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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY:
JULY 13 – 16
The Junior Leadership 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, please visit the training page of our website.

POW WOW JULY 16 – 19
Join us at the District Royal Rangers campgrounds in Greene, NY. This unique event brings together men and boys from across the state to enjoy four days of fun activities in the scenic Appalachian Mountain Chain of Chenango County. For registration information go to: www.nyroyalrangers.org

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The Colonials Territorial Rendezvous – October 9 – 11 in Greene, NY. Download your information from the North East Regional Website at: www.northeastregion.org

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A DATE AND LOCATION FOR A HIKING ACTION CAMP WILL BE ANNOUNCED VERY SOON - KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE
Several years ago, archeologists from America visited the pyramids in Egypt (which are over 4,000 years old). The teams discovered some clay pots and brought them back to the United States. Upon inspection, seeds were found in the pots. The over 4,000 year old seeds were placed in some soil and watered and guess what happened? You guessed it – every seed sprouted and grew. Why? Because there is life in the seed.

As a servant leader in Royal Rangers, I urge you to never forget this as you labor and sow eternal seed. Never ever forget the seed principle Jesus taught in Luke 12:18-21. Remember always – as you labor, serve and invest and sow good seed:

1. God’s work always starts small!
2. At times God’s work is invisible, but God is working even when you cannot see Him!
3. God’s word with your faithfulness always brings results!

That’s right friend, the seeds you sow have eternity connected to them. The labor you give has eternity connected to it! The time you invest has eternity all over it! So, be of good courage and remember – the devil is a liar! My grandparents sowed seed in me for two years while I was in a wheelchair. From age 11-19 I went my own way. Then on July of 1974 I was saved on an airplane while reading a Gospel tract – while my grandmother was praying in Leesburg, Virginia. That’s right, the Seed has the power to change the hungry heart! Sow on in faith, the harvest is sure to come.
Chartering has been a yearly event for each outpost for many years now.

Here are some interesting facts about chartering:

- The charter period was changed to September 1 of the current year through August 31 of the following year to coincide with the school year on September 1, 2009 when on-line chartering through the National Royal Rangers Office commenced.
- Prior to September 1, 2009, each district had administered their charters.
- Charter fees paid are used to support Royal Rangers at the national and district levels.
- The current charter fees are $11.00 per boy and $13.00 per leader.
- $3.00 of each charter fee paid is returned to the New York District Royal Rangers fund.
- If an outpost has not chartered for 5 years or longer, the charter fees can be pro-rated, should the outpost charter after the start of the charter period.
- If an outpost has not chartered for over 5 years they may or may not keep their old charter number. A new number may be assigned by the national office.
- The current charter period, September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 will end soon.

If your group did not charter for this period, I would encourage you to start getting prepared now, so you can charter beginning September 1, 2015.

http://royalrangers.com/programs/chartering/

Chartering your outpost benefits your ministry and the financial support that it brings to the National and District Royal Rangers organizations is a huge help as we move forward. Please be sure that you charter ... every year.

Ready For Anything

By Tom Sember

As firefighters respond to the report of a burning building, they need to be ready for anything. While responding one evening to a fire, my mind began to prepare me for what I may possibly encounter… people trapped, heavy fire and smoke and the possibility that I may not come out alive. I needed to make sure I was ready for anything in case I was called to give my life that day. I needed to be sure that I lived my life bringing honor to Jesus Christ.

Three young men were about to enter a burning furnace, and the reality was they would not come out alive; but even as they faced the threat of death, they stood firm upon their belief in God.

Daniel 3:17-18 (NASB)
17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

The Royal Ranger Motto is “Ready” - Ready for anything! Ready to work, play, serve, worship, live, and obey God’s Word. In today’s day and age, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we will face times when our future is unsure. We will be challenged to give up what we believe so that we may live, but that’s not living, that’s not being ready; it is giving in and giving up!

Peter shares with us … we need to be ready – 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

The key, of course, is having prepared ourselves to be ready when the challenge comes… so are you ready? Have you prepared by spending time with God in prayer, being grounded in His Word, walking by the power of the Holy Spirit… if not, maybe it’s time we prepare and be ready!
Today’s boy is tomorrow’s man. And the best time to shape a godly man is while he’s still a boy. We know that. But what to do with his energy, daring and competitiveness? Are these aggressive tendencies good or bad? Of course, that depends.

If we offer boys what they crave, involved dads and a community of godly men to emulate, they will welcome our training, accountability, and moral guidance. When families and churches engage their sons, we turn toward them and prepare them to live from the heart, to lend their strength for the benefit of everyone. But when we turn against boys, or forget them, there is no one to discipline their power, and it grows unpredictable, or worse, destructive.

The world needs their positive strength. Boys and young men crave involved fathers and churches. Today. This is the silent cry of every boy everywhere.

