

# TEXAS CONFERENCE PATHFINDERS

A Ministry of the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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Conference Director

Re: Request for excused absence from school

To Whom It May Concern:

\_\_\_\_\_, who is a student in your school district is also a member of the youth ministry and development program called Pathfinders. This organization is a co-ed program with similar goals and activities as Boy Scouts but is associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church denomination. Among the many goals of the program, the students learn leadership skills and also about the natural world in its outdoor setting. The Pathfinders learn how to live in the outdoor world through many activities designed to teach them survival, cooking and natural world preservation. Many of the skills learned enhance the student's school science knowledge in areas such as Biology, Physics, Botany, Anatomy, Ornithology and other physical world studies.

The weekend of April 2-5, 2015, the Pathfinders are participating in a Texas Conference Camporee, titled "Risen" where many of these skills will be taught. In order to participate it will be necessary for the Pathfinders (some who are students in your school district) to be out of school on Thursday, April 2, 2015 to reach their camping destination. Please allow this letter to be a formal request that you excuse these students' absence from classes from the schools in your district.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 210-380-0698.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Very truly yours,

W. Gene Clapp  
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Pathfinder Director