

CALGARY CRUSADERS ADVENTURER CLUB HANDBOOK



"Training them to be like Jesus"



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"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Who Are We?

The Calgary Crusaders Adventurer Club is a non-profit youth organization operated by **the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church**. The club is financed by member fees, church subsidies and private donations.

The Adventurer program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child's development. Through the program, the church, home, and school can work together with the parent to develop a mature, happy child.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To assist parents and caregivers in leading and encouraging their children in a growing, joyful love relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. To assist parents in guiding their children to discover their God-given abilities, and use their gifts in service.

3. To provide children with a positive attitude toward the benefits, joys, and responsibilities of living a Christian life.

4. To develop good Christ-like character and citizenship in our Adventurers.

5. To promote Adventurer Class activities and Awards.

6. To promote strong, healthy families and confident parents or caregivers.

7. To give guidance in physical, mental, social, and spiritual growth.

Enrollment

- ★ 1 completed Adventurer Registration Package per child.
- ★ Membership fee of \$50.00 is required with the application form.
 - Returning members pay \$45(children registered by Sept 8th get 50% off)
 - Supplementary fees are required for some activities.
- ★ Official Enrollment takes place in September, but children may join at any time.

Parental Responsibility

Parental involvement is the key to a child's success. The volunteer staff takes its responsibility to guide the Adventurers to higher goals seriously, and therefore expects the parents to understand the importance of the program, and each parent's role within it. The Adventurer Club is a fully integrated, spiritually based educational program designed to supplement your child's regular school. It is expected that parents will support their child's consistent attendance and participation in meetings and outings, will attend the Sabbath Induction and Investiture programs, will be open in communication with the club, and will seek to enrich their children's experience and achievements. At times, parents may be asked to supply money and time to support their child's membership. Your input is very valuable as well.

The Adventurer Family Network meetings are designed to enrich the parental experience.

The purpose of these brief meetings is to teach successful parenting techniques and discuss your experiences. Handouts and PowerPoint's will be provided as seminar topics are prepared.

Membership

Membership is open to all boys and girls, ages 4 – 9 years old by registration date, (Pre-K to Grade 4, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

| LEVEL | AGE | GRADE |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Little Lambs | 4 years old | Pre - K |
| Eager Beaver | 5 years old | Kindergarten |
| Busy Bee | 6 years old | Grade 1 |
| Sunbeam | 7 years old | Grade 2 |
| Builder | 8 years old | Grade 3 |
| Helping Hand | 9 years old | Grade 4 |

ADVENTURER ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS:

Each level builds on the levels which came before it and is especially designed to interest, challenge, and provide successful experiences for children of that grade level. Each level consists of four tracks: My God, My Self, My Family, and My World.

The Instructors will teach many of the requirements, but the curriculum is designed to enhance parent-child interaction. There will be appropriate home assignments, designed to help you interact and teach your child. It is your primary responsibility to see your child has completed the work. Pins and patches will be awarded at Investiture.

Code of Conduct

- 1. Adventurers must learn and live by the principles of the Adventurer Pledge and Law.
- 2. Adventurers must agree to participate and cooperate in all club activities.
- 3. Adventurers must be faithful in attendance and be punctual.
- 4. The parents of Adventurers must be willing to agree to and cooperate with the regulations and activities of the club.
- 5. Adventurers must own and regularly wear a complete Adventurer uniform. They must come to meetings and club-sponsored events in full uniform, as advised by the club director.
- 6. Adventurers are expected to obey all regulations and instructions of the Adventurer Club staff.
- 7. Adventurers and parents must be willing to participate in community service projects, campouts, church services and other activities.
- 8. Adventurers must stay with their class, parents and instructors at all times in Club meetings.
- 9. Adventurers are expected to be good examples to others and maintain good conduct.
- 10. Adventurers are to complete their workbooks and activities in order to be invested at year's end.

Members who do not comply with these regulations may be asked to withdraw from the club.

Club Awards and Point System

The point system is a merit program used to keep track of Adventurer achievements. Points are awarded for complete uniforms, participation, attendance, good conduct and completing homework. Points will be taken away for tardiness, poor conduct or an incomplete uniform. Points will be earned individually by Adventurers, to award an "Adventurer of the Year" at year's end. The Adventurer of the Year will:

- ★ have 85% + attendance at club events,
- ★ own a complete uniform,
- ★ be an active member for at least one year,
- ★ be invested in their class,
- ★ have a parent who is invested in their child's success,

★ be courteous, kind, obedient and an example to others.

Parent Pins are awarded to parents who have shown exemplary commitment to their child's success in the club, have supported leadership and participated in club functions, and regularly attend Family Network Meetings.

Attendance

Meetings are typically held on the 3rd weekend of the month, **Sabbath 1:15pm to 3:15pm & Sunday 10 am - 12:00 pm** in the various assigned classes at Calgary Central SDA Church

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Children will attend a short devotional thought and head straight to their classes and be released from there.