As Assemblies of God missionaries, Kerry, my wife, and I are called to mobilize men and churches worldwide to mentor the next generation of men. We want to establish Royal Rangers outposts in every nation of the world in our lifetime. To do this we need your help. With as little as $10/month you and your outpost can help us train leaders to mentor boys all around the world. Tomorrow is too late. Will you send Kerry and me to the nations? Doug Marsh, Royal Rangers missionary – Visit www.dougmarsh.org to learn more and to donate.

John P. Blondo  World Missions Director
N. Y. Assemblies of God

Zero access zones. There are areas in our world where thousands of people live yet there are no churches, no bibles and no Christians living there.

Out of the seven billion people alive on our planet right now, millions live in zero access zones. Missions is the heartbeat of God our Father to reach them with the message of Jesus and His unconditional love.

Jesus said that as His Father sent Him, so He is sending us. We stand with everyone called to learn a new language and live in a neighborhood with people who have no access to the Gospel right now.

Our assignment is urgent. The mandate to “Go” is not negotiable. To follow Jesus means total obedience. He set us free to live a life of love and obedience to Him.

Join us in this great adventure. Open your heart to the voice of Jesus. Encounter Him. You are the message! By your life, our world will be transformed one soul at a time!

RESPONSE of NY (Psalm 46:1)

RESPONSE of NY is happy to partner with the NY Royal Rangers in the Mission Action Camp, in Greene. In addition to working on the Emergency Preparedness Merit with Rangers, we plan to do several drills. Rangers will be encouraged to engage with first responders in their communities and also receive training on becoming a part of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) of their church. Because many RR Commanders have first responder training, we have an excellent working relationship that honors God through this compassion ministry!
Did you know God needs you? That’s right! He needs you to tell other boys about Jesus. How will the un-churched kids in your school hear about Jesus if you don’t tell them? And how will they see an example of Jesus if you don’t show them? You can become a missionary right where you live by becoming an E-LIFE Kid to your school and to your community. An E-LIFE Kid is one who makes new friendships so he can then share Jesus with others. The E-LIFE Kid also mentors (helps someone grow spiritually) other kids. An E-LIFE Kid is any student who commits to and demonstrates (shows) the Five Commitments of an E-LIFE Kid-Seek, Show, Share, Invite, and Invest.

- **Seek** the Spirit’s help to help others
- **Show** kindness and friendship to others
- **Share** "The Story" (why Jesus came to live and die on earth)
- **Invite** others to know Jesus and to church
- **Invest** in the lives of others

The ultimate goal of a Rangers E-LIFE Kid is to share the "E-LIFE Plan" (plan of salvation) with other kids and to disciple them in their spiritual walk with Jesus. But before you can share about Jesus, you must first build friendships by showing kindness and friendship. Being a Royal Rangers E-LIFE Kid can be lots of fun. Learn more about E-LIFE by going to the BGMCKids website at www.bgmckids.ag.org. There’s lots of games and activities and fun ways to learn how to be an E-LIFE kid on that website. Plus your Royal Rangers leader can do lots of 5-minute E-LIFE activities right along with his Rangers lesson. Ask him to go to www.elife.ag.org for lots of games, object lessons, scripture, pictures, videos, and much more.

**Targeting You Public Schools:** You can serve as missionaries to your world once you learn the simple steps of being an "E-LIFE Kid." Plus you can get involved in school outreach in several ways:

- **Personal evangelism**
- **Before- or after-school group huddles for prayer and during "Seeing You At The Pole"**
- **Teachers’ Day: E-LIFE Kids showing acts of kindness to the teachers**
- **Work days at the school, led by your Royal Rangers leader**
- **After-school clubs**
- **See You At the Pole and See You At the Playgroups—see the E-LIFE website for more details**

So take the E-LIFE challenge. Be a Royal Ranger who’s serving as an E-LIFE missionary to your school and community. Remember: God needs you!

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**Stay Alive 2 – I’m Thirsty**

Last time we visited, we found ourselves on our own and needing to take care of ourselves. Every aspect of ourselves. We’re doin’ it. If we’re warm, we’re gonna stay warm. If we’re not warm, we’re gonna get warm. Signals signaling? Good. Now your next most important thing to be great at is: maintaining your ability to function. That means WATER. More important than food. Water is big part of us. And we use up a lot that has to be replaced pretty frequently. Any time I feel thirsty I am already affected internally by a short supply of water. Commander Monez and Chuck Norris both call this dehydration. Dehydration may not drop you right away. It will denigrate your ability to do well on many levels. And you can’t afford to not do well on every level just because you’re not giving yourself water. (continued on page 9)
WHY TRAINING?

