

EXPLORER

Adventurer Club

Parent Handbook

2019-2020



Pre-kindergarten
(4 Yrs Old)



Kindergarten
(5 Yrs Old)



2nd Grade
(7 Yrs Old)



1st grade
(6 Yrs Old)

3rd Grade
(8 Yrs Old)



4th Grade
(9 Yrs Old)



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Who We Are

The **EXPLORERS ADVENTURER CLUB** is a non-profit youth organization operated by the Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church. The club is financed by member fees, fundraising and private donations.

WHAT IS THE ADVENTURER CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH?

The Adventurer program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental, and social areas while encouraging a personal relationship with Jesus. Through the Adventurer Program, the church, home, and school can work together with the parent to develop a mature, happy child.

- Children will, at their own level, commit their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ.
- Children will gain a positive attitude toward the benefits, joys, and responsibilities of living a Christian life
- Children will acquire the habits, skills and knowledge needed to live for Jesus today.
- Parents and other primary caregivers will become more confident and effective as co-laborers with Christ for their children.

MISSION STATEMENT

To support parents and caregivers in leading and encouraging their children in a growing, joyful, love relationship with Jesus that inspires them to share Jesus with others.

OBJECTIVE:

The Adventurer Club provides fun and creative ways for children to:

- develop a Christ-like character;
- experience the joy and satisfaction of doing things well;
- express their love for Jesus in a natural way;
- learn good sportsmanship and strengthen their ability to get along with others;
- discover their God-given abilities and to know how to use them to benefit self and serve others,
- improve their understanding of what makes families strong.



Enrollment:

Official Enrollment takes place in September, but children may join at any time.

The requirements for enrollment are:

- 1 completed Adventurer Registration Package per child.
- Membership fee of \$65.00 is required with the application form.

Optional activities may involve additional costs.

- Supplementary fees are required for some activities.
- Uniforms are an additional charge and vary based on items/age/sizes

Parental Responsibility



Parental involvement is the key to a child's success . The volunteer staff takes itsresponsibility to guide the Adventurers to higher goals seriously, and therefore expects the parents to understand the importance of the program, and each parent's role within it. The Adventurer Club is a fully integrated, spiritually based educational program designed to supplement your child's regular school. It is expected that parents will support their child's

consistent attendance and participation in meetings and outings, will attend the Sabbath Induction and Investiture programs, will be open in communication with the club, and will seek to enrich their children's experience and achievements. At times, parents may be asked to supply money and time to support their child's membership. Your input is very valuable as well.

Adventurer Family Network

The Adventurer Family Network meetings are designed to enrich the parental experience. Meetings will be held once or twice a year depending on interest – see calendar for tentative date. The purpose of these brief meetings is to teach successful parenting techniques and discuss your experiences. Handouts and PowerPoints will be provided as seminar topics are prepared.

Membership

Membership is open to all boys and girls, ages 4 – 9 years old, (Pre-K to Grade 4, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

LEVEL	AGE	GRADE
Little Lambs	4 years old	Pre-K
Eager Beaver	5 years old	Kindergarten
Busy Bee	6 years old	Grade 1
Sunbeam	7 years old	Grade 2
Builder	8 years old	Grade 3
Helping Hand	9 years old	Grade 4

ADVENTURER ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS:

Each level builds on the levels which came before it and is especially designed to interest, challenge, and provide successful experiences for children of that grade level.

Each level consists of four tracks:

My God, My Self, My Family and My World.

The Instructors will teach many of the requirements, but the curriculum is designed to enhance parent-child interaction. There will be appropriate home assignments, designed to help you interact and teach your child. It is your primary responsibility to see your child has completed the work. Pins and patches will be awarded at Investiture.



