



THE PONY XPRESS ABRIL 2012

ALL ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS*

Are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend!

An organizational leader is a man or woman serving in any outpost, sectional, divisional, district, regional, or national level position.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT LEAD CONFERENCE MARCH 30-31

To Infinity and Beyond Hebrews 5:9

The acronym that is our conference name, **LEAD**, reminds me how to steward the ministry role God has given me the privilege to chair—to *Love, Encourage, Accomplish, and Develop*.

As we gather in 2012, we will again be informed, inspired, and challenged, Especially as we celebrate our 50th anniversary.

LEAD2012 is going to be **AWESOME!** For Registration go to www.kyroyalangers.org

Here's what you can expect:

Learn to raise up next generation leaders

Kick off our 50th anniversary celebration in grand style

Preview Pow-Wow and events for boys and men

Get the latest update information on training and WCO to Kentucky

Preview Camporama and get the latest information

Enjoy interactive workshops on a variety of relevant topics and training

Discover effective ways to mentor future men using the outdoors, sports, trades, technologies, arts, and ministry

Get national updates and important marketing tips

Receive encouragement and ideas from other Rangers leaders

And most importantly, refreshment from the Word

Our theme comes from Hebrews 5:9 He became to all of those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.

From these verses, we learn this: It is appropriate to meet at **LEAD2012** to *gather strength* by expressing our humble gratitude to the Lord for His blessings during these 50 years and to *expectantly prepare* ourselves for what He has in store for us—"to influence more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever



CALANDER OF EVENTS:

April

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 6 Good Friday
- 6-7 Central Section Ranger Derby
- 8 Easter
- 6-8 **Junior Missions Camp**
- 8 – 16 AIM-Holy Land Experience
- 13-15 **FCF Big Adventure** (Rotary Scout Reservation)
- 14 Children's Ministry Conference (Camp Crestwood)
- 15 National Youth Day
- 16 – 18 District Council – London, Faith AG
- 17 Women In Ministry Breakaway @ District Council
- 28 Girl's Ministries Walk-a-Thon (At local church)
- 28 Girl's Ministry Local Training For Sponsor's (Frankfort, 1st AG)
- 27 - 28 Healthy Church Journey Retreat #1
- 27-28 WCO Radcliff Ky

May

- May 4-6 2012 **Rotary Scout Work Day** (Sign up available)
- 5 MPact Mayfair (Lexington, True Life)
- 6 National Men's Ministry Day
- 11 – 12 KSOM plus Youth track
- 11 – 12 **RR RMA Training Camp** (Vine Grove, Heartland Christian Center)
- **11 Ranger Kid Field Day**
- **12 Ranger Kid Field Day**
- 13 Mother's Day
- 18-19 **Honor Bound Men's Convention**
- 15 Revitalization Seminar
- 18 – 19 Honorbound Conference -West
- 19 Henderson Children's Conference (Henderson, 1st AG)
- 21 – 22 EP & DP Meetings
- 22 Dept. Leaders Mtg with DP
- 24 CE Reps Meeting
- 25 -26 MM Honorbound Conference - East
- 28 Memorial Day



June

- 1-2 **Rotary Scout Work Day** (Sign up available)
- 1-2 KSOM (License Class Only)
- 8 – 9 GM Celebration (Frankfort, 1st AG)
- 11 – 15 Teen Camp I with Waylon Sears
- 17 Father's Day
- 18 – 22 Teen Camp II with Allen Griffin
- June 22-24, 2012 **Kentucky District Pow Wow** (Theme: Take Flight)
- 25 – 29 Teen Camp III with Jacob Jester
- 29 BGMC Stampede (TBA)



MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

DEVOTION: A man wrapped up in his self makes a very small package. (Proverbs 18:2)

Hear what I have to say today my friends. We have LEAD Council and training classes this next weekend March 30-31 that few have signed up for. We have a National Training Class coming in April with fifteen signed up and none from Kentucky (World Class Outpost). I pray that you will not think you don't have time to come to these class or have other things you would rather hear. Maybe you have heard it all and don't need any more instruction! If that's true you may not want to hear this devotion. I know all cannot make every class, but I ask you; when was the last class you attended to help you to become more fervent in ministry? Hope you still love me, I do you!



Hearing What You Don't Want to Hear

Acts 7:57-58

"At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices; they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him."

Thoughts for Today:

When I was a boy, from time to time my older sister and I would have an argument. She would usually end it by putting our fingers in our ears and saying, "nah, nah, nah, nah, nah." Try it sometime. You'll find you cannot hear what the other person is saying. In our passage today, that is what the Jewish leaders are doing -- covering their ears and yelling at the top of their voices. They didn't want to hear any more of what Stephen had to say.

