

THE PONY XPRESS October 2012

Charter Time for 2013 Last chance to be current:

We really need for you to send in your charter to the National Office today. Not only does chartering help your outpost with discounts that outweigh the cost of charter fees, but it also is helping support Rangers at the district and national level. So please send in your charters as soon as possible.

ROYAL RANGER WEEK:

Don't forget that the first full week of October is Royal Ranger Week starting on the seventh, (first Sunday of Oct.) through Saturday the 13th is Royal Ranger week this year. So why don't you plan something special for the week and that first Sunday of October. "Royal Rangers is 50 years old this year, so let's thank God for all those before us and pray we will continue to carry the flame for the next fifty years." Your outpost could, let the Rangers greet the people and take up offerings. Also on this Sunday would you consider taking up a special offering for your District Royal Rangers? Every year we bring those less fortunate boys and sometimes entire new outpost to events and training at no cost to them.

***"No boy will ever be turned away because of lack of money."** So if you need help to bring boys or leaders to events and training just let me know, and we will accommodate those .*

Below are just a few ideas to use during Royal Rangers week.

Design your activities to do one of three things:

Grow, Develop, or Relate to the next generation of Christ like men.

Recognize RR Leaders

Honor the men and women serving as RR leaders.

Have them sit together or recognize them in other appropriate ways lets them know they are appreciated!

Honor RR Boys

Designate a part of the service to the RR.

This is a good time to present awards to the boys for their achievements.

Provide Special Activites

During the week encourage involvement in joint boy-men or boy-family activities such as cookouts, camping, float

trip, ball games, and trips to scenic or historical attractions.

Field Day

Have the Royal Rangers sponsor a field day. They can set up their camping equipment, demonstrate their skills, and show their craft work. Include a variety of family games and activities.

Father & Son Banquet

Arrange a banquet for boys and their fathers. If a boy does not have a father, suggest that a man in the church sponsor him. The banquet might climax a day of various activities such as water carnival, swim meet, fishing outing, and other interesting trips.

Outpost Open House

Extend an invitation to the church and friends to attend the outpost open house. The announcement could be made by special notes or in the form of a public announcement in the church and newspaper. Plans should include activity so guests can see the operation of the outpost meeting.

Prayer Vigil The annual prayer vigil is a great way to promote Royal Rangers. Prayer time is allocated for specific purposes throughout the vigil. For more information, please refer to the national website.

Father & Son Campout An overnight campout with fathers can be very rewarding. Boys may invite a man from the church or community to be their “dad” for the outing. Have a spiritual touch by planning activities which lend themselves to worship and evangelism.

Father & Son Breakfast This event can be in the fellowship hall or at a restaurant. A theme can be followed. A man can sponsor a boy if he does not have a father. A speaker with a short inspiration and challenging talk or a film with a spiritual theme could be the program. Recognition for outstanding achievements can also be awarded.

Recruit New Members During Royal Rangers Week, reach out into the community with promotional literature. Invite non churchgoing fathers and sons to participate in the RR week activities. Show them you care for them. Personal contact will produce great benefits for the local church outreach and the Royal Rangers ministry.

International Prayer Vigil

<http://royalrangers.com/events/prayervigil/>

International Prayer Vigil is held on the final two days (Friday and Saturday) of [National Royal Rangers Week](#). Just as Jesus asked His disciples to pray with Him for just one hour, we ask boys, young men, and Royal Rangers leaders from around the world to pray for ONE hour during this vigil.

The national office has prepared [Prayer Vigil guidelines](#) that will help show you exactly what the prayer needs are for Royal Rangers at all levels—Royal Rangers International, national and district leadership, and your local outpost needs. This interactive guide also includes a special message from National Director Doug Marsh to encourage you along the way.

Will you accept the challenge? Will you pray for one hour during the Royal Rangers International Prayer Vigil? Just go to <http://royalrangers.com/event/prayervigil/> for guidelines.

DEVOTION: The Principle of Two: You and Who Else?

Acts 13:2

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Thoughts for Today:

Have you ever noticed that a lot of stuff comes in pairs: two hands, two feet, two eyes, two kidneys, two lungs, two front seats in a car or a plane (one for the pilot, the other for the co-pilot)? There have been many successful pairs of people: the explorers Lewis and Clark, and the actors Tracy and Hepburn to name a few. The Bible talks a lot about pairing up, here are a few examples:

- The Lord told Noah in Genesis 6:19-20, "You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive."
- Consider these words from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! "
- Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:19, "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."
- Then he demonstrates the "Principle of Two" in Mark 6:7, "...Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits..."
- And again in Matthew 21:1, "As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of

Olives, Jesus sent two disciples..."

There are literally hundreds of Biblical examples and instructions for us to pair up; (Moses and Aaron, Abraham and Sarah, Barnabas and Saul, etc.). Why? I think the answer is in Ecclesiastes 4:10, "...pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" We weren't made to do this life on our own.

A number of years ago a man lost his thumbs in an industrial accident. You may not realize the degree of his disability until you try something simple like buttoning your shirt without using your thumbs. Try it, it is virtually impossible.

Questions to Ponder:

Whose name is mentioned with yours? Who are you paired with? Who is your friend, mentor, protégé, spouse, or partner? Will you pair and pray with me during Royal Ranger Week? What has the Holy Spirit called you to do?

I will praise Him in this storm, though my heart is torn. My help comes from the Lord, Maker of Heaven and earth. I will lift my hands and praise Him. He will never leave our side. I also know you are here too. When two can put ten thousand to flight, I know with all of you prayer warriors we cannot count the number put to flight in Jesus name my friends. Thanks so much for all of you and your prayer and support. I love each and every one of you and count myself a blessed man of all men. We have and are doing things in this district that would be virtually impossible without your united efforts.

CALANDER OF EVENTS:

October

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- 1 – 2 Sectional Councils
 - 5-7 Fall Trace (Glasgow RSR) [Click here for registration packet](#)
 - 7-13 Royal Ranger Week
 - 12-13 National Prayer Vigil
- **Fri 26 - Sun 28** National [RMA - Ranger Kids Training Conference](#)
- 6 JBQ- East & West
 - 8 – 9 Sectional Council
 - 12 – 13 KSOM plus Youth track
 - 19 – 20 Youth Workers Training 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)

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- 2 – 3 Worship Conference
- 2-4 Junior Training Trails **Cancelled**
- 2 – 4 GM Sponsor Retreat (Gatlinburg, TN)
- 3 JBQ- East & West
- 6 Election Day
- 9 – 10 KSOM
- 13 Department Leaders Mtg. (Camp Crestwood 9:00 am – 12:15 pm w/ working lunch)
- 13 Pastor's Exchange 1PM – 4PM
- 16 – 17 Youth Convention
- 19 EP & DP Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving

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- 1 JBQ- East
- 7 Teen Challenge Open House (Louisville)
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Ministerial Credential Renewal Deadline
- 31 New Year's Eve