.

I am sure that the lessons learnt during their tenure in the Clubs will help them navigate the journey called life. We tip our hats off to our senior Pathfinders as they move forward. May God continue to richly bless them as they keep being servants of God and friends to mankind.



Here's A Thought...

On the second leg of the two-day expedition, the Pathfinders were encouraged to lighten their backpacks by leaving some items in the cars at Olbury. They were told that everyone must carry their own bags. Some of them felt it was not necessary and preferred to carry everything with them.

However, as the warm May sun beat down on us, fatigue set in, and those not-so-heavy bags seemed to gain pounds with every step. They wished they had left a few things behind.

How many times has God given us instructions and we chose to do things our way, and then, when the burden of life presses us down, God never leaves us to bear them all alone, when we seek His help? Psalm 55:22 encourages us to 'Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you'.

Alertha Glasgow



A NEW-FOUND LOVE

BY KEITHLYN GOLLOP

Around a year or so ago, I began seeing photos and videos of events I knew nothing about. These photos and videos created a curiosity in me and a drive to find out more.

I began investigating what these things were and what was the purpose. This led me to what has become a new-found love; a year of fulfillment, enjoyment, blessings, and a sense of purpose.

After asking questions about what had occupied my thoughts, I learned of the Pathfinder Club. I immediately found out who was in charge and asked to join. I was so happy when I was accepted as a Counsellor.

Working with children has truly been a blessing and a great experience of learning and sharing. This, coupled with the various fun activities, is always a highlight of my week. Each week, I look forward to club meetings and their activities, such as drilling and marching, hikes, camps, cookouts, tours, and many more. It brings a sense of fulfillment to see the young Pathfinders and Adventurers learning new skills and having fun while gathering a deeper knowledge of their Creator, Christ Jesus, and His creation.

It is my goal to become a Master Guide and to improve in all areas of this wonderful experience, as it continues to be a blessing to me and others who are part of and associated with Pathfinding.

I give thanks and praise to God for allowing me to be part of this great and wonderful ministry called 'Pathfinders'.

From Roots to Global Reach - A Brief History of the Pathfinder Ministry

FIRST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

In 1879, Luther Warren and Harry Fenner founded a boys' society in Hazelton, Michigan, to help young people prepare for heaven. The first society had a membership of five or six, and Elder Luther Warren reported on their work at weekly meetings. Later, girls were invited to join, but the significance of this first young people's society was not realized until later.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

In 1907, the Seventh-day Adventists Church established the Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers (MV Society) to train young adults for service and protect them from worldly influences. The organization focused on daily Bible reading, prayer, and service, leading to the establishment of the Youth Instructor magazine and an annual Week of Prayer. In 1909, the JMV Society was created for younger children.

BEGINNING OF PATHFINDER CLUBS

In 1919 Arthur W. Spalding started a Mission Scouts organization in Tennessee for his own boys and their friends. Activities consisted of handicrafts, woodcraft, hiking, and camping. They adopted a Pledge and Law, which became the basis for today's Pathfinder Pledge and Law (Krum, 1963).

HOW PATHFINDERS GOT ITS NAME

Arthur Spalding recounted the story of John Charles Fremont, a Civil War soldier and explorer who had been given the nickname "The Pathfinder," which fascinated the boys. In 1926, John McKim established the first Pathfinder club, and in 1950, the General Conference authorized its establishment.

Today there are about 2 million pathfinders in 180 countries of the world. God is indeed leading as we follow His Path.

Oh we are the Pathfinders strong!!!.

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THE DIRECTOR'S PEN

BY ELFRIDA SCANTLEBURY

Praise is what we do, as we celebrate another successful year for the Heavenly Helpers Adventurer Club. The God who blessed us with the gifts of His Holy Spirit to begin, has seen us through safely, as we joined the Heavenly Hands Pathfinder club in many activities and club sessions. God's additional blessings through Mrs. Una Griffith joining our elite squad, brought such refreshing energy, dedication, enthusiasm, and encouragement to our sessions and activities.

