

JANUARY 2013

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER:

"I want to challenge our leaders to grow, to reach out to influence more boys and young men than ever and do it more effectively than we ever have."

What a year it has been! We are thrilled to see the ministry grow here in Kentucky and around the world proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through your prayers, your personal ministry of evangelism, and financial support this pass year.

But our work can't stop there... because God has commanded us to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20). All nations! That's no small task, and what an *adventure* it is! There are countless people around the world who desperately need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Far too many of them have no clue that God is searching them out for personal and eternal friendship full of *adventure*. We have millions of boys and young men to influence, so our best days must lie ahead—there eternal destiny depends on it! **WE MUST INFLUENCE MORE BOYS AND YOUNG MEN THAN EVER.** In 2013, we plan to mentor the Gospel to as many as possible... but we can't do this without you and your prayers! Please keep praying!!

Our small team relies on your prayer support as we seek to encourage and provide resources to influence more boys and young men than ever and do it more effectively than ever. I urge you to partner with us in prayer each and every day. Just a few minutes spent in prayer each day makes a world of difference. "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Thank you so much for praying.

Romans 15:4a

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us...

Thoughts for Today:

Paul is saying Scripture is filled with multiple accounts of people who gave up their personal freedom for the benefit of others. Here are some examples:

Abraham in Genesis 13:8: "So Abram said to Lot, 'Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers.'"

Jonathan in 1 Samuel 19:4: "Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, 'Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly.'"

David in 1 Samuel 24:10: "This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave [David speaking to Saul]. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.'"

Moses in Hebrews 11:24: "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

These are examples of men who gave up their right to property or position. Yet they didn't demand any form of compensation. They also have one other thing in common -- all prospered as a result. Paul tells us to pay close attention and learn from their example: "...the past was written to teach us."

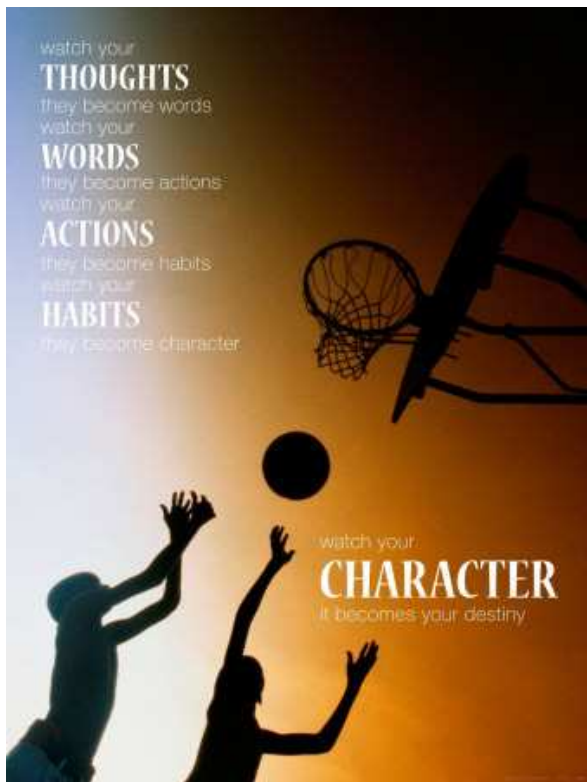
Questions to Ponder:

Do you only learn by experience? Or do you allow the lessons in the lives of Biblical figures to serve as practical instruction? It's how the Bible teaches, and is the focus of our passage today: "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us." Are you reading? Are you studying? Are you paying attention?

FEW EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2013



FCF Winter Trace coming in February 15th-17th 2013 Applications on line now.



Three on three basketball tournament Discovery ,Adventure,& Expedition age. Leaders Will team up in competition too. March 1st- 2^{sd} 2013. Applications on line January 2013.



FIRST ANNUAL ACTIONCAMP *What are Action Camps; And when will the Action Camps be available?*

Action Camps are district-sponsored events where adult men and high-school age boys can attend together to learn exciting skills like backpacking, canoeing, survival, winter camping, etc.

We will go on a 21 mile canoe / kayak expedition trick down the Elkhorn Creek to the Kentucky River camping over night at the Stillwater Camp Ground. Date is April 26th-27th 2013. Limited camp, so get your pre-registrations in ASAP. Registrations open on line January 2013.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT POW-WOW: JUNE 28TH---30TH 2013

"THE GREATEST ADVENTURE"

Guest Speaker: **Sonny Green** National FCF Emeritus

Praise and Worship TBA

Sunday Service: **Gilbert E. Kerby** Kentucky District Royal Ranger Director
Rotary Scout Reservation
Kentucky's Royal Rangers Camp

