

# Parent Hand Book

# *Croydon Adventurer Club* January 2009

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**Welcome** to the *Croydon Adventurer and Eager Beaver Club*. This club aims to strengthen the parent-child relationship and further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental and social areas.

**Parents, please read this handbook carefully today.** Your participation is vital as we work together to provide fun & learning experiences for your child. Make a commitment to attend all network meetings, activities and outings with your child-member, and help your child complete any home assignments.

**Club members,** you've joined a group of Adventurers new friends who want to serve Jesus and our community in fun ways together. Make a commitment to be ready to live by the Adventurer pledge and law, arrive on time, in the proper uniform, with home assignments completed at all club meetings this year.

We always welcome help and suggestions. We plan to include every child and his/her parents in making this program a success this year. So get on board, get ready to **Adventure** - this is a **CLUB** for children who **matters** and parents who **care**.

Yours In Christ,

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## ABOUT THE CLUB

### Objectives

*Our Adventurer Club will provide fun and creative ways for your children:*

To develop a Christ-like character.

To discover their God-given abilities and to know how to use them to benefit self and serve others.

To express their love for Jesus in a natural way and creative way.

To experience the joy and satisfaction of doing things well.

To learn good sportsmanship and strengthen their ability to get along with others

To learn people skills

To improve their understanding, of what makes families strong.

### Club Activities

Our Adventurer Club will be full of creativity and imagination! Your children will learn about the Bible, health and fitness, nature, and people skills through:

- Club Meetings
- Nature Activities
- Crafts
- Stories
- Field Trips
- Games
- Camping
- Area Activities
- Conference Events

The Croydon Adventurer Club is one of many active Adventurer clubs in the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Our Club is a fun, Christ-centered program open to all families in the community and church,

Membership at Croydon or any church of any denomination is not required.

Adventurers, is an Adventist youth program for Levels one through to four. The Croydon Adventurer Club includes the Little Lambs and Eager Beaver program for kindergarten (3 to 5 year old plus) children.

The Club name, *Croydon Adventurers* unless otherwise clearly stated, is used to refer to all three programs in this manual.

### **Adventurer Pledge**

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

### **Adventurer Laws**

Jesus can help me:

Be Obedient	Be Attentive
Be Pure	Be Helpful
Be True	Be Cheerful
Be Kind	Be Thoughtful
Be Respectful	Be Reverent

### **Adventurer Song**

Adventurers for Jesus, This our earnest prayer.  
Adventurers for Jesus Home at school, at play and everywhere.  
We'll tell the world of life in Jesus, He is all our song.  
There is all you need in Jesus, won't you come along.

### **Bible Pledge**

I pledge to the Bible, God's holy Word.  
I will make it a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,  
And will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To join The Croydon Adventurer Club, a child must be:

- In Year 1-4 for Adventurers (6-10 years old)
- A Little Lamb (3-4 years old)
- Eager Beavers (4-5 plus years old)
- Busy Bees (6-7 plus years old)
- Sunbeams (7-8 plus years old)
- Builders (8-9 plus years old)
- Helping Hand (9-10 plus years old)

### **Club Time**

Adventurer Club will be twice a month, on Sunday for 2½ hours. However, the Director reserves the right to cancel should a need arise.

### **Enrollment Require the following:**

A completed Adventurer Registration Application/Health Record Form

1. A membership annual fee: £50 pa. for one child (or weekly basis of £1.00); £35 per child for two or more per family.

*Please note this fee covers the costs of supplies, registration, insurance and facility used. The absence of fees and dues results in loss of these benefits. It is imperative that fees are paid at each session; failure to do so will incur a review of membership.*

2. Optional activities may involve additional costs. We would like every child to be able to join. Payment plan and sponsorships may be available - contact the Director or Assistant.
3. Purchase of uniform: cost varies from £7.50.
4. A CRB form: is required by South England conference for every parent, guardian and club Teacher who will be working with the children.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Club members:**

1. Will be on time to all Club meetings and events, signed-in and in position by the posted start time.
2. Will be in the proper, complete uniform for each meeting or event.
3. Are expected to follow club procedures, obey staff instructions promptly and maintain good conduct at all times (defined as keeping the Adventurer pledge and law).
4. Are expected to stay together with their class, parent/guardian and instructor/group leader at all times - permission must be requested to leave for a drink of water, toilet use or any other reason.
5. Whose conduct shows defiance or disregard for the Adventurer pledge and law, or who present a continual or special problem, may be asked to leave on the recommendation of the staff, in counsel with parents. A club member who is asked to withdraw may re-enroll at the next registration. Their acceptance will be determined by the club Director, in consultation with the club staff and the child's parents.

