

## *Pathfinder Leadership Initiative*

### *Candidate Essay*

*An essay of approximately 400 words, organized by paragraphs and conforming to the standard-writing approach taught in schools.*

*The intent of this essay is for the Pathfinder Candidate to explain, in a mature writing style, why you should be considered for one of the three or four Pathfinder Leadership positions available depending on the number of hiking groups at that camp.*

- 1. We strongly encourage you to look over the Pathfinder Leadership Rubric and use as many of the questions as guidelines [as is prudent to use] to explain, from your leadership experiences, how in fact you have succeeded in implementing enough of those “content-guideline-questions” in your leadership endeavors.*
- 2. Please be mindful of space limitations [400 words] so choose wisely the number of guideline questions you use to explain your successful experiences: Too little is sketchy and weakly developed; too many is overdone and the reader will not be able to see the forest for the trees. Being economical of word and thought is a strong trait of sound communication and leadership--and that is important in judging each candidate.*
- 3. Do your best to persuade the evaluators you possess the skill sets we are looking for with the Pathfinder-Leader-position.*

*Remember, the committee of coaches will be evaluating each candidate for his/her ability to lead other athletes at camp to an activity’s successful outcome, whether it be on a hike or on a run.*

*Being cooperative with the Hiking Group or Group of runners using an approachable demeanor is highly valued personal quality for the Pathfinder Leaders.*

*When you have completed the essay, and email it to the camp director, Rick Guido, at [Highpeakselite@gmail.com](mailto:Highpeakselite@gmail.com). Address... date...*

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