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A Publication of the NY Ministry Network Royal Rangers - a boys’ ministry.

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http://nyroyalrangers.org/
http://royalrangers.com/
http://www.northeastregion.org/

JUNE 2-4
The Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA) 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 JLDA events, please visit the training page of our website.

POW WOW July 13 - 16
Meet our National Director Karl Fleig 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. I know that we will all have an encounter with the Lord as His Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts.

The NY Ministry Network has a great mentoring program just for GIRLS.

For information regarding Girls’ Ministries, please contact Lisa Durant nygm@twc.ny.rr.com

January 28, during the North East Region Leaders Conference - “Empower ‘17” - we received the honor of the two awards you see on the left. The “District Excellence Award” and the FCF Colonials “Eagle Award”... because of the hard work our leaders and boys have done and their participation in events, advancements, training, missions giving and service. We can all be proud and thankful to be part of an awesome team in an awesome ministry. Keep up the good work!

2017 Canoe Action Camp - Applications are now available for the CAC / June 2-4 in Bath, NY. Giving junior and adult leaders an introduction to canoeing. For information contact Ed Hazard rangered.ED@gmail.com or visit www.nyroyalrangers.org
God’s Purpose and Promise
By David Nuzzolo
Executive Assistant, Metro

2 Chronicles 20:1-17 is a great story of King Jehoshaphat.

The enemy was surrounding the city. There seems to be no hope. Jehoshaphat could only cry out to God for help. All of Judah cries out with him. Then it happens.

God speaks those famous words that we love to quote, “The Battle is not yours, but Mine.” It’s done. The enemy is defeated. Judah is delivered.

This is one of those exciting stories in the Bible that we love to quote, in a way to build our faith and confidence.

For example, did you ever have a situation where things seem to be working against you? When you know that you have not done anything wrong, and you realize that there is nothing in your power that you can do. We often encourage ourselves by quoting this verse, “the battle is not mine but the Lord’s.”

And I would say “rightfully so.”

There are other times, however, that we may find ourselves in a jam, maybe because of our bad decisions or even misbehavior. All of a sudden we take the “Christian” position that, “God is on my side and the battle is His.”

If we take a closer look at the story of Jehoshaphat, we see that he was a godly King that understood and lived the principles of God. If you read Jehoshaphat’s prayer, he is not only asking for deliverance, but is reminding himself, and God, of God’s purpose and promise.

So let’s stop and think for a moment:
- God has a purpose
- God makes a promise to fulfill that purpose
- Jehoshaphat lived his life in line with that purpose and promise
- When action was needed, God defended His purpose and promise.
- God takes the battle as his own. Jehoshaphat, and all of Judah, walked in the blessing

It would seem to me that God taking the battle as His own was not just Jehoshaphat needing help and defense, but God working out the purpose of His promise.

So this begs two questions?
What is the overall purpose and promise of God?
What is the purpose and promise of God in my life?

I believe the answer to these would better direct our passions and our opinions concerning the world and events around us, and help us with personal direction and impact (and frankly, put a stop to many of the divided opinions and debates).

We may want to consider, that if we are struggling with blessing, we need to review if we are living out the purpose and promise of God.

Just a thought!

POW WOW
JULY 13 – 16, 2017
GREENE, NEW YORK  BE THERE!!!!!

www.nyroyalrangers.org
Dear Friend of Royal Rangers,

We are planning to build the toilet and shower house pictured above. We need to raise funds. We are asking that each Royal Ranger leader and every Royal Ranger family make a donation. If everyone donates generously, it would not be a burden on any one person/family and we will be able to begin construction. We expect this project will cost approximately $50,000. It sounds costly, but if we each do our part, boys and young men in Royal Rangers will benefit for many years to come.

We realize some may hesitate to give to a project unless they are sure construction will begin. So if that is you, we are asking for a commitment; Will you make a solemn promise and let us know how much you will give once we break ground? If you give the money upfront that will help all the more. Just think if 200 Royal Rangers gave $250, we would meet our goal. By God’s bountiful grace when we exceed the moneys needed, it will go to future camp development and maintenance.

Name__________________________________________Email__________________________
Address_________________________________________Phone_________________________

I pledge _______________ or Enclosed_$______________

Mail to: NY Ministry Network Royal Rangers
8130 Oswego Road
Liverpool NY 13090-1520

Make the check payable to: “NY Ministry Network”
In the memo please write the words: “Royal Rangers Camp”
OUTREACH

Rory Dudley - NY Ministry Network Royal Rangers Outreach Coordinator

We continue to build upon the NY Outreach Team. As a team we will reach many churches at the sectional and divisional levels. Our focus will be the growth of Royal Rangers in the New York Network, Section by Section.

The desired outcomes across NY State is to:
1) Grow the number of churches using Royal Rangers
2) Grow the number of chartered outposts
3) Grow the number of chartered members (leaders and boys)
4) Grow participation in Missions and in the giving of funds for missions (Royal Rangers International, Pathfinder Missions, Speed the Light, BGMC / Masters Toolbox, Missionaries Doug marsh and Steve Shultz).

How can you help?
• Pray for growth in Royal Rangers at the Sectional, Network, Regional, National, and International level
• If you feel God is leading you become part of our team, please talk to your pastor and your Sectional Commander, and contact me.
• Be a Royal Rangers advertisement as you go about your daily activities. If you are aware of churches looking for a boys’ program, please refer them to the Sectional / Network Outreach team.
• Pray for Royal Rangers daily. However, remember that we are only part of a much larger team… so - pray for all of your church ministries as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at rdudley@stny.rr.com, or on my cell phone at 585-610-0429.

A campus missionary is a student who shares Jesus right in the place God has put them. Youth Alive® is about activating student leaders for the social and spiritual renewal of their schools and communities. Are you ready to join the mission that God has called you on? In over 12 areas in New York, Youth Alive® offers Campus Movement Day, a gathering of students where youth pastors and leaders help 6th to 12th grade students set personal outreach goals for their friends, their schools and their community. To stay informed, go to advanceamovement.com and fill out the contact form or just send a text message with the word ADVANCE to 95577. The system will text back to collect your name and your church name so we can best stay in touch! Most Campus Movement Day events are scheduled this fall all across New York. And please visit: Nyyouthalive.net
Importance Of Chartering
Chartering is registering members of your outpost with the National Royal Rangers Ministries. Chartering provides:

- Important information to the national ministry that helps monitor and shape the success and well-being of Royal Rangers.
- Support for the ongoing development and improvement of the ministry.
- A solid financial foundation for national and district ministry and preferred benefits for chartered outposts.
- Advancement of the important biblical cause of Royal Rangers to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christ like men and lifelong servant leaders.

In this current charter period, September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. Many outposts have renewed their charters; however it's not too late to charter your outpost, if you have not done so yet.

It is easy to complete this process online with the National Royal Rangers Office via their web site, www.royalrangers.com.

Earl L. Haima
Chartering Coordinator
New York District Royal Rangers

Do I have what it takes? By Tom Sember

The responsibility may seem as if it’s overwhelming but many years later, we will find that in some small way, what we did is paying off.

The teaching of young men can seem like a daunting task to any Royal Ranger leader. As you put on the uniform, you can begin to feel the pressure, the nervousness builds and you wonder, do I have what it takes? There will be questions, fears, the wondering if I have what it takes to raise up a young man in the ways of the Lord. When you accepted the responsibility of being a Royal Ranger leader for the young boys in your church and community, I am sure that there were and are questions, