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"Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.'"

DANIEL 3:28

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A LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Dear Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Master Guides,

As we gather for this timely experience, our country is experiencing some of its most difficult and darkest days, but may you be reminded that you are never alone. God is our refuge, our strength, and our protector.

May this camporee be more than just an event. Let it be an opportunity to strengthen your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, encourage one another, and experience the power of a community united in purpose. Through every activity, worship service, challenge, and moment of fellowship, may you discover what it means to live boldly under His care and trust Him daily.

We thank our Youth Director, Dr. Jamal Franklyn, area coordinators, club directors, and his team for planning this marvelous event.

On behalf of my fellow administrators, Pr. Joel Johnson, AWC Vice President, and Keisha Stubbs-Bone, AWC Chief Financial Officer, we welcome you to PROTECTED Camporee 2026!

The Best Is Yet to Come!

Marvin C. Brown



A LETTER FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello AWC Youth,

Welcome to the Protected Camporee Experience!
Whether you are from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, representing many nations, cultures, and languages, welcome to the Protected Family of God!

May you worship, learn, share, explore, meet new friends, develop new skills, and experience unforgettable adventures. But my greatest prayer is that every Adventurer and Pathfinder will leave knowing one life-changing truth: God is with you, God has a purpose for you, and you are Protected in His hands.

Thank you to our talented and gifted club directors, counselors, staff, pastors, parents, volunteers, coordinators, and leaders! Thank you for serving our boys and girls and making them feel Protected! Thank you to the Camp Chautauqua staff and family for hosting this incredible event. May God bless each of you with overflowing favor for your sacrifice, preparation, prayers, and investment in this generation to make experiences like this possible.

Get ready for a celebration of God's Presence, Power and Promise! And never forget that while we prepare for Heaven, we are under God's Protection every hour!
You are PROTECTED!

Dr. Jamal Franklyn



A LETTER FROM THE
COLUMBIA UNION

Greetings to the great Allegheny West Conference Master Guides, Pathfinders, Adventurers and leaders! On behalf of the Columbia Union leadership, we want to extend a special greeting to all as we anticipate the great things that God will do this weekend. Our special theme for this weekend is, Protected. I want to personally thank you for choosing this theme. We need to be Protected by His Presence, Power and Promise.

There is no doubt in my mind that everyone will receive a special blessing as we participate in all the activities planned for this weekend. Stay focused, linger in His Presence, experience His Power and receive the Promise.

Blessings,



Jose L. Vazquez
VP FOR MINISTRIES DEVELOPMENT | MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR
COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE



A LETTER FROM THE
GENERAL COORDINATOR

Greetings to you all: Adventurers, Pathfinders, parents, and club leaders. Welcome to the Allegheny West Conference Adventurer and Pathfinder Camporee 2026. It is a pleasure to see the AWC youth family gathered for a dynamic and unique camping experience under the theme "Protected."

Our various clubs generally meet at their local churches to learn, have fun, build bonds, and share the experiences that define their very identity. However, the Conference Youth Director Doctor Jamal Franklyn—in consultation with the coordinators' council—has planned an opportunity for you to read God's second book together: the nature. This gathering will allow us to commune with God as well as with our brothers and sisters—Adventurers and Pathfinders—from across the Conference.

The cultural diversity within our conference is wonderful and inspiring. Through my work with various churches, I see firsthand that our differences enrich our experience and can strengthen us all; I humbly view our diversity as an exceptional opportunity for discovery, as a different approach can offer something unique and beneficial to everyone. I hope you will seize every opportunity to learn from one another. Let us remain open-minded so that we may appreciate the beauty of our diversity.

May the times of praise and worship during this gathering lift your soul as never before. May the sharing of God's Word profoundly transform your life. May this event strengthen our social bonds, helping to hasten the return of our Savior. May we all be protected by the Almighty God, so that we can better serve Him and our communities.

Be proud! Be bold! Be protected!

Elder Nixon François,



FEATURED

SPEAKERS



PR. MELANIE CRUZ
ADVENTURER SPEAKER

Pastor Melanie Cruz has dedicated 30 years to youth ministry, serving in leadership roles with Camelback SDA Church, Texico Conference, and the NAD. Currently, she directs Adventist Community Services and Camp Ministries for Arizona Conference. A devoted wife and mother, she enjoys quality time with family, reading, Indian food, and sharing God’s love.



PR. PACE FORDHAM
PATHFINDER SPEAKER

Furman F. Fordham III, aka Pace, is a pastor, preacher, writer, and worship leader who loves serving people and sharing Jesus. A graduate of Pine Forge Academy and Oakwood University, he pastors two Ohio churches and serves as Young Adult Coordinator for the Allegheny West Conference. He is happily married to his best friend, Taelyn.



PR. JOSÉ & SONIA VÁZQUEZ
INVESTITURE SPEAKER

Pastor José Vázquez serves as Vice President for Ministries Development for the Columbia Union, overseeing community services, youth and young adult ministries, outreach, training, and disaster response. A graduate of Oakwood and Andrews University, he previously pastored in California and Indiana. He and his lovely wife, Sonia, joyfully serve God’s people.

SPECIAL GUESTS

THE OU P.R.I.D.E. PERCUSSION



Precision, Rhythm, Integrity, Discipline & Excellence.
Bringing the beat to the Camporee parade and programs.
Find them on social media @theprideou



OUR IDEALS & OBJECTIVES

ADVENTURERS

PLEDGE

Because Jesus loves me,
I can always do my best.



LAW

Be obedient
Be pure
Be true
Be kind
Be respectful
Be attentive
Be helpful
Be cheerful
Be thoughtful
Be reverent

OBJECTIVES

- 01** Help youth discover the ways that God protects them in their daily lives.
- 02** Connect youth with God through nature, outdoor skills and recreational fellowship.
- 03** Provide youth with a mental health wellness awareness community to serve others.

PATHFINDERS

PLEDGE

By the grace of God, I will be pure and kind and true. I will keep the Pathfinder Law. I will be a servant of God and a friend to man.



LAW

Keep the morning watch.
Do my honest part.
Care for my body.
Keep a level eye.
Be courteous and obedient.
Walk softly in the sanctuary.
Keep a song in my heart.
Go on God's errands.

SONGS

CAMPOREE THEME SONG

CHORUS

This is how I fight my battles,
This is how I fight my battles,
This is how I fight my battles,
This is how I fight my battles.

BRIDGE

It may look like I'm surrounded,
But I'm surrounded by You,
It may look like I'm surrounded,
But I'm surrounded by You.

ADVENTURER SONG

We are Adventurers,
At home, at school, at play.
We are Adventurers,
We're learning every day
To be honest, kind, and true,
To be like Jesus through and through!
We are Adventurers!

PATHFINDER SONG

Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong,
The servants of God are we.
Faithful as we march along,
In kindness, truth, and purity
A Message to tell to the world,
A truth that will set us free!
King Jesus the Savior's coming back
For you, and me!



FRIDAY

- 12:00 PM

Camp Set-Up

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 4:00 PM

Registration & Check-In

📍 Field Office
- 6:00 PM

Dinner

📍 Cafeteria
- 7:00 PM

Opening Ceremony—Club & Culture Parade | Theme Song | Devotional

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | PATHFINDERS—Auditorium
- 9:00 PM

Directors’ Meeting

📍 Field Office
- 11:00 PM

Lights Out

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins



SATURDAY

- 6:00 AM

Personal Devotion

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 6:30 AM

Flag Raising

📍 Flag Area
- 7:00 AM

Area Devotional Prayer Walk

📍 Fire Pit | Main Pavilion | Prayer Garden | Obstacle Course | Basketball Courts | Grandview Grill
- 7:30 AM

Breakfast

📍 Cafeteria
- 8:30 AM

Inspection | Class A Uniforms

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 9:00 AM

Talent Festival

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | PATHFINDERS—Auditorium
- 10:30 AM

Worship Service | Induction, Investiture & Baptisms

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | PATHFINDERS—Auditorium
- 12:00 PM

Lunch

📍 Cafeteria
- 1:30 PM

Adventurer Awards & Pathfinder Honors

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | Rec Field | The Porch | Basketball Courts | PATHFINDERS—Auditorium | Main Pavilion | Low Elements Course | Grandview Grill
- 6:00 PM

Dinner

📍 Cafeteria
- 6:30 PM

Flag Lowering

📍 Flag Area

7:00 PM

Evening Vespers & Baptisms

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | PATHFINDERS—Auditorium

8:00 PM

Socials & Bonfire

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center | Rec Field | The Porch | Basketball Courts | Fire Pits