I must mention our own Jace Grogan, who joined us on activities and was very enthusiastic and interested in what was happening, and we await his initial entry into the club as a Little Lamb.

As we continue to praise God in celebration, we recognize our Adventurers for their hard work and dedication. It was a tough choice for Adventurer of the Year and the decision was made to celebrate with two Adventurers of the Year for 2023; Miss Ayeka Grant and Miss Ra'Nayah Yarde-Steede.

We look forward to 2024, the Year of Evangelism, to see how God will work in and through our Adventurers, as we join in this great outreach to do wonderful things, as we go to reach others and tell them of the great things God has done, and maybe, having three, four, or even five Adventurers of the Year in 2024.

Praises to God as we surrender all plans, the Director, the Adventurers, the Pathfinders, Counsellors, parents, supporters, and Church into His Mighty Hand, that it will be unto us according to His Word for 2024 and beyond.



Jace in the kitchen

MISSION STATEMENT

Healthy, Happy,
Helpful,
Heavenly
Vessels living
the Gospel.

ADVENTURER HONOR ROLL

Adventurer of the year



For the second consecutive year, Ayeka Grant has received the coveted Adventurer of the Year award. She loves the Club and looks forward to participating in the various events. She works to ensure that all her assignments are completed on time and is always outstanding in her memory texts.



Adventurer of the year



Ra'Naiyah Yarde-Steede was also selected as Adventurer of the Year. She is always eager to get involved in whatever task is to be done. She was recognized for her commitment to ensuring all assignments, as well as memory work, are done well.

ABOUT ADVENTURERS

The Adventurer program aims to strengthen parent-child relationships and promote spiritual, physical, mental, and social development. It involves collaboration between church, home, and school to develop mature, happy children. The Adventurer Club provides children ages 4-9, along with their parents, an organized peer group to improve social skills. The program's curriculum is creative and meaningful, preparing children for future Pathfinders.

The Adventurer Club provides fun and creative ways for children to:

- develop a Christ-like character;
- experience the joy and satisfaction of doing things well;
- express their love for Jesus in a natural way;
- learn good sportsmanship and strengthen their ability to get along with others;
- discover God's world;

- discover their God-given abilities and to learn how to use them to benefit self and serve others;
- improve their understanding of what makes families strong; and
- develop parental support for the training of children.

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WILLING HANDS

Interview with Mrs. Una Griffith

What made you decide to become a Counselor in the Adventurer club?

I was asked if I would be interested in working in one of the Adventurer classes, and my answer was yes, I'll try.

What was the experience like?

Initially, I didn't know what to expect. I was wondering if the Adventurer to whom I was assigned would accept me, since the person were accustomed to another Counsellor, or if I would be able to meet the requirements, but the Adventurer and I got along well, so those thoughts vanished.

Was it difficult?

Difficult, no. If I didn't know or was doubtful about something, I asked for help. As the student started to cooperate, I became confident and excited to get the work done.

Which class did you work with?

I worked with the Builders Class.

What would you say to someone who is considering becoming a counselor, how would you encourage them?

What would I say to someone who is considering becoming a Counsellor? I'll encourage them to just be themselves. Initially, you'll feel you can't do it, but 'can't is a man who never tries'. Being a Counsellor allows you to connect with others, gain their trust, and praise them after a project, assignment, or memory text is done. You learn along with them too, while you are encouraging them to read the Bible more and pray about anything bothering them. They are a source of encouragement to you, and you'll have this sense of gladness knowing that you were able to accomplish the task and can't wait for the next assignment. You are not alone. You'll have some great Counsellors and Directors who'll hold your hand whenever you need help.



