

## Pathfinder History in Brief:

- 1907 Missionary Volunteer Societies organized
- 1908 Junior Reading Course  
First MV Day, March 7 1909 Junior MV Societies organized
- 1911 MV Leaflet Series began
- 1922 JMV (now AJY) Progressive Classes introduced - Friend and Companion  
A. W. Spalding and Harriet Hold advocate basic idea of Pathfinder Clubs
- 1926 First junior camp held in USA (Town Line Lake, Michigan)
- 1927 Master Comrade (now Master Guide) officially approved
- 1928 Southern California's first youth camp, San Gabriel Canyon  
Vocational honors introduced
- 1929 "Pathfinder" name first used at a summer camp in Southeastern California
- 1930 Pre-JMV/AJY classes developed
- 1931 First Master Comrade Investiture
- 1932 First JMV Pathfinder Camp, Idyllwild, purchased
- 1938 Master Comrade Manual published
- 1946 First conference-sponsored Pathfinder Club (Riverside, California)  
Pathfinder Club emblem designed by John H. Hancock
- 1947 First North American Division Youth Congress as San Francisco
- 1948 Helen Hobbs makes the Pathfinder flag  
First area Pathfinder coordinators appointed (Central California Conference)
- 1949 Henry Bergh writes Pathfinder song
- 1950 General Conference authorizes JMV Pathfinder clubs for world field  
Pathfinder Staff Training Course and How to Start a Pathfinder Club booklet  
Explorer class added



- 1951 First Pathfinder Fair, September 23, Dinuba, California  
Master Comrade changed to Master Guide  
Pathfinder Staff Manual published
- 1952 Pathfinder song copyrighted
- 1954 First Pathfinder Camporee, May 7-9, Idyllwild, California
- 1957 JMV Pathfinder Day added to church calendar
- 1960 First Union Camporee, April 11-14, Lone Pine, California
- 1962 MV Pathfinder Field Guide  
Pathfinder Drill Manual Published
- 1963 John Hancock elected World Pathfinder Director
- 1965 JMV Handbook combined with Master Guide Manual to be MV Handbook
- 1966 Pioneer Class added (later changed to Ranger)  
First North American MV Camp Directory published
- 1970 Pioneer Class name changed to Ranger (8th Grade)
- 1974 Pathfinder Staff Manual revised and expanded
- 1979 MV changed to AY (Missionary Volunteer --> Adventist Youth)  
JMV changed to AJY (Junior Missionary Volunteer --> Adventist Junior Youth)  
Pre-AJY changed to Adventurers (4 yrs. - 4th grade)
- 1980
- Les Pitton elected NAD Youth Director  
MV Camp Directory changed to World Adventist Youth Camp Directory
- 1981 Pathfinders Sing Songbook published
- 1982 New Pathfinder World replaces MV World  
Voyager Class added  
NAD Pathfinder uniform revised
- 1985 Norm Middag appointed NAD Pathfinder Director  
First NAD Pathfinder Camporee, Camp Hale, Colorado

- 1987 Current NAD Pathfinder emblem designed by Norm Middag
- 1989 NAD Pathfinder Honors Manual revised, new honors added  
Friendship Camporee in Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Columbia Union  
New AY Classwork Curriculum integrated in Pathfinder curriculum  
Adventurer Program becomes an independent program from Pathfinders
- 1993 Restructuring results in Office of Pathfinder Ministries
- 1994 "Dare to Care" International Pathfinder Camporee, August 2-6, Denver, Colorado
- 1995 Teen Leadership Training (TLT) Program established for training High school students (grades 9-12)  
First Pathfinder Web Site established  
First Pathfinder Club web page, Fort Worth Eagles, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1996 Basic Staff Training, Pathfinder Leadership Award (PLA), & Pathfinder Instructor Award (PIA) curriculum developed
- 1997 Willie Oliver becomes NAD Director of Pathfinder & Camp Ministries  
NAD Pathfinder Honors Manual revised, new honors added  
NAD Pathfinder Staff Manual updated
- 1999 NAD Pathfinder Web Site established  
Discover the Power International Camporee held in Oshkosh WI (USA) with an attendance of over 20,000.
- 2000 Elder James Black appointed to be NAD Youth Ministries director, overseeing Youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Camp Ministries  
Pathfinder Uniform changed to Black & Tan
- 2001 AY Honor Handbook adds 17 new Honors as well as several International Honors.
- 2003 NAD Youth Ministries develops Website Community ministering to Youth, Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Camping Ministries (YPAC).
- 2004 NAD Pathfinder Ministries under the leadership of James Black and Ron Whitehead hosts the Faith on Fire International NAD Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI (USA) with over 32,000 tickets sold, and close to 200 Pathfinders baptized at the event.

Read more about the history of Pathfinders in *The Pathfinder Story* by John Hancock. Available from AdventSource Catalog #000900.