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The 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyo., was a vibrant event, drawing approximately 33,000 Pathfinders, young and old, with a passion for learning, to the North American Division Office of Education's Creation Station, located in Energy Hall at CAM-PLEX. The station was a hub of activity, offering patches, prizes, and scholarships that added to the fun. [MORE](#)



At the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee, seemingly countless organizations and ministries were represented in the exhibit halls, where attendees trekked from booth to booth to rediscover the broad reach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission. One of these organizations — rather, a tandem of organizations — was AdventHealth (a primary camporee sponsor) and NASCAR. [MORE](#)



Although the challenge of a serious storm impacted the International Pathfinder Camporee, many of the activities continued or adjusted to continue successfully. One of those activities was the drill and drum competition that started on Tuesday, August 6, at noon and ran until Friday, August 9, in the afternoon. [MORE](#)



On Wednesday, August 7, 255 Pathfinders, leaders, and representatives from around the world came together to achieve one goal: becoming the largest group to ever



Helping others was a non-negotiable dimension of the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee, and Adventist Community Services (ACS) buttressed many of the philanthropic projects already in motion in Gillette, Wyoming. Two particular ACS projects were somewhat attached at the hip, though they might not have seemed related: hygiene kits and grow boxes. [MORE](#)



To highlight stories from the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee in an efficient way, the Southern

simultaneously fill backpacks with school supplies in under five minutes. It was as fun as it sounds, though a greater purpose undergirds this unconventional activity.

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Tidings hosted two live-stream shows on YouTube from Tuesday through Friday (Aug. 6-9) called the “Gillette Breakfast Club.” [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

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[Camporee Back in Full Swing After Summer Storm Displaces Hundreds of Pathfinders \(Wyo.\)](#)

[An Unexpected Journey: Pathfinders Reflect on Interesting Week in Gillette \(Wyo.\)](#)

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[Adventist Health Tillamook Receives Top Marks in Low Institute Hospital Index \(Calif.\)](#)

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A new school year is just around the corner.

While you're busy getting school supplies, new school clothes and a sturdy new backpack for your students, don't forget kids grow better with radio.

Research shows that excessive TV viewing causes kids to have trouble paying attention and thinking clearly. But radio can fuel their imagination. LifeTalkKids.net has dozens of excellent programs to expand the minds of children. Encourage your children to listen and learn. LifeTalk Kids is available 24/7 online and on our LifeTalk App (free at lifetalk.net/connect). Discover adventure tales, Bible stories, science, history, nature and more.

The North American Division Prison Office is



hosting a free letter writing ministry seminar on Aug. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. ET. This seminar will equip you with the skills to effectively communicate God's grace to those behind prison walls. You'll learn what to write, how to write it, and what not to include in your communication with this audience. Register now! Here's the registration link:

<https://register.adventsourceevents.org/HowtoShareJesusThroughLetterWritingMinistry>



Dive into the book of Mark with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Tom Shepherd, Ph.D., author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



Join us for the 2024 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention on Oct. 17-19!

This fall we are meeting at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Illinois, just outside of Chicago. Registration is still open; sponsorships are available; and we are accepting entries for all our awards until Sept. 9. [LEARN MORE](#)



Pre-order the Discovery Mountain Bible today! This Bible features all-new, high-quality art to bring to life some of your family's favorite stories and characters from the Bible. Learn more [here](#).

Catch fresh episodes of *Authentic* each week! Shawn Boonstra and our production team are thrilled to bring you a new season of *Authentic*, which began airing on March 29. Stay tuned for brand-new episodes on the history of the Bible; beauty, evil, and desire; the lure of conspiracies and horoscopes, and



more fascinating topics. New episodes of *Authentic* are released Friday evenings at 7 ET — you can watch them on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, plus at vop.com/authentic.



Jesus 101 has new and free downloadable activity worksheets and coloring pages for kids! These resources also have accompanying animated videos that will help kids discover Jesus in the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. These valuable resources are perfect for churches, schools, and families. Jesus 101 is always working to develop new biblical studies resources for kids. To download these activity sheets, coloring pages, or to view the animated videos, visit www.Jesus101.tv/4kids.



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God's Got Your Back

"If you're wondering whether or not your prayers rise up to the ceiling and bounce back down to the floor, I want you to hear the voice of your Father when He says 'I've got your back. You do not have to fight alone.' ... Whatever has you bound, the Lord says 'I've got your back.' And when God has your back you do not have to be afraid."

— *Damian Chandler, International Pathfinder Camporee main speaker, on Aug. 7, 2024, referencing 2 Chronicles 20:17; Deuteronomy 20:3-4; Romans 8:31; and Isaiah 41:10*

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