Report: Pathfinder Bible Experience 2014

For the last year thousands of Pathfinders have been studying the Bible in preparation for the 2014 Pathfinder Bible Experience playoff and championship. They have been studying the book of 2 Samuel. PBE is a game-like experience rally to challenge our Pathfinders. Each team memorizes portions of the book, so that they can give precise answers to the quiz questions from the book.

There is the local level where they challenge each other, the area level, the conference level, the union level and the division level. Those who place first at one level of competition move on to the next level. God has blessed this ministry in recent years and the ministry is growing rapidly. In 2012 we had 34 teams at the division level, in 2013 we had 39 teams and for 2014 we had a record 89 teams. Takoma Park Academy in Takoma, MD, which was the location of the division championship hosted nearly 2000 attendees in support of the weekend.

It was inspiring to hear how the Lord had blessed the individual lives of the Pathfinders as they studied the Bible. Many team have a strategy of dividing the study information by memorizing entire chapters. I met one of those Pathfinders, Trisha from Las Vegas. Her parents brought her by my office for a visit prior to the games. She shared with me that she decided to be baptized because she fell in love with Jesus during the process of her study. I was so inspired by her testimony.

I also met Nelson, from Minnesota. He was at the championship because of a special request from his grandmother. The fact is that Nelson’s grandmother was seriously ill and was not expected to live. She told everyone that if she died before the division PBE not to bury her until after Nelson participated. Well, the grandmother passed away and the funeral was delayed until after Nelson and his team returned from Washington D.C. as she requested. All the Pathfinders were inspired as a result of this testimony.
At the end of the PBE we were praising God that out of the 89 participating teams over 70 achieved the first place level. This is significant because this says it is more than a game but a commitment. If your Pathfinder club ministry is not involved with the Pathfinder Bible Experience encourage them to do it today.

Next year the book to be studied is Matthew. We are planning to host over 100 teams next year and the location for the finals will be Dallas, Texas. For more information visit www.pathfinderonline.org or www.adventistyouthministries.org

Pathfinder Bible Experience Photos are available for download at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SDAPathfindersNAD

Blessings
Pastor JB
North American Division
Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director

Prayers
Prayers for International Crises

Whether its the Nigerian girls captured, the South Pacific mission plane crash (link here) (or the prayers in your church and community), we join our community in prayer.

Prayers for Roger Rinehart’s Family in their Loss

Potomac Conference Administrative Coordinator, Roger Rinehart, passed away recently after a multi-year fight against cancer. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Conference Leadership

What is Your Conference Doing for Youth Sabbath May 12?
Share with us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SDAYouthNAD or Twitter @SDAYouthNAD. More info: http://bit.ly/1kVmW

YPAC Committe Reports/Agendas/Minutes Posted
The minutes from the YPAC committees, advisories, and taskforces have been posted. Please share them with your network.

Announcements / Highlights / Reports

Travel Schedules

Pastor James Black:
May 3 Ramah Jr. Academy 100 years Celebration – Savannah, GA
Pastor Manny Cruz:
May 6-9 Riverside, CA: NAD Hispanic Committee/Advisory Meetings
May 16-18 Southern New England Conference: Youth Evangelism Conference - Presenter
May 19-22 Union College Lincoln, NE: Young Adult LIFE, Public Campus Ministry ACF Institute: Organizer
May 23-25 Allegheny West Hispanic Campmeeting - Speaker
June 6-8 Andrews University: Lake Union Conference Latino Youth Congress - Presenter
June 20-22 Las Vegas, NV: Youth & Children's Ministry Training - Speaker
June 27-29 Central California Conference: Hispanic Youth Weekend: Speaker/Presenter
July 1-2 Berkeley SDA Church/UC Berkeley: Meeting with ACF leadership

Just Claim It 4 / Ignition Evening Programs on VIMEO
Just Claim It 4 may be over but the evening programs are available for viewing on Vimeo http://ow.ly/vAnkU

Mission Lifeguard: Quebec Pastors Sign-up!
Pastors in the Quebec Conference signed up for Mission Lifeguard during their pastors' meeting on April 14 in Montreal. Most acknowledged that their churches had no roster of young people for their congregation, so each of them began a list of missing young people at that moment. This group of energetic pastors received encouragement to include members of their congregations for a more thorough and involved participation in Mission Lifeguard. A few of the pastors already followed Mission Lifeguard principles and had success stories to share. Churches with recently arrived immigrants reported lower attrition rates than those without such a surge. The second and third generations should not be taken for granted, but incorporated into the mission of each church, with their youthful input taken seriously.
Source: LifeLine Mission Lifeguard Newsletter May 2014
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Philadelphia Mission Trip?
PNeed a state-side mission trip? Need to be needed? Urban situations bring out the modern-missionary in you? Join Pastor Tara VinCross in Philadelphia this summer for a life-changing ministry experience. More info: tvincross@gmail.com

Camp (website)

