

# Researching History



All historians research and learn from history. If you have been identified as a Historian for your conference, union, or division, you are asked to do research.

1. Getting Started – begin with your interest: Adventurers, Pathfinders, Youth, or Camp ministries
  - a. First Pathfinder Club in your Conference (ex. In Southeastern California Conference the 1<sup>st</sup> Club of record is Anaheim/Fullerton Pathfinder from 1928-1941)
  - b. First Club Director and staff names (ex. Club Director: John McKim; Deputy Director: Willa Steen, Staff: Bertha McKim, Claude Steen)
  - c. Place of Meeting (ex. McKim Home and later the Lincoln School Gym)
  
2. Additional Research
  - a. Develop a spreadsheet that lists additional directors and staff with dates through the years
  - b. List notable achievements and activities of the club (ex. club awards, mission trips, outreach, etc.)
  - c. Add additional clubs listing the same information. Work toward including all conference clubs
  
3. Record any special stories you learn as you do research
  - a. Ask older club staff and pastors to tell you their stories about their club experiences
  - b. Talk with older area coordinators about conference events that they helped facilitate
  - c. Visit your conference or union office and look through the yearbooks to develop your conference and union youth directors and coordinators list
  
4. Collect any memorabilia that you can, including photos of clubs, conference and union events
  - a. Visit churches and ask Pathfinder leaders to see the storage closet for the Club
  - b. Ask if there are old or duplicate items that could be donated to your research project
  - c. Display the memorabilia and a short bio about clubs on banners or in display cases