



**FEBURARY 2013**

***MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER:***

We now have on line registration for Pow-Wow. ***This on line form is for payment only.*** You will still need to forward me the preregistration form, page 13 with numbers of registrants and meals. You may send that either by snail mail or e-mail. You will need to bring the complete packet with all forms filled out for those attendees with you at Pow-Wow.

**DEVOTION:**

**UNCOMPROMISING MEN:**

**(Joshua 24:15)** *As for me and my house we will serve the lord.*

**Thoughts for the day:**

There is a confident strength that belongs only to those who live life God's way and live out the adventure with God completing His tasks provided for us. Following Jesus is good, but not good enough. (Hebrews 13:5) For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Jesus Himself said I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. We can see an account of walking with and following in Matthew (26:33-75). While Peter was walking with Jesus he was ready to die with Him, but when they

took Jesus Peter then followed in a distance (26:58). As he continued to follow he then denied Jesus (26:70). With an oath he denied Him (26:72). Cursing and swearing he denied Him again (26:74).

When Christians sin, this separates them from God. For the believer, Un-repent sin will create a distance in following Him. The choice of no longer walking with Him is our choice. Only when we repent and walk with Christ Jesus our Lord can we resist temptations of sin in our life.

#### Questions to answer:

What is your temptation? Is it the lack of reading the bible, or spending time in prayer? Maybe it's working too much, or spending more time excited about, and talking of the game, or etc., than what God is doing?

With God's help I will do my best to serve God, my church, and my fellow man. To live by the rangers' code, and make the golden rule my daily rule. Do you really think you can do your best without walking with Him? I don't! God is waiting for you to catch up and walk with him. Would you ask Him to show you how? He will!

### **Outpost boy's Advancement Transition Deadline Now Passed**

With the start of a new year, the Royal Rangers advancement system is now one step closer to being fully migrated from the old 2002 system to the new 2010 system. In March 2010, a number of significant changes were announced to the structure and core requirements for advancement in the Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. These changes were initially represented in the 2010 *Leader Manual* but are now also reflected in the updated handbooks for Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers.

In order to allow ample time for outpost to transition to the new system and to prevent boys from needing to transition in the middle of an advancement trail, the old advancement system was extended through the end of 2012 (or May 2013 for Expedition Rangers). This deadline allowed for all boys to complete the advancement trail in their current age group under the old system and then easily transition to the new system once they moved up to the next age group. By this date, all Discovery and Adventure Rangers should be advancing and submitting award applications under the new 2010 system. **Award applications under the 2002 system are no longer being accepted** (except for Expedition Rangers, which have until May 2013 to complete their advancement trail).

The new advancement system is easier to understand and provides greater flexibility and choice for boys and leaders, enabling them to work together on merit topics of interest to their group. It also includes leadership development and service as core elements of the advancement process in order to more directly achieve the objectives of the Royal Rangers Ministry—to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

More information can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site on the “[2010 Advancement System Changes](#)” page.

### ***New Online training available***

**Outpost Chaplaincy and Preventing Child and Substance Abuse are now available as online training courses. Go to [www.royalrangers.org](http://www.royalrangers.org) Under General & New Training Information**

### ***New Training Available***



#### ***Ranger Safety Course***

The new [Ranger Safety online](#) course is now available and replaces the Safety and the Church course. This course will help leaders understand key safety issues that may arise during meetings, activities, and transportation. It will cover topics like proper approach to safety, principles of safety, personal and group responsibilities, assessing risk, and the importance of screening leaders. It is a required course for the [Safety Level](#) of the [Outpost Leader Advancement Levels](#).

The following information provides a summary of the most recent changes and updates to Royal Rangers training elements.

### **Rangers Ministry Academy 2013**

More elements of the Rangers Ministry Academy (RMA) are being phased in as part of a nationwide transition in training. The RMA incorporates all aspects of Royal Rangers training, including specific training for church leaders and support staff, junior leaders, adult leaders, and trainers.

For more information view our [Rangers Ministry Academy Training Chart](#).

### ***Calendar for quarter***

February 15-17, **Winter Trace**

- March 1-2, **3 on 3 Basketball "March Madness"**
- March 8-9 **Pinewood Car Race** Central Section
- March 25-April 1st **Mission Trip El Salvador**
- March 29, **Executive Staff Meeting**
- March 30, **Ranger Ministry Academy**
  
- April 12-14, **FCF Big Adventure** (Rotary Scout Reservation)
- April 26-27, **Canoe Expedition Action Camp** (Limited Number sign up early)