

THE LOGOS



Connected: Growing in Christ

“Year of The Pastor”

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FIRST PATHFINDER CAMPOREE FOR ATCU



The Pathfinder organization is a worldwide ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that

caters to the complete development of young people ages 10-16. Attending camps and camporees is an integral part of the experience of any pathfinder, whether it is at the church, conference, union, or division level.

Ordinarily, local churches and local conferences or missions conduct pathfinder camps in their specific areas at least once a year. However, at the union, division, or international level pathfinder camporees are held at least once every five years. Pathfinder camporees provide young pathfinders with the opportunity to:

1. Enhance their skills and put into practice what they would have learnt at their weekly club meetings.
2. See the church on a wider level and understand that the Seventh-day church cares for them.
3. Interact with other young people of different countries and cultures; thereby forming life-long friendships.
4. Develop or strengthen their relationship with Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pathfinders from the Atlantic Caribbean Union have attended camporees at the division level in places like Mexico, and Puerto Rico; on the international level at Osh Kosh, Wisconsin; and at the union level in Jamaica during the times of the former West Indies Union.

On April 4, 2015, approximately 200 pathfinders from the Bahamas, Cayman Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands, converged at the Bahamas Youth Camp in Nassau, Bahamas to participate in the first Atlantic Caribbean Union Pathfinder Camporee.

The theme for camporee:

In August 2014, during the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Osh Kosh, Wisconsin, USA, Pastor Andrew Burrows, youth director, of the Atlantic Caribbean Union challenged the pathfinders to recommend a theme for our very own pathfinder camporee. Ideas were tossed up, and themes were suggested based on popular Biblical characters. “Let’s do the story of Jonah and the whale!” suggested an enthusiastic pathfinder, from the Cayman Islands Conference. We can call it the “Whale Way”.

At the pathfinder camporee planning committee, the concept of the story of Jonah and the whale was presented. After much discussion and fine-tuning, it was agreed that the theme would be *YOU-Turn* with a pun on the vehicular code, “U”. There is an intentional focus on *you* as a person. “You” represents anyone, any pathfinder, any youth, or any adult. It refers to anyone like Jonah who finds himself/herself running away from God. Yes, you can make a U-TURN toward God.

The Camporee Logo

The logo depicts a large fish, with human-like teeth coming up out of the sea, against the background of the pathfinder logo with the camporee theme. It is enclosed by a border, which displays, the date, and the place of the event. Interestingly, two pathfinders, and not Jonah, are seen inside the mouth of the large fish. One, a young girl, is curious to explore what is inside the fish. The other, a young male, has determined that life inside the fish is not a place to be and makes a fast YOU-turn out of the fish’s mouth.

Daily Camping Experience

Each day, before sunrise, pathfinders greet the day by having personal and corporate devotions in their conferences followed by line call. The daily agenda is filled with activities such as, sports and exhibition challenge, craft and honor, developmental seminars, and spiritual nuggets. One of the highlights of the camporee is the nightly drama, where the pathfinders act out the experience of Jonah. This is followed by an appeal as the pathfinders are challenged to remain focused on their relationship with Christ.

A crowning feature of the camporee will be a pathfinder investiture service and a baptismal service on Sabbath, April 11. This will be followed by a community project near the campgrounds where the pathfinders will distribute thousands of copies of the book, *Health and Hope*. On Saturday night, April 11, 2015, the curtains will come down on Camporee 2105, *You-Turn*, with the closing ceremonies. -*Pastor Andrew Burrows, Youth Director; ATCU*

8 WEEKS TO WELLNESS GRADUATION

Great excitement and energy aptly describe the spirit of the passionate and committed graduates of the 8 Weeks to Wellness Programme. The 119 health-conscious participants and their equally animated family members listened keenly as Cynthia Wells, Yvonne Bootle, Marjorie Lightbourne, Theresa Davis, and Raynell Rolle gave awesome testimonials of the improvements in their health as a direct result of attending the programme. The youngest participant, Raynell

Rolle (child), got a standing ovation.