*“Give your hands to serve
and your hearts to love.”—
Mother Teresa*

The Captain writes

By Elisha Grant

Being the Pathfinder Captain this year has been a fun experience. I was able to see my Pathfinder squad laughing and having fun, whether it be in outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, or indoor activities such as making DIY eco-friendly projects or even class time.

I was also able to see my Pathfinder squad learn new skills and, more importantly, grow closer to God.

For any pathfinder seeking to become Captain, I would advise you to just be respectful to everyone around you, especially your Counsellors, keep the Pathfinder and Adventure Laws, and pledge to love God.

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY

The purpose of the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs is to present Jesus Christ to young people and encourage them to follow Him as their Lord and Savior, thereby preparing them for now and for eternity.

Under the Spiritual Discovery component of the curriculum, Pathfinders are required to memorize and explain bible texts in the following categories: Doctrine, Great Passages, Salvation, Prayer, Relationship, Behavior, and Promises/Praise. Despite year-round encouragement, we have observed that every year this area has the lowest score because most of our Pathfinders do not put in enough effort to learn the texts. We hope that this trend will be reversed in the coming year. We are asking the parents and guardians to periodically incorporate these scriptures into their family worship.

The Adventurer Club, on the other hand, is doing much better when it comes to the children learning their memory verses.

Several of our children have not yet decided to go all the way with Jesus in baptism, so this year we started a daily prayer initiative for them. We are urging parents and guardians to prayerfully support their children in making this crucial decision over the course of the next year.

The East Caribbean Conference celebrated World Adventurer Day on May 20th, 2023, with a church service at Olbury. In the evening, some of our Adventurers and Officers participated in a parade in St. Philip. Commendation must be given to Naomi Husbands who marched the entire parade.

Pathfinder Day was held on September 16th under the theme 'Go with God'. The sermon was presented by Jordyn-Quinn Agard, Savannah Gittens, and Travin Grant of the Guide class. Special thanks to all the Pathfinders and Adventurers who ministered.

In 2023, we partnered with the Health Ministry's Department for a Week of Prayer, allowing Pathfinders to host the nightly service and manage the preliminaries, including presentations from the Health & Fitness requirements.

The National Independence Service was received with much enthusiasm by the three Pathfinders who attended.

Our Adventurer Club was responsible for the sharing the Primary class lesson study at this year's Congressoree. The theme was 'The Best Gift Ever' and it was dramatized by the Counsellors and children.



Naomi keeping time on the Adventurer Parade



Taken after the National Independence Service at the Gymnasium

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY



Our Adventurer Club presenting the Primary lesson study at Congressory 2023



Congratulations to Danae White for successfully completing the Adventurer program



Naomi being scrafed by PLA Mrs. Lorraine Ward at the National Adventurer induction service.

From the Scribe

To begin, I would like to say that being a Scribe for the year 2023 has been an enjoyable experience. Throughout this year, I can happily say that Arts and Crafts have been the most enjoyable activity I have done. I also took part in many hikes, an etiquette program, camping, and so on. Being a Scribe has changed me, in that, it has been a learning experience, and it has encouraged me to be on my very best behavior at all times.

To conclude, I would like to say to my fellow Pathfinders, that in anything and everything that you must do throughout the upcoming year and beyond, do it to the best of your spiritual abilities! 😊

Selena Cumberbatch

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

One of the tenants of the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs is Serving Others. This demonstrates 'faith in action'. It engages the Pathfinders in active service, connecting them to the community and to the church as well as involving them in friendship evangelism.

During this year, the Clubs continued to provide the monthly food hampers to the Church's Community Services Department. Thanks to everyone for your continued support in this venture.

The Adventurers and Pathfinders were an integral part of Global Youth Day activities, as they distributed breakfast packages and fruits in the Thorpes and Haynesville communities. They also visited the homes

in a section of Haynesville to distribute literature.

Three young trees were donated to the Haynesville Community Group, and a young coconut palm was shared with Chip Ice for the park that he manages.

