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Hey Pathfinders and Families.

Here is some updated information regarding the Sojourners plans for the International Pathfinder Camporee. We are getting close but some planning remains so we don't have all the answers yet.

This event promises a faith-building, fun time for our club to interact with over 60,000 pathfinders from around the world. It happens only once every five years, so we want to be sure that all our pathfinders can experience it this August.

Pathfinders who are planning to attend the International Pathfinder Camporee are expected to regularly attend Pathfinder meetings and be active in Pathfinder sponsored events and fundraisers.

Can I get Baptized at Gillette? Yes **CONGRATULATIONS!** This is a huge blessing that we need to celebrate. On Friday afternoon (August 9) our Conference is scheduled for baptisms at the Main Stage area, checking in at 5:30PM. Please, [register](#) to schedule these baptisms, and receive nice gifts.

What are we doing for food? Our plan is to have a club Kitchen to feed the 90 who are with our club. This will be a larger group than we have done in the past so will need help.

Everyone is going to have to pitch in, if you can cook please let Rich know, he can't cook for all of us on his own. We will need to borrow, Water Containers, Stoves/Burners, and other Kitchen supplies, Propane Tanks

Packing the Trailer? Wednesday July 31st @ 6:30 PM At Bellevue SDA Church, we will be handing families their Tickets and final documents so please ensure each family group is represented, or you have designated somebody to fill in for you.

Will we be able to pack personal items in the trailer? We will have very limited space in the trailer as we must bring a larger kitchen, we will prioritize space for Pathfinder club items followed by space for those traveling with the group and then Pathfinders and Staff.

Will we be getting IKEA Bags to pack in? We are still working out the details, these would only be for Pathfinders/Staff and those traveling with the group.

Final online meeting to share updates/details answer questions July 24th We encourage you to attend, to get any remaining questions answered prior to packing up and heading out.

What is the Cost? The current cost estimate is ~\$1100 per person, our club plans to cover fixed costs for Pathfinders of ~\$500 (Based on 2019 numbers + some room for inflation). These estimates are subject to change as we finalize travel and food plans.

Traveling with the group	Not planning to travel with the group
Pathfinder = ~\$600	Pathfinder = \$0 (+ travel costs incurred)
Non-Pathfinder = ~ \$1100	Non-Pathfinder= ~\$500 (+ travel costs incurred)

When do I have to pay? At this point all families should be paid up, if you are not please work with us as we need to ensure the club has funds to cover the expenses of this event.

What if I decide later not to attend? You will still be responsible for covering the full cost, as the club has already incurred many of our costs.

If the cost changes, will I be refunded/charged more? Yes, for those traveling with the group we will offer refunds for money not spent, we believe we will have significant cost savings here but have not finalized meal plans as of yet.

Why is the cost just an estimate? We still have a small number of critical decisions to make including travel and how we will manage food purchases. As these decisions are made our estimates will become more accurate, we will need your help in communicating, for example, plans to travel separately from the group.

How will the group be traveling? Our plan is to travel in two rented 10 person vans, and one personal vehicle for transporting supplies. We will be spending one night at a Christian School near Bozeman both coming and going. They will have showers but we will be sleeping on the floor.

Can families travel on their own? Yes. Our ask is that you communicate your plans with us ASAP so we can factor this into Group travel plans. Also note, if you do plan to travel on your own, we are told Hotels are selling out very fast along the major highway routes.

What are the expectations of Parents/Adults who join us? We will consider you an extension of our staff and expectations include:

- Our Parents and Adults are expected to be available to help with Food prep, service and cleanup, and may be called on to escort groups to various locations at the campgrounds.
- Parents who are bringing younger siblings are responsible for the younger age kids as Pathfinder Staff will be focused on our Pathfinders.
- Parents and Adults are expected to cooperate with and be supportive of our Pathfinder Staff, and to help in providing a safe, fun, and uplifting environment for all of our Pathfinders.
- Parents and Adults will supply your own tents but must stay with and eat with our Pathfinder Club.

What are the expectations of non-Pathfinder Teens? Like Parents and Adults, you are expected to pitch in where you can, and most importantly to be respectful, and a good example to our Pathfinders and younger kids.

Should I buy my own ticket? No, at this point there are no tickets available and any day passes must be purchased by the club through the conference.

Can I buy day passes? There is a very limited supply at this point and these are on offer only to those wishing to join us for a baptism.

What about Pins to trade? Everybody joining us will get 1 set of NPUC Pins, 1 Washington Conference Pin and 1 Club Pin. But we also know your kids will want more to trade so please order any additional pins you want for trading here: [Washington Merch | Hope-Builders.com](https://www.washingtonmerch.com/)

What should I Bring as a non-Pathfinder? Non-Pathfinders will need to supply your own tents (6 person or less), and your own camp chairs. We ask that you use this space wisely, if you are bringing a larger tent please plan on sharing your tent with others in the group.

Can I invite other relatives or friends to join us? No, we are only able to accommodate Immediate relatives of Pathfinders or Adventurers who are attending the Camporee with us.

Please be patient with us we currently have ~90 planning to join us on this grand adventure.

Camporee Web Site: <https://www.camporee.org/>

Parent/Guardian Information: <https://www.camporee.org/information/pre-planning/tips-and-checklists/>

IMPORTANT: To protect our children, **any parents or guardians who will be joining us at Gillette must have a current background check**, you can complete this process here:

<https://www.washingtonconference.org/ministries/human-resources/background-screening>

Everybody attending Gillette needs to fill out this [Health information & Emergency Contact Form.docx](#) this includes adults as well as Pathfinders and children. Please fill this out and return it to Pathfinder Staff by Investiture.

We'll have more details to share as the event approaches! If you have specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact Greta Goffar: greta@goffar.com or Linden Goffar: linden@goffar.com.