North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists: Adventurer Ministry



Welcome - Armando Miranda, Jr.

Prayer - Tracy Wood

AA 2017.01 Minutes

Voted: to accept the Feb. 15, 2016 minutes

Al #17.01 Report from Awards FG

New Stars, Chips and Awards

Mercy Martenez reported that the focus group is recommending two awards and two chips:

- Jesus's Special Supper Level K
- Missionaries Level 2
- Bible Story Telling Level multi
- Thankful Heart Level K

Submitting a new Adventurer Award, Stars, Chips

Those wishing to submit a proposal for a new NAD Adventurer Awards/ Stars/Chips must ensure the Awards/Stars/Chips is applicable to the North American Division. Awards/Stars/Chips submitted will be reviewed and possibly revised. Awards/Stars/Chips are intended to introduce the children to the particular topic, not to become proficient in the topic.

Here are the steps:

- 1. Send the proposed Award/Star/Chip to the Award Focus Group Chairperson. It must include the following.
 - a. Name of the Awards/Stars/Chips
 - b. Sample design of the Awards/Stars/Chips patch
 - c. Statement as to the purpose or need for the Awards/Stars/Chips (what benefit should the Adventurers receive physically, mentally and/or spiritually?)
 - d. When deciding on your requirements, try to incorporate the different learning styles and consider the following:
 - Spiritual application
 - Facts knowledge introductory level to topic
 - Craft inclusion
 - Physical activity Awards/Stars/Chips e. Answers (or description) for the requirements including list of resource materials.
 - f. Specify the level for which this Awards/Stars/Chips is intended (PreK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4).
 - g. Specify what category the awards/Star/Chip is for:
 - MyGod
 - My Family
 - My World
 - My Self
- 2. Once the Award Focus Group has reviewed and/or revised the Award/ Star/Chip, one of two things will happen:
 - If selected, it will be returned to be pilot tested in your club and the Focus group will select other clubs to pilot test the Award/ Star/Chip.

Minutes 1.9.17

NAD Adventurer Advisory Tucson, AZ 1:30-2:45 PM

Officers

Chair - Armando Miranda, Jr, NAD Rec. Secretary - Glen Milam, NAD NAD Coord. - Brad & Lisa Gary -NAD

Ex-officio - Tracy Wood - NAD

Attendees Bascom, Karla Beerman, Gloria Bettinski, Carolyn Brower, Richre Bryant, Heath Carmichael, Gregory Chavez, Eric Cisneroa, Hubert Clapp, Llyod Forbes, Brad Fortner, Joyce Geli, Tami Geli, John Gomez, Ada Gutierrez, Yussury Gutierrez, Daniel Harris, Craig Hernandez, Andrew

Hernandez, Lily

Hill, Randy

Hill, Chris Hill, Don

Howard, Kathy Hoyt, Jasmin

Knight, Stanley Lake, Elizabeth

Loor Jr, John

Martin, Edwin Martinez, Mercy

Marton, Edward

Merrill, Alice Morgan, Velma Nelson, Lonny Notice, Lyle O'Ffill, Sherilyn Pagan, Jaceil Park, Apple Plata, Dixie Plata, Arnold Powers, Leanna Reeve, Derral Reynolds, Ann Rigers, Ken Rinza, Desiree Sager, Denison Thomas, Jim Torres, Jose Villegas, Jeff Whitlow, Dan Wong, Bob

- If not selected, you will be notified.
- 3. Once this award has been pilot tested in your club, complete your evaluation form and return it to the Award Focus Group Chairperson.
- 4. The Adventurer committee meets once a year At that time, the final approval of Awards/Stars/Chips will be made.

All accepted proposals for an Adventurer award become the exclusive property of the NAD Youth Ministries Department. Such proposals may be altered or changed in any way deemed appropriate by the NAD Adventurer Awards Taskforce.

Advisory discussion points included:

- Form refers to sending the docs to the chair. Need to ID the chair on web site.
- Add option for Multi level
- Be consistent with Stars/Chips/Awards phrasing
- Specify that two additional clubs will Pilot
- No limit to new Award/Chip/Star per year approved by Committee
- 1.C. add socially to the list
- 1.D craft/activity

New Stars, Chips, Awards Evalutation Form

Presented a new form for the evaluation of new Stars, Chips and Awards.

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AA 2017.02 New Stars, Chips and Awards

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee the adoption of these new Stars, Chips and Awards, including the requirements and patch design.

- Jesus's Special Supper Level K
- Missionaries Level 2
- Bible Story Telling Level multi
- Thankful Heart Level K

Y&YAExA 2017.05 Voted to approve.

AA 2017.03 Stars, Chips and Awards submission process

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee the adoption of a new Stars, Chips and Awards, submission process.

Y&YAExA 2017.06 Voted: To approve.

AA 2017.04 Stars, Chips and Awards Evaluation form

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee the adoption of a new Stars, Chips and Awards, Evaluation form.

Y&YAExA 2017.07 Voted to approve.

Al #17.02 Report from Resources FG

Ada Gomez reported:

Adventurer History

The Focus Group, in conjunction with Dixie Plata and Brad Forbes, completed the *Adventurer History and Timeline*. The document was send to Brad in April 2016 for publishing.

Adventurer AYMT

Following the patterns of the AYMT, we have updated and created four (4) certifications meeting the needs of the Adventurer Leaders:

• Basic Certification

- Instructor Certification
- Director Certification
- Leadership Certification

Each certification is composed of 8 seminaries of 75 minutes each. Each Seminar has a description of the class and a cover page.

The Cover Page describes:

- Purpose of the Seminar
- Objectives
- Resources for the Presenter
- Explanation The explanation includes the topic the presenter needs to include in his/her presentation.

Basic Certification seminar list:

- Adventurer Club Ministry: Its Purpose, History, and Relationship to the Church.
- Introduction to Adventurer Club Organization
- Introduction to Programming and Planning
- Adventurer Special Programs
- Building Self-Esteem and Confidence
- Curriculum Objectives through Active Learning
- Teaching Awards
- Implementing Positive Discipline

Director Certification seminar list:

- Recruiting, Screening and Training Staff
- The Conference and Your Local Church Board
- Team Building
- Parent Involvement
- Learning to Lead
- Diversity and Working Together
- Club Finances
- Conflict Resolution

Adventurer Shoulder Cords

Several Conferences are using different cords to differentiate their positions. The Recommendation from the Focus Group is to adopt the colors established by the Pathfinder Ministry to use in all three NAD Ministries.

Need for Adventurer materials in French

French speaking Canadians are requesting the translation of the Adventurer program to French.

Issues concerning the new GC Adventurer Logo

The focus group feels that the NAD should have a prepard response to the recent announcement of a new GC Adventurer Logo.

The statement would read as follows:

Background and Statement

The NAD Adventurer Committee/Advisory was presented with the changes to the Adventurer logo at the NAD Ministry's Convention on January 9, 2017. The presentation initiated a discussion which helped to clarify the reasons for the NAD's adoption and the General Conference's choice in the new Adventurer logo.

Three years ago the Adventurer Committee voted a complete review of the Adventurer program with mandate that the Little Lamb and Eager Beaver program become an integrated part of the Adventurer Ministry.

As part of this revision the Committee went through a long process where the Director materials have been updated and each level of the program was reviewed and updated. As part of this review the committee voted to launch a new logo to go along with the new program.

In March of 2015, the Adventurer Committee voted a new logo. This logo embodies the key elements of our Adventurer Ministry.

- Bible Based
- Family Oriented
- Focused on Jesus

This new logo will be used on all the uniform and club pieces where the former logo was used. In addition, the specific uniform items for Little Lamb and Eager Beaver will be discontinued. Adventurers in all levels will use the same burgundy scarf, slide, world and uniform patch.

