



Florida Conference Pathfinder Camporee
Pine Lake Retreat - 21725 FL-33 Groveland, Florida 34736
Thursday October 26 – Sunday October 29, 2017
Theme: "I Am Loved...by Jesus"

Welcome to the 2017 Florida Conference Pathfinder Camporee Newsletter.

Please make sure to read the entire document before arriving at the Camporee.

The Theme for the 2017 Pathfinder State Camporee is "I Am Loved...by Jesus".

We will feature the story of Jesus as the One who loves us! At the Camporee, your Pathfinders will enjoy four worship services, beginning Thursday night. Each service will include local talented Pathfinders, a guest speaker, inspirational praise and worship. Also, they will enjoy camp activities, honors, drill team & drums corps exhibitions, pin trading, fun & learning activities and more. This is a great opportunity to meet and make new friends within a Christian and natural environment. YOU do not want to miss this great Florida State Pathfinder Camporee Weekend.

ACTIVITIES

Activities will be open starting on Friday (no activities on Thursday). The schedule is: Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 noon (closed for lunch) and Friday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Sabbath Activities will be from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm and Sunday we will have another three hours of activities - Sunday 8:30 am - 11:30 am. For more information, check the website under the Camporee event. (This list is subject to change, but will give you an idea of some of the activities to look forward to: Bible Activity, Human Foosball, Nature Walk / Scavenger Hunt, Bee Demonstration, Drill Exhibition, Drum Exhibition, Chemistry Experiments, Obstacle Course, Bread on Stick, Pathfinders Got Talent, Bowling, Flag Signaling, Human Bridge (sponsored by: Orlando Brazilian Pathfinders), Night Hike, Drill Down, Knocker ball, Bounce Houses, and more!

ARRIVAL

Registration will begin at 2:00 pm on Thursday afternoon, October 26, 2017.

We will not be able to accommodate any early clubs arrivals due to the fact that we are setting up for the Camporee Program and laying out the camp sites for each Club.

As you approach the gate to Pine Lake Retreat, you will be greeted by our friendly security staff. Please make sure that you do NOT stop on Highway 33. Turn into the camp main entrance, and continue until you get to a security booth.

Your Club Director is the designated person to report to Headquarters / Registration [Live Oak Room at PLR Administration Building] to check in your Club. They should have a count of the number of Pathfinders and staff members with your club, along with the VV/STV background check form.

The Director will receive a packet with the Camporee pins and a colored wristband for every person to wear throughout the camporee. This is their proof of registration. Anyone not wearing a wristband beginning Thursday night will be escorted back to the Camporee Headquarters, while the matter is research and resolved.

An Officially Appointed Volunteer from the Conference will escort the Club to their camp site.

ONLY the vehicle that is going to stay parked in your campsite will be allowed to drive into the camping area. Each club will get ONE CAMPSITE Parking Permit for the ONE Vehicle that is going to the camp site and staying

parked there. ALL other vehicles will need to park in the Main Parking Area. Each Vehicle must have a Parking Permit that needs to be placed on the dash board and visible from the outside.

Each club will need to transport their gear/supplies from the Main Parking Area to their campsite.

Only the Main Entrance to Pine Lake Retreat is available for vehicles to enter the camp on Thursday.

Please make a special effort to arrive before 11:00 pm. No Campsite access will be granted after 11:00 pm Thursday night. If you cannot arrive until Friday, please make sure that your campsite is set up by sundown to be respectful to the Sabbath and other campers.

CAMPOREE IS FOR PATHFINDER CLUBS – PATHFINDERS & STAFF MEMBERS

Everyone that registers for the Florida Conference State Pathfinder Camporee must be part of a Pathfinder Club, or serve as an Officially Appointed Volunteer for the Conference Office. Parents who attend must have completed the Verified Volunteers (or STV) requirements.

CAMPOREE PRICE

\$49.00 Regular Registration July 7 – October 12

\$59.00 Late Registration October 13 - 23

\$90.00 Onsite Registration

Price Include Pin and Patch

\$30.00 Staff Kids age 9 years and below / No Pin / No Patch/No Activities

\$30.00 ONE cook from each club may attend for a discounted price but with no patch or pin.