Dear one,

*I am enthused to let our new outpost know some important information. You and your boys may come to our 2013 Pow-Wow with no equipment. That's right no tents, nor any camping equipment of any kind. **No food that's ok too!** We will be serving meals for all your stay. Put you and your boys in cabins and before you turn in for the night from a fun packed day; lead them to a more fervent relationship with our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus at council fire. **This salvation experience is the Greatest Adventure of all.** All you have to do is call me to register for cabins; **get registered, bring all permission forms for boys and pastors approval forms for dads and commanders (leaders).** We only have nine four man cabins, so you may want to act quick and reserve cabins for your boys. Pow-wow is a life changing experience for all boys, young men, and old alike. Come and join us for the Greatest Adventure of all. A life empowered, character transformation, and tasks' to carry out. **Yours may even start or continue from here my friend!***

Information and registration packet will be posted on line soon. Go to; www.kyroyalrangers.org

"Ready" in His service,

Gilbert E. Kerby

Kentucky District Commander

FOR A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS GO TO

WWW.KYROYALRANGERS.ORG

General & New Training Information

Updated 11/19/12

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](#).

New Online training available

Outpost Chaplaincy and Preventing Child and Substance Abuse are now available as online training courses. Go to the following [Link](#) to sign up and take these revised courses.

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](#).



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, father?"

Go to the National Training Schedule and Registration [Link](#) for current schedule and locations.



Ranger Basics

The Revised (version 2.0) Ranger Basics, one of the courses required for the Ready Level of the outpost lead advancement levels is available through your local district. As the name implies it provides you the "Basic" information to be a successful leader in the Royal Ranger Ministry. Contact your district training coordinator for more information. For more information on Ranger Basics visit the [Ready page](#).



Ranger Essentials

Ranger Essentials is now updated and is a leader-training course; one of the courses required for the Ready Level of the outpost leader advancement levels is available through your local district. Ranger Essentials prepares to mentor boys and young men into godly men. Contact your district training coordinator for more information. For more information on Ranger Essentials visit the [Ready page](#).



Training Academy

The purpose of the TA is to nationally certify quality instructors to teach Ranger Basics (RB), Ranger Essentials (RE), and RMA continuous learning electives (cle). Certification will be provided through the region in cooperation with the local district. The Training Academy is the prerequisite for attending all other academies. For more information go to the [instructor training information](#) link.

Training FAQ: Junior Training Questions

Revised 11/19/12

Where can I find the Junior Leadership Foundations material?

Junior Leadership Foundations is on the leader track of [TRaCclub](#). Remember when you purchase the [Leader Manual "Inspire the Journey"](#) you get a 2 year free membership to the adult leader track of TRaCclub by using the special code included with the Leader Manual.

What are leadership merits and where do I find them?

[Junior Leadership Merits](#) are a key training tool for Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. Leadership merits are intended to be taught every six months by the group leaders in one of two ways: in five weekly meetings, or in a one-day/weekend format. Merit lesson plans will be available thru [TRaCclub](#). As new leadership merits for the Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers are developed they will be added to TRaCclub

What are Action Camps, and when will the Action Camps be available?

Action Camps are district-sponsored events where adult men and high-school age boys can attend together to learn exciting skills like backpacking, canoeing, survival, winter camping, etc., to take back to the local outpost. As action camps are developed they will be released. There will be a transition time for development of the core guidelines for each Action Camp.

Can I still complete the Expedition Rangers Leadership Medal?

Yes, high school age Rangers can continue to complete the requirements for the Leadership Medal found in the Expedition Rangers Handbook. Districts that present a ceremonial "saber" to Expedition Rangers who complete the Leadership Medal and a fifth junior camp may continue to do so. [This Junior Leadership Track will end on January 1, 2015.](#)

If I complete the Expedition Rangers Leadership Medal and a fifth junior training camp to earn my saber, will it qualify me to wear the new Trail of the Saber Medal?

Earning a ceremonial saber per the requirements above will not qualify a young man to wear the new Trail of the Saber Medal because the requirements for the two awards are quite different. Chapter 29 of the Leader Manual: Inspire the Journey outlines the requirements to earn the Trail of the Saber Medal. Besides attending or serving as a junior staff member at junior training camps/action camps, you must earn eight leadership merits and read all the Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition distinctives from the leadership merits. Leaders are encouraged to only teach two leadership merits per year. (All the leadership distinctives will be included in the book "A Guy's Journey to Servant Leadership" scheduled to be released soon.)

When can I start completing the Trail of the Saber Medal requirements?

Now! If you have just started your junior leadership trail and are a freshman/sophomore in high school or younger, you should begin working on the Trail of the Saber Medal. Requirements can be found in the new [Expedition Rangers Handbook](#), [Leader Manual](#) or [RR Website](#). Those already working in the previous system should continue with past requirements as outlined in the ER Handbook of five Junior Training Academy camps and twenty-five Spirit Challenges.

January 1, 2015 this will replace any other junior leadership track (Expedition Leadership Medal.)