

SEC PATHFINDERS AND ADVENTURERS

E-CAMPOREE ON-LINE SAFETY POLICY

We are excited about hosting the first Camp-At-Home E- Camporee in South England Conference. As with physical Camporees, virtual camporees carry risks, however varied. Our camporee will be relying on a constant online platform, therefore online time and activity are where the majority of risks are identified.

Below are two ways we plan to keep our children safe while allowing our Pathfinders and Adventurers to have a rewarding experience.

1. What We Will Do
2. What You Should Do

1. **What We Will Do.**

For SEC Pathfinder and Adventurer Department safety is key and it is our primary goal to offer valuable and uplifting programs while at the same time make sure it is safe for our children.

a. Online Zoom Conferencing:

We agree to adhere to the following Zoom/Online Conferencing Safety guidelines from the British Union Conference <https://adventist.uk/news/article/go/2020-05-13/online-zoom-security-precautions/> , while offering programs via Video Conferencing, i.e. Zoom.

b. Camporee Activities:

We will forward risk assessments of every activity we will be offering in order for parents and guardians to be aware of. This will be issued just before event.

c. Livestreaming on Youtube and Facebook:

The main danger children face when viewing a live broadcast is that they could be watching something unsuitable, which could be upsetting. Children could be exposed to violence and sexual content without knowing, particularly if the broadcaster lies about what they are broadcasting in the description. Camporee broadcast content are vetted and approved by Pathfinder Area Coordinators and the SEC Pathfinder Director's office and livestream safety protocols on Youtube and Facebook will be strictly adhered to. This includes monitoring Facebook and Youtube chats while the program is in progress.

2. **What You Should Do:**

a. Online Zoom Conferencing:

Some of the Pathfinders and Adventurers may take part in the program, which require them to connect to the Online Conferencing/ Zoom link. In this case please ensure the following protocols are followed from the venue children are connecting from:

- Please ensure that a responsible adult is in constant supervision close by to ensure children uses the internet safely while on a Zoom video conference.

- Please ensure that you find out how to operate (turn on/off) your camera, mic and speakers. Do not assume all video conferencing services are the same.
- Please ensure children and other members in the same room are dressed appropriately on video enabled conference.
- Please ensure an appropriate background for your Zoom room is chosen and your surroundings does not display anything you do not want others to see. Please make the necessary checks before the conference begins.
- Please ensure that no sounds (music, conversations or family members) that you do not want broadcast are in the range of the microphone.

b. Livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook

The following guidelines are advised when joining programs that are streamed live on media channels like: Facebook, Zoom and YouTube.

- **Privacy settings:** If your child is going to or joining a livestream, check their social network privacy settings are active and they are only streaming to friends. In Facebook, find this in **Settings > Privacy > Who can see my stuff.**
- **Get involved:** If a Pathfinder or Adventurer is joining the livestream, make sure a responsible adult is constantly present with them throughout the program – particularly if they are younger.
- **Blocking:** Social networks allow you to block other users from seeing your profile, commenting on posts and starting a conversation. Show your child how to do this, in the event someone makes inappropriate or cruel comments to them.
- **Reporting:** If your child sees something on a livestream that upsets them, encourage them to report it, or at least let you know so you can do so. On Facebook, you can do this by clicking the drop-down arrow on the post and selecting **Report**. In terms of the E-Camporee please report anything unsuitable on our dedicated chat space or via the Area Coordinator.
- **Parental Controls:** Make sure you have parental controls activated. Your Internet Service Provider should be available to all Broadband customers and include filters that let you block content such as Social Networking. While children are watching the broadcast on the social media channel, parents can also block other individual websites, so if a child tries to connect via home wi-fi they won't be able too.
- **Talk to your child:** We've talked a bit about online reputation, and it's really important to encourage your child to think about what they are broadcasting. Explain if they broadcast something live on the internet, or chat in a chat room anyone can see it, so they need to be careful about what they say and do. Talk to them about online "stranger danger" so they are aware of potential threats, and warn them about giving out personal information.

Ultimately safety remains the responsibility of the user, even though SEC Pathfinders will take utmost measures to make sure Pathfinders and Adventurers are safe while being online during the E-Camporee.