

Master Guide Requirements



Prerequisites

1. Be a baptized member, in regular standing, of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. Have a written recommendation from your local church pastor, elder or church clerk stating that you are a baptized member in regular standing. Include this letter in your portfolio.
3. Be at least 16 years of age to start the Master Guide leadership course and at least 18 years of age at completion.
4. Be currently approved by your Conference's child protection screening verification. *If under 18 years of age, you do not have to complete a background check, but you must be supervised by an adult when working with minors.*
5. With your mentor, prayerfully discuss what it means to be a Master Guide and why you want to become a Master Guide. Include a written one-page report or a two-minute video in your portfolio.
6. For **one** of the following, attend the eight seminars, and receive the certification:
 - 1). Adventurer Club Basic Staff;
 - 2). Pathfinder Club Basic Staff; or
 - 3). Introduction to Youth Ministry
3. Read or listen to a book about Christian leadership and do two Share Section options.
 - a. **Ellen White on Leadership** by Cindy Tutsh
 - b. **Help! I'm being Followed** by Clinton Valley
 - c. **Lead like Jesus** by Ken Blanchard, Phil Hodges and Phyllis Hendry
 - d. **Integrity: The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality** by Dr. Henry Cloud
 - e. **The Emotionally Healthy Leader** by Peter Scazzero
 - f. Another book that is approved by your conference Youth, Pathfinder or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.

I. LEADERSHIP IDENTITY & GROWTH (WISDOM)

1. Complete **each** of the following Conference-approved leadership training workshops. Each workshop should be 75 minutes long.
 - a. Vision. Mission. Motivation.
 - b. Christian Leadership
 - c. Discipline & Discipleship
 - d. Child & Youth Evangelism
 - e. Creating Effective Worship
 - f. Communication: Theory & Practice
 - g. Education: Theory & Practice
 - h. Resources for Creative Instruction
2. Read or listen to the book *Education* by Ellen White and do two Share Section options.
4. For each of the following, complete a survey/inventory and complete one Share Section:
 - a. Spiritual Gifts
 - b. Temperaments
5. Staff requirement: For one year, complete one of the following:
 - a. Coach an Adventurer Bible Game (ABG) team through Conference level;
 - b. Coach a Bible Bowl/Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) team through the Division level;
 - c. Be an active staff member of an Adventurer or Pathfinder Club; or
 - d. Teach a Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Earliteen or Youth Sabbath School class.
6. Complete **each** of the following:
 - a. Attend at least 75% of all staff meetings.
 - b. Teach three Adventurer awards or two Pathfinder honors.
 - c. Have or earn the Christian Storytelling honor.
7. Attend a seminar of Risk Management that focus' on Adventurer and Pathfinder activities.
8. Attend a seminar on Child Abuse Prevention

9. Earn two additional honors not previously earned (one from the list below & a 2 or 3 skill honor from a list provided by your local conference)

- a. Crisis Intervention
- b. Nutrition
- c. Flags

10. Write personal goals that you would like to accomplish in your ministry.

11. Identify and write three current personal goals, including at least one spiritual goal. For each goal, list three specific objectives (action steps) you will take to achieve it.

II. LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT (STATURE)

1. Choose **one** of the following and record your progress:

- a. Have, earn or teach the Physical Fitness honor.
- b. Have, earn or teach the Sportsman Master award.
- c. Complete a three-month physical fitness program recommended by your doctor.

2. Have, earn or teach **each** of the following honors:

- a. Basic Water Safety
- b. Camp Safety
- c. Camping Skills I
- d. Camping Skills II
- e. Temperance
- f. Knot Tying

3. Have, earn or teach **three** of the following

honors:

- a. Backpacking
- b. Basic Rescue
- c. Camping Skills III
- d. Camping Skills IV
- e. Drilling & Marching
- f. Ecology
- g. Fire Building & Camp Cookery
- h. Nutrition
- i. Orienteering

4. Hold a current Red Cross First Aid & CPR certificate or its equivalent.

III. SPIRITUAL GROWTH (FAVOR WITH GOD)

1. Choose **one** of the following and do **two** Share Section options:

- a. Read or listen to the *Four Gospels* and *The Desire of Ages* or *Humble Hero* by Ellen G. White.
- b. Read or listen to the *Encounter Plan, Series 1: Christ the Way*.