(We will reimburse you for the price difference for one 1 cook)

CAMPSITES

We are allowing 125 square feet per registered person in each camping area.

Camp sites will be based on the number of Pathfinder and Staff registered for the Camporee. There will be Camporee roads that will be designated for foot traffic and others for vehicles/utilities services.

The Camporee Schedule will list quiet times.

Each Club will receive ONE Parking Permit for ONE vehicle to be parked inside their campsite. The ONE vehicle in the campsite MUST stay parked until 9:00 am on Sunday. Vehicles in Main/Long Term Parking will be allowed to enter/exit the camping area starting at Sunday, 9:00 am.

All other vehicles will receive parking permits for the MAIN Parking Area. These vehicles will be allowed to exit during the camporee, but when they return will be sent to LONG TERM Parking. All vehicles MUST display their parking permit at all times.

CAMPSITES FOR CPAP USERS OR OTHER FOR MEDICAL REASONS

If you are a camper who needs electricity to run a CPAP machine, we will have a designated area for those individuals to camp, if requested. You will have access to power.

CAMPFIRES / SAFETY

Campfires must be in a container up off the ground by at least 4 inches. Usually this can be accomplished by putting bricks under the barrel.

NO Fireworks and NO Weapons of any kind and NO Drones will be permitted at the State Camporee.

CLASS A UNIFORM AND CAMPSITES INSPECTION

The inspections for Class A Uniform and Campsites will be on Sabbath after the Morning Program.

The inspection is for Pathfinders and Staff. We will be doing both inspections at the same time.

See below the inspection forms for Campsite and Class A Uniform.

Campsite Inspection:

Tents

- ☐ Tents Alignment [neat, not scattered, ropes and tie-downs installed properly]
- ☐ Uniformity of doors and windows [doors open, screen closed]
- ☐ Interior neat, items uniform within each tent, floor clean, suitcases or duffle bags arranged.
Bible goes on the pillow or head bed (no pillow) except during the meetings.

Cooking Area

- ☐ Menu and KP [Kitchen Police] list posted
- ☐ Stove clean, safe distance from tent
- ☐ Food utensils stored animal and insect free and clean
- ☐ Trash and garbage disposed of properly

Health Facilities

- ☐ Proper sanitation
- ☐ First Aid Kit available, well equipped for size of the Club [marked and visible] Check for expiration dates
- ☐ Dishwashing and clean up area neat, clean and organized
- ☐ Medical Consents for ALL Pathfinders accessible and safe

Campsite

- ☐ Cleanliness-paper and trash policed around campsite [25 feet radius]
- ☐ Camp furniture safe to use clean and organize
- ☐ Flags correctly posted neat and clean
As the Inspector look at the Campsite front entrance:
 1. The US Flag is on the Left side by itself
 2. The Suggested Flag Order for the Right side is State, Christian, Youth, Master Guide, Pathfinder, Adventurers [is not necessary to have all of them]
- ☐ Campsite entrance is easily identifiable
- ☐ Fire safety procedures posted
- ☐ Up to date fire extinguisher
- ☐ Shovel and water filled bucket marked "For Fire Only"
- ☐ Date of last Drill [must be within current Pathfinder year]

Courtesy

- ☐ Does Director/Appointee meet inspectors at entrance salute and state "_____ Club ready for inspection, Sir / Ma'am"
- ☐ Does Director / Appointee render final salute

Uniform Inspection:

- ☐ Uniform Shirt Color [Tan] & Style
- ☐ Skirt Color [Black] & Style
- ☐ Pants Color [Black] & Style
- ☐ Belts [Black] & Pathfinder Buckles
- ☐ Black shoes
- ☐ Sock / Stocking
- ☐ Pathfinder Scarf & Slide
- ☐ Honor Sash
- ☐ Conference Patch

- __Pathfinder World Patch
- __Club Crest
- __Level Patch [e-Trackers, Varsity, Staff]
- __Pathfinder Triangle
- __Class Level Strip
- __Class Pins, Strip, Chevron match
- __Ribbons Bars are proper Position
- __Varsity Elements [V Pins, Crimson Braid]
- __Overall Uniform in Regulation [Pins/Patches]
- __Overall Uniform Neat & Clean
- __All Button, Buckles, Laces Fastened

DANGERS / WILD ANIMALS

While Camping at Pine Lake Retreat, be aware of wild animals. There areas, that will be off limits which are not camping areas. Never bring food inside the tents, so not to attract these wild animals.