Code of Conduct

1. Adventurers must learn and live by the principles of the Adventurer Pledge and Law.
2. Adventurers must agree to participate and cooperate in all club activities.
3. Adventurers must be faithful in attendance and be punctual.
4. The parents of Adventurers must be willing to agree to and cooperate with the regulations and activities of the club.
5. Adventurers must own and regularly wear a complete Adventurer uniform. They must come to meetings and club-sponsored events in full uniform, as advised by the club director.
6. Adventurers are expected to obey all regulations and instructions of the Adventurer Club staff.
7. Adventurers and parents must be willing to participate in community service projects, campouts, church services and other activities.
8. Adventurers must stay with their class, parents and instructors at all times in Club meetings.
9. Adventurers are expected to be good examples to others and maintain good conduct.
10. Adventurers are to complete their workbooks and activities in order to be invested at year's end.
11. Members who do not comply with these regulations may be asked to withdraw from the club.

Club Awards and Point System

The point system is a merit program used to keep track of Adventurer achievements. Points are awarded for complete uniforms, participation, attendance, good conduct and completing homework. Points will be taken away for tardiness, poor conduct or an incomplete uniform. Points will be earned individually by Adventurers, to award an "Adventurer of the Year" at year's end.

The Adventurer of the Year will:

- ★ have 85% + attendance at club events,
- ★ own a complete uniform,
- ★ be an active member for at least one year,
- ★ be invested in their class,
- ★ have a parent who is invested in their child's success,
- ★ be courteous, kind, obedient and example to others.

Parent Pins are awarded to parents who have shown exemplary commitment to their child's success in the club, have supported leadership and participated in club functions, and regularly attend Family Network Meetings.

Club Days & Attendance:

Meetings are held on the 3rd weekend of the month

Sabbath 2:00 – 4:00 pm and

Sunday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

At The Garden Road SDA Church (unless otherwise specified).

Days/Times

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Sabbath:

2:00- 2:30 pm

Welcome, Preliminaries & Worship

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Children in their respective classrooms

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Closing Activities, Birthdays, Announcements &
Games

Sunday:

10:00 – 10:30 am

Welcome, Preliminaries & Worship

10:30- 11:30 am

Children in their respective classrooms

11:30 – 12:00 pm

Snack time/ Announcements & Closing Prayer

Each Adventurer is expected to attend all Club Day meetings, Sabbath activities and conference events. Some field trips are optional, but highly recommended. Adventurers are expected to be on time. Unexcused absences or tardiness may result in dismissal from the club. Only registered club members, parents and staff are permitted at meetings, activities and events. Opportunities will be given to non-members to participate on designated days.

2017 -2018 calendar:

****All dates are tentative and subject to change****

MONTH	Date	Activity	Time	Location
October	19	Club Meeting	2-4 pm	Garden Road
	20	Club Meeting	10-12am	Garden Road
November	16	Club Meeting		
	17	Club Meeting	10-12 pm	
December	21	Community Field Trip	TBD	TBD
	22	No classes		
January	18	Club Meeting	2-4 pm	
	19	Club Meeting	10-12 pm	
February	15	Family Network	TBD	TBD
	16	No classes		
March	21	Club Meeting	2-4 pm	
	22	Club Meeting Bring a Friend Day	10-12 pm	
April	18	Club Meeting	2-4 pm	
	19	Club Meeting	10-12 pm	
May	16	Club Meeting	2-4	
	17	Year End Field Trip	TBD	TBD
June	12-14	Family Camp	TBD	Foothills Camp
	TBD	Investiture Club Meeting	TBD	TBD

Finances & Fees:

Sept 2019 – June 2020:

The club is supported by member fees, supplemented by subsidies from the church and private donations. All staff members are volunteers. Because commitment is a necessary part of the Adventurer philosophy, Adventurers are expected to contribute financially to the club.

Current fee is: \$65.00 Annually

These fees and dues are charged to partially offset the cost of:

Scarf and slide for induction, workbooks, uniform badges, outings, and supplies.

