

August 29, 2023



Re: Master Guides Program/Welcome letter

Dear Brothers/Sisters, Directors of the Master Guide Ministry.

Welcome to our Master Guides Ministry at our Gulf Conference. We are glad that you have taken the initiative to start the Master Guide program in your local church. We wish to reiterate that the Master Guide Ministry is the highest level of lay leadership a member may wish to reach, a program of service to God, the Church, and the Community. A program that trains supportive leaders for local churches and to collaborate with the children of the Pathfinders and Adventurers Clubs and the church at large.

Any Candidate who enrolls in the Master Guide Ministry must be a good standing baptized member of the local church, register as regular activities assistant or counselor of the Pathfinder Club and / or Adventurers. They **must** at the beginning of the year course take the basic ten-hour seminar **and** verification with **Sterling Volunteers** at the following link: <https://ncsrisk.org/adventist/>. (*No one can work with the kids at any levels without this test*).

If you have a Question, please, contact our offices or your Area Coordinator, to see how we can help you.

On the Conference website, Youth Ministries, you will find the following material:

1. Club Director's Manual (please read carefully)
2. Master Guide Requirements (PowerPoint)
3. Master Guide Registration Card (Each Applicant or candidate must have their own card)
4. Encounter #1: This is the Devotional Guide for the entire year. Each Master Guide will be asked to fulfill his one-year devotional and must present in his folder a summary of what he read and learned from Christ the Way.
5. Information and application for the Basic Training Course offered in the month of August at Camp Alamisco. To complete the certification, you must participate in this training, before investing yourself as a Master Guide.
6. 28 Summary Beliefs: During the training program, each Aspiring Master Guide must study and summarize each of the 28 Core Beliefs. You can find the book in Google Play, App Store, ABC of the Conference or in the following link: <http://guiasmayores.weebly.com/28-creencias-fundamentales.html> You will also find the presentations for each of the doctrines.

7. Registration forms with personal references indicated. Each of those who will be part of the Club of Master Guides must fill out *each* of the registration forms. They must send to the Youth Department of the Conference no later than the first week of the last day of October or the First. (The 10 Hours of Training will be given twice a year, in August and in your local areas with the Area Coordinators, if you did not take them, let your Area Coordinator know.
8. Monthly report record, which **must** be sent within 10 days of the beginning of the next month, or on the date indicated in the document, to accumulate your points that will be credited for the recognitions at the end of the year. (2019 and 2020 will be held at Camporee 2022). If reports are sent after your will miss the 5 points for the on-time report, which can help you in determining the club of the year!
9. Registration of CPR Classes is a must before you apply to become an invested Master Guide, the applicant must take CPR courses with AED, First Aid, and comply with church standards. (See Red logo, classes are being arranged to be given twice a year, and with a minimum of 10 people to receive the group discount).
10. You will find the territorial map that will identify the Area Coordinator closest to your district. (We encourage you to contact him/her with your Activities Calendar to be approved, especially the inspections and investiture dates).

Every candidate to become a Master Guide must be an active member of the local Adventist church. Can non-Adventist youth participate in the program? Talk to your church pastor about your candidate, who should already be a candidate for baptism. Only the pastor of your church and your board could recommend such an amendment to the rules stipulated in the Master Guides manuals at local levels, with the intent that the candidate must be a Baptized members of the SDA church prior teaching classes at any level and or getting invested. Again, to be invested as a Master Guide, the candidate **must** be a baptized member of the Seventh day Adventist church. If for some reason a Master Guide that left his duties, leaving the church and desires to come back to Christ and unite to the church, he/she must start the program again after being baptized again into the church congregation as proposed in the church manuals and local church board accordingly.

Due to International Camporee in Wyoming, in 2024, we will have Area Activities and outings planned by your Area Coordinators for the same dates as scheduled in our Camporee Dates. Please talk to your Area Coordinator to participate.

We are happy and excited to know that you want to serve God.

Welcome again and God bless you, Use Me Lord.

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