

Bike-a-thon Financial Information

Purpose

Bike-a-thon provides funds for Pathfinder Club activities. The gift of the sponsor supports not only the Pathfinder sponsored, but also their local club, and the Pathfinder Club of Central California Conference.

The Pathfinder

Monies received from Bike-a-thon benefit the Pathfinder by providing funds for the Pathfinder to participate in Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored activities. This may include activities sponsored by:

- Pathfinder ministries (e.g. campouts, reward trips, camporees, dues, etc.)
- Church (e.g. youth events or conferences, mission trips, etc.)
- Church school (e.g. conferences, trips, tuition, etc.)
- Local Conference, Union Conference, or Division (e.g. summer camp, camporees, mission trips, etc.)

Monies must be disbursed to the sponsoring organization and not directly to a Pathfinder. A Pathfinder forfeits to the club any funds not disbursed within 12 months of termination of their Pathfinder club membership.

The Local Club

Monies received from Bike-a-thon help cover the operational expenses of the local club. These expenses include:

- Campouts
- Camping supplies and equipment
- Uniforms
- Travel expenses of the club
- Class work and honor supplies
- Programming costs
- Trips, etc.

The Pathfinder Club of Central California Conference

Monies received from Bike-a-thon help support The Pathfinder Club of Central California Conference by providing funds for equipment, support, and special projects.

- **Equipment:** Bike-a-thon monies have supplied the funding for equipment that supports the regional ministries associated with Pathfinders such as:
 - Truck
 - Trailer
- **Support:** Local Pathfinder Clubs have access to the services of Area Coordinators to assist in awareness and leadership trainings, professional growth, club evaluations and trouble shooting. Bike-a-thon funds have helped offset the following expenses of our Area Coordinators:

- Travel—mileage, food, housing, etc.
- Phone—long distance charges incurred while providing support services to local clubs
- Miscellaneous expenses incurred—Photocopies, training supplies, etc.
- **Special Projects:** The Pathfinder Directors of Central California Conference may make appropriations to special projects associated with Pathfinder Ministries. Examples of such appropriations voted in the past are:
 - Equipment—sound system
 - Mission—matching funds for mission endeavors

Funds

All contributions are tax deductible. A receipt (sponsor sheet) should be given at the time when the sponsor pays his/her pledge.

Collection of Funds

All funds are to be collected by the Pathfinder or club that solicited the pledges.

Payment Method

All contributions should be made in the form of a check. All checks should be made payable to the local church.

Allocation of Funds

Funds donated by the sponsors are allocated as follows:

- 2/3 to the local club
- 1/3 to the Pathfinder Club of Central California Conference

Central California Conference Funds

The Pathfinder Director of the local club is responsible for the payment of one third of the amount collected to the **Central California Conference - Junior Youth Ministries**. Payment should be made in the form of a check.

Accounting Procedures

All funds collected are to be receipted and deposited into local club/church accounts. These accounts are subject to periodic audits by the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Funds paid by the local clubs to **the Central California Conference** are deposited in a temporarily restricted account and held in trust for disbursements to Pathfinder expense accounts. These accounts are audited annually.

Questions

Questions pertaining to Bike-a-thon, its funding, or the appropriation of income generated by Bike-a-thon please call the Pathfinder Ministries office at (559) 347-3174.