DEVOTIONAL EXCHANGE

On Sabbath morning, clubs will have the opportunity to do a Devotional Exchange. This means that your club will prepare a team of 3-7 Pathfinders to visit another club to share a morning devotional with them. And that club would also prepare a team of 3-7 Pathfinders that would visit your club to do a devotional. The idea is to involve young people in leadership and give them experience/practice at leading out in worship (songs, prayer, and devotional). This is optional. Only clubs that register for this will participate. We will give more information at the Directors meetings (Thursday/Friday after the program).

DIRECTORS MEETING

Check the Camporee Program for information about the Mandatory Director's Meetings on Thursday/Friday nights.

DRILL DOWN

Do you like to drill? Have you ever been a part of a drill down ... with over 100 Pathfinders? Get ready to test your drill skills in a massive Pathfinder Camporee Drill Down. Who will be the last Pathfinder? You? Oh, and there will be a staff round as well. Do you have what it takes to show up? Give it your best? Try it! And support those who are doing it! We will have 2 competitions for Pathfinders and Staff separately. Awards will be given to the best top 2 (Pathfinders and Staff) in each category at the State Camporee.

DRUMS

Drums CAN be played from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the designated Drums Practice Area. See Camporee Map for location. No Drums will be allowed to be played from 9:00 pm to 9:00 am anywhere.

DRUMS CORPS EXHIBITION

The Florida Conference Drums Corps Ministry will have a Drum Exhibition for the State Camporee. All Drum Corps attending the Camporee are welcome to take part. An evaluation of each Drum Corps will be given to sharpen the skills needed to participate in the Annual Red Zone Drum Competition. Drum Corps Exhibition is Friday, October 27 at 1:00 pm.

Please email Darrell Edwards to register if you would like to participate, Floridadrums27@yahoo.com

ELECTRONICS / CELLULAR PHONES

Charge Stations will be available in various locations throughout camp. You are responsible for your own equipment. Please do not leave electronics unattended.

We are requesting that all electronics, including Cellular phones be off or on vibrate during Honors Classes, Activities, Nighttime Programs, Sabbath Programs, Club Inspections and Presentations.

EMERGENCIES

Security, Parking, and Officially Appointed Volunteers will have two-way radios in case of Emergencies.

Also, a vehicle equipped with sirens / speakers / lights will broadcast any emergency instructions in the camping area.

If you hear a constant siren, all campers are to report to the nighttime program / stage area.

If you hear an intermittent siren, all campers need to take cover inside the closest building to them.

Please do NOT call 911 without first contacting the Camp Office by dialing 352-429-4454. This is to make sure that the camp staff and our security/medical teams are aware of the situation and escort the ambulance to the emergency.

FIRST AID KIT RECOMMENDATION / MEDICAL CONSENTS

A First Aid Kit well stocked with the basic essentials is indispensable. Quantities of suggested items for your First Aid Kit depend on the size of your group and local conditions. Please make sure to bring all medical consent forms with you.

If the Pathfinder is not traveling with the Club Director, make sure that a copy of the Medical Consent is in the vehicle where the Pathfinder is traveling.