The NAD acknowledges the value of the new GC Adventurer logo but in evaluating it we have come to the following conclusions:

- 1. The original logo introduced by the NAD Adventurer committee had a family portrayed very similar to the one on the new GC logo. However, when presented to the NAD legal counsel, it was rejected and the committee was directed to change it to what has now been adopted. Therefore, just as the name Comrade was changed to Guide and the MV was changed to AY because of the political and social problems these names caused in parts of the world field, the chosen depiction of the family now meets the needs of the NAD. This intentionality is an important part of needing to retain the logo as is in the NAD for the present time.
- 2. Because of the need to move forward in an timely manor, the NAD has invested considerable resources, both time and finances, in the Adventurer program changes. Therefore,

- to change at this time would not be fiscally responsible or financially expedient.
- 3. In order for local clubs to retain faith and integrity in the administration another change so close to the change that just occurred is not possible.

The following statement is suggested to be released to the NAD constituency:

The GC has adopted the pre-K and Kindergarten levels into the world-wide Adventurer program! As a result, the GC has voted to adopt a new world-wide Adventurer logo. Though this GC logo differs from the recently released NAD logo, the NAD has voted to retain the NAD logo, for now, that was released in 2015 as directed by NAD Administration because of the connection with social issues under fire in our society and financial responsibility of recent investments with logo change over.

*Here is a suggestion that may be a compromise:

Since we have become such a diverse world field we need to give thought to developing a division logo and a world logo. Each division would have the option to develop their own logo to be worn on the right sleeve while the GC adopted world patch would be worn on the left sleeve.

AA 2017.05 Adventurer AYMT

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee that the ALG classes be altert to fit the AYMT format as outlined by the Rescource FG.

Y&YAExA 2017.08 Voted to approve.

AA 2017.06 Adventurer Shoulder Cords

Voted: to table this item pending further discusion of the new GC shoulder cord policy.

AA 2017.07 Adventurer materials in French

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee that a request be made to the team in Canada to translate the new Adventurer materials into French.

Y&YAExA 2017.09 Voted to approve.

AA 2017.07 New GC Adventurer Logo

Voted: to recommend to the executive committee that an official response from NAD Adventurer Ministires concerning the status of the GC Adventurer Logo be made.

Y&YAExA 2017.10 Voted to approve.

A joint information session was held on Sunday night, January 8, from 9:00-11:00 pm where reports were shared that related to all ministries of NAD Youth and Young Adult. Those relating to all ministires or Adventurers in specific are recorded here.

Al #17.03 Report from the General Conference

Jonatan Tejel reported on decisions made at the World Youth Director Advisory held Feb. 28-March 4, 2016 at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center.

New Adventurer Logo

The Adventurer Ministry has been created to assist parents in their important responsibilities as a child's primary teachers and evangelizers. The program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental, and social areas. Through the Adventurer Ministry, the church, home, and school can work together with the parent to develop a mature, happy child.

Symbolism

The Adventurer Ministry is designed to strengthen the **family**. It is a journey where parents and children actively follow Jesus together.

In the Adventurer Ministry, Jesus is the center. The **cross** at the center means that Jesus should be the core of the Adventurer's life

The Adventurer Ministry recognizes God through His creation. Parents and children engage with nature to learn more about Jesus.

Color Palette

Blue represents Heaven. Blue is the color of the sky and a reminder of the heavenly realm.

Scarlet in the Bible represents blood and redemption. The life of man is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11) and Christ's blood atonement is necessary for the redemption of man.

Green represents growing and blooming where one is planted. It is representative of a Christian life that produces good fruit and finds rest in Christ.

White represents righteousness because of its purity of color and light. It points to the Righteous One and the righteousness He imputes to all who come to Him in faith.



New Classes in Adventurers

One of the most important elements in the Adventurer philosophy is that is not a kindergarten ministry but a family building relations ministry, it is a parental involvement and support ministry

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So we have voted to incorporate Little Lambs and Eager Beavers into the Adventurer Curriuclum. However, due to the challenges of translateing Eager Beaver into some of our languages we have changed the name to Early Birds.

