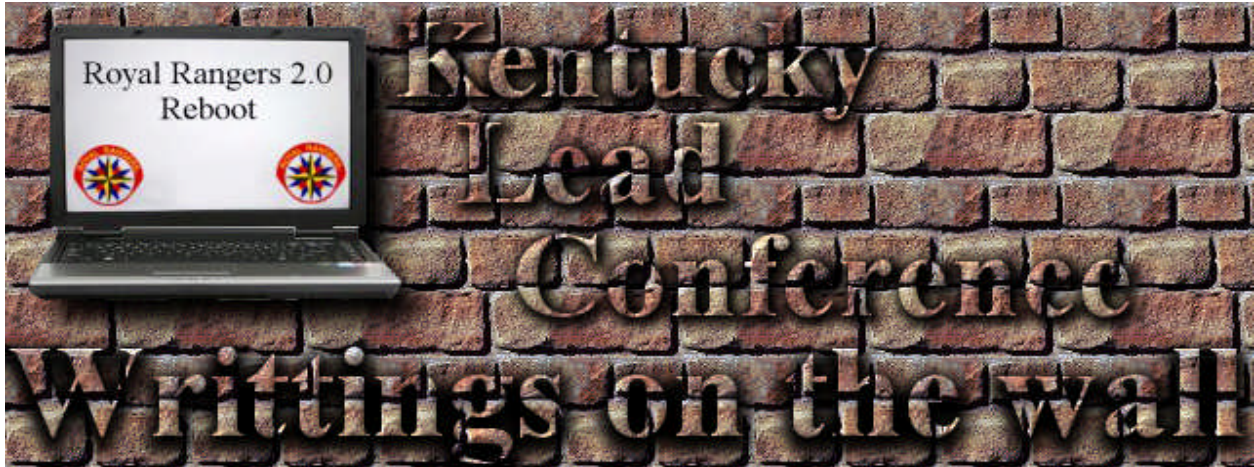


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**September 21 Friday at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time First A/G Radcliff, KY**



Letter to Pastors,

It's an exciting time in the life of the Royal Rangers ministry across the nation and around the world. God is positioning us to influence more boys and young men than ever; more effectively than ever.

In order to better position ourselves for future success, it is necessary for our Pastors and leaders at all levels to have a clear understanding of the Royal Rangers brand and how to represent it accurately.

In defining the Royal Ranger Ministry, our brand defines who we are, what we do, and why it matters. The Royal Rangers brand should communicate the message that Royal Rangers is a mentoring program for future men, providing Christ-like character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational, fun environment. Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the next generation of Christ-like men and lifelong servant leaders.

*Royal Rangers is a highly interconnected and flexible ministry, coordinating well with other ministries to compliment the discipleship process of any church. Leaders will learn this and how to implement this at our Leadership Ministry Academy offered by your district twice a year at our LEAD Conferences. "The next one is this September," applications can be found at [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org) ; also, online Leadership Training Classes are offered at [www.royalrangers.org](http://www.royalrangers.org) .*

**This is Royal Rangers: Our Core attributes.** The Royal Rangers program may be accurately represented by the following attributes.

**Evangelism:** Royal Rangers seek to attract boys by offering a wide variety of activities (outdoors, sports, trades, technologies, arts, ministry, etc.)

**Leadership:** Royal Rangers promotes servant leadership development by creating safe environment for boy-led, adult-facilitated meetings and events in which boys and young men experience leadership by leading.

**Achievements:** Royal Rangers challenges boys and young men to learn skills that build their personal confidence and work ethics..

**Service:** Royal Rangers impact our communities, nation, and around, world by providing members with opportunities to serve others in a variety of meaningful ways.

**Discipleship:** Royal Rangers promotes the spiritual well being of boys and young men by developing a community of exemplary mentors, (Ranger Leaders) in the body of Christ to teach and model Godly manhood.

**The Effect of Leadership on Branding:** Leadership representations of our brand will help to solidify our image in the public mind. Leaders are commonly perceived as personifications of the organizations they lead and serve as their chief representatives. It is essential that Royal Ranger leaders at all levels take great care in representing the ministry. An organization's brand identity, therefore, consists of both ministry branding and leadership branding. Ministry branding without corresponding leadership behaviors creates a gap between the image forwarded and the experience people have with the Rangers brand. When we advance a ministry brand that is consistent with our leadership brand, a convergence of two powerful dynamics comes into play that results in a dramatic increase of ministry influence and effectiveness. Therefore let me state, "Leadership Training is not an option," Leaders must be trained!