Each Adventurer is expected to attend all Club Day meetings, Sabbath activities and conference events. Some field trips are optional, but highly recommended. Adventurers are expected to be on time. Unexcused absences or tardiness may result in dismissal from the club. Only registered club members, parents and staff are permitted at meetings, activities and events. Opportunities will be given to non-members to participate on designated days.

Finances and Fees

The club is supported by member fees, supplemented by subsidies from the church and private donations. All staff members are volunteers. Because commitment is a necessary part of the Adventurer philosophy, Adventurers are expected to contribute financially to the club.

Current Annual fee is:\$50.00 Annual Fee for new members and \$45.00for returning members

The fees are charged to partially offset the cost of: scarf and slide for induction, workbooks, uniform badges, outings, and supplies.

- There may be additional supplementary fees for special events/activities/outings.

-Uniforms are sold separately. Costs of uniform vary by gender and size and these are paid for by the parent.

- Cheques /cash, debit/credit or email transfer are acceptable forms of payment, please make all cheques payable to "Calgary Central SDA Church." Email Transfers should be made to etransfer@calgarycentraladventist.ca

Insurance:

- Each Adventurer is covered by secondary accident insurance through the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Completion of the Health Record will be required at registration.

- In compliance with our insurance guidelines, your child must be fully supervised at all times.

- Because of insurance guidelines, all staff members must be members of the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist church in good standing, and have undergone the Vulnerable Sector Screening process.

2023 - 2024 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Adventures Registration (9 am to noon)
- 14 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 15 Club meeting, Sunday

OCTOBER

- 6 Family Day (AB Conference)
- 19 Adventures Induction
- 19 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 20 Club meeting, Sunday
- 31 Fall Fiesta (Pathfinder Fundraiser)

NOVEMBER

- 16 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 17 Club meeting, Sunday

DECEMBER

- 7 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 8 Adventures Christmas Party (9 am to noon)

JANUARY

- 18 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 19 Club meeting, Sunday

FEBRUARY

- 8 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 9 Club meeting, Sunday

MARCH

- 8 Bible Games- AB Conference
- 15 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 16 Club meeting, Sunday

APRIL

- 12 Club meeting, Sabbath
- 13 Club meeting, Sunday

MAY

- 10 Bible Games- AB Conference
- 11 Club meeting, Sunday

JUNE

- 14-15 Family Camp (AB Conference)
- 21 Investiture

JULY

Parade Day (Camp Meeting)

NB: As schedule is tentative, dates and/or events may change. However, families will be notified in good time.

*Location and times will be announced

Uniform

Uniforms are an important part of establishing presence and unity of the club. Because of this, your children are required to have both Type A and B uniforms. The uniforms are to be neat and clean.

Adventurers are expected to wear their Type A Uniforms to Induction and Investiture services, at Family Camp and on other occasions. Anything that is not part of the uniform should not be worn with the uniform.

The Type B Uniform is to be worn for Sunday meetings, field trips, Fun Day and when otherwise requested.

Type A:

Girls:

Boys:

- Navy blue jumper dress
 Light blue short sleeved blouse
 Light blue collared shirt
- Black dress shoes (no heels)* Black dress shoes*
- Navy blue socks or tights* Navy blue socks*
- Adventurer scarf, sash, patches Adventurer scarf, sash, patches
- Hair Ornaments (must be navy/black)*

<u> Type B:</u>

- Light Blue Adventurer T-shirt / Crusaders Club T-shirt
- Blue Jeans*
- Running Shoes*

The uniforms are purchased by the Club through AdventSource. The average total cost of a uniform ranges from \$50-70 CAD.

Please fill out an order form to make uniform purchases.

* These items are not included in your club order; you must purchase them yourself.





Ceremonies

INDUCTION:

Shortly after enrollment, the club holds an Induction Ceremony, to dedicate both the parents and child. Prerequisites to being inducted are:

o Be properly enrolled and have attended a minimum of 1 meeting.

o Own a Dress uniform and wear it proudly.

o Attend the Induction service.

At this program, the children will be awarded the Adventurer scarf to wear with the uniform.

This service will be held on the morning of 19th October, 2024.

INVESTITURE:

This is a special program at the end of the year when the children are awarded the class pins, signifying their achievements. "Type A" uniform is required for this service. Please invite friends and family to this program. This service will be held on 21st June 2025.

Adventurer Emblems

PLEDGE:

Because Jesus loves me I will always do my best

ADVENTURER SONG:

We are Adventurers at home, at school, at play. We are adventurers, We're learning every day; to be honest, Kind and true. To be like Jesus through and through. We are Adventurers.

LAW:

Jesus can help me to: Be Obedient Be Pure Be True Be Kind Be Respectful Be Attentive Be Helpful Be Cheerful Be Thoughtful Be Reverent

ADVENTURER INSIGNIA:





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Resources

Adventurer Club Website: <u>http://www.adventurer-club.org/</u> Alberta Conference Youth Department Website: <u>http://freshalbertayouth.ca/</u> Calgary Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church Website: <u>http://calgarycentraladventist.ca/</u> Calgary Crusaders Adventurer Club E-mail: <u>crusadersadventurers@gmail.com</u> Calgary Crusaders Adventurer Club Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1847977972131659/</u>

Notes

