
The program

Registration

In early January the club should send in their *Area Level: The Pathfinder Bible Experience Registration Form* to the local conference.

Your conference may determine a different way to register, or they may send you the form in the mail or as an e-mail attachment in late December or early January.

Levels

Play takes place at four levels: Area, Conference, Union, and Division. After participation in the local area event, all teams holding a first place finish advance to the next level. After participation in the conference event, all teams holding a first place finish advance to the union level, and so on. That means that a team could participate in up to four different levels at four different locations.

Area Level

Conferences across the division use several different names and methods of dividing their territory into smaller geographic regions. Some call them regions, some federations, some sections, but most call them areas, so that is the term we use. Area level events bring together teams from within a portion of a conference. Obviously you want at least two teams and preferably more in an area event. Ideally an area event would include 2 to 10 teams, but it is possible have more.

Within the conference, there could be as few as two (2) areas or many areas. Each team registers with the conference their desire to participate in *The Pathfinder Bible Experience*. The conference coordinates the running of area level events based on the number and location of teams registered to participate.

The conference or a coordinator arranges a venue for each area level event. Ideally the location would rotate over the years to the various churches in the area represented by the participating teams. This encourages church participation and adds some home team spirit.

Single team in an area

In some cases, there might only be one team participating from an area in a conference. If this is the case, then multiple areas should be combined so there are at least two teams in the event.

In extreme cases you might have to join with teams from an entirely different conference or union to compete at this level.

Forms

All forms are available on line at:

- pathfindersonline.org
- adventsource.com

How to progress

1. A team participates in an Area Level event. If they earn a first place standing they advance to the conference level event.
2. At the Conference Level event, all teams earning a first place standing advance to the union level event.
3. At the Union Level event, all teams earning a first place standing advance to the division level event.
4. At the Division Level event, all teams earning a first place standing will be acknowledged appropriately!

Not all teams who earn a first place standing choose to go to the next level due to other obligations or to the expense of travel.

Conference Level

All teams with first place scores are eligible for participation in the conference level event.

A large enough facility, such as a large church, church school or academy would be chosen that is centrally located to host the number of first place teams that would be participating in this level. First place teams from the area do not need to register for the conference but they do need to confirm that they will be participating.

Single team in a conference

In some cases, there might be only one team in an entire conference. In this case the team will need to make arrangements to participate in a neighboring conference so that there are at least two teams in the event.

In extreme cases you might have to join with teams from an entirely different union to compete at this level.

Union Level

All first place teams from the conference event are eligible to participate in the union level event.

A large enough facility, such as a large church, academy or college would be chosen that is centrally located within the Union to host the event.

At this level each conference will need to register their first place teams with *The Pathfinder Bible Experience* Union Coordinator so proper arrangements can be made. This confirmation can be done by phone, fax, or e-mail.

There may be anywhere from one to several conferences participating.

If there is no Union youth director to lead out in the program, then one of the conference directors, or a conference coordinator may coordinate this level so the various conferences may participate at this level and all first place teams will be able to move on to the division level.

Single team in a union

In some cases, there might be only one team in an entire union. In this case the team will need to make arrangements to participate in a neighboring union so that there are at least two teams in the event.

Division Level

All first place teams from the union event are then eligible to participate in the division level event. Those attending the division *Pathfinder Bible Experience* have placed first in all three prior levels: Area, Conference, and Union. You cannot skip a level, you must participate at all levels. Each conference will need to register their first place teams from the Union event with *The Pathfinder Bible Experience* Division Coordinator. This confirmation can be done by fax, mail or e-mail.

A large enough facility, such as a large church, academy or college would be chosen to host the event.

Event Dates

Area The first Sabbath in February

Conference The first Sabbath of March.

Union The last Sabbath in March

Division The third Sabbath in April.

The local conference and union may alter the date forward or backward a week according to their unique scheduling needs.