### **Parents of Croydon Adventurer Club members are requested to:**

1. Support staff in maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning.
2. Help their child/ren to understand and follow the code of conduct.
3. Participate in club meetings and activities - additional time and money may be required, depending on activities.
4. Attend official club events and network meetings.

## **Family Network Meetings**

Family Network Meeting are planned for the purpose of sharing inspiration, support, and information, and addressing topics of particular interest to parents as they strive to raise kids who will love and live for Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This year, we will provide parents with a newsletter, including club announcements and parenting gems at each meeting. We invite parents to network with other club families.

## **Parents of the Year Pin**

A parent pin is awarded to parents who fulfill the following requirements:

1. The Adventurer owns a complete, clean, and pressed uniform and wears it when required. He/she knows the meaning of the uniform insignia
2. The Adventurer and parents attend the South England Conference Rally and Fair.
3. The Adventurer parent takes part in the outreach projects with the club during the club year.
4. The Adventurer is courteous, kind, obedient, and an example to others at home, school, church, and Adventurer meetings.
5. The Adventurer and parent or guardian, are active members for at least one Adventurer calendar year.
6. The Adventurer is invested in one class and completes at least five awards during the year.
7. The Adventurer parent demonstrates his/her support by attending the parental meetings
8. A “parent” may be defined as the adult caretaker, guardian or sponsor of the club member

## **Points**

Points are awarded at each duly called Adventurer Club meeting as outlined below:  
Attendance:

On time	2
Late	1
In uniform	1
Behaviour	1
Good conduct	1
<b>Maximum Points Possible</b>	<b>5 per meeting</b>

For an excused absence with assignments made up, the club member may receive 4 of the 5 points lost. All 5 points will be lost for an unexcused absence. Extra credit/points can be earned by attending optional meetings, making it possible for every child to earn near-perfect points. Special recognition will be given to members who have a minimum of 85% of all points possible from the time they enrolled through the end of April of the current year.

## **Extra Awards and Classwork**

Additional awards (chips for Eager Beavers, stars for Little Lambs) and class pins may be earned if done with the family/guardian outside of club meetings, and at a member's own expense. Awards (35p each for NAD awards and patches, £1.25 for Florida awards, patches & stars) and pins (£1 each) can be ordered six monthly, when evidence of requirement completion is presented to the Club Director, Assistant Director or Secretary to sign off.

Use the requirement sheet as a checklist, to present together with any projects, crafts or photos showing completion.

## UNIFORM



The uniform, as described on the next several pages, is to be worn by staff and club members unless otherwise announced. Field uniform (**T-shirts 7.50**) should be visible when worn. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to purchase and wear field t-shirts.

Each club and staff member is expected to wear modest attire, consistent with the Christian principles held by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The hair should be neatly groomed. We ask that jewelry, with the exception of wedding rings and watches, not be worn.

Uniforms (new and used) may be purchased through the club. The club will purchase used uniforms from members for up to 50% of the new price, if in excellent condition.

*From experience, we urge parents to take extra care of name tags, sashes and scarves when not being worn - they are easily lost, and costly to replace.*

### Class A, Full Dress Uniform

#### BOYS

<b>Shirt</b>	Long sleeved dress shirt (winter) Short sleeved dress shirt (summer- optional)
<b>Trousers</b>	Navy blue
<b>Belt</b>	Black
<b>Socks</b>	Navy blue or black
<b>Shoes</b>	Black
<b>Scarf</b>	Light Blue with white Adventurers woggle
<b>Sash</b>	Navy blue for awards
<b>Beret</b>	Navy blue

#### GIRLS

<b>Blouse</b>	White long sleeved blouse (winter) White short sleeved blouse (summer -optional)
<b>Skirt</b>	Navy blue
<b>Socks/tights</b>	White or navy blue
<b>Shoes</b>	Black
<b>Scarf</b>	Light blue with white Adventurers woggle
<b>Sash</b>	Navy blue for awards
<b>Beret</b>	Navy blue

## **Staff**

Men wear navy trousers, white short-sleeved shirt, black tie and sash. Women wear a navy skirt and a white blouse with dark shoes and sash. Master Guides wear Master Guide scarf and woggle. All other Adventurer staff wear the light blue Adventurer scarf and woggle.

## **Class B, Dress Uniform**

Same as full dress, without sash, scarf and beret.

## **Class C, Field Uniform**

Club t-shirt, modest jeans/skirt and comfortable shoes.

## **Eager Beavers Uniform**

Class A, B and C uniform is the same as Adventurers (listed above), except with Class A, replace light blue scarf with green scarf with beaver logo, also Adventurer woggle.

## **Little Lambs Class A Uniform**

Class A, B & C uniform is the same as Adventurers listed above).

Class A, replace plain light blue scarf, with light blue scarf and the little lambs logo also Adventurer woggle.

