



Safety Through Skill

How to Teach the Pathfinder Camp Safety Honor

Level 3 Honor | Pre-requisites: Camping Skills 1–4

The Pathfinder Camp Safety Honor was developed by Adventist Risk Management,® Inc. (ARM) in 2008 and introduced at the 2009 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. The purpose of this honor is to train Pathfinders in recognizing unsafe conditions that may result in serious injury or physical damage, and provide them with the skills necessary to take corrective action to prevent camping-related accidents.



Helpful Resources

Use this information sheet with the listed components of the Pathfinder Safety Honor Training Kit available at AdventistRisk.org to teach the Camp Safety Honor to your club.

- A Practical Guide to Pathfinder Safety brochure
- Camp Safety Honor Teaching presentation
- Honor Requirements
- Answer Key
- Campsite Inspection form
- Final Quiz



10 Key Training Areas

1. Understanding fire safety
2. Proper storage of food
3. Understanding camp cooking fuels
4. Precautions in building a latrine
5. What to have in a first aid kit
6. 3 ways to purify water
7. Good camp hygiene practices
8. Personal safety when camping
9. Safe handling of camping tools
10. Conducting a camp inspection



Tips for Teaching the Camp Safety Honor

- Plan to teach the Pathfinder Camp Safety Honor over several weeks, preferably 6–8 weeks prior to a campout or Conference camporee.
- Review one or two safety elements in each training session to allow Pathfinders to learn the principles behind the actions and the actions to take.
- Demonstrate how to complete each requirement and supervise the completion of each requirement. Have adequate supervision for the risk level of the activities involved.
- Use live action demonstration or video training resources to illustrate the honor requirements whenever possible.
- Provide actual medical supplies to give hands-on experience in building first aid kits.
- Have the Pathfinders demonstrate how to safely handle knives, axes, and hatchets.
- Set up a “bad campsite” before the final teaching session for practice in using the Campsite Inspection form.

- Conduct a final review and test knowledge.
- Have the Pathfinder conduct an actual campsite inspection during a campout or camporee to complete the requirements.

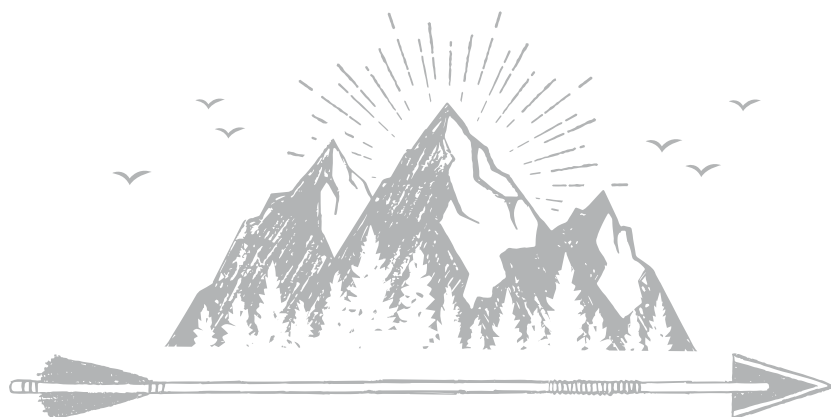
Helpful Video Resources

Many video resources on camping safety topics are available for free online. **Always review videos beforehand to be sure they contain relevant information before sharing them with your Pathfinders.**

ARM has found the following useful videos on **MonkeySee.com**.

Search for the following topics:

- Campfire Cooking
- Protecting Food
- Finding & Purifying Water
- Going to the Bathroom in the Woods

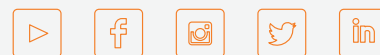


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