



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Adventurer Leader



A NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO LEAD CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN ADVENTURER MINISTRY

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Adventurers and Evangelism

Who are your best friends at church? Usually it is people with children the same age as your children, or people who can relate to and get along with your children.

When people are searching for a church home, friendship is important. Meeting the needs of all the family members is important, even the children. Family oriented evangelism will bring in whole families.

The Adventurer ministry is an awesome evangelistic tool once people realize its value. Many times family members are separated by distance/estranged from Grandparents or they are wanting to change or better the way they raise their own children. This leaves parents with young children searching for answers. When solid Christian answers are found, they can't get enough. They have found their church "home."

So how can Adventurers be an evangelistic ministry? First start with the Adventurer Club Evangelism Award. The requirements have the children and leaders there in uniform. Pathfinders have a similar honor. Note the difference in the shape of the patch. This isn't a regular award/honor. This is special.

During the meetings while someone is baby-sitting the children, have them teach awards/honors that are age appropriate. Then at the end of the series, give them their patches and explain the benefits of each club.

If a parent ceases to come after a certain point, take the patches and go visit the parent and child. Explain the benefits of the club and that membership to the church is not a requirement. Invite them to attend the next club meeting.



Invite the parents to the parent meeting. A great video resource for this meeting can be purchased from Advent Source. It has been directed by Donna Habbenict. Growing a Child's Character God's Way.

At this point, friendships have been cultivated. Sometimes it isn't enough to have the truth, people need to feel welcomed and cared for. The Adventurer Ministry is designed to build and nurture families when properly incorporating the parents.

2005 NAD Adventurer Leadership Convention

Early-bird Registration now through January 13 \$99 per person

Regular Registration January 15 through February 15 \$129 per person

\$65 non-participant/child (seven and up) now through February 15, 2005

Keep in mind that the hotel cost is cheaper when shared by multiple individuals. Make plans to buddy up and benefit your entire club staff. You won't regret the experience!



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Adventurer Club Evangelism Requirements

- 1 Be an Adventurer club member or staff.
 - 2 Attend at least ten meetings (evangelistic meetings, Daniel and Revelation Seminars, etc.) If less than ten are conducted, attend at least two-thirds of them.
 - 3 Participate at each of the meetings attended.
 - 4 Wear your Adventurer uniform (including scarf and sash) while participating.
 5. Participate in at least four of the following
 - Be an usher.
 - Pick up the offering.
 - Have scripture or prayer.
 - Assist in setting up/taking down a meeting hall.
 - Hand out the evening programs, brochures, etc.
 - Give a testimony of what Jesus has done for you recently.
- Be a greeter.
 - Help operate an Adventurer booth showing what the church has for its young people.
 - Invite a non-Adventist guest to attend the meetings and host them throughout the evenings.
 - Contact at least ten individuals by phone or in person and invite them to attend the meetings. Assist in children's meetings, if available.

Recognition

1. Patches will be presented to each Adventurer and staff member who completes the requirements. This should be done at an appropriate time such as:
 - During the last evangelistic meeting.
 - A follow-up Baptism Sabbath
 - Another appropriate time.
2. During this time an invitation should be extended to all parents of young people of Adventurer age (K-grade 4) to join the club.

What do Adventurers like to do?

If you ask them, they like to run! In a recent pre-meeting survey these Adventurers were asked what they liked to do most. That night, hands down, the favorite response was run with one response of doing crafts.

Currently the Sunnysdale Falcons are working on their Olympic Award that will culminate in a family Olympic event that they are eagerly looking forward to.

The club is currently led by Sandee Bales and has been active for 11 years.



Sunnysdale Adventurers
Centralia, Missouri

The Adventurers are excited and love to attend their meetings. The secret Sandee says is to end the meeting with a game. She usually tweaks the game to incorporate ideas that were brought up in the introductory story.

The game this time was I-Spy. The children kneel and cover their eyes. Two adults each have identical items to hide. The adults are at each end of the room and take turns hiding their item. Both make motion noises so the children can't tell what part of the room the item will be in.



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