Finally, the Pathfinder Club members had the pleasure of painting a cabinet at the Welches Primary School.



Mr. Walter along with the club officers and happy Pathfinders



Lending A Helping Hand

BY JORDYN-QUINN AGARD

On Sunday December 3rd, around 7:00a.m., eight Pathfinders along with our Counsellors visited the Welches Primary School to assist with painting.

Mr. Greg Walters, the school's Principal was very happy to see us and couldn't wait for us to get to work. He eagerly told us what he wanted done and we got started on the job.

Our Counsellors gave us instructions to make sure that we were painting correctly. We painted several shelves, front and back, all finished with two coats of paint. During this time, we kept

ourselves well entertained by singing songs and laughing with each other.

When Mr. Walters saw the finished product, you could see all the appreciation he felt. He told us that he would like for us to return to vanish the doors for the cabinets and we definitely will. It was truly a day well spent helping our community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OUTDOOR LIVING

Outdoor Living is fundamental for the development of our youth as it fostered various aspects of their growth. Interacting with nature and engaging in outdoor activities such as camping, fire building, camp cooking, and hiking provides opportunities for physical exercise, problem solving, creativity and emotional resilience. It encourages teamwork, adaptability, and an appreciation for the environment.

Here is an overview of the outdoor activities done in 2023.

April

Five Pathfinders and six Officers travelled to Jamaica for the IAD 'Pathfinders in Mission' 2023 Camporee, a memorable event that left an indelible mark on the attendees.

Every year, the clubs take a day to focus on completing the Outdoor Living requirements. In addition to the usual camp cooking/baking, fire building and safety, the Guide class learnt to build an oven using mud, as taught by Mr. Brancker. Special mentioned to Faithelijah who for the past two years ably managed the meal preparation ensuring that everyone got involved.

The Adventurers, under the guidance of their Counsellors, made cupcakes, sandwiches and lemonade to complete their award.

May

The National Pathfinder Expedition took place in May. It was a two-day hiking/biking event. Participants started at Salters, St. George and ended at the Olbury campsite. The second leg continued to Three Houses Park. High five to Danae White, who, despite being tired, remained positive and persistent throughout the challenging hike.



Day 1 of the two-day Pathfinder expedition

July

Our Pathfinders attended a national Pathfinder event at Olbury campsite on July 23rd. This event covered the Outdoor Living requirements such as knots, lashings, fire building, orienteering, and camping skills.

The next weekend, both Clubs hosted a bonfire social and sleepover. Marshmallows, breadfruits, and sweet potatoes were roasted as the Pathfinders sang 'Seed in the Hole' and played 'Skipped to My Loo'.

August

A trip was organized to visit Harrison's Cave on August 30th, and the event was well attended.



Harrison's cave crew



Camp furniture made using lashings.

OUTDOOR LIVING



Instructions on knot tying



Fire building lesson



Bite sized bread was baked in this mud oven

GRATEFUL VIBES

Christian Grooming & Manners

On June 24th, the Adventurers and Pathfinders were regaled with an exquisite evening of 'Dining with Class', hosted by the Special Touch Event Planners. Mrs. Harriet Cozier's presentation on table etiquette and manners was quite captivating and well received. A three-course meal was served restaurant-style in the children's section of the church, which was transformed into a beautiful dining hall. It was refreshing to see the children eat with sophistication and style, as Sis. Cozier looked on.

Heartfelt thanks to the Special Touch Event Planners for an evening well spent. May God continue to bless your endeavours.

Where Honor is Due ...

Pathfinder Day ended on a high note as the Officers, along with the past and current Club members, gave due honor to Mr. Jeffery Brancker, for his unwavering service of thirty years to the Pathfinder ministry. Mr. Brancker is always very open about sharing his knowledge, and as a club, we have benefited tremendously from his skills and dedication.