Training is an important part of our Christian heritage. God had a plan for reaching a lost world. His plan was simple yet profound; take twelve ordinary men, give them three years of training, observing and obeying and send them out equipped with the Word, prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit to produce disciples.

As a Royal Ranger leader, you have been called to disciple; to evangelize, equip and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

Let’s be as effective as we possibly can be. One of the things we can do is to take more training and then apply what we have learned to mentor boys and new leaders. Training will help Royal Rangers strengthen its leadership core.

Royal Rangers offers a wide variety of training events. You can contact the New York District Staff and go to www.royalrangers.com/training/adult for more information.

To help guide adult leaders, there are four advancement training levels available; Ready, Safety, Trained & Advanced. There are also several online courses available at the National Royal Rangers Online Training Portal found at www.nationalroyalrangers.eleapcourses.com including the Ranger Safety Course, which is required for the “Safety” level.

Of all the districts in the nation, the New York District had one of the highest numbers of attendees at National Training events last school year, sending more than fifty adult leaders to National Ranger Ministry Camp, National Elementary Education Camp and the Johnny Barnes Excellence Initiative Seminar. They also trained forty-eight leaders at Ranger Basics and Ranger Essential events held around the district.

Jesus did not try to reach the masses with the Gospel; rather, He concentrated on a few selected ordinary men, who were “with Him” and to whom He gave both verbal instruction and constant example, preparing them through their time with Him to do the same.

God has given you a task as a Royal Ranger leader to mentor future men, to provide Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men.

Take more training; it’s key to effective leadership.

David Machado Regional Training Coordinator
The Hunter’s Horn

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The blazing campfire is the official symbol of FCF. The campfire provided the early frontiersmen with light, warmth and was essential for cooking. It was used for other vital needs as well.

The blazing campfire, therefore, symbolizes the spirit of FCF, which is Christian love (warmth), personal witness (light), and dedicated service (usefulness). There are five logs around the fire. They represent the five things needed to keep the spirit of FCF alive: courage, achievement, friendship, leadership, and woodsman ship.

October 2005 – The Territorial Rendezvous, on our property in Greene NY. Our field in Greene was covered with white canvas tents. Fred Deaver our guest speaker challenged us. “We are in a battle, don’t just hold the fort but advance on the enemy. As Christians we need to be dedicated men of valor”. Photo Blast; Dallas, Marty, Tommy, Lou, Scott, Vinny, Fred, Andrew, Jeremy, Bobby, David, Mike.

What FCF Means To Boys
By Jared ‘II Candles’ Silverman

FCF, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, is one of my favorite facets of Royal Rangers. It teaches boys, including myself, the culture of FCF; courage, achievement, friendship, leadership, and woodsman ship. God tells us in Psalm 31:24, “Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.” God gave us the courage to sleep outside that first night we joined FCF. He also gave me the courage to achieve the Wilderness level. Over my years in FCF, I have established many strong friendship bonds in NY and throughout the country. Continuing through the FCF symbol, leadership has been a significant aspect in my FCF and Royal Rangers career, as I serve as NY District Asst. Scout and as a Jr. Commander in my outpost. As we lead them, the boys glean these skills from us. Woodsmanship is a favorite and exciting aspect of FCF as it has taught us an abundance of hands-on outdoors skills; such as building primitive fires, building primitive shelters, shooting muzzleloaders, and knife and hawk throwing. The FCF motto is “Ad Dare Sevire” which means “To Give and to Serve.” As an elite level in Royal Rangers, FCF holds us to a higher standard - to step out and give our services to those in need. All of these skills we do unto Jesus Christ our Master Ranger. My experience in FCF has led me to know that through this elite level, boys become Godly men.


FCF PATHFINDER MISSIONS
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**2015 District Events**

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**CENTRAL SECTION:**
Ranger Kids Day will be held on May 30 at 1st A/G in Marcy, NY
Fall Camp will be held on September 18-20 at Highland Forest Park in Fabius, NY

**NEW YORK CITY SECTION:**
Our next Roundtable meeting is schedule for June 15, 2015 Location TBA.
Contact Sectional Commander Mark Phillips for more details. Mark Phillips <philmar4000@yahoo.com>

**THE LONG ISLAND SECTION:**
CAMPOREE - May 29 – 31 at the Schiff Scout Reservation
ROMANS 10:9 IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, “JESUS IS LORD” AND BELIEVE IN YOUR
THE HUDSON VALLEY SECTION:
MERIT CAMP - May 29-30 - Location will be Calvary AG in Monroe.
RANGER KIDS DAY - June 13 - Faith Assembly of God, Poughkeepsie, Casperkill campus. Theme: RACING WITH JESUS.