Above material obtained from the National Royal Rangers website, "Brand Identity Guide"

<http://agwebservices.org/Content/Resources/RRBrand%20Identity%20Guide.pdf>

## Qualifications for Leaders

### Royal Ranger leaders must consistently display the following attributes:

Every Royal Rangers' leader plays a vital role in helping boys develop into Christ-like manhood. It is, therefore, essential that all leaders display consistent Christ-like character and practices in their daily lives. He must be at least 21 years old to serve as an outpost group leader (commander) or at least 18 years old to serve as an assistant leader.

1. **He is a born-again Christian, well-grounded in the Word of God:** *Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and followed that with water baptism, and seeking baptism of the Holy Spirit.*
2. **He is loyal to the church, supporting the lead pastor's vision and direction:** *Attendance at church on regular basis, cooperative spirit with all other ministries within the local church, paying tithes and supporting missions.*
3. **He possesses habits and ideals that are above reproach:** *Refrains from vulgarity, and the use of or possession of any and all illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal weapons.*
4. **He has a heart for ministering to boys and enjoys working with them:** *Willing to spend additional time outside the church setting, as appropriated by the local church.*
5. **He has a consistent testimony in daily Christian living:** *(1 Timothy 3:1-7)*
6. **Is capable of leading and delegating authority:** *We lead by example. A servant's attitude, (Christ-like servant Leadership).*
7. **Is prepared to take Royal Rangers Leadership Training:** *Taking continual training offered by your district, and national office; with a vision to earn the Leader's Medal of Excellence.*

The National Royal Rangers Ministries strongly recommends that all church workers, particularly those working with minors, have criminal background check screenings. Additional specific leadership requirements for local groups are determined by the pastor and the church's leadership team. Please contact your church leadership for requirements applicable to your church.

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#### **Mandate on the following:**

*As of January 1, 2013 all Royal Ranger Leaders attending Sectional or District events must adhere to the following attribute.*

*#3) Leaders possesses habits and ideas that are above reproach.*

## **Devotion: The Little things really do matter**

**Matthew 25:21** You were faithful over a few things, I will put you in charge over many things.

### **Thoughts for Today:**

For the longest time I thought this was saying that I should use my time, talents and treasures diligently in order to serve God completely in whatever I do for God. True, but that is not all together true! Yes the Holy Spirit has convicted me of those little things in my private life like wanting to strike back at those road rage drivers. Hitting my thumb with a hammer and uttering something not appropriate for my mother to hear. You might say what does that have to do with serving God in ministry? Well everything my friend! I am reminded of another verse in Luke 16:10 He who is unrighteous in very little things is also unrighteous in much. I am not my own. In my family I am a husband of 32 years, a father of six living children and 10 grand children. Every decision I make will affect them either directly or indirectly. You see I don't really have a private life. I am not my own, I belong to God and my family everything does affect them and my transcendent cause to bring God Glory. Now if I have a thought or action that does not line up with this transcendent cause it must be unrighteousness. (2Corinthians 10:5) Every thought I have does affect every boy and man in this state, across the nation and around the world, and I know this. Christ said He has come to seek and save that which was lost. Now I know what my task is, His! Pray for me because I still am working on all of this too my friends.

**Questions to Ponder:** Do you have a transcendent cause? Are you seeking a task from God? Are you willing to seek Him in His word? There you will find your answers if you have any questions. If your answer to any of the preceding is yes, does what you're doing or thinking promote or demote that?

### **Up Coming events:**

Aug. 17-19 Family Campout, don't want to miss this one it's cheap and the wife and kids will do all the work while the men spin -a -yarn and play frontiersmen. Better get your application at [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org).

Aug. & Sept. LFTL Tours check the calendar below for dates for your section. We encourage all Rangers to get involved in this one supporting our Men's Ministries.

**Sept. 7-9** Junior Ministry Academy, This one is for boys that are Adventure Ranger or Expedition Rangers. Need to get those applications in ASAP to ensure your place for attendance. Those Survival Camp applications are about to fill up so get them in soon. I am looking forward to this camp.

**Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** LEAD Conference at First Assembly of God in Radcliff, we will have our Outpost Commanders Round Table meeting Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All commanders are encouraged to attend. This is where we do the Think Tank and Planning Zone for 2013. There will be discussions on Reboot, Rangers 2.0, 2013 Silver Pathfinders Trip to El Salvador, Pow-Wow 2013, New Leadership Training, Junior Leadership Ministry Academy Camps, FCF and much more. Don't miss it. We will give door prizes and snacks for all early-bird attendees before the meeting starts so come early to win.

**Sept. 22** Outpost Leaders' Ranger Ministry Academy at First Assembly of God in Radcliff:

Church leadership believes that well trained leaders are the key to any ministry's success. Pastors understand that a trained volunteer is much more likely to commit their time and can be counted on to show up every week. The Royal Rangers program places a high priority on leadership training.

The fundamental goal of training is to inspire, mobilize, and resource leaders, to empower them to achieve their greatest success and effectiveness. Royal Rangers training is based on three core values:

- **Spiritual Development.** All classroom and event-based leadership training will have a spiritual emphasis.
- **Ranger Skills Development.** Training will focus on the seven methods Royal Rangers use to minister to boys. Ranger skills are a key component of this success.
- **Leadership Development.** Leadership development will be the key element as Royal Rangers moves to become a boy led, adult facilitated ministry.

*It takes a leader to mentor new leaders. Training will help Royal Rangers strengthen its leadership core.*

The Ranger Basics and Ranger Essentials classes are where it all starts. We will also be offering Classroom Management, and Presentation Skills for those continuous training events needed to obtain the Advanced Leader Level of the outpost Leader Advancement Levels. For classes offered and registration visit us at [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org).

Oct. 5-7 FCF Fall Trace All Royal Rangers are encouraged to attend this camp. Your outpost will see what FCF is all about and be able to compete in events and do crafts if you want. More detailed info will be disclosed as camp nears so get your applications in for this one.

## August

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- 3 – 4 Healthy Church Network Retreat #2
- 6 --10 Nat'l Fine Arts & Youth Convention --Louisville
- 10-11. RMA Location Heartland Christian Center, Vine Grove
- 11 GM Cinderella Extravaganza (Erlanger, Christ's Chapel)
- 17 – 18 KSOM plus Youth track
- 17-19 FCF Family Campout [Click here for registration](#)
- 21 Leadership Conference & Minister's Orientation
- 23 CE Rep Meeting
- 24 – 25 Children's Church Workers Training (Camp Crestwood)
- 27 LFTL Tour (Pennyrile & S. Central Sections)
- 28 LFTL Tour (Jackson/S. Central #2)
- 30 LFTL Tour (Central & N. Central Sections)
- 31 LFTL Tour (Bluegrass & Red River Sections)

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- 3 Labor Day
- 7-9 **JSC and JTC Camps** [Click here for registration](#)
- 7 – 9 G-5 Discipleship Weekend (Youth)
- 8 JBQ- West
- 10 LFTL Rally (Northeast Section)
- 11 LFTL Rally (Northern Section)
- 14 – 15 KSOM
- 15 MM Annual Skeet Shoot (Smith's Grove)
- 20 Mission Awareness Training
- 21 – 22 CE Conference
- 21-22 **Kentucky District LEAD Conference** (First Assembly of God, Radcliff, Ky.) [Click for directions](#)
- 24 – 25 EP & DP Meetings
- 28 – 29 Coins for Kids Sleepover (At local church)
- 28 – 30 Powette (Somerset, Camp Dove)

## October

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- 1 – 2 Sectional Councils
- 5-7 **Fall Trace (Glasgow RSR)**
- 6 JBQ- East & West
- 8 – 9 Sectional Council
- 12 – 13 KSOM plus Youth track
- 19 – 20 Youth Workers Training Conference
- 19 – 20 CPR Conference
- 20 BGMC Conference (New Harvest)
- 25 CE Rep Meeting
- 26 – 27 Healthy Church Retreat #3 (Camp Crestwood)
- 29 LFTL Rally (Cumberland Section)
- 30 LFTL Rally (Mountain Section)