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January 20, 2023

RE: Request for Excused Absence from School

To Whom It May Concern:

Office of Youth Ministry

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_____, one of your school's students, is a member of our youth ministry and development program called Pathfinder. This organization is a co-ed program with similar goals and activities as Boys and Girls Scouts but is associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church denomination. Among the many goals of the program, the students learn leadership skills, crafts skills and about the natural world in its outdoor setting. The Pathfinder learn how to live in the outdoor world through many skill activities designed to teach them survival, cooking and natural world preservation and conservation. Many of the skills learned enhance the student's school science knowledge in areas such as Biology, Physics, Botany, Anatomy, Ornithology, and other physical world studies. They also learn how to serve and live peacefully with their fellow man.

During January 27-29, 2023, the Pathfinders of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico will be participating in their annual Pathfinder Winter Camporee consisting of hundreds of youths and adults. Many of these skills will be taught and put into practice. In-order to participate it will be necessary for the Pathfinders) some of whom are students in your school district) to be out of school on Friday January 27, 2023.

Please allow this letter to serve as a formal request that you excuse this student's absence from classes from your school.

Should you have any question please feel free to contact us at 214-943-4491 or email: Carl Ming Cming@swrgc.org, Darrell Maxwell sesom_hajile@yahoo.com, Lmassiah@swrgc.org, Lulleither Massiah.

Thank you for considering this matter,

Carl Ming, Youth Director
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