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2012 Kentucky District Pow-Wow

If you are attending Pow-Wow, I look forward to seeing you. In the meantime, make it your goal to get “one more” father, “one more” young man, or maybe even “one more” outpost not currently registered to attend. The spiritual impact, the fun, the friends, the celebration, just to name a few highlights, will all be worth it. Each and every one of us is responsible for preparing the way for the next generation of Christlike men.

It will certainly be our only 50th anniversary as we take a glance back, looking forward enthusiastically, marching forward toward 2062 when we will celebrate our 100th! This event also marks the start of a new season of promise and growth. We have *prepared obediently*, and we now *advance expectantly*, believing God will help us “*influence more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever.*”

If you are not able to attend Pow-Wow this year, we will miss you. Will you pray for us? Pray for finances that boys may attend; pray for safety; for God’s presence; for the weather; for the entire POW-POW, “TAKE FLIGHT” experience. Whether you will be at Rotary Scout Reservation or not; let’s not look back with regret because we withheld any good thing. Boys need a retreat also! For of Him, and through Him and to Him, are all things, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

Thank you for mentoring future men! Go out and impact “one more” boy and young man for Christ today! His future, and the future of everyone he will influence for generations to come, is counting on you.

Pow-Wow Activities:

OUTPOST COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SUPERVISE
THERE BOYS AT ALL TIMES WHILE AT POW-WOW.

Discovery and Adventure Rangers will receive a bead for completing each event Rangers can trade these beads at the store for stuff. Value is one \$.50 per bead. Ten bead limit.

Entry Way Judging Campsites

Campsite Competition/inspections – Campsites GO*GREEN

Rock Climbing Wall - Activities Barn

Log Saw / Flint & Steel - FCF Village

Archery/ Knife & Hawk Throw - FCF Village

Team Obstacle Course - West Side of the Lake. *This will be a dirt bike course.*

Fire Building Contest - Campsite Avenue.

Swimming (with lifeguard on duty only) Dock: East side of the Lake.

Aerial Attack - Activities Field at Barn* This event is for **Discovery & Adventure Rangers only**. Boys will put together aircraft as a craft and have flight events

Canoeing - Boat House Northeast on the Lakeshore* Boys will retrieve aircraft as they canoe through obstacles. Life vest are a must while canoeing!

Black Powder/22 Rifle Target Shoot - Gun Range (Four your safety: This event only held with Certified Range Officers)

Cardboard Canoe Race - Boat House: Northeast on the Lakeshore

Maximized Men of Mission (Mountain Man) Various Locations*

Expedition Rangers only.

Top Gun Pilot Challenge: This will include Remote Control Helicopter flight by patrols competing together. Location will be at Lower Staff Cabin. Skeet shoots location at flag field. This and other extreme events will be half/day activities for Expedition Rangers on Saturday.

To pre-register your boys is a must for this event because we will need to order helicopters and clay pigeons and other materials for events and crafts.

Help us help you by being good Stewarts my friends.

Your Kentucky District Royal Ranger Director has issued a mandate:

As of May 1, 2012 No one should have in their possession or the use of weapons, drugs, alcohols, or tobacco products at District or Sectional events. Violators will be asked to leave! The outpost may forfeit all trophies. Your church pastor will also be notified of the infraction. (1Timothy 3:1-10)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING UPDATE: SAFETY Leader

Updated 3/7/12

A Safety leader has completed the following training elements:



Completion of the **NEW** online "**Ranger Safety course**" or previous "Safety and the Church" training course AND a nationally recognized **First Aid/CPR** certification course. The "**Ranger Safety**" course is a self paced course. The First Aid/CPR course may be completed through any nationally recognized qualified organization such as the American Red Cross, the Green Cross, or the American Heart Association. The course must include demonstration and evaluation of the skills learned in a practical exercise in front of a live instructor.

