

What to Expect on the Day of My Baptism

Baptisms will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Unions and Divisions will be assigned a specific night for their baptisms, please see the Baptism Schedule for dates and times of your Union or Division. Baptisms will take place in four large pools near the front stage in the Main Stage area.

What to Bring

Bring a change of clothes, towel, your club, family, friends, a designated photographer/towel holder (optional) and a pastor. If you don't have a Pastor, we will provide a really nice one for you. It may be easiest to put on your swimsuit before you arrive for your baptism.

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You will get into a line with your pastor. One friend can also get in line with you as your designated photographer and towel holder. In addition, there will also be a professional photographer who will take a picture of your baptism. Your designated photographer can be closer to the baptismal tank in a special area set aside just for them. Others in your group will be further away in a general viewing area.

When it's your turn to be baptized you will step up onto a platform and introduce yourself by telling people your name and where you are from. Then you will climb down the stairs and meet your pastor in the pool. When the two of you are ready your pastor will baptize you. Then you will exit the pool by another set of stairs where your designated photographer/towel holder will hand you and your pastor your towels.

After drying off, follow the path to the gift station to get your free gift bag. In it you will find some cool gifts and your baptismal certificate. There will be a table where you and your pastor can fill out your baptismal certificate. Next, follow the path to the photo station where you and your pastor can have your picture taken together. Finally, exit the baptismal area to find a porta potty where you can change your cloths and get ready for the evening program to begin.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What should I wear to be baptized?

Answer: Please wear your Pathfinder Field uniform.

2. Can my family and friends who are not at the Camporee see my baptism?

Answer: Yes! Your baptism will be live streamed online. Just send this [webpage link](#) to you family and friends and they can tune in once the live stream of the Camporee is available online.

3. How do I study for baptism?

Answer: Just talk to your counselor, club director or pastor. Typically, they will assign someone to study with you so that you understand what Jesus teaches about salvation and how to live the Christian life. The study time usually includes a set of baptismal study guides that the two of you review together. Completing the studies is exciting because it helps you understand the symbolism and sacredness behind your decision to be baptized. Many people think of baptism as their "spiritual" birthday!

4. Can my club and family members attend?

Answer: Anyone can attend who has purchased a ticket to attend the camporee.

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5. Who will baptize me?

Answer: You can choose any pastor who is at the camporee. If your local church pastor is at the camporee he or she would be a good choice.

6. What if my local Church Pastor is not at the camporee?

Answer: No problem! There will be hundreds of pastors at the camporee who would be happy to baptize you. Just ask. Most candidates will come to the baptism with a favorite pastor who they have asked to do the honors.

7. I don't know any pastors who I can ask ahead of time. What should I do?

Answer: Just register online (or show up with a completed registration form) and we will have pastors on site who will do your baptism.

8. Where can my club, family and friends watch the baptism from?

Answer: You are going to love this part! Anywhere! Your baptism will be featured on the jumbotron screens in the Main Stage area. Elevated HD cameras will feature each pool, providing an excellent view from anywhere.

9. Can my group get close to the pool to watch my baptism?

Answer: The area closest to the pool will be reserved for professional photographers. In addition, each candidate can bring a designated photographer/towel holder who can also take pictures. Others in your group will be in an area a little further back from the pools. This will help create as large a viewing area as possible for spectators and also create a space for the photographers to take pictures. But the best view will be on the jumbotrons.

10. What should I bring with me?

Answer: A change of clothes, towel, your club, family, friends, a designated photographer/towel holder (optional) and a pastor. If you don't have a Pastor, we will provide a really nice one for you. It may be easiest to put on your swimsuit before you arrive for your baptism, your completed registration form (unless it was done online).

11. What day will I be baptized?

Answer: Baptisms will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Unions and Divisions will be assigned a specific night for their baptisms, please see the Baptism Schedule for dates and times of your Union or Division.

12. Why do I have to fill out the registration form to be baptized?

Answer: So, we can send the good news of your baptism to your local church, so they can celebrate with you. Your local church will also want to know so that they can officially process your membership as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The registration form is also the way we receive permission from your club director for you to be baptized.