

Pathfinder Kite Day – Event Description and Rules

Description

Kite day was founded in 1965 by LeRoy Camp at San Diego. For many years it was a San Diego area event eventually inviting the whole Southeastern California Conference. Now, it is a Pathfinder SECC sponsored event for the whole family. Parents can join in the fun of creating a kite together with their Pathfinders prior to the event and earn the Kite Honor. Please note, all kites are to be made by the Pathfinder flying them. Be sure to carefully read all the rules. This is for fun, please participate with this concept in mind.

Kite Day Awards

Will be handed out at the closing ceremony- ribbons, buttons, pins or certificates for each winner.

Club Kite Award

The club with the winning Club Kite will have their name engraved on the Club Kite Award, which is a trophy 51 inches tall, to display at their church until the next Kite Day event. *Please see the “event rules” section for full details.*

Kite Day Levels

- Friends – 5th graders
- Companions – 6th graders
- Explorers & Rangers – 7th & 8th graders
- Voyagers & Guides – 9th & 10th graders
- Staff Highest flyer – Staff, 11th and 12th graders
- Special Event Kite – any staff, TLT, or Pathfinder. Kite must reflect the Kite Day Theme

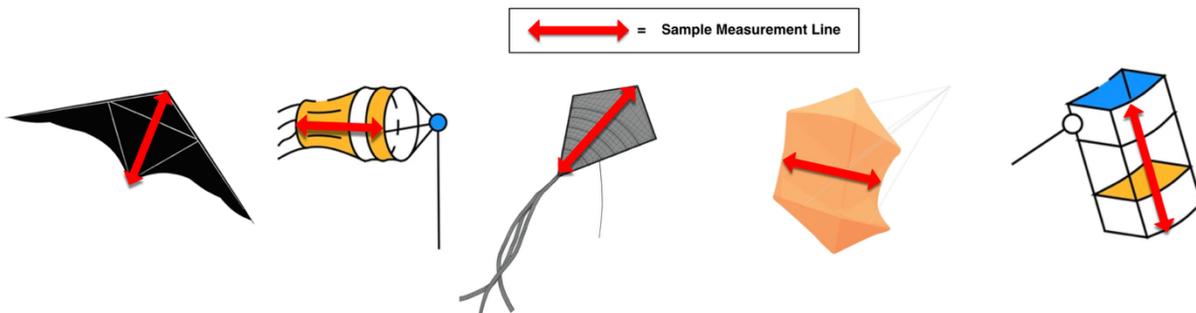
Kite Day Rules

1. All kites are to be used for the current year only. Parts of the kite can be recycled to construct a new kite next year. However, the new kite must reflect a new structure, design, and purpose.
2. All events other than the smallest kite will have a string of 200' +/- 2' (all out in the air). Judges have the OPTION to measure. You may have ONLY 200' of string on your spool. The corner stakes of the start and finish line will be the gauge to measure the 200'.
3. You must wear your official conference field uniform shirt (Class C) to participate and win any awards.
4. No store-bought kites allowed.
5. All judges' decisions are final.
6. Kites must fly to receive an award.
7. Kites must be entered and flown by the one Pathfinder who builds the kite. No “team” kites. No sharing of kites.
8. Each kite is to be autographed in permanent marker on the kite itself by its maker with first name, last name, investiture achievement class level, and current year; written prior to coming to the starting line.
9. The maker of the kite can fly the kite in multiple events as long as the kite meets the event requirements.
10. The flyer of any kite must be at the finish line at the time of the final whistle and keep the kite in good flying condition until the judges have completed their judging to qualify for an award.

11. No adult beyond the start line–The kite flyer must fly the kite on their own and make their way to the finish line on their own. If the flyer needs assistance, they must return to the start line.
12. There will be no ties at events.
13. The line judges may disqualify a kite or kite flyer if any of the general or event rules are not met. If necessary, only the line judges may consult a decision with the Director of Judging to obtain a final decision.
14. In order to stay within the spirit and concept of this event, the Director of Judging, in consultation with the Director of Event and Conference Pathfinder Director, may impose change, rewrite, and/or interpret “the rules” as deemed necessary.
15. Schedule of events may be changed due to wind/weather conditions. All effort will be made to stay on or ahead of schedule. It is the responsibility of all concerned to be within hearing distance of the public address system to stay informed of programming changes.
16. No drone flying is allowed.

How do we measure kites?

All kites will be measured by height. In the case of Delta Kites, the height will be measured by the center line/fuselage line. The tail of the kite does not qualify as part of the measurement. Examples of measurements:



Event Rules

- **Club Kite – new rule:**
 - The tallest club kite that best reflects the theme of the event.
 - The Club Kite must be over 6ft in height, not including its tail.
 - Flies with at a minimum of 100’ of rope but no more than 200’.
 - Must be built by the Pathfinders. Adult supervision and assistance is allowed.
 - Write on permanent marker the name of the club, year, and participant names.
- **Highest Flyer Under 3’:** no kite exactly 3’ in height allowed.
- **Highest Flyer Over 3’:** no kite entered here may be entered as a club kite in “Club Kite”; no kite exactly 3’ in height allowed.
- **Most Novel/Attractive:** A kite with no restriction in size that demonstrates creativity and uniqueness in its structure and shows the Pathfinder’s ability to build a proper flying kite.
- **Pastors:** highest flying kite.
- **Smallest Flyer:** smallest flying kite with a minimum of 50’ (all out in the air) of string; good flying characteristics. Participating kites may not exceed 12” in height.
- **Special Event:** only kites that most reflect the Kite Day Theme; any Pathfinder, TLT or staff can participate.
- **Staff Highest Flyer:** any kite built by Pathfinder Staff, including 11th and 12th graders