We all beamed with pride as the Pathfinders posted the colours during Pathfinder Day and Independence Sabbath services, bearing testimony to Mr. Brancker's commitment and love for this ministry. Thank you, PLA Mr. Jeffery Brancker!!

Fueling Memories

We express our sincerest appreciation to the Holders Hill SDA Church and every member who contributed to helping the Pathfinders achieve their dream of attending the Inter-American Division's 'Pathfinder in Mission' Camporee in Trelawny, Jamaica.



Mr. Brancker receiving a plaque from Sis. Joy Henry



Just before the start of an ECC Camporee raising hike.



Pathfinders in Mission

GRATEFUL VIBES

ECC Officers Consecration Service

After a year of working with the Adventurer and Pathfinder Cubs, the various club Officers met at the Conference Annex on Friday, December 15th, 2023, for a Consecration Service. This service marks a pivotal moment as each person is given the opportunity to rededicate and recommit to the responsibility to lead, guide, and inspire the youth in line with the word of God and the values and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Ps. Terrance Haynes presented his message on 2 Samuel 23, in which he challenged us to understand the power of our words and to be careful how we use them. Like David, our desires become a command for our charges.

Ps. Anthony Hall lamented that too many of our youth, some of whom passed through the Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs, are no longer in the church. He challenged the Officers to make whatever they do count and asked that we mentor the youth in a meaningful way.



Ps. Miguel Denny reminded us that we may not have done as well as we'd hoped over the past year, however, God is asking us for one more year of ministry.

Scriptures from the Jamaican Creole Bible

LUKE 2:4

4 So caus Joseph did come fram David family and David di bawn inna Judea, 'im did affi lef fram Nazareth inna Galilee an guh a Bethlem inna Judea.

5 Joseph guh dey with Mary fi get dem name write down. The two a dem did engage fi married dem one another and she did have baby inna belly.

6 When dem dey de, Mary tek in fi have baby,

7 and she have har fus pickney, one bway. She wrap 'im up inna baby blanket an put 'im inna di box whe the animal dem nyam outta, cause nuh space never inna di gues house fi dem.

MATTHEW 1:21 - 23

21 She a-go have one bway pickny and yuh fi call 'im Jesus: cause 'im a-go save 'im people dem from dem sin.

22 Now all a dem sinthing ya happen fi mek wha di Lawd did tell the prophet fi sey come true.

23 The prophet did sey, "Listen up! The woman whe neh sleep with no man a-go get baby - a one bway she a-go have, an dem a-go call im Immanuel." Da name dey mean, "Gad dey yah wid we."

LUKE 2:8 - 14

15 After di angel lef and guh back-a heaven, di shepard dem sey to dem one another, "Mek we guh a Betlehem guh see all a wha the Lawd tell we bout."

16 Dem hurry an go find Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, whe did a lie down inna di bed whe mek outta dry grass.

17 When dem see dem, dem tell everybody all a wha the angel did sey bout the baby.

18 An everybody whe hear wha di shepard dem sey, shock.

19 But Mary, she keep wha demsey inna har heart an think bout dem all di time.

20 Di shepard dem guh back to dem sheep a praise God fi all whe dem hear and see, cause everything dem did see and hear a just like how the angel did tell dem.

21 Eight day after di baby bawn a did time fi circumcise and name im. Dem call im Jesus. Jus like how di angel sey dem fi call im, long before 'im bawn.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

Thank Gad fi di gift whe Him give we. Da gift dey so big and so good me no even know how fi talk bout it.

1 JOHN 4:9

God show we how-much im love we when im send im one dege-dege bway pickny inna the world com dead fi we so we can get real life.

ISAIAH 9:6

One little pickny did bawn to we, God give we one bway pickny; a Him have the right and the power fi be we leader, dem a-go call Him the One who dem did well respect, Powerful God, the Father fi the Life that a-go last fi ever, and the Ruler whe mek peace, who give people peace inna dem heart.

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