PATHFINDERS—Auditorium | Main Pavilion | Low Elements Course | Grandview Grill | Fire Pits

10:00 PM

Directors’ Meeting

📍 Field Office

11:00 PM

Lights Out

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins

SUNDAY

- 6:00 AM

Personal Devotion

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 6:30 AM

Flag Raising

📍 Flag Area
- 7:00 AM

Area Devotional Prayer Walk

📍 Fire Pit | Main Pavilion | Prayer Garden | Obstacle Course | Basketball Courts | Grandview Grill
- 7:30 AM

Breakfast

📍 Cafeteria
- 8:30 AM

Inspection

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 9:00 AM

Drill | Drum Corp | Tent Pitching | Knot Competition

📍 Auditorium | Gym
- 10:30 AM

Sports | Obstacle Courses | Misc. Activities

📍 Outdoors | Rec Field | Large Activity Field
- 12:00 PM

Lunch

📍 Cafeteria
- 2:00 PM

Sports | Water Sports | Pool | Zipline | Giant Swing | Obstacle Course

📍 Outdoors | Rec Field | Large Activity Field
- 6:00 PM

Dinner

📍 Cafeteria
- 6:30 PM

Flag Lowering

📍 Flag Area
- 7:00 PM

Evening Vespers & Baptisms

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center
PATHFINDERS—Auditorium
- 9:00 PM

Socials & Bonfire

📍 ADVENTURERS—Conference Center
Rec Field | The Porch
Basketball Courts | Fire Pits

PATHFINDERS—Auditorium |
Main Pavilion | Low Elements Course
Grandview Grill | Fire Pits
- 10:00 PM

Directors’ Meeting

📍 Field Office
- 11:00 PM

Lights Out

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins

MONDAY

- 6:00 AM

Personal Devotion

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 7:00 AM

Area Devotional Prayer Walk

📍 Fire Pit | Main Pavilion | Prayer Garden | Obstacle Course | Basketball Courts | Grandview Grill
- 7:30 AM

Breakfast

📍 Cafeteria
- 8:30 AM

Club Olympics

📍 Outdoors | Rec Field | Large Activity Field
- 11:00 AM

Closing Ceremony

📍 Adventurers - Conference Center | Pathfinders - Auditorium
- 11:30 AM

Club Inspection

📍 Campgrounds & Cabins
- 12:00 PM

Lunch & Departure

📍 Cafeteria



SAFETY RULES

EVENT PARTICIPATION

Campers should not be wandering outside when scheduled events are going on. Campers are encouraged to participate in all events provided.

TWO-ADULT RULE

No adult leader, volunteer, pastor, instructor, or staff member should be alone in a private or isolated setting with an unrelated minor. At least two approved adults should be present when supervising minors.

SLEEPING AREAS

Male and female minors must sleep in their designated areas. Boys may not enter girls' sleeping areas, cabins, tents, changing areas, or bathrooms, and girls may not enter boys' corresponding areas.

ADVENTURER STAFF

Are prohibited from sharing a tent or cabin with children who are not their own. No exceptions. Adventurers are not permitted to sleep in tents or cabins unsupervised. Neither are they permitted to share a tent or cabin with another child unless they are siblings and a parent, legal guardian, or designated family member is present. No exceptions.

ADULT SUPERVISION

Adventurers and Pathfinders should remain under appropriate club supervision throughout the Camporee. Children should not wander around the campground alone, especially after dark. Groups moving between activities should use a buddy/group system.

UNAPPROVED MEETINGS

Counseling, prayer, mentoring, discipline, or private conversations between an adult and a minor should occur in an observable/open setting. Doors should remain open in accordance to the open-door policy. All counseling should be done by a licensed approved professional.

PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

No inappropriate touching, prolonged embracing, massages, lap-sitting, sexualized behavior, horseplay involving private areas, or physical punishment is permitted. Children and youth have the right to communicate that they are uncomfortable with physical contact.

BATHROOMS & SHOWERS

Boys and girls must use their respective designated facilities. Adults should respect minors' privacy while maintaining appropriate safety supervision. Photography or video recording is strictly prohibited inside bathrooms, showers, changing rooms, or sleeping areas while participants are dressing.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Sexual contact, sexual touching, exposing private body parts, sexual harassment, sexually explicit conversations/material, or sexual activity involving Camporee participants is prohibited. Any suspected sexual abuse or exploitation must be immediately reported to the security team.

