

The church is a community of people sharing a common purpose and fellowship. We are continually growing in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus, the Son of God.

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The Leader will reach out to families in the church and community, sharing God's message of salvation through an activity based program where children aged 4-9 learn Christian values, participate in service and learn about their world.

Resources

The following resources are available for your ministry. You can purchase these by at adventsource.org/adventurer, the Adventist Book Centre or your local Christian bookstore.

Adventurer Activity Books and Parent Manuals are for each grade level. They contain activity sheets for both the child and adult to complete each of the curriculum activities required for earning the Adventurer class pin.

- How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus, by Donna Habenicht. A child development specialist explains how children develop spiritually and offers practical suggestions on how you can help children establish a lasting friendship with God.
- Margie Asks, Why Do People Have to Die? by Laura Rocke Winn. The great controversy and the state of the dead are both covered in this delightful story book for ages six through nine.
- The Adventurer Staff Manual is the main resource for directing the Adventurer Club. A section on club organization contains all the information you need to start a club, plan activities and schedules, and organize staff. It describes the Adventurer uniform, and gives information on many other aspects of club organization. Pins, patches, certificates, uniforms, and awards described in the manual are all available through your local conference office.

For resources and information on training, log into the members site at spdyouth.com or contact your local conference youth ministries director.



THE MINISTRY OF THE **Adventurer Leader**

Have you been asked to serve your local church as the Adventurer Leader? Or perhaps you serve on a church nominating committee and wonder what the Adventurer Leader is expected to do. This guide has been designed to help you understand the role of the Adventurer Leader within your local church.

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The Role of the Adventurer Leader

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The Adventurer Leader will enjoy the role if he or she:

- loves God supremely and demonstrates this in her/his life by modelling what he/she expects the Adventurers to become.
- loves children sincerely, expressing this love in actions more than words
- relates well with parents and involves them in all aspects of the club
- serves with enthusiasm, emphasizing the positive and supporting the program with energy
- is emotionally stable, self-disciplined, temperate, responsible and demonstrates trust in God
- enjoys being outdoors
- knows the essential characteristics of children
- is versatile and willing to learn and teach new things
- is organised and able to maintain order
- maintains good relationships with fellow workers
- has a sense of humour
- is resourceful and creative

Becoming an Adventurer Leader

The Adventurer Leader is elected by the church nominating committee on a yearly basis.

Responsible to

Cooperate with the pastor and the Church Board.

Personal Responsibility

The Adventurer Leader must ensure enough time is allocated to personal spiritual growth, family and personal recreation in order to maintain a balanced lifestyle. It is important that the Leader does not become so busy that their own spiritual life suffers.

Time Commitment

- A meeting with the staff once per month or weekly (depending on the church) to focus on the various elements of the club.
- 3-5 hours per week of involvement planning, staffing and resourcing the needs of the club.



Term of Office

One year, and depending upon the church's structure, possibly longer. It is helpful if some leaders are reappointed to ensure that long term goals are reached.

Skills and Spiritual Gifts

God has gifted each of us in different ways. The following gifts are valuable when considering the choice of members for the role of Adventurer Leader.

- **Communicate** with the church and community to promote the club. Represent the Adventurer Club on the Church Board. Keep the church informed of the activities of the Club.
- **Staff** the Adventurer Club with appropriate adults and teens. Ensure staff receive training and are resourced for their role. Implement and ensure adherence to Child Protection Policies.
- **Organise** the Adventurer Club program for the year, including both indoor and outdoor activities. Develop and manage a budget.
- **Plan** and lead out in the Adventurer program at each meeting. Develop strategies /programs to help parents in their role as the primary spiritual mentor of their children to work together to achieve them. Leadership requires diligence and faith.
- **Evaluate** how well the club is reaching its goals by holding regular staff meetings to discuss concerns and ideas.

It is helpful to consult with your pastor to identify which gifts you can use to assist the church.