



BASIC DRILLING 101

Purpose & Objectives

- Discuss the “Spirit of Drilling”
- Discuss & Practice Basic Commands



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Why Do Pathfinders Drill?

- Teaches club members to work together
- Promotes club pride
- Discipline
- Witnessing Tool
- Fun



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The *PATHFINDER CLUB DRILL MANUAL* is the standard used for all South Central Conference events.



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Drill period should be frequent and short in duration. Smartness and precision should be expected in the execution of every detail.



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Parts of a Command

- Preparatory Command
- Command of Execution
- Examples: **RIGHT FACE, PARADE REST**

In certain commands the Preparatory Command and Command of Execution are combined, for example: **FALL OUT, AT EASE,** and **REST.**

Drill Leader gives the command **AS YOU WERE** to revoke a Preparatory Command that has been given.



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A Directive causes action to be taken by those under the command of the one giving the directive.

For example: PREPARE TO RAISE THE FLAG.



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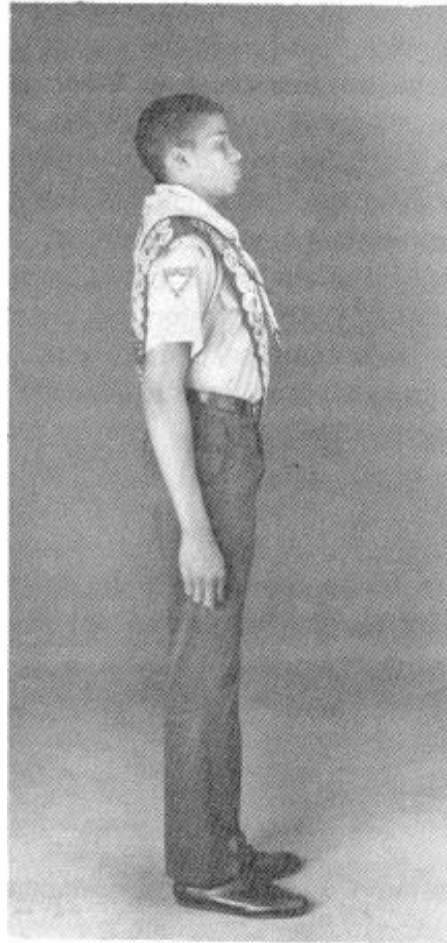
Calling Commands

- Power of the whistle
- Voice inflection is very important
- Be prepared to call
- A Command is a Command, not a question, or a request.



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Position of Attention



Assume the position of attention on the command **FALL IN**, or **PATHFINDERS, ATTENTION**



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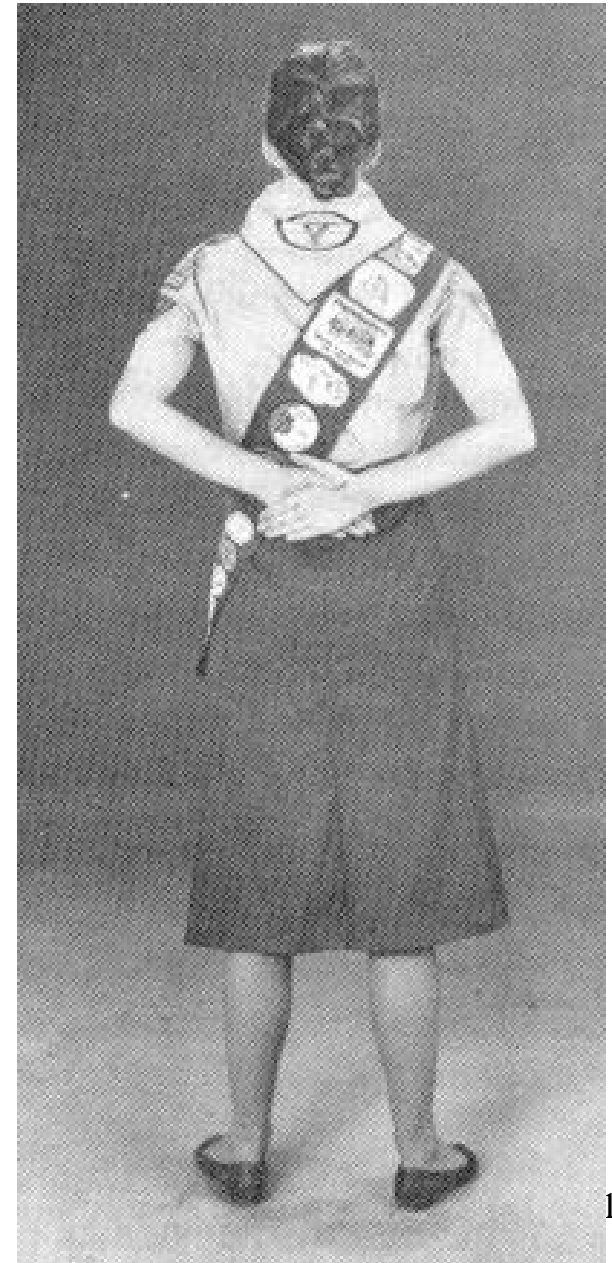
- Standing
- Feet at angle of 45 degrees
- Keep legs straight without locking knees
- Hold body erect, hips level, chest lifted & arched, and shoulders square and even.
- Arms hang straight along your sides with the back of hands outward
- Curl your fingers so that the tips of the thumbs are alongside and touching the first joint of your forefinger. Keep thumbs straight and along the seam of trousers or skirt, with all fingertips touching the legs
- Keep head erect and look straight to the front
- Rest the weight of your body equally on the heels and balls of your feet.
- Remain silent except when replying to a question or when directed otherwise



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- At the command REST of PARADE, REST (given at ATTENTION only) move your left foot smartly 8 inches to the left of your right foot
- Keep your legs straight without locking the knees so that the weight of you body rest equally on the heels and the balls of your feet
- Simultaneously, place your hands at the small of the back, centered on the belt
- Keep the fingers of both hands extended and joined, interlocking your thumbs so that the palm of your right hand is outward
- Hold your head and eyes as at the position of attention
The commands for STAND AT EASE, AT EASE, or REST and the directive for PRAYER ATTENTION may be given from this position

Parade Rest





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Dress Right



Present Arms





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Basic Commands

ATTENTION

***PARADE REST

PRAYER ATTENTION

PRESENT ARMS

ORDER ARMS

DRESS RIGHT (at open and closed intervals)

RIGHT FACE

LEFT FACE

MARK TIME MARCH

FORWARD MARCH (full step and half step)

HALT

DISMISSED

EYES RIGHT

COLUMN MARCH

FLANK MARCH

*****Please Note: PRAYER ATTENTION can only be executed from the position of PARADE REST**