BULLYING

Name-calling, threats, fighting, discriminatory harassment, cyberbullying, humiliating initiation activities, unwanted sexual comments, coercion, racial discrimination, intimidation, and hazing are prohibited. Leaders should intervene immediately rather than dismissing such behavior as joking or "kids being kids."

BUDDY SYSTEM

Adventurers should remain with their club/group and chaperones. Pathfinders traveling around the campground should remain in groups or with their assigned buddy and follow their Club Director's check-in procedures. No minor should leave the Camporee property without parental authorization and supervision.

NIGHTTIME SAFETY

After evening activities, minors should return directly to their assigned club/cabin/camping area. Once lights-out is announced, participants must remain in their assigned sleeping areas except for bathroom use, emergencies, or when accompanied/authorized by their leaders.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

No adult should privately transport an unrelated minor away from Camporee without appropriate authorization except when necessary for an emergency. Seat belts and vehicle capacity requirements must always be followed.

CELLPHONES

Participants may not photograph, record, post, or share another participant in an embarrassing, partially dressed, private, bullying, or sexually suggestive situation.

BACKGROUND VERIFICATION

The local church and club directors are responsible for ensuring that adults entrusted with supervising minors have completed the child-protection/background-screening requirements applicable to their ministry role. NAD guidance calls for volunteers supervising children to receive child-safety training and appropriate screening through Sterling Volunteers.

REPORTING ABUSE

Any participant who experiences or witnesses suspected abuse, inappropriate touching, sexual misconduct, bullying, violence, threats, or another serious safety concern should immediately inform the authorities. We have a duty to report suspected child abuse according to law.

MISSING CHILD

A missing Adventurer or Pathfinder must be reported immediately to the Club Director and Camporee Security. Leaders should not delay reporting while conducting an extended private search.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Injuries, allergic reactions, illnesses, or mental-health emergencies should be reported promptly to the Medical Services Nurse on Duty.

PATHFINDER HONORS SCHEDULE

Honors	Time:	1:30pm to 2:30pm		
Classes	Capacity	Honor	Venue	Presenter
Friend =	50	Digital Photography	Pavillion	Cherlo
Companion =	30	Praise & Worship	Mezzanine	Pace
Explorer =	32	Drumming & Percussion	Poolhouse Deck	Joshua
Rangers =	21	Drones	Gym Basketball	Darwyn
Voyager =	31	Media Broadcast Ministry	Gym Auditorium	Luso
Guide =	52	Adolescent Mental Health		Chardé
Honors	Time:	2:30pm to 3:30pm		
Classes	Capacity	Honor	Venue	Presenter
Friend =	50	Social Media	Gym Auditorium	Luso
Companion =	30	Drumming & Percussion	Main Pavilion	Joshua
Explorer =	32	Praise & Worship	Mezzanine	Pace
Rangers =	21	Digital Photography	Gazebo	Cherlo
Voyager =	31	Drones	Gym Basketball	Darwyn
Guide =	52	Adolescent Mental Health	Grill	Chardé
Honors	Time:	3:30pm to 4:30pm		
Classes	Capacity	Honor	Venue	Presenter
Friend =	50	Drumming & Percussion	Main Pavilion	Joshua
Companion =	30	Videography	Gym Basketball	Luso
Explorer =	32	Media Broadcast Ministry	Gym Auditorium	Luso
Rangers =	21	Small Group Bible Study	Mezzanine	Pace
Voyager =	31	Social Media Honor	Pavillion	Cherlo
Guide =	52	Adolescent Mental Health	Grill	Charde
Honors	Time:	4:30pm to 5:30pm		
Classes	Capacity	Honor	Venue	Presenter
Friend =	50	Videography	Gym Auditorium	Luso
Companion =	30	Social Media	Pavillion	Cherlo
Explorer =	32	Photography	Pavillion	Cherlo
Rangers =	21	Media Broadcast Ministry	Gym Auditorium	Luso
Voyager =	31	Small Group Bible Study	Mezzanine	Pace
Guide =	52	Adolescent Mental Health	Grill	Chardé



Luso Tech



Darwyn Allen



Chardé Hollins



Pr. Cherlo Cherestal



Pr. Pace Fordham