Mrs. Ruby-Ann Nottage, guest speaker, congratulated the organizers, volunteers, coaches and participants for a job well done. She said, “The programme needs to be a national one to help combat the ills currently going on in The Bahamas. She reminded the graduates that they can make a difference in their lives and in those with whom they come in contact. Mrs. Nottage’s message was well received by the participants and their family members.

Over the last 8 weeks, there was great improvement in the overall health of the participants. The leaders recorded decreased weight, decreased blood glucose, decreased cholesterol, decreased blood pressure levels, decreased stress and increased connection with God.

Congratulations and thank you go out to our programme director, Dr. Idamae Hanna and her most efficient and supportive volunteers and coaches for positively impacting The Bahamas over the last 10 years. Also, congratulations to the graduates, who saw the necessity of enrolling in the programme, sticking with it, and incorporating what was taught in their daily lives. They are now agents of change. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CHURCH

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015 the World Church commenced 100 days of prayer for the upcoming General Conference Session. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to guide the hearts and minds of our delegates as they do the work of God. This appeal comes from the Revival and Reformation Committee of the General Conference. -*Office of the Secretariat, SBC*

MEETING OF DIRECTORS, ASSOC.

ASSISTANTS, AND COORDINATORS

All directors, associates, assistants, and coordinators of the South Bahamas Conference are urged to attend a most urgent *Strategic Planning* session at the conference office on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - *Pastor Paul Scavella, President*

LOCAL PROGRAMMES

ARE BACK ON CHANNEL 53

ATV 53 News Update is back on cable television along with a number of our local programming! For your convenience, you may watch the Adventist news on channel 53, the conference website at www.southbahamasconference.org or the South

Bahamas Conference Facebook page. -Mrs. Lavern Sturup, Television Programmes Coordinator

FAMILY MINISTRIES

All Family Ministries leaders of our churches are asked to attend a very important meeting at the conference office on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. It is crucial that we meet to prepare for the upcoming events:

- Gifted & Single's Weekend
- Marriage Enhancement Week

-Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries Director

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for April 12 - 18, 2015 is: ***The Need for Revival.*** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

CONFERENCE POETRY FEST

The Poetry Fest of the Children and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Department is open to children ages 5 - 14 in the South Bahamas Conference. **Details:** The theme of each poem should be ***Connected and Growing in Christ.***

Each entrant must write his/her own poem.

There will be a semi-final held at each church/church district. **The semi-final at each church/church district should be completed by April 18, 2015.** From the semi-final, one person from each category will advance to the finals that will be held on May 2, 2015.

The name of the semi-final winner from each category along with the poem should be submitted to the conference director by April 23, 2015. Get a sample of the poetic style from your CHAM leader. -Mrs. Joan M. Scavella, CHAM Director

CHAM CALENDAR 2015

May 2 - Poetry Fest

June 2 - Training for VBS

June 27 - Reading in the Park

July - (VBS Month)

July 25 - Children and Adolescent Sabbath

August 1 - CHAM Emphasis Day

September 2 - 5 Doctrinal Seminar (GMCI)

September 26 - Reading in the Park

October 10 - 17 Children and Adolescent

Week of Prayer

October 17 - Adventist Children & Adolescents' Day

October 18 - CHAM Fun Day

November 17 - CHAM Art Show

December 19 - Reading in the Park

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Health Ministries Meeting

All directors/assistant directors, AHP and those with a passion for health are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Englerston Church. Final plans for the upcoming Health Expo will be discussed.

Life Enrichment Series

Health and Wellness Seminar

Join us at the McKinney Scavella Leadership Institute (GMCI) on April 11 and every Sabbath morning at 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. for a life-changing program. Topics include, diabetes, lifestyle change, herbs and their uses and much more. This programme runs for 16 weeks.

Health Ministries Quarterly Reports

The first quarter reports are now due. Please email to

lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com or call 323-0610.