Adventurer Ministry Classes Voted 2016 Builder Eager Helping Beaver Hands

Adventurer Master Guide Scarf

The Adventurer scarf is burgundy. The MG Adventurer scarf will respect the design of the MG official scarf but will have the color of the Adventurer's scarf and the colors representing the 6 classes in the 6 stripes.



Shoulder Cord Colors for Club Ministries

- GC Gold (yellow)
- Division Gold (yellow)
- Union Red
- Conference/Mission Blue
- Area Coordinator White
- Adventurer Local Club Director Burgundy/ White (Based on the Adventurer flag base colors
- Pathfinder Local Club Director Blue/White

Al #17.04 Union Reports

Southwestern - Introduced states and directors, Young adults doing more Compasion activities. 5000 at camporee.

Lake – Each conference has empowered a local pastor or lay person to be in charge of Public Campus ministry in their conference. 3500 at camporee.

Southern – 8 conferences – Growing life long disciples is the philosophy of youth ministry. 6000 at camporee. Starting a Young Adult focus group for the union.

Mid America – Introducd youth directors and Pathfinder Directors. "Give them the keys" money from NAD was used to witness via youth.

Columbia – 3000 at camporee, over double what was planned on. Union wide Young Adult team focused on training young adults to lead their own local ministries. It's called "Rise UP."

Pacific - Focus on mentoring. Camporee coming in Oct. 2017.

Canada - Introduced staff, JCI in Ontario in 2018.

North Pacific – Alphonso McCarthy was not brought

back at the union. Introduced new directors. Union camporee will be in Sept. 2017. Annual Coordinators Conventions are connected to the rotating location of the Union PBE.

Atlantic – 160 leaders attended a youth ministires convention. *Share your gift, change the world* is the theme.

AI #17.05 AdventSource Report

Brad Forbes reported: Come visit us at our booth!

Al #17.06 Verified Volunteers

Elden Ramirez reported that *Verified Volunteers* is replacing *Shield the Vulnerable* as the NAD contracted background checker.

Additional points:

- If volunteers are current with their background check they do not have to do it again for three years.
- With this system, you background check goes with you if you move to a different conference or union.
- Volunteers may choose to pay for their own background check if they wish to save their conference the expence.
- Direct contact at adventistsupport@ verifiedvolunteers.com
- System does not require SS#, so undocumented volunteers can still be checked.
- This system checks nationwide.
- Online training is focusd on the ministry you are volunteering with.

Al #17.07 Best Practice When Engaging an Outside Vendor to Your Children & Youth Event

Josue Pierre and Jennifer Woods, from the GC presented the following information.

What is the NAD Vendor Checklist and Concession Agreement? (See the document later in the minutes)

- The Checklist is a list that provides minimum information that you should gather from a vendor before letting them onto your site
- The Concession Agreement is a very basic model agreement between your ministry and the vendor with standard protections for your organization

- Prepared by the Office of General Counsel for the G.C. and the NAD in consultation with Risk Management at the request of the Youth Ministries Dept.
- Executed Checklists and Agreements Should be kept with your records for each event.

Why is this important?

- Due Diligence You want to minimize your liability exposure to ministry leaders, the church, the conference, the union, etc.
- You want to ensure that the parties are on the same page. In a dispute, what's in writing is what usually carries the day.

Key Information in the Vendor Checklist

- Need to know if the vendor has insurance
- Need to know who the vendor will be bringing to vour event
- Need to know whether the vendor has proper authorization if selling items containing the church's intellectual property

What's do some of these legal provisions mean?