## INSIGNIA PLACEMENT



**Right Sleeve**

**Left Sleeve**

### LEFT SLEEVE

The Adventurer World emblem is to be worn on left sleeve 1½" below the shoulder seam.

### RIGHT SLEEVE

The Adventurer Club Name Crescent is to be worn ½" below the shoulder seam. The Adventurer Club Emblem is to be worn 2 ½" down from the shoulder seam. (Replaced with Eager Beaver Emblem for Eager Beavers. Staff strips added as shown, with ½" above and below it.)

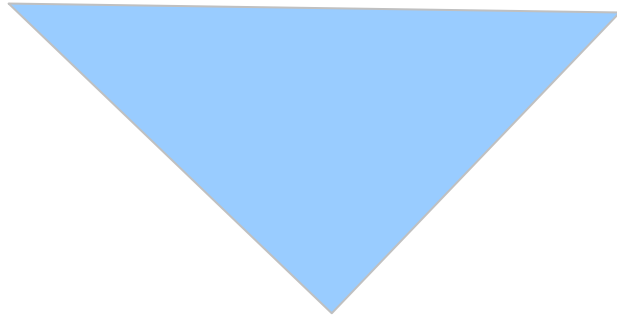
*Which left? Which right?: The left sleeve will be the one you put your left arm in - the one most people wear a watch on. The right sleeve is for your right arm.*

### SASH

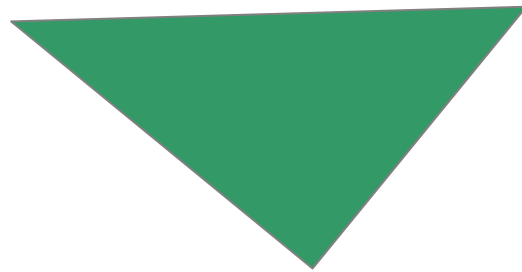
The sash is worn on the right shoulder across the chest with the point on the left hip. The sash is for Adventurer awards and class pins only. Pathfinder honors are never placed on the Adventurer sash.

**DRESS UNIFORM**





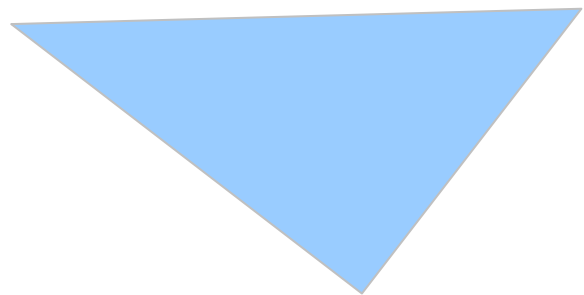
**Adventurers Scarf – Light Blue**



**Beavers scarf**



**Little Lambs Scarf – Light Blue**  
**Staff Uniform**





## Ladies

- Navy Blue Skirts
- White Blouse

## Men

- Navy Blue Trousers
- White Shirt
- Navy Blue Tie
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## Uniform Insignias

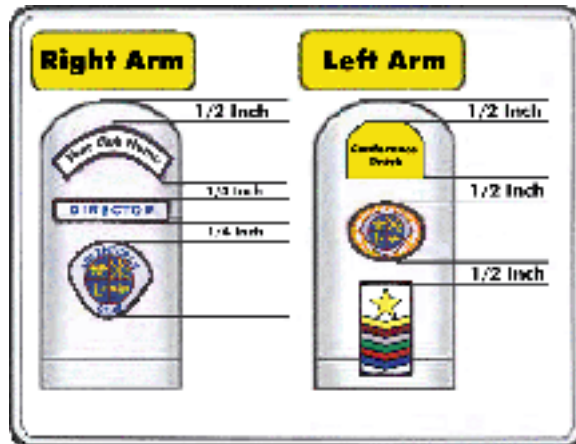


**Adventurer Patch: Right sleeve**

**Adventurer World: Left sleeve**

**Arch: Right sleeve (Above the Adventurer patch)**

**Conference Patch: Left Sleeve (On top of the Adventurer World)**



## **Club Schedule**

This year each meeting will be on Sunday with some Sabbath sessions. Parents will be notified of these sessions.

Fun awards will be taught at each Sunday meeting. Additional community service outings and events will be added at least once every two months, See club calendar.

Minor changes to this schedule may be needed, and will be announced at meetings, and through emails. Please wear club t-shirts and trousers unless dress uniform is listed.

## **Address Corrections**

Every member and their family is very important to us! Help us stay in touch by updating your email or mailing address if they change during the year. Changes should be given to the club secretary at registration.

## **Transferring Membership**

An Adventurer or Eager Beaver who is in good standing at another Club may transfer to this Club within the first half of the year, if they comply with the membership requirements. They must be prepared to demonstrate completion of class work requirements which our club has completed, before they join during the year they transfer in.