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RE: Request for an Excused Absence to Attend a Pathfinder Skills Camporee

Dear Administrator/Teacher,

This letter is to inform you that the Illinois Conference Youth Ministries department is holding its annual Fall Pathfinder Skills Camporee in Gilson, IL, on October 8-10, 2021.

Pathfinder Clubs in the Illinois Conference area are encouraged to attend this special event. Pathfinder Clubs are operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and are similar to other Scouting organizations in the United States. Pathfinders are typically between the ages of 10 and 16 years of age or grades 5-10. Those in the TLT (Teen Leadership Training) programs are typically age 14-18 years of age, and are an integral part of the Pathfinder Program.

The purpose of Pathfinder Ministry is to lead its members into a growing relationship with God, build its members into responsible, mature individuals and to involve its members in active, selfless service. Pathfinder leadership makes an effort to create opportunities whereby members will learn about God, nature and how to serve others through various community projects and events.

This Pathfinder Camporee is an event whereby all Pathfinder Clubs within the Illinois Conference area participate in camping, learn new outdoor and team-building skills, interact with other Christian Pathfinders, and develop a relationship with Jesus. We are respectfully requesting that students in your school or classroom who are active members of the Pathfinder organization be excused from school to attend this special event.

If you desire further information regarding Pathfinder Ministry, please feel free to contact our office at the telephone number or email shown above. Thank you for your time and kind consideration of this matter.

Blessings,

Michael Campos
Youth & Pathfinder Director