- Granting a Concession License to the Vendor (Par. 1)
- Code of Conduct (Par. 6)
- Background Checks of Staff (Par. 7)
- Termination Rights (Par. 10)
- Indemnification (Par. 11)
- Proof of Insurance/Waiver (Par. 12)

This agreement is a template, basically a starter document, and that each organization will need to fill in the blank sections and fill in the code of conduct attachment. The office is available to answer any questions that you may have about using the checklist and the agreement.

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AI #17.08 New NAD Youth & Young Adults web

Armando Miranda Jr reported that the new NAD Youth and Young Adult website has been upgraded to HTML 5 and ben redesigned. Websites for Adventurers, Pathfinders and other ministry programs will be upgraded soon. The site is still found at adventistyouthministries.org

Included in the web site is a new page on Child and Youth protection. It can be found at http:// adventistyouthministries.org/child-youth-protection

AI #17.09 Collaborative funding

Armando Miranda Jr reported on the collaborative funding structure adopted by NAD. If you call the NAD office to ask for funding, they will ask, "How much is the local conference putting in? How about the union?" If they are assisting then the division may consider further assistance.

AI #17.10 JCI 6

Armando Miranda Jr reported that JCI 6 will be held in Toronto, Canada and is tentatively scheduled for March 14-17, 2018.

Vendor Checklist



Certificate of Insurance Adventist Risk Management makes the following recommendation (in line with NAD Working Policy S 60 51): \$3,000,000 limits of general liability insurance is recommended with no less than \$1,000,000 limits required. The vendor should also have an additional insured endorsement naming the denominational organization (full legal names, and parent organizations full legal Insurance should be from an insurer rated A class or better from A M Best. Coverage should remain in force for the duration of event. Items/activities What types of items will be sold or offered (food; merchandise; other)? If the vendor is engaging in a high risk activity, the

Event Vendor Concession Agreement



support | mentor | serve

This Agreement is entered into this day of,, by and between the	3. Vendor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Vendor's vending station shall not exceed the following dimensions:
(hereinafter "Host") and	Height: Length: Width: 4. Vendor's staff may announce the availability of the goods to be vended only while they are within the confines of the Vendor's location.
(hereinafter "Vendor").	5. Vendor's staff shall be clothed and groomed in a clean, neat fashion, and shall conduct themselves
WHEREAS, Host is sponsoring and hosting	in an orderly fashion and according to the code of
an Event known and identified as	conduct attached herein. 6. All Vendor's staff shall undergo a criminal and
to occur on	sex offender background check. Vendor shall
, at	certify to Host that all of its staff members at the
; and	Event have successfully cleared their background check.
WHEREAS, Vendor desires to vend the following items	7. Vendors shall have access to the location of the Event for up to hours after the Event's
during said Event, and	conclusion to dismantle and remove Vendor's station, supplies, and equipment. Vendor shall leave the location clean, clear of trash, and
WHEREAS, Vendor has agreed to abide by the terms	substantially in the same condition it was in
and provisions herein which is a precondition	before Vendor occupied it. 8. Vendor shall ensure that they have obtained the
for receiving a license to vend at and during the	appropriate license or permission to vend any
Event from the Host.	items that contain protected intellectual property.
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual	9. Host has the right to immediately terminate Vendor's concession license either prior to
	or during the Event if Vendor is found to be
promises and representations herein the parties	violation of any of the terms of this Agreement.
agree as follows:	10. Vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Host harmless against any damages or claims that
1. The Host grants to Vendor a concession license at the Event according to the terms of this Agreement. Vendor shall have access to the location agreed upon and selected by the Host no less than hour(s)/day(s) before the Event's commencement for the purpose of setting	 may arise in connection with Vendor's presence at the Event and or because of Vendor's activities of any kind. 11. Vendor shall also be required to provide proof of insurance coverage that is acceptable to the Host prior to the Event unless specifically waived in writing by the Host.
up Vendor's vending station, goods, and other things necessary and reasonable to vend at the location.	This Agreement is entered into on the date written above.
2. Vendor shall not vend any goods or services other than those described herein at and during the	HOST
Event without the Host's written permission.	VENDOR