Suggested First Aid Kit Contents:

- Liquid hand sanitizer
- Roller elastic bandages
- Roller gauze bandages
- Sterile pads
- Triangular bandage
- Assorted gauze pads
- Adhesive cloth tape
- Assorted adhesive strips [band aids]
- Clinical oral thermometer
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sunburn lotion
- Burn ointment/spray
- Poison ivy lotion
- Instant ice/heat pack
- Small flashlight [with extra batteries]
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic wipes
- Non-aspirin pain reliever [pill, capsule and or liquid]
- Sinus/cold medication
- Breathing barrier [CPR]
- Non latex gloves
- Lip balm or salve

Hydrocortisone ointment
Antacids
Bug bite / sting medication [ointment, ampules, spray]
Moleskin for blisters
Safety pins
First Aid instruction booklet

Any Pathfinder that takes medication must have a signed letter from the parents / guardian giving permission to the staff member who is assigned the duty of the club first aid. Medication must be in the original bottle with the child's name and directions clearly stated. Bring asthma pumps, nebulizers, for anyone who uses them. If an individual is allergic to bees or anything else, they are to bring their epi-pen with them.

FLAG RAISING / LOWERING CEREMONY

We want your Club and Pathfinders to attend and participate in this Ceremony every morning and evening. We will be asking for Pathfinders from your Club to be Volunteers to perform at the Ceremony. Check the Camporee Program for times. The US Flag pole is located in front of the PLR Administration Building.

GENERATORS

Any kind of Generators need to be OFF at nighttime. No exceptions. Check the Camporee Schedule for ON/OFF times.

GOLF CARTS

There will be official camporee golf carts. Anyone driving a golf cart MUST have a driver license. The number of passengers per golf carts should be equal to the number of seats. The speed limit on paved roads will be 10 mph maximum and 5 MPA in the camping areas. Only Florida Conference owned/issued golf carts are allowed. Non-Camp issued personal golf carts, scooters, mopeds; two wheel motorcycles, 3-wheelers, and ATV are NOT permitted.

Florida Conference has a limited amount of Golf Carts for rent for Medical Reasons. A Medical necessity letter is needed, signed by a physician on their letterhead.

HONORS

We will offer many Honors during the Camporee. For a complete list and additional details, please check the registration web page.

HYGIENE - BATHROOMS, SHOWERS, PORTABLE SHOWERS, PORTALETTS & POTABLE WATER

Bathrooms, Showers and Portable Showers, Port-a-lets, and Potable Water are located around Pine Lake. For locations see Camporee Map.

Bathrooms, Showers, Portable Showers and Port-a-lets will be cleaned twice daily. Port-a-lets will be pumped/emptied each day as well. Please help keep these areas clean by cleaning up after yourself. All dishwashing should be done in a designated area within your campsite and all food scraps should be cleaned out of the water before dumping the dirty water into the ground.

Please do NOT wash dishes next to the faucets/potable water sites or in camp bathrooms/sinks. There will NOT be any gray water (dirty water) dump stations.

ITEMS TO BRING

Be prepared for Rain, Sunshine, Insects and Cool Weather. Bring your poncho, hat, sun block, insect repellent and jacket. Be sure to bring lots of water to keep everyone hydrated.

LETTER FOR SCHOOL

A Camporee excuse letter is at the Camporee Registration Website for those Pathfinders that need to be excused from school: [Absence from School Request for State Camporee 2017](#)

MEATLESS CAMPOREE

We are making this Camporee a Meatless Event. Thank you for making this possible.

MEDICAL/FIRST AID

The building called the White House is the designated building to be the Medical / First Aid Headquarters and will be available 24 hours/day. Remember to bring your own club First Aid Kit for minor incidents in your own campsites. Each club is expected to have, within their staff, medical personnel that can offer first aid.

NIGHTTIME PROGRAM

The nighttime Program is at 7:30 pm, beginning on Thursday night. If your Club arrives around that time, we are asking you to take your Pathfinders directly to the Program and set up your campsite later.

Bring your tarp or camping chair to the nightly program (and Sabbath program). We will have separate sections for "tarp users" and for chairs. Golf Carts will have their own separate section. We are not providing chairs at the Night Program.

PARADE ON SATURDAY

We will be having a Pathfinder Parade Sabbath Morning to lead us to the Sabbath Program – starting from the Camping Area to the Nighttime Program Stage. Details will be given at Directors meeting on Thursday/Friday nights.