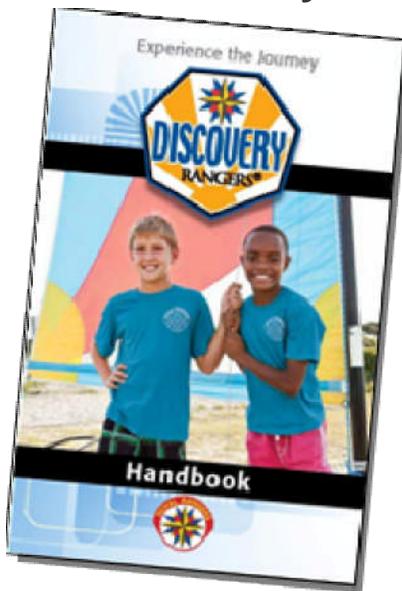
The Safety Ticket represents practical applications leaders must complete to put into practice the things they have learned in the "Safety and the Church" module and the First Aid/CPR course. To complete the Safety Ticket leaders must...



1. Plan and conduct an outpost activity with the help of junior leaders with a focus on applicable safety measures.
2. Read the booklet [Preventing Child & Substance Abuse](#) and review the included discussion questions with a group of boys and/or parents.

Upon completion of these elements a leader is eligible to complete the [Safety Leader Advancement Level application](#). Submit the application with the required district signature verifying completion of the specific training elements and receive your Safety Leader Advancement Level patch (to be worn on the right sleeve of the uniform shirt).

New Discovery Rangers Handbook



An all-new Discovery Rangers Handbook is now available through Gospel Publishing House. This new handbook includes all the latest program updates and enhancements to the Royal Rangers ministry. A number of important updates are included which you will certainly want to be aware of, such as:

- New Member Requirements – formerly referred to as “recruit” requirements, these requirements define the entry point for new boys joining the program
- A presentation of the “seven experiences of Royal Rangers” – Connect, Do, Grow, Learn, Belong, Lead, and Serve
- Updates to the advancement trail, including a new style of Bible merits and all-new Bronze Buffalo awards
- Uniform information
- Leadership positions and duties
- Patrol of Excellence criteria

- An overview of the path to Christlike manhood reflected on our Bible merits and other materials
- Material on physical health and fitness
- Plus a whole lot more!

Also included in this handbook is a new advancement logbook section to enable a boy to track his advancement progress right in his handbook, without the need for a separate logbook.

New handbooks for Adventure and Expedition Rangers are also in development and will be available summer 2012.

The Discovery Rangers Handbook is available now through Gospel Publishing House at gospelpublishing.com or by calling 800-641-4310. Ask for item #020615. Charter discounts apply, and bulk pricing is also available.

Making Merits Interactive

Fun and Interactive Meetings is the Key to Reaching & Keeping Boys!

Since its inception in 1962, Royal Rangers has been at its core an outdoor, action-oriented program. Our aim, as stated in the 1998 edition of the *Leaders Manual*, is "to instruct, challenge, and inspire our boys in the areas of Bible doctrine, Christian service, moral conduct, and basic beliefs of our church *through interesting activities the boys enjoy.*" [Emphasis added.]

In keeping with this tradition, page 4 of the Leaders Guides for both the Discovery and Adventure Rangers programs begin by describing Royal Rangers as "an action-packed, life-changing ministry to boys of all ages." These resources go on to describe the program as having weekly meetings "filled with the activities, camaraderie, and spiritual challenge that boys need."



***Good meetings are FUN!
for boys as well as leaders***

It has long been understood that boys *need* activity and learn best in an environment rich with hands-on activities and student participation. It is, therefore, essential that the weekly Royal Rangers meeting be a place where boys are given the opportunity to learn by interactive means and to be directly involved in a variety of physical activities. *Lecture sessions with PowerPoint presentations where the boys' primary means of participation is limited to listening and writing should be avoided.* In order to maximize our effectiveness, it is essential that we utilize methods of instruction that are most effective for teaching boys.

With these thoughts in mind, consider the following as tips and alternatives when teaching your next weekly meeting:

- Whenever possible, complete merit requirements orally as a group rather than in written format. Requirements beginning with words like *explain*, *list*, or *tell* do not need to be

completed in written format but may be completed as a group discussion. Every boy present may then receive credit for having completed that requirement.

