

Master Guide Curriculum for Pastors

North American Division 2023

This Master Guide Curriculum is intended to provide Pastors and Lay Pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the tools required to support Club Ministries.

With respect for the unique role and academic accomplishments of Pastors and Lay Pastors, the requirements of this curriculum have been adapted from the original Master Guide Curriculum.

Orientation

- * AYMT Basic Staff Training workshops are provided by the local Conference Youth Department and available through Adventist Learning Community. www.adventistlearningcommunity.com
- ** Requirement covered by MDIV and MAPM programs or equivalent.

Academic Equivalency: official academic classes not included above may fulfill some requirements of this curriculum under the following conditions:

- a. The academic class covers all parts of the one requirement being fulfilled within the Master Guide curriculum.
- b. The candidate completes the class with a composite grade of 70% or higher, or the grade approved by your Conference/Mission.
- c. A copy of the academic transcript or first page of course syllabus is included in the *Portfolio*.
- d. Approval is determined by the mentor under guidelines of the Conference/Mission.

(Based on the 2022 General Conference Version)

Master Guide Card

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52, NIV

Prerequisites

1. Be an active or retired pastor/lay pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. Have a current background check and child protection through Adventist Screening Verification or course and be approved by your Conference/Mission.
3. With the local Conference Youth Director or Area Coordinator, prayerfully discuss how a pastor can support the local club ministry. Include a written one-page report or video in your Portfolio.
4. Complete **each** of the following AYMT Basic Staff Training workshops or its equivalent for Adventurer or Pathfinder leaders: *
 - a. Club Ministry: Purpose & History
 - b. Club Organization
 - c. Programming & Planning
 - d. Club Outreach
 - e. Drill & Ceremonies or Special Programs
 - f. Developmental Growth
 - g. Introduction to Teaching or Adventurer Stars, Chips and Awards
 - h. Medical, Risk Management and Child Safety Issues

Additional Notes: Your progress as a candidate is under the supervision of your Conference/Mission.

I. Leadership Identity & Growth (Wisdom)

1. Complete **each** of the following Conference/Mission approved leadership training workshops:
 - a. Vision. Mission. Motivation.
 - b. Christian Leadership **
 - c. Discipline & Discipleship **
 - d. Child & Youth Evangelism
 - e. Creating Effective Worships
 - f. Communication: Theory & Practice **
 - g. *Education*: Theory & Practice
 - h. Resources for Creative Instruction
2. Read or listen to the book *Education* by Ellen White. Write a one-page reflection on what you have learned and how you can apply it in your ministry.
3. Within one year, complete **each** of the following tasks and provide evidence in your portfolio:
 - a. Attend at least one staff meeting for planning the club yearly calendar. Help to present the calendar to the local church board for approval.
 - b. Oversee the teaching of fundamental beliefs requirements within the Investiture Achievement Curriculum or Sabbath School for these age groups.
 - c. Attend and participate in at least two of the following events: Camporees, Fairs, Adventurer/Pathfinder Sabbath Adventurer/Pathfinder World Day, or any other conference approved program. Ask the Club Director how you can best serve during those days.

II. Lifestyle Development (Stature)

1. Choose **one** of the following and record your progress:
 - a. Have or earn the Physical Fitness honor.
 - b. Have or earn the Sportsman Master award.
 - c. Complete the physical fitness section of the AY Silver Award or Gold Award.
 - d. In consultation with your Master Guide Mentor, choose a fitness app and complete at least a three-month program.
 - e. Complete a three-month physical fitness program recommended by your doctor.
2. Have or earn **each** of the following honors:
 - a. Basic Water Safety
 - b. Camp Safety
 - c. Basic Rescue
3. Hold a current Red Cross First Aid & CPR certificate or its equivalent.

III. Community Development (Favor with Man)

1. Plan and participate in organizing three activities that foster fellowship within the local church/district.
2. Choose **one** of the following and involve your club or youth group:
 - a. Participate in a community service project in conjunction with a local government agency, non-profit, or other organization.
 - b. Work in an outreach initiative with your local coordinator of Adventist Community Services (or an equivalent ministry) for a minimum of three months.

Investiture Requirements

1. Complete all Master Guide requirements within 1- 3 years. This time limit does not apply to honors previously earned, to candidates who require specific accommodations.
2. All Master guide candidates must document all work in a portfolio and submit for review by your Conference/Mission.

Notes

1. *Conference/Mission*: refers to the Youth Director or their designated representative.
2. *Mentor*: Any Master Guide or leader authorized by your Conference/Mission to guide you through the completion of Master Guide requirements; should be accessible for assistance and questions.
3. *Portfolio*: collection of physical or digital evidence showing the completion of all requirements, documented in the order of the card.
4. *Workshop*: meeting to receive training and discuss a particular topic; should be 75-90 minutes in length. Instructors must be Conference/Mission approved.
5. *Physical/Medical Accommodation*: a mentor may adjust requirements with the approval of the Conference/Mission.