- There may be additional supplementary fees for special events/activities/outings.
- Uniforms are sold separately. Costs of uniform vary by gender and size and these are paid for by the parent.
- Cheques /cash or email transfer are acceptable forms of payment, please make all cheques payable to **“Garden Road SDA Church”**

Insurance:

- Each Adventurer is covered by secondary accident insurance through the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Completion of the Health Record will be required at registration.
- In compliance with our insurance guidelines, your child must be fully supervised at all times.
- Because of insurance guidelines, all staff members must be members of the Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist church in good standing, and have been screened by the conference.

Uniform

Uniforms are an important part of establishing presence and unity of the club.

Because of this, your children are required to have both Type A and B uniforms.

The uniforms are to be neat and clean.

Adventurers are expected to wear their Type A Uniforms to Sabbath meetings, Induction and Investiture services, at Family Camp and on other occasions.

Anything that is not part of the uniform should not be worn with the uniform.

The Type B Uniform is to be worn for Sunday meetings, field trips, Fun Day and when otherwise requested.

Type A:

Girls:

- Navy blue jumper dress
- Light blue short sleeved blouse
- Black dress shoes (no heels)*
- Navy blue socks or tights*
- Adventurer scarf, sash, patches

Boys:

- Navy blue pants
- Light blue collared shirt
- Black dress shoes*
- Navy blue socks*
- Adventurer scarf, sash, patches



Type B:

- Light Blue Adventurer T-shirt / Explorers Club T-shirt
- Comfortable pants or shorts in summer*
- Running Shoes*

The uniforms are purchased by the Club through AdventSource or AdventNorth. The average total cost of a uniform ranges from \$50-70 CAD.

Please fill out an order form to make uniform purchases.

These items are purchased directly from AdventSource.com through the club (One order in the Fall 2017 and the next order in the Spring 2018).

* These items are provided to you by the club order:



Ceremonies

INDUCTION:

Shortly after enrollment, the club holds an Induction Ceremony, to dedicate both the parents and child.

Prerequisites to being inducted are:

- o Be properly enrolled and have attended a minimum of 1 meeting.
- o Own a Dress uniform and wear it proudly.

- o Attend the Induction service.

At this program, the children will be awarded the Adventurer scarf to wear with the uniform.

This service will be held on October 26, 2019, with all of the Calgary Adventurer Clubs at the Bridgeland SDA Church.

INVESTITURE:

This is a special program at the end of the year when the children are awarded the class pins, signifying their achievements. "A" uniform required for this service.

Please invite friends and family to this program. This service will be held in June 2020.

Adventurer emblems



PLEDGE:

Because Jesus loves me I will
always do my best

LAW:

Jesus can help me to:

Be Obedient

Be Pure

Be True

Be Kind

Be Respectful

Be Attentive

Be Helpful

Be Cheerful

Be Thoughtful

Be Reverent

PLEDGE TO THE BIBLE:

I pledge allegiance to the Bible,
God's Holy Word.

I will make it a lamp unto my
feet, a light unto my path,

And will hide its words in my
heart that I may not sin against
God.

ADVENTURER SONG:

We are Adventurers at home,
at school, at play.
We are adventurers,
we're learning every day;
to be honest, Kind and true.
To be like Jesus through and through.
We are Adventurers.

EAGER BEAVER SONG:

We are the Eager Beavers,
Eager Beavers for the Lord.
Help us sing our song;
Everybody come along;
Eager Beavers for the Lord.
We're on our way to heaven;
we hope you come aboard;
Yes, we are the Eager Beavers,
Eager Beavers for the Lord.

LITTLE LAMB SONG:

I'm a Little Lamb today;
Jesus is my Shepherd.
My Shepherd loves me day by day;
Jesus is my Shepherd
I will follow where He leads;
He gives me everything I need;
I'm a Little Lamb today
Jesus is my Shepherd.

ADVENTURER INSIGNIA:



Adventurer Pins

Given to all new club members at Induction.



Parent Pins

Awarded to parents who demonstrate commitment to the club's mission.

These are given to children who are invested in the class.



Little Lamb Pins



Eager Beaver Pins



Busy Bee Pins



Sun Beam Pins



Builder Pins



Helping Hand Pins

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