I Want to Live Healthy

Train the trainer will be held at the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. This training is for anyone interested in using a health evangelism tool for outreach. Call 323-0610 to confirm attendance.

Health Expo on Health Impact Day

Attend a Community Health Expo at Windsor Park on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Get free screenings, counseling, clothing, shoes, breadbasket giveaways, prayer, and live demos. All church members are invited and encouraged to bring along someone you know would benefit from this outreach.

Donation of Clothing and Shoes

All persons wishing to donate clothing, shoes or household items for the Health Expo may contact Nathelyn LaCroix at 323-0610 or 341-40211.

Health Impact Day

International Health Impact Day is Saturday, April 18, 2015. On this year we will distribute the *Book of the Year*. We encourage all churches to give each family a copy of this book and also to distribute the book in your immediate environs of your church. Books may be collected at the South Bahamas Conference Headquarters. Call 323-0610 for additional information. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

WOMEN AT LA SENDA CELEBRATE IN PRAYER

La Senda de la Vida Bilingual Company invites you to their Women's Ministries International Weekend of Prayer on April 24 - 26, 2015. Get more details at: lasendadelavida.interamerica.org

TALK BACK AT HILLVIEW

The Hillview Women's Ministries Department invites all women to a special *Talk Back* session with Pastor Barrington Brennen on the topic, "**Adventist Women & Sex**" at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. -Domica Davis, Women's Ministries Leader; Hillview

NOTICE

Colporteur Doris Johnson will be at the Better Living Health Centre on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. You may go to this location and get your inspirational books while supporting a colporteur! -Elder Doris Johnson, Peardale Seventh-day Adventist Church

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to render my profound thanks to the South Bahamas Conference and all those who called, visited, and prayed for me while I was in the hospital. May God bless you. -Sister Olga Cargill

THE PINK IMPACT

The Women's Ministries and Health Ministries Departments of the South Bahamas Conference present a Women's Health Forum - The Pink Impact! This spiritual enrichment and health education forum will spotlight health issues including cancer with special emphases on breast cancer. Please join us on Sabbath

afternoon, May 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Pink Impact will change the way you look at your health. -Dr. Stephanie Hutcheson

IN SYMPATHY

We offer condolences to former Women's Ministries Director, Sister Miriam Knowles on the passing of her mother, Catherine Olivia Johnson. Funeral service will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, WM Director

POSITION AVAILABLE AT GRAND BAHAMA ACADEMY

Grand Bahama Academy of Seventh-day Adventists is looking for a hard-working, dedicated leader to serve as principal. Under the direct supervision of the Office of Education of the North Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the principal will manage a team of committed administrators and instructional and support staff.

MINIMUM CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:
*Is an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Holds a master's degree in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction, or related fields from an accredited institution.

*Has Teacher Certification

*Has a proven track-record of school leadership, having generated exceptional student outcomes, with at least two years of data documenting strong academic, personal, and interpersonal outcomes.

*Has a minimum of three years' administrative experience along with five years' teaching experience.

*Possesses excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

*Understands and is committed to the distinctive qualities of Seventh-day Adventist education. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the school's operation support the school's philosophy and mission.

Candidates may download the application form from the conference website at www.northbahamasmission.org and submit the completed application form along with copies of professional degrees and resume to THE CHAIRMAN, SEARCH COMMITTEE, North Bahamas Conference, Beachway Drive, Freeport, Grand Bahama or mail the completed application form, copies of professional degrees, and resume to THE CHAIRMAN, SEARCH COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX F-40515, Freeport, Grand Bahama by **May 8, 2015**. The committee reserves the right to reject the application of any or all applicants. -Office of Education, North Bahamas Conference



YOUTH TIDBITS

MASTER GUIDE TRAINING

For this Sunday, April 12, 2015 the Master Guide training will be at the Bahamas Youth Camp on Gladstone Road at 6:00 a.m. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 18, 2015 AT 7:33 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