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Clear water running over rocks looks cool and refreshing. If you want to drink from it you do it at your own risk. Do you understand how quickly you can become incapacitated by what’s in there? Or how long it will take for the parasites you ingest to become apparent in your body? Now grab a cup full from the creek. But be careful. Remember Mom always says: “Ifin’ ya’ll scoop up a bear in y’alls cupa wader, poor em back in da crick. Yu’alls sittin in his livin room. He aint sittin in yours.” And it might not be bears you scoop up with your water.

There are two kinds of things that will get you in your water. First, things you see; like ducks, fish, poops, cloudy stuff, murky stuff, muddy stuff, slimy stuff, and worse. And second, things you don’t see; like parasites, bacteria, algae, viruses, fungi, little tiny bits of rotted animal carcass plopping off the remains of Mother Nature right up stream. Not including the Zombie apocalypse or Alien contamination. Do you know how many invisible buggies like that cause polio, gastroenteritis, myocarditis and meningitis are commonly found in ground water? Giardia is spread from many animals’ feces. Not just beaver. And the beaver in the pond at the Greene property probably does go to the potty somewhere. And Giardia spores are tough enough to survive a chlorine bath. Even smaller than Giardia is Leptospirosis. This bacterium can cause meningitis. One of my boys contracted that on a camping trip. The docs said if we had not transported him right away he might not have survived the night. So what you put inside yourself is a serious responsibility. And will affect you in many ways.

Basic and simple cloth filters can reduce visually identifiable particles. Your water will look better but not be appreciably cleaner. But will be helpful in lessening the load on more sophisticated filter systems. Boiling water is a simple low-tech solution that is remarkably effective against biological contaminants. It’s extra work but I’m doing it more and more. I boil it hot and for at least 15 minutes. Then after it’s cooled I like to agitate it to let air into the mix and improve the flavor. Iodine, Halezone, and Chlorine are effective at killing many buggies but not all. And some have a short shelf life when opened. Giardia, for example, has a case so hard it will survive a chlorine soak and not die.

Stay Alive 2 conclusion

Many systems come with a post treatment component with ascorbic acid to minimize the chemical taste. Know that vitamin C juice powders will do the same thing. I used to be confident of my ceramic element filter that would filter down to 0.2 microns. That’s small enough to snag a Giardia spore. But now I know that a Leptospirosis bacteria can get through a filter pore greater than 0.1. Remember, filter elements need to be maintained because the filter the buggies stop can become a breeding ground.

We live in a very contaminated world. Not just surface water. But the rules are the same. You decide what you allow into your body. If you’re not wise some of the stuff out there will take you apart. So Be Wise! Do the Work! Stay Alive!
I grew up attending church several times a week: Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, Royal Rangers on Wednesday nights, *(yes, that’s me)* and Saturday evening prayer meetings. Being a pastor’s kid means you’re not only at church every time the doors are open—you’re also the first to arrive and the last to leave. I sang songs about the cross, heard sermons about the cross and probably earned a badge at some point about the cross. I believed that Jesus died on the cross and I was thankful.

So what was my greatest obstacle to truly understanding and appreciating the work of the cross? I didn’t think I was that bad of a sinner.

I knew I wasn’t perfect. I knew I lost my temper, talked back to my parents and didn’t read my Bible enough. I kept a pretty accurate internal account of my behavior. But that was the problem. I only thought of my sin in terms of bad behavior. I didn’t understand that sin is much more than the worst things a person does—often it’s the heart motivations beneath the best things someone does. I wasn’t doing the right things because I loved Jesus and knew Jesus loved me. I was doing it because church involvement was a useful tool in providing me what my heart really craved—approval, applause, access.

The most disgusting thing about my sin was that I didn’t actually think it was that disgusting. I was relying upon my own pathetic performance record to save myself—I wasn’t trusting fully and solely in the person and work of Jesus.

The biggest obstacle for young men in embracing the cross is that they don’t truly realize how hopeless they are apart from it. Jesus lived in our place and died in our place not to offer us a second chance to get it right, but because He knew we never would! Once the Spirit helped me believe I could not save myself, I began to really fall in love with Jesus and live a life of worship—from approval and not for approval.

David Hertweck
District Youth & Chi Alpha Director
New York Youth Ministries

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

What better way to invest in the ministry of evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders than to make a monthly faith promise or a one-time donation? Your prayers and financial support will help us promote Royal Rangers to churches throughout our District; to continue supporting missions projects at home and abroad in areas such as Royal Rangers International, Pathfinders Missions, BGMC and Speed the Light; your dollars will also help us develop and maintain our Royal Rangers Campground in Greene, NY... a place where boys and young men are mentored in Christian living while enjoying the great outdoors. Your gift will go a long way in helping us reach our goals.

Send your tax-deductible support today, payable to; "NY District A/G Royal Rangers" our address is: 8130 Oswego Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090-1920. Thank you for your generous support of this life-changing ministry.

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