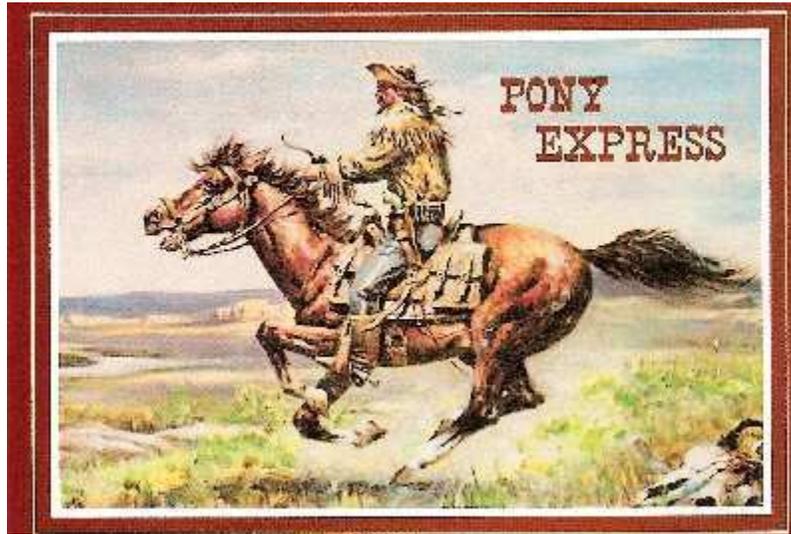


OCTOBER 2013



GROWING CHURCHES

MENTORING MINISTRY FOR FUTURE MEN: Evangelize*Equip*Empower

A DAY HEMMED IN PRAYER IS LESS LIKELY TO UNRAVEL, (PHILIPPIANS 4:6, 7)

Outpost Leadership Advancement Training Track

First I would like to encourage all Leaders to understand leadership. Learning will help revitalize not only your outpost, but also the entire church.

Royal rangers must become a learning organization that is continually questioning, learning, and changing (QLC) to adapt to our constantly changing environment. While the message of the gospel is timeless and unalterable, the methods for communicating that message can and should change. However a learning organization does not simply engage in adaptive learning that says, “Hey, Let’s tweak this or that until we get it perfect,” but rather in regenerative learning which is a deeper level of QLC. It is basically asking deeper questions: “Does this work? How can we reach a greater percentage of boys than we are now? Are we using our time and energies wisely? What can we do that we never have before to reach, teach, and keep boys?”

A learning ministry is a ministry always open to new ideas—true. We don’t change just for the sake of change, but, yes we are always open to change because learners are curious by nature. Learners also know that defensiveness is the anti-learning drug. We must avoid defending outdated methods simply based on the premise of “that’s the way things always have been done.

We must be open to new ideas and methods in keeping with a clearly defined purpose and statement of values, which we have already discussed. This is why we must be students of our methods as well as students of our culture and environment. Then we must bathe what we are learning in prayer. We study because the Holy Spirit does not anoint ignorance, and we pray because we want to line up with God’s agenda and not our own. The Holy Spirit anoints and directs our learning and planning when we are

faithful to go to Him in prayer. This why our chief discipline must be prayer! God then will help us apply what we are learning to reach more Souls.

The most ask question is, “Where do I get started?” Buy yourself and each leader a new leader’s manual, **INSPIRE THE JOURNEY**. Read it in its entirety. Buy the new boys’ book age specific to the class you facilitate. Read it in its entirety. Get your First-aid & CPR Certification.

Your Kentucky District Leadership Training Academy will only offer Ranger Basics and Ranger Essentials, and other classes every quarter each year. Those dates are posted on the 2014 calendar. Go to www.kyroyalrangers.org for those dates, classes offered, and locations. Go to the national web-site at www.royalrangers.com and click on General training. The following is offered as on line training.

General & New Training Information

Updated 8/19/13

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](#).

Online training now available:

- Ranger Safety
- Outpost Chaplaincy
- Preventing Child and [Substance Abuse](#)
- Outpost Coordinator
- Outpost Committee
- Working with Boys with Disabilities
- Frontiersman Camping Fellowship

New or Updated 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](#).



