



**AUGUST 5-11, 2024 • GILLETTE, WYOMING**

Hey Pathfinders and Families.

Here is some updated information regarding the Sojourners plans for the International Pathfinder Camporee. Please note that planning is still very much in progress, 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 next 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.

**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?** We are planning to split these payments into **4 installments** as follows:

**Tentative TimeLine:**

- ~~October 4:~~ We need final commitment to Gillette by this date, so we can finalize ticket purchases before they sell out.
- **November 1:** First of four Gillette payments due
- **December 6:** Second Gillette payment due
- **January 3:** *Adult (18+ by August 5, 2024) Background checks confirmed with conference, if you are not cleared you will not be allowed on Camporee grounds.*
- **February 7:** Third Gillette payment due
- **April 3:** Fourth and final Gillette payment due

**Can I pay for Gillette online?** Yes, we currently accept payment through AdventistGiving.Org, we are exploring other options, but this is what we have for now.

1. Be ready to take a screenshot, it is important that you take a screenshot as that is the only way we have to know "Who" is paying, and that you are paying for the International Pathfinder Camporee rather than making a donation.

2. to the Bellevue SDA Church page on AdventistGiving.org <https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANIMBV> make sure you see "Bellevue SDA Church" along the top with the address in Bellevue WA.
3. Under **Local Offerings** select **Pathfinders: Int'l Camporee** and add a Dollar amount.
4. Take a screenshot of the Review Donation page and send it to [Treasurer@sojourners.club](mailto:Treasurer@sojourners.club) or [Director@sojourners.club](mailto:Director@sojourners.club)

These steps ensure your money gets routed to the appropriate accounts and that we properly account for your payment.

**What if I decide later not to attend?** You will be responsible for covering the cost of Tickets purchased, and any transportation costs already incurred by the club because these need to be purchased in advance and are not refundable.

**If the cost changes, will I be refunded/charged more?** Yes, our plan is to adjust and communicate the **final** payment amount in April based on our expectation that we will have a much clearer picture of cost by that time. We are currently expecting the cost to be lower than what we are estimating, but of course things can change as we learn more.

**Why is the cost just an estimate?** We still have some 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?** Once we know families travel plans, we will be able to finalize on this, current thinking is we'll either charter a bus or rent some vans. We are not currently considering flying as this would still require a bus charter and the combination will be costly.

**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, it is important that the club purchases your tickets as this ensures we are allotted sufficient space for our entire group on the campground.

**Can I buy day passes?** Yes, however the club has to buy them for you and you will reimburse the Club. We also cannot start purchasing day passes until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a day pass you may not stay overnight with us, and you will be responsible for your own meals. We also cannot guarantee the availability of a sufficient number of these passes.

**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** as we work through all these plans, we have ~70 of you 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>

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](mailto:greta@goffar.com) or Linden Goffar: [linden@goffar.com](mailto:linden@goffar.com).