

19.11.10

EAST RAND PATHFINDER OFFICERS CONFERENCE.

To all Pathfinder Officers,  
East Rand Divisions.

Dear Brother Officers,

The next officers conference will take place in the Presbyterian Hall, Benoni, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday March 14th.

There will be papers read to you by persons interested in the movements and debates will be held on Pathfinder subjects. From the agenda you will see there are many subjects of great interest to you and if any officer wishes a subject not on the agenda brought up he is at liberty to do so, providing notice of motion is given before commencement of conference. The question of Roamers is of vital importance and I hope all will give their views. Officers from Johannesburg have been invited also from the West Rand. Refreshments will be provided free at 6 p.m. when the conference will adjourn for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour.

I trust you will all endeavour to attend and give your views.

P A P E R S.

The following officers have been asked to read papers:

D/P.M. Mercor Todd	"First Aid"
D/P.M. Burrell	"How to teach knotting"
D/P.M. B. Rawlings.	"Promise and Law"
D/C.M. Summers.	"How to teach Jungle games to the Trekkers".

A G E N D A.

Welcome to conference;  
Report on year's work:

D/C. Rev. W. Samson.  
D/P.M. W.E. Barber.

Minutes of last conference to be read and confirmed.

How the fraternal spirit of Pathfinding can be improved.

Where to hold the next patrol-leaders camp and if at Easter or October holidays.

Roamer Crews to be started in all Locations.

Are competitions as at present held harmful or not.

Formation of Local associations in Locations. Views of conference on the Scout Pathfinder compromise.

March 21st arrangements for the Mandi Memorial.



SATURDAY EVENING: Scouting games (night) (45 mins) Capt. Young

CAMPFIRE

SUNDAY MORNING: firelighting etc. -breakfast-

{Young  
{Craig  
{Thain  
{Eagar  
{Walker

9-11 a.m. 1st Model Troop Meeting -- Young, Craig etc.

11-noon Service

12-1.30 Firelighting, cooking, rest

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Tracking (45 mins.) Young & Craig

Scouting Games (day) Young

2nd. Model Troop Meeting (1½ or 2 hours) Whole staff

Semaphore signalling (30 mins) Young, Craig, etc.

I realise that this programme is very full but we would like these items included in this order and for the times ~~stated~~ stated. I trust it will prove suitable.

You will notice that I have assumed that the officers will be doing their own cooking. We hope too that they will be divided into patrols to facilitate the running of the model Troop meetings and also to allow of a competition being run.

I venture to disagree with Mr. Sykes when he says the 2 important things to bear in mind in instruction are

1. How to do the test
2. How to pass groups of boys in the test

and we also bear in mind

3. To teach the officers how to teach the test.

Mr. Sykes also asked us to bring out a number of songs and yells, but I would suggest, with the full agreement of my colleagues, that the Pathfinders should adhere in the main to Bantu folk-songs, -yells, and -tales. We will do our best however and have therefore enrolled the assistance of Eagar and Walker. We suggest the holding of a campfire each evening, and will, if so desired, draw up programmes for them.

Finally I may say that we will provide such material and gear as we can and will let you know where we are short.

I will be glad to furnish any further information



REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE COURSE OF TRAINING OF PATHFINDERS TO BE QUALIFIED AS TRAINED FOR APPOINTMENT AS PATHFINDER MASTERS.

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Preliminary.

1. Regulations governing the course of training of Pathfinders for qualification for appointment as Pathfinder Masters.

Requirements for Admission.

2. Pathfinders may be admitted to the training course for the Pathfinder Masters' Certificate of the Basutoland Pathfinder Council provided:
  - (a) they have passed the 2nd, Class Pathfinder Tests and are preparing for the final year of the Cape N.P.L.3 or the Junior Certificate Examination.
  - (b) they are already Acting Pathfinder Masters and attend the lectures and demonstrations regularly, and perform the work satisfactorily.
  - (c) they attend an ordinary training camp at least once, and perform the work of the prescribed course satisfactorily.

Duration of Course.

3. The course will extend over three school quarters.

Subjects of Course.

4. The course will include the following:
  - (a) General introduction to Pathfinder work.
  - (b) Detailed study of special literature.
  - (c) Practical Work.
  - (d) General Reading.

Details of Examination.

5. All the subjects are compulsory and questions will be set on the whole course. To satisfy the examiners candidates will be required to obtain at least 50 per cent. of the maximum marks obtainable. Candidates will be graded in two classes, Class I will consist of those who obtain 75 per cent<sup>or</sup> over of the total, Class II of those who obtain 50 - 74 per cent.

Issue of Certificate.

6. A certificate will be issued by the Basutoland Pathfinder Council to candidates who pass the examination at the end of the course, certifying that they are competent to be ~~appointed~~ appointed as Pathfinder Masters having completed the approved Course of Training for the position.

SYLLABUSES.

1. General Introduction to Pathfinder Work.  
A course of lectures on the following subjects will be given:-
  - (a) Essential Personal Qualities of a Pathfinder Master.
  - (b) How to teach the Pathfinder Laws and Promise.
  - (c) Planning a scheme of Social Activities for a Troop.
  - (d) How ....



- (d) How to tell stories.
- (e) How to lead Dramatics, Singing, etc.
- (f) Planning a programme for Concerts, Competitions, Socials, Camp fires, etc.
- (g) Suggestions for Camp Organisation --- water supply, sleeping arrangements, sanitation, religious service, etc.
- (h) How to address a Public Meeting etc.
- (i) The Social Worker as a Means of Preventing Disease.
- (j) History of the Pathfinder Movement, with special reference to Basutoland.

2. Detailed Study of Special Literature.

- (a) Policy Organisation & Rules of the Pathfinder Movement.
- (b) How to start a Troop.
- (c) First Steps in Scouting.
- (d) First Class Tests.

3. Practical Work.

- (a) Complete the First Class Badge Tests including the Preparing of a recruit for the Tenderfoot Tests (see Rule 23).
- (b) Pass the following Proficiency Badges:
  - (1) Handyman, (2) Interpreter, (3) Tidyman,
  - (4) Laundryman, (5) Ambulance or Safety First man. (see Rule 70.)
- (c) Attend at least one week-end Camp.
- (d) Practical Instruction in group work --- Signalling, Tracking, etc.
- (e) How to register a new troop (filling in registration cards etc.)
- (f) The keeping of records of a troop in Basutoland.
- (g) Patrol Formation and Troop Drill.
- (h) Court of Honour Practical Work. (Finance --- the keeping of accounts and minutes).

4. General Reading.

- (a) The Pathfinder Magazine.
- (b) Scouting for Boys.
- (c) Aids to Scoutmanship.
- (d) How to run a Troop.
- (e) Up from Slavery. (Booker T. Washington).
- (f) Aggrey of Africa. (Smith).



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