

Pathfinder Mall Trip with a Twist

Challenges earned:

Community, Knowledge and Service 3, 8, 9

Home, Lifestyles 9, Nutrition and Home Management 12, Relationships and Values 18

There are many challenges that Pathfinders can complete at their local mall, so hold a meeting there one night.

Our unit added a twist to the Mall Meeting idea - instead of just walking around and looking for information, we send the girls out in wheelchairs - most malls lend these out for free - contact the information centre.

We split into groups of 3, and give each group a wheelchair, a Pathfinder Mall Challenge sheet, and a meeting time and place.

The girls explore the mall for about an hour and complete as much of the Mall Challenge sheet as they can.

After returning the wheelchairs, we meet in the food court for a small snack and to discuss what we experienced.

Some of the things my girls noticed while they were out is that it's hard to move around clothing racks in some stores, going up and down levels is inconvenient because you have to go all the way to the elevator each time, and the wheelchair accessible bathroom in our mall is not as accessible as it sounds (they wheeled all the way to the bathroom, all the way out to get a key, back in to use the bathroom, and back out to return the key! A lot of work!!)

By using wheelchairs, the girls got a unique view of accessibility in our mall (both good and bad) and this led to a great discussion afterward.



Your Name: _____

List 5 places in the mall that a teenager could work.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

List job skills you have! (e.g. are you good with kids? Can you type?)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Which one of these places would you apply to?

What do you need to do to apply for this job? (Ask a salesperson!)

Take a look at the mall and decide how accessible it is. Fill out the chart!

	Challenges these people might face at the mall	Services/special accommodations available
People in wheelchairs or on crutches		
Parents with small children		
Elderly people		

Have fun! -Jess Fleury, 45th Edmonton Pathfinders