2. Keep a devotional journal for **one** month, summarizing what you learn in your devotional time and outlining how you are growing in your faith.

3. Read or listen to the book *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White and do **two** Share Section options.

4. Write a one-paragraph personal reflection on **each** of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs.

5. Choose **one** of the following:

- a. Teach a three-month Bible class/ baptismal study
- b. Teach **five** of the following beliefs at a church-approved program:
 - i. Creation
 - ii. The Experience of Salvation
 - iii. Growing in Christ
 - iv. The Remnant and its Mission
 - v. Baptism
 - vi. Spiritual Gifts and Ministries
 - vii. The Sabbath
 - viii. Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary
 - ix. The Second Coming of Christ
 - x. Death and Resurrection
 - xi. The gift of prophecy

6. Choose **one** of the following and do **two** Share Section options:

- a. Have or earn the Sanctuary honor.
- b. Attend a Conference-approved workshop about the Sanctuary.

7. Choose **one** of the following and do **two** Share Section options:

- a. Have or earn the Adventist Pioneer Heritage honor.
- b. Watch the series Tell the World.
- c. Watch the series Keepers of the Flame.
- d. Read or listen to a book on church heritage approved by your Conference.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (FAVOR WITH MAN)

1. Have or earn **three** of the following honors:

- a. Cultural Diversity Appreciation
- b. Peacemaker
- c. Social Media
- d. One Outreach honor not previously earned
- e. One Household Arts honor not previously earned

2. Participate in organizing three social/fellowship events with your local church.
3. Choose **one** of the following and when possible, involve your club or youth group:
 - a. Meet with your local church ACS/ADRA coordinator, local government agency, non-profit or other organization and participate in a community service project.
 - b. Work in an outreach initiative with your local ACS/ADRA coordinator for a minimum of three months.
 - c. Complete Disaster Response Training through the Adventist Learning Community or any other disaster training provided through ACS/ADRA and/or your local government.
4. Have or obtain the Personal Evangelism honor or complete the Pathfinder Evangelism Certification.
5. Read a current book about Leadership Skills and do two Share Section options.
 - a. **5 levels of Leadership** by John Maxwell
 - b. **Leadership 101** by John Maxwell
 - c. **Developing the Leader Within You** by John Maxwell
 - d. **The Heart of Leadership** by Mark Miller
 - e. **Leading Change** by John P. Kotter
 - f. Another book that is approved by your conference Youth, Pathfinder or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.

FINAL INVESTITURE CHECK OFF LIST

1. Have a written recommendation from your local pastor, head elder or church clerk, stating that you are a baptized member in regular standing.
2. Complete all requirements of the Master Guide curriculum and pass a Portfolio review (see Manual) conducted by your Conference.
3. Have a current Child Protection Course and background check and be approved by your Conference.

DOCUMENTATION

1. The Master Guide curriculum must be completed in a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years.
2. All Master Guide candidates must document all work in a portfolio.
3. Curriculum completion is under the supervision of the conference Youth, Pathfinder, or Adventurer Director, or their designated Master Guide representative.

SHARE SECTION

Share what you are learning! Include evidence in your Portfolio.

1. Write three inspirational cards and give them to a friend that does not attend church.
2. Post three of your favorite quotes (with brief commentary) on social media or a personal blog.
3. Record a video or podcast summarizing three ideas you earned and post it online.
4. Discuss with a group three concepts you can apply to evangelism.
5. Present a devotional to your club or youth group.
6. Share in another creative way approved by your Conference.