

## Pastor's Baptismal Information Sheet

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your interest in your Pathfinder's baptism! The *Believe the Promise* Camporee staff are committed to supporting you to ensure that your Pathfinder's baptism is a memorable spiritual experience. Here are some details to help you prepare for their big day.

- 1) Notice that the online Baptismal Registration Form requires *your* contact information as well as that of your church. This is so we can connect with you to share helpful information leading up to the event as well as follow-up afterward as you process your Pathfinder's church membership.
- 2) Bring a towel. It may be helpful to change into your swimsuit before you arrive at the baptismal site, however, there will also be a separate changing area just for pastors where you can change both before and after the baptism. There will also be a designated photographer/towel holder who can hold your towel for you and hand it to you as you exit the pool.
- 3) You will enter the baptismal line from the check-in area with your candidate and their designated photographer/towel holder. These are the only 3 people allowed in the check-in and baptismal area. Near the front of the line pastors will then enter the pool through the pastor's stairway. As you separate from your candidate, they will first cross a platform where they will share their name and where they are from with the audience. Then your candidate will enter the pool from the candidate stairway and meet you in the pool.
- 4) Once your candidate has joined you in the pool, give some thought as to how you are positioned in the pool as it relates to their family and friends that may be gathered. Please keep your words with the candidate brief as you perform their baptism, and don't forget to smile. 😊
- 5) Once you exit the pool, follow the walkway to the gift bag area. Here your pathfinder will collect a *blank* baptismal certificate. Nearby there will be a table and pens for the two of you to fill out the certificate. After filling out your certificate continue down the boardwalk to the photo opt station where you can have your picture taken with your pathfinder.
- 6) Please help us with crowd control by setting your club's expectations about where they will be during your Pathfinder's baptism. To have hundreds of people attempting to crowd the sides of the baptismal pool during a baptism is not feasible and threatens the safety and sacredness of the baptismal experience for all candidates.

Also, be sure to check out the FAQ section of the Baptism webpage for information on the baptismal schedule and to learn about the viewing area where your club can view and support the baptism.

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