National Rangers Ministry Camp

National Rangers Ministry Camp provides instruction in leading exciting outpost activities. Each man will be introduced to the following activities: archery, art, air rifle, contemporary camping, [computers](#), drama, music, team building initiatives, trades, and Ranger Derby. Additionally, participants learn how to be a boy-lead, adult-facilitated outpost, using the team/patrol system. Most importantly, participants are challenged spiritually to live a life of godly manhood and servant leadership. Every leader will be able to answer the question, “Do I have what it takes to be a godly man, husband, and father?”

Kentucky District Junior Leadership Training Academy

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS 30 DAYS PRIOR TO CAMPS

Non-Chartered Outpost - \$115.00 Pre-registration required each person.

Chartered Outpost - \$ 100.00 – Pre-registration required each person.

This camp has been review by staff and we have set a price lower to encourage attendance. We have for several years pass, lost money because camps were very small. It's not too late we need you—to help increase the numbers of trainees so we can continue to lower prices and help make camps more affordable. Families with multiple children could receive even greater discounts. We need at least 15 boys with paid registry to pay for the camps, if not they may be canceled at the thirty day preregistration deadline. Each outpost will be responsible for other additional cost of ceremonies, sabers and etc. for the young men (Royal Rangers), earning the Trail of The Saber.

Did you know? That attending Action Camps is part of the requirements for the Trail of The Saber! Your Kentucky District is offering one this coming November 2013, 1st.— 3rd. **Back Packer Action Camp Red River Gorge.** Give your boys a jump start on Junior Camps come and join us. I need to know by 15th of this month, “October.” Call me 502-718-9922 or e-mail me at xpert_exteriors@yahoo.com.

District Junior Leader Training

Districts play a vital role in junior leadership development. They can provide an environment for boys and young men to come together from many different outposts and backgrounds and learn to work together and fine-tune leadership skills. They can also provide instruction in specialized skills local leaders may not be able to offer.

Pre-Academy Camps

These training events are designed to help prepare boys for Junior Academy camps. They are not a pre-requisite for Junior Leaders Training Academy attendance.



Discovery Training Camp (DTC) is a district camp for boys in Discovery Rangers, which could be run at the section level. The focus will be on team building through the patrol method. It can be held in either a camping environment or church facility.



Adventure Training Camp (ATC) is for boys in Adventure Rangers. It is a district camp, which could be run at the section level, to focus on activities and events related to camping skills. Boys learn by doing a variety of camping skills.

Junior Leaders Training Academy

The Junior Leaders Training Academy (JLTA) is a program for equipping junior leaders with a variety of outdoor skills as well as encouraging leadership, teamwork, and personal development. For information concerning the JLTA events available in your area, contact your district director. The following is a current list of the JLTA events endorsed by the national Royal Rangers ministry:



Junior Training Camp (JTC) is for boys in seventh grade and above. This camp trains boys in camping techniques and outpost leadership and is conducted in an outdoor setting. Trainees are divided into patrols that camp together, eat together, and function as units throughout the camp. Training emphasizes camp craft techniques, and team-building skills, giving boys the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. In addition, each trainee receives a workbook at the beginning of the camp to complete while at the camp.



Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC) is for boys who have completed JTC and have finished eighth grade. Boys are taught skills that build upon what they learned at JTC. Emphasis is on advanced camping and leadership skills. The camp has a similar format to JTC, with the added responsibility of assisting with JTC training. Each trainee is given a workbook to complete and use at the camp.



Junior Training Trails (JTT) is available to boys who have completed Advanced JTC and have finished ninth grade. They will spend much of their time on the trail learning and developing backpacking skills in [classes](#) such as Trail Camping, Low Impact Camping, Emergency First Aid, [Map](#) and Compass, and Rescue Techniques. Instruction is based on the green Backpacking Merit. Patrols will camp and work together. Participants will carry their gear and food in packs and will share in tasks and leadership responsibilities. They will live in tents and cook their meals. They will be given many opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned about living on the trail.



Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE) is for those boys who want to learn more advanced canoeing skills as well as how to conduct canoe trips. Boys must have attended Advanced JTC and have finished the ninth grade. Topics to be studied include water-related first aid, swimming safety, canoe safety, waterproofing of gear, canoe care, portaging, and conducting council fires. After attending classes the first day, trainees and staff will set out on a water expedition. During this time they have the opportunity to complete the requirements for the green Canoeing Merit. Expeditions are divided into groups, because often there is a restriction on the number of campers at each campsite.



