

DESCRIPTION OF TRACKS OFFERED BY

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Adventist Youth Ministries Department

Below please find all the courses offered by the Adventist Youth Department. All courses require additional classes and assignments throughout the year. In order to be eligible for graduation, you must attend all the classes offered using the sign-off sheet and the dedication service at congress, among other requirements stipulated in the course syllabus.

- 1. Master Guide (MG) (Be at least 16 years old)** - The Master Guide Program (2-year program) is at the highest level of leadership within the Adventurer/Pathfinder programs of the church. Its curriculum is designed for youth and adults. First and foremost it focuses on one's personal spiritual life and growth. Secondly it emphasizes in sharpening of those skills which are specifically geared to leading youth in God-ordained areas of development: understanding God's world of nature, outreach ministry, service to others and a life-style that denotes healthy living. Full program offered in English and Spanish.

- 2. Adventurer Leadership Award (ALA) (Must be a Master Guide)** - The Adventurer Leadership Award Program is a continuing education class for those who have been invested as Master Guides, and are active within the Adventurer Club organization for at least 2 years. The ALA Curriculum will help you discover leadership qualities, which will allow you to become a more efficient and dynamic Adventurer Leader. Some of these qualities are "how to" skills and aptitudes; others involve philosophies and attitudes. This curriculum will definitely equip you with skills, tools, and techniques to maximize your natural leadership talents. Full program offered in English and Spanish.

- 3. Adventurer Instructor Award (AIA) (Must be a Master Guide)** - The Adventurer Instructor Award Program is a continuing education class for those who have been invested as Adventurer Leadership Awardees. As Adventurer leaders, everything we say and do sends a message and sets an example for our young people and their families. We live under a microscope. Nothing escapes their scrutiny. There is a direct correlation between how instructors serve their followers and how the followers serve others. Setting the right example is an incredible responsibility, and many youth leaders feel ill equipped to meet the challenge. The Adventurer Instructor Award is a curriculum that will help to meet the needs of leaders who instruct. Full program offered in English and Spanish.

- 4. Adventist Youth Ministries Training (AYMT) (Must be a Master Guide)** – The Adventist Youth Ministries Training Program is a curriculum of learning designed to provide role specific training for adult Pathfinder club staff members. While it's primary targets are those who have been invested as Master Guides, it also provides structured training for staff who have not yet earned their Master Guide class, as well as some direct connection to the Master Guide Curriculum. It is important for all church workers, both professional and volunteer, to continue to learn, to be familiar with current trends and to make training part of their life style. The purpose of AYMT is to provide the framework for that life long training. The AYMT framework provides for standardized departments, seminar nomenclature and descriptions. These seminars and related fieldwork are then organized into certification programs as approved by the appropriate North American Division Youth Ministry (NAD) committee with General Conference participation. The system is designed to allow flexibility in many areas, and provides opportunities for unions and conferences to develop additional certifications and seminars that meet their specific needs. All programs are offered in English and Spanish.

Certifications offered through AYMT:

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- a. **AYMT – PBST** - A 10-hour Basic Staff training program. This certification is intended to provide basic information about the purpose, structure and ministry of Pathfinders to individuals who are just starting out in Pathfinder ministry and have little or no prior experience with the program. It is highly recommended that this certification be earned before they begin their participation in Pathfinder ministry. Valid for 4 Years
 - b. **AYMT – Director Certification (Be at least 18 years old)** - It is intended to provide a strong foundation for someone who has little if any prior experience with Pathfinders, but has been asked to serve as club director by their local church. Ideally the seminars should be taken before the new director actually takes up their duties. The fieldwork would be done during their first year as a director, associate director or deputy director.
 - c. **AYMT – Leadership Certification** – Equivalent to old PLA. This certification is authorized for use by those who are invested Master Guides as continuing education. It is intended to provide a deeper understanding of the ministry of Pathfinders.
 - d. **AYMT – Staff Leadership Certification** - This certification is authorized for use by those who are invested Master Guides as continuing education. It is intended to provide a deeper understanding of staff support and leadership.
5. **Adventurer Basic Staff Training (ABST)** - A 10-hour Basic Staff training course is designed to develop awareness in leaders of the basic fundamentals of the Adventurer Club and to help teachers become familiar with the procedures, policies and resources necessary to commence and maintain an Adventurer Club. Valid for 4 years. Full program offered in English and Spanish.
6. **Adventist Youth Leadership Certification (AYLC) (Be at least 16 years old)** -The Adventist Youth Leadership Curriculum is designed for youth, young adults, and adults. Its objective is to assist the leader in training, to develop knowledge, personal spiritual discipline, leadership skills, and a practical approach to Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the XXI Century within and outside the Adventist community, in the Greater New York Area. Full program offered in English and Spanish.
7. **Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps Certification (AYES) (Be at least 18 years old)** -The Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps Curriculum prepares the individual to serve God, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Community voluntarily in moments of crisis and emergencies. These emergencies may take place in our neighborhood, city, state, country, or world. The AYES Corps will be prepared to be first responders under the Directions of the supervision and combined leadership of Adventist Community Services and the Adventist Youth Ministries Department of the Greater New York Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Full program offered only in English
8. **Adventist Youth Preach It Certification (AYP) (Be at least 16 years old)** - The Adventist Youth Preach It Curriculum is designed for youth, young adults, and adults. Its objective is to train the individual in the art of preaching, through which they can to develop biblical knowledge and personal spiritual discipline, and use it as a practical approach to reach others by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Full program offered in English and Spanish.

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- 9. Adventist Youth Theatre Certification (AYT) (Be at least 16 years old)** - The Adventist Youth Theatre Curriculum is designed for students who are interested in using the art of theatre as a catalyst to bring forth the message of Christ's Gospel to life. This program highlights the theoretical, critical and historical approaches for preparing theatre as a tool for evangelism, while providing and requiring a hands-on experience in drama. Students are taught general aspects of this performing art, allowing their expertise to be used effectively in a myriad of other ministries. Full program offered only in English
- 10. Adventist Youth Photography Certification (AYPhoto) (Be at least 16 years old)** - The Adventist Youth Photography Curriculum is designed for youth, young adults, and adults. Its objective is to train the individual in the art of photography in order to use it for the benefit of the church and the advancement of the gospel. Full program offered only in English.
- 11. Adventist Youth Counseling Certification (AYC) (Be at least 18 years old)** - The Adventist Youth Counseling Certification is a lay program designed to equip individuals in counseling skills to deal with youth issues in particular and family matters in general. This program is offered in conjunction with the Family Life Department of the GNYC and will required attending intensive weekends of equipping. The courses will be taught by professionals and practitioners in the field. Areas such as family dynamics, issues in youth counseling, when to refer to a professional, boundaries, mandatories requirements, among others, will be cover. Full program offered in English and Spanish.

Not interested in completing an entire course?

- You can attend congress and take any course in any track.
- You do not need to attend the dedication service nor fill out the sign-off sheet.
- Please choose “Open” at when registering.