Red Cross Discount for ACA Camps
ACA announced a recent partnership with the American Red Cross that will provide a 20% discount for Red Cross Health and Safety training for ACA accredited camps! Your 20% discount for Red Cross Health and Safety training applies to Lifeguarding, Junior Lifeguarding, Water Safety Instructor, Babysitter’s Training, First Aid/ CPR/AED for the lay and professional level courses that the ACA accredited camp offers as an Authorized Provider and Lifeguarding, Junior Lifeguarding, Water Safety Instructor, Babysitter’s Training, First Aid/ CPR/AED for the lay and professional level full service courses (provided at the ACA accredited camp’s location and at their convenience by qualified Red Cross instructors). To get started, go to the ACA website for all of the details. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity!
Source: AACP Newsletter, May 2014

Count Off...
When dividing up staff or campers for events, one camp does something different than the usual ‘count-off’. They divide everyone up by ‘favorites’. Here’s how it works...the leader asks each person to choose their favorite color out of a list (such as red, blue, orange, and yellow). Each color is assigned a corner. When the signal is given, each person runs to their ‘color-corner’. In the event that one group is too large, you can make it smaller by having them choose their favorite ice cream: vanilla or rocky road. The concept may take some practice, but offering choices as a means of dividing up people seems to be well accepted by participants.

Upcoming Dates
CCCA Convention December 1 – 4, 2014 Orlando, Florida - Rosen Centre Hotel
AACP Convention December 4 – 8, 2014 Camp Kulaqua – Florida Conference
ACA Convention February 3 - 6, 2015 New Orleans, Louisiana

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If you enjoyed the Camp articles, sign up for the AACP Monthly E-News. Contact tonmiddup@comcast.net

Young Adults / ACF (Public Campus website)
Texico Votes for ACF and Young Adult Ministries!
In April, Pastor Manny Cruz, NAD Associate Youth/Young Adults Director, traveled to Texico for a weekend of meetings. He was inspired by their focus on Young Adult Ministries. His open letter to the Youth Ministry Team says in part: "The Texico Conference voted a new ministry specifically for Young Adults and elected Fernando Villegas as the Director. It is not a full time position but at least the Executive Committee is placing Young Adult Ministry on their agenda. We also launched a Conference wide ACF ministry this past weekend. Pastor Fernando is a great pastor who has a great desire to work so I want to support him and the Conference leadership as much as we can." Thank God for this inspirational story.

ACF Today Monthly Newsletter
We can’t list all the resources you would receive on a monthly basis if you took the 20 seconds to sign up! Even YOU can take 20 seconds! Sign Up Now!

Adventurers (website)

New Adventurer-specific Master Guide Regalia Voted
Colors representing the Adventurer classwork be added to the MG yellow scarf, as well as Adventurer colored chevrons added to the MG star for Adventurers.

New Guidelines Voted
Adventurers voted three new awards (Parables of Jesus, God's Universe, Dogs), as well as other important and far-reaching changes to curriculum. See the full report.

Pathfinders (website)

Pathfinder InStep4Life CAMPOREE 3-day Challenge
Clubs can sign up online for the Oshkosh Instep4Life 3-Day Pathfinder Challenge. Pathfinder directors must sign up the club first and individual Pathfinder registration starts in April. The first 1000 registered names will receive free giveaways. Participation is limited to 2000 Pathfinders. Medals, trophies and financial awards will be given to top clubs. More Info: InStep4Life

PBE 2014 Results
Congratulations to all 2013-2014 Pathfinder Bible Experience teams.
List of Division Winners

Stats:
Livestream --
Peak concurrent viewers -319
Average concurrent viewers -270
Total view tie (hours) 1190.19

Teams --
89 teams of six students plus alternate participating in the play
10 Unions Represented
29 Conferences
2 Divisions

Feeling super-motivated? Already dreaming of "next year"?
Study Books for 2015-2020
New Guidelines Voted
Pathfinder Advisory voted 12 new honors (9 basic, 3 advanced), as well as other important and far-reaching changes to curriculum. See the full report.

Resources (website)

NAD Adventurer Camping Policy
Adventurers are a family-based ministry and thus it is logical that NAD Youth Ministries and Adventist Risk Management have outlined a family-focused policy for Adventurer Campouts!
Find out more...

The Haystack Video Resource
If you need humor, foundational, church news, or hot topics, you will enjoy The Haystack -- Made by Adventists near you!
Read More...

Ministry Welcomings/ Openings / Ministry Seekers

Job Opening in Camp Ministry!

NORTH STAR CAMP...FULL-TIME CARETAKER POSITION
North Star Camp is located in the north woods of Minnesota (MN), nestled on a 150-acre piece of land at the edge of Brainerd, with over two miles of waterfront on Rice Lake and the Mississippi River. Qualified candidates should have a commitment to Adventism, understand the camping ministry and have a passion to bring young people to Christ. They must be able to work with people, have knowledge with maintenance, construction and grounds management. For more details or to send a resume e-mail: jwines@mnsda.com.

In Closing

We are blessed with talented leadership (paid and volunteer) around the North American Division. Many post on social media - using their messages to make a spiritual impact.

Here are a few we've noticed lately:
Do you use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, other) in your ministry? How? Share with us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SDAYouthNAD or Twitter @SDAYouthNAD.

NAD Youth Ministries Team

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