PARKING

There will be three designated areas to park vehicles:

CAMP SITE

Each Club will receive ONE Parking Permit for ONE vehicle to be parked inside their campsite. The ONE vehicle in the campsite MUST stay parked until 9:00am on Sunday.

MAIN PARKING

All other vehicles will receive parking permits for the MAIN Parking Area. These vehicles will be allowed to exit during the camporee, but when they return will be sent to LONG TERM Parking.

LONG TERM

All vehicles that were used just to transport Pathfinders and/or will not be needed during the camporee will park in Long Term Parking. Any vehicles that leave the Main Parking Area during the Camporee will not be allowed to return to the Main Parking; they must be parked in the Long Term Parking until Sunday, 9am.

All vehicles MUST display their parking permit at all times and be visible from the outside of the vehicle. No Parking anywhere, other than these three areas, will be permitted. Those Areas are for pedestrian and General Assembly use only.

PETS - NO PETS ALLOWED:

With hundreds of Pathfinders camping closely together, it is required that you leave your pets at home.

PINS

Remember to bring your pins for trading. This is, a great way to fellowship and meet new friends.

REGISTRATION WEBSITE

If you need to register additional people, the link is www.floridaconference.com/events. After Monday, October 23 midnight, the online registration site will be closed. The only way to add campers will be onsite at the price of \$90/person.

SABBATH

Sabbath will have a completely different schedule, with lots of activities and honors. Be prepared to have an amazing Sabbath day doing lots of things, learning about God, enjoying nature, and making new friends. For a list of honors and activities that will be available, please refer to the Registration web page.

SECURITY

Security will be available 24 hours a day. On-duty security will be wearing a special vest and are committed to help us have a safe and happy camporee.

TRASH

The camp will provide dumpsters that will be set throughout the camping area. Each club will be expected to place their trash in bags and put the bags in the dumpsters. There will be potable water stations located throughout the camping area.

VENDORS

Vendors selling Food and Pathfinders related items will be charged a \$25 fee. If you require electricity, we can provide it for an additional \$25/vendor (or you can provide your own generator). All Vendors will be allowed to sell ONLY in the Vendor Area. Register here: [Food Vendors for State Camporee 2017](#)

food vendor registration opens Monday noon, Oct. 16

VISITORS

This is a closed event. There will be NO Day Guests or Day Passes for this Camporee. Only those that register for the event will be allowed entrance to the Camporee.

VOLUNTEERS

A lot of the Volunteers working at the Camporee are not affiliated with a Club. If your Club would like to sponsor a volunteer to eat any of your delicious camp meals, just let us know, or invite them on your own. Thanks.

WHEELS - BICYCLES / ROLLER BLADES / SKATEBOARDS

No bicycles, No Roller Skates/Blades, No Skateboards. They will be confiscated until the last day of the Camporee. It is best to not even bring these items. This is for everyone's safety.

5K RUN / WALKS FUNDRAISER

We are inviting all Pathfinders and Staff to participate in a 5K Run/Walk to raise money for orphans in Haiti. To participate, each person needs to register \$5 and raise \$25 in sponsorships. The \$5 fee will get each participant cool gear, as a way to say thanks for running or walking. The \$25 in sponsors will make possible to provide for the medical needs for orphans in Haiti. Each time we raise \$50, we will be able to provide health care for a child for ONE year! Here is the link to register: [5K Camporee Run/Walk](#)

Start talking / texting / calling / emailing / posting to get a team of people that will help you raise your goal of \$25/participant. Let people know what you are doing a 5K to raise money to provide medical care for orphans in Haiti. A 5K is about 3 miles and is scheduled for Friday, October 27, around 5:00 pm.

THANK YOU

Without you, the Club Directors/Staff/Parents, we could not have a camporee. Thanks for all you do, have done and will do to make this a great experience for your Pathfinders – something they will remember forever!

Camporee Patches will be distributed after your Cluster / Zone Coordinator inspects your campsite to make sure the area is nice & clean. Patches that are not picked up will not be mailed. Check out is on Sunday at 12:00 noon.