Junior Missions Camp (JMC) prepares the boys for home and world missions construction projects. Boys must have attended an Advanced JTC and have completed the ninth grade. Classes range from building walls to witnessing. Witnessing skills are taught and put to use in a visit to a local community or another ministry opportunity. Boys are taught fundamental construction skills to enable them to attend a missions trip.



Junior Survival Camp (JSC) is designed to give boys training and experience in survival camping. Attendees will have the opportunity to complete the requirements for the silver Wilderness Survival Merit. The time at JSC will be divided between instruction and application. Boys are placed into two-man survival teams. Boys learn skills such as advanced fire craft, primitive beds and shelters, outdoor cooking, and first aid. Teams will construct and live in survival shelters also.



Junior Winter Camp (JWC) is for those boys who wish to learn more about winter camping. Boys will have had to complete Advanced JTC and the ninth grade to attend. Boys are taught the fundamentals of cold weather camping. Safety precautions and skills are taught in evening, and some daytime, sessions. Classes and activities include tobogganing, winter shelters, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and avalanche safety. During this time they will have the opportunity to complete the requirements for the silver Winter Camping Merit.

Post Academy Camps

These camps are available to young men who have graduated from the Junior Leaders Training Academy.



Elite Junior Leadership Camp (Elite JLC) is a post-academy camp. A boy must have graduated from the Junior Leadership Training Academy and have finished tenth grade. Each district chooses the camp program for Elite JLC that best suits the needs of the boys in its district. Possible camps include Drill and Ceremony, Pageantry, and Advanced Search and Rescue.



Junior Academy trains men and boys to operate a Junior Leadership Academy. Leaders and boys meet certain criteria before attending. Trainees will be taught the organizational skills needed to run a district Junior Leadership Training Academy. Upon graduation, trainees will be eligible to serve on the staff of Junior Training Camps. Further information can be obtained through the district commander or the national Royal Rangers ministry

Calendar of Events:

October

- October 1 **Sectional Councils**
- October 5 **JBQ- East & West**
- October 7 – 8 **Sectional Councils**

- October 11 – 12 **KSOM**
- October 11-13, **FCF Fall Trace** [Click here for registration](#)
- October 28 – 29 **LFTL** Tour

November

- November 1,2, and 3, **Back Packer Action Camp** (Fathers and Sons, Commanders and boys)
- November 2 **JBQ- East & West**
- November 8 – 9 **KSOM**

December

- December 7 **JBQ- East**

DEVOTION:

When preparedness meets opportunity we shall occupy:

Galatians 6:4

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Though for today:

The Navy Seals motto in training is, “the more you sweat in peacetime, the less you bleed in war.” This is an incredibly powerful way to look at training. Training, or if you will, preparation, is not easy. For a Navy Seal, it is not easy to wake up at 4 in the morning, freezing cold, with a drill instructor yelling in your ear for absolutely no reason. It is not easy to spend hours upon hours doing push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks. It is not easy to run mile after mile wearing 40 pounds of gear in the rain. It is not easy. And the truth is many people quit. A lot of people get the inspiration to try, but very few men make it up the ranks to be called a seal and even less men can make it to be on a prestigious team such as the Seal Team 6. Even though it is hard, they understand the ultimate result. They understand that every mile, every push up, every firing range practice and every drop of sweat is worth it because when war time comes they are going to solely rely on their training.

Questions to ponder:

For the Royal Ranger Leader Training will not always be easy or complimentary to our time schedule. Are you willing to spend hours upon hours doing spiritual push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks? Without preparation it will not be easy running mile after mile wearing the burden of souls you will be carrying. Do you believe souls are in the balance? I do!

Twenty some years of being a certified instructor I’ve seen a lot of people with inspiration to try to be a Royal Ranger Leader, but very few make it up the ranks through the preparation of Leadership training to the Advanced Outpost Leader. And the truth is, many quit for the lack of preparation. Are you willing to make it to the most prestigious team of soul winning in the Assemblies of God? Do you understand the ultimate result?