Have you ever felt that way before? Have you ever felt you've had enough of Scripture, church, preaching or **Training**? Not long ago I was talking with a young family man, who told me he just didn't like going to church anymore. He felt all that was preached about was giving -- the church just wanted his money. We went to church together shortly after we had this conversation, and following church he said to me fully vindicated, "See what I mean it's all about getting your money!" You see he heard what he needed to hear and nothing else. Notice I said, "What he needed to hear." No one else heard a sermon on giving; only he did because that is what he needed to hear. Giving was his heart issue -- generosity -- not just to the church but to everyone, including his wife and children.

So what should we do when we read Scripture or hear a message that makes us want to cover our ears and yell at the top of our voice, nah, nah, nah to block it out? In today's grown up world we might just say I don't have time and can't work it in. We have to first be careful to not follow the normal human reaction to information we don't want to hear -- and that is illustrated in our passage today -- "they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him." Rather than stoning, a modern day example might be in the young family man's case: stop going to church, or change churches. In other words, if you remove the person (the pastor/Stephen) and the words (sermon/Scripture), then the issue is removed. Or maybe you just don't show up for training or information exchange.

Questions to Ponder:

What is your "stumbling block"? What is the one thing you read in Scripture or hear preached that makes you want to put your fingers in your ears and say, "nah, nah, nah, nah, nah"? Maybe it's time to really look long and hard at what Jesus is trying to teach each of us. Did Christ's sacrifice do it all so you don't have to sacrifice any of your time?

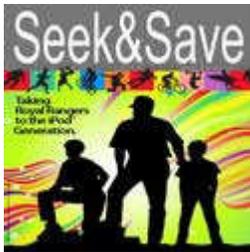


Qualifications for Leaders

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. Royal Rangers leaders must consistently display the following attributes:

1. Is a born-again Christian, well-grounded in the Word of God
2. Is loyal to the church, supporting the lead pastor's vision
3. Possesses habits and ideals that are above reproach
4. Has a heart for ministering to boys and enjoys working with them
5. Has a consistent testimony in daily Christian living
6. Is capable of leading and delegating authority
7. Possesses good judgment
8. Accepts and fulfills responsibility
9. Commands the respect of other men
10. Cooperates with the programs and ministries of the church, submitting to those in authority
11. Is prepared to take Royal Rangers leadership training
12. Is at least 21 years old to serve as an outpost coordinator or group leader (commander) or at least 18 years old to serve as an assistant leader

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





Special Programs

Although Royal Rangers leaders, boys, and young men share many common interests, variety and diversity are also common. With these differences in mind the Royal Rangers program features a number of components of special interest to certain types of our membership. Follow the links below learn more about the special programs offered by Royal Rangers.



Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) is a special program of Royal Rangers dedicated to the advancement of the mission and purpose of the Royal Rangers ministry through the development of advanced camping and leadership skills. FCF encourages members to pursue personal growth through the development of woodsmanship, leadership, friendship, achievement, and courage, utilizing the imagery and lore of the early American frontiersman. Membership is restricted to individuals who have met a specific list of requirements as presented in the FCF Handbook. For more information about FCF visit www.nationalfcf.com.



Royal Rangers Alumni is an auxiliary program seeking to provide members with opportunities for ongoing service to the Royal Rangers program in positions outside the local outpost.



Pathfinder Missions represents the mission's element of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF). Pathfinders coordinate missions-related construction activities by FCF members and others around the world.

Our National Pathfinder's Coordinator Mike King has given Kentucky an OK for a Bronze Pathfinders mission Award for work projects at our very own camp, "Rotary Scout Reservation," boys 15 years old and up may also earn this award. For more information, contact our District Royal Ranger Director Gilbert Kerby.



The Ranger of the Year program provides special recognition to boys who have shown exceptional achievement and progress through their participation in Royal Rangers. Local outposts are encouraged to develop evaluation criteria that best suits the interests and goals of their group. For forms and information on Outpost Ranger of the Year, [click here](#).

SPECIAL NOTE: Ranger of the Year competitions above the outpost level have been temporarily suspended until after National Camporama in 2012. For more information, [click here](#).



The National Championships program provides boys and leaders the opportunity to compete in competitions with other rangers all across the country. Any Royal Rangers leader or boy may participate. Results are tabulated each year and winners receive a special certificate in recognition of their accomplishments. For more information, [click here](#).



RR & NGM Together Plan - Due to limitations on staffing and the number of young people involved in many Royal Rangers and Girls Ministries programs in smaller churches, many churches have expressed an interest in conducting their Royal Rangers and Girls Ministries programs together. In order to provide these churches with guidelines for conducting such cooperative programs the National Royal Rangers Department and the National Girls Ministries Department have jointly created the "[Together Plan](#)". For more information on the details of this plan, [click here](#).