

# Dakota Pathfinder Honors Jamboree

by Jacquie Biloff

The last weekend of March was a busy weekend for pathfinders. Dakota Adventist Academy hosted the Pathfinder Honors Jamboree where 51 pathfinders, 25 staff, and many parents participated in the weekend.

Anne Wham, Pathfinder Director, organized the jamboree and Loren Nelson, Conference Youth Director, began the program with a devotional. Pastor Abel Rios of Watertown, SD, who brought the Watertown pathfinder group, admitted that he had no pathfinder background, but found the classes fascinating, even joining in and learning several new things.

Nine honors were taught during morning and afternoon sessions. Coreen Schumacher of Lehr, ND taught Animal Tracking; Jennifer Defluiter of Rapid City, SD taught Shells; Kathy Tebelius of Bowdon, ND taught Block Printing; Kent and Tiffany Thomas of Grassy Butte, ND taught Cetaceans and Marine Mammals. Using large expandable tubes, the Thomases joined enough tubes to measure the size of a great blue whale as an impressive visual for the pathfinders.



Snow Shoeing was taught by Randy and Mary Rubbert of Grand Forks, ND. The pathfinders snow-shoed one and a half miles and one pathfinder even outran a mouse. The principles of Mountain Biking were taught by Patsy Duke of



Mandan, ND, with an understanding that the required bike ride would have to be finished at a later date. Hiking was taught by Frankie and Darla McCrary of Watertown, SD. That honor will be completed in August with several required hikes. Charlie O'Hare of Pierre, SD taught the Backpacking honor which will also require completion at Flag Mountain in August with several backpacking excursions.

Photos by Charlie O'Hare

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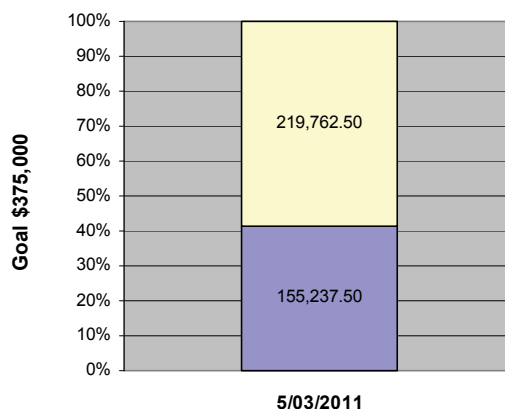
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## Basketball Tournament Reveals Character

by Rachael Boyd

Team spirit was clearly high in the players, coaches, and fans as the Dakota Knights arrived in Lincoln, Nebraska for the Mid-America Union basketball tournament. Despite being the smallest school with a boys' basketball team and about half the size of the other schools represented, the Knights, coached by Mr. Miller and his father, Wayne Miller, were confident and ready to compete against other Adventist schools. In the four games played by our Knights against the Mile High Mustangs, the Sunnysdale Spartans, the Maplewood Huskies, and the Minnetonka Royals, they went 0-4. However, despite not being able to pull off a win, there were several notable accomplishments. In the game against the Mile High Mustangs, Coach Miller and the Knights were able to hold them to 44 points, a tournament low for the Mustangs. In the game against Maplewood, the Knights played very intensely and stayed very close the whole game, including a big fourth quarter scoring run. Then, against the Minnetonka Royals, the Knights played very honorably, giving

The DAA girls' basketball team, the Lady Knights, also competed in the Mid-America Union basketball tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. The girls played hard and team spirit was high. They were not able to win any games but they represented the school well. Basketball Tournament is always an enjoyable experience, no matter what the outcome of the games. In an interview, several of the players expressed this point. They



**BR-Chris Morrison (Coach), Adrienne Bohl, Sara Weyrauch, & Dream Wongvorakul. FR-Yoon Hee Min, Katie Struckman & Katie Rogers Photo by Union College**



**BR-Mackenzie Miller (Coach), Jordan Stolz, Thomas Chapman, Connor McCain, & Wayne Miller (Coach. FR-Matthew Boyko, Andy Lee, Dylan Jang, Nathan Struckman, & Austin Rickard Photo by Union College**

their all against the top team in the tournament. At the awards ceremony, Nathan Struckman was given first team award while Jordan Stolz and Thomas Chapman were given the second team award. The Knights finished 3-7 at the end of the season, which helped the

players grow in their skill level and in their character.

stated that they enjoyed playing basketball with other schools like ours and hanging out with friends. Their impression of how the team played was basically the same for each player. They all believed that they played hard and did not get discouraged. One player said that she noticed the team spirit was very high before each game, which always made it more fun. The girls came together as a team and showed good chemistry in how they played together. Katie Rogers was awarded the first team award and Adrienne Bohl the second team award.

When playing a sport, the most important things to consider are sportsmanship, spirit and how enjoyable you are to play against. Several compliments were given to Knights players and coaches throughout the tournament about their outstanding sportsmanship, toughness, perseverance and how fun they were to play against. The Dakota Knights represented Dakota Adventist Academy very well and accomplished the main goal of a Christian basketball league: to build friendships and glorify God.

## District Day Retreat

by Jacquie Biloff with Gerry Forbes

Ladies of the Edgeley, Lehr, and Kulm District enjoyed a District Day Retreat entitled "Daughters of the King" held in Edgeley, North Dakota, March 13th. Although the speaker slated became unavailable at the last minute due to weather, the ladies had a great time and are looking forward to their next get-together.

Gerry Forbes, wife of Pastor Bob Forbes, crocheted doilies and dishcloths for the attendees and used material from a book entitled, "God Loves My Kitchen Best!" for the program. Dawn Toay got the meal ready and made gift bags, Deanne Reinke organized the music and the Schumacher ladies (Coreen, Janae and Mindy) provided special music. Forbes also introduced the ladies to Carla Gober and a set of DVDs entitled, "Journey of Joy". The ladies have decided to use the set for Bible studies.

Although Forbes and a committee of seven ladies planned for perhaps two or three events a year, they have enjoyed two socials; one in Lehr for the Bluejays Pathfinder team after their Bible Bowl win in Lincoln, NE and another at Edgeley – a District Valentines party. "With the retreat, that is three already and it's only March," says Forbes.

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