- Allow essay requirements to be satisfied orally by short individual presentations to the group. This will satisfy the purpose of the requirement (i.e., knowledge of the subject) while avoiding a written format that could be a major obstacle to younger boys. For those who aren't comfortable with oral presentations or when the size of the group makes this option unsuitable, the boys may create illustrated reports by researching and assembling collages of photos or images with captions describing the subjects.
- Look for ways to get the boys physically involved in the learning process. Requirements that begin with *demonstrate* should always involve physical activity not merely explaining or writing a response. "Sit and listen" times should be limited to approximately 1 minute per age. For example, a 7-year-old Ranger Kid can "sit and listen" for approximately 7 minutes; a 12-year-old Adventure Ranger for about 12 minutes. Look for ways to utilize the "hear, see, do" principle of instruction. Let the boys *hear* you explain how to do something, *see* you demonstrate the skill, and then *do* or practice the skill themselves.
- Provide opportunities for the boys to complete requirements as a group or patrol. Interaction with friends makes any task more fun and enhances learning for everyone.

It should be noted that the requirements for the merits cannot be changed and should be completed as written. The handbooks and workbooks are still necessary resources to direct and track each boy's progress through the advancement system. However, the methods used to satisfy requirements should be flexible, allowing for differing abilities and maturity levels of boys.

As Royal Ranger leaders, we enjoy a tremendous privilege to serve our Master Ranger, Jesus Christ, through the ministry of Royal Rangers. Along with any privilege comes responsibility. It is our responsibility to provide our boys with an "action-packed, life-changing ministry" that will "instruct, challenge, and inspire" them in their personal growth and achievement as they daily grow into the image of Christ.

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CALENDAR:

June

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- 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) [Registration Packet](#)
- 25 – 29 Teen Camp III with Jacob Jester
- 29 BGMC Stampede (TBA)

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- 4 Independence Day
- 7 **Ranger Ministry Academy (RMA)**
- 9 – 13 Kids Camp I with Jonathan Bisig
- 8-13 RR National Camporama
- 16 – 20 Kids Camp II with Tim Jones
- 19 --26 AIM Dominican Republic
- 21 GM Conference (Louisville, Trinity Chapel)
- 23 – 27 Special Touch Camp
- 23 EP Meeting
- 26 – 28 WM Retreat

August National Royal Rangers Week

The first full week in October each year is National Royal Rangers Week. This is a time when many churches across the country, and indeed around the world, recognize the Royal Rangers ministry in a special way. Often, churches will recognize Royal Rangers during a service, or an outpost will have a special campout or plan a special community outreach. The week is a great time to promote Royal Rangers both inside AND outside of the local church environment.

In conjunction with National Royal Rangers Week, the following Friday and Saturday have been designated as the [National Prayer Vigil](#).

The national office has prepared a list of ten things your church can do to promote Royal Rangers during National Royal Rangers Week. The list is not all inclusive. The ideas to promote Royal Rangers in your community are only limited by your imagination! Please [click here](#) to download the list.



Mark Your Calendar & Plan Something Special!

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- 3 – 4 Healthy Church Network Retreat #2
- 5--11 Royal Ranger Week
- 6 --10 Nat'l Fine Arts & Youth Convention --Louisville
- 11 GM Cinderella Extravaganza (Erlanger, Christ's Chapel)
- 17 – 18 KSOM plus Youth track
- 17-19 **FCF Family Campout**
- 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)

DEVOTION:

FOLLOW AND PARTAKE: (11Peter 1:3-11) According to His divine power

Thoughts for today:

How do we follow? We do by becoming partakers of His divine nature. Following must be more than belief in certain facts; it must result in action, growth in Christian character, and the practice of moral discipline or our following will die away. Peter has list several acts of following Jesus in the verses above. We must continue in learning to know God better, developing perseverance, doing God's will, loving others. These actions may not come automatically; they may require hard work. They are not optional; all of them must be a continual part of the Christian life in the act of Following the Son. We don't finish one and start on the next, but we work on them all together. The Holy Spirit empowers and enables us, and He also gives us the responsibility to learn and to grow.

Questions to Ponder:

Royal Rangers Provides christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and men young and old alike. We do this in a highly relational and fun environment. Christ has promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach his followers and to remind them of all that He had taught. What is the Lord teaching you today? Men mentor boys based on friendship built by connecting through fun activities. Are you modeling what it takes to be a godly man? Boys develop into servant leaders through experience. Are you providing experiences for the boys in your church?