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RE: Request Absence to Attend a Pathfinder Skills Camporee

Dear Work Supervisors & Managers,

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. Many professionals, and young adults are involved as volunteers and staff for this organization.

The purpose of Pathfinder Ministry is to lead its members (typically grades 5-10 or age 10-16 years) into a growing relationship with God, build its members into responsible, mature individuals and to involve its members in active, selfless service. Those in the TLT (Teen Leadership Training) program are typically grades 8-10 or age 14-18 years of age, and are an integral part of the Pathfinder Program. 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 your employee, who is an active member or volunteer of the Pathfinder organization be excused from work to attend this special event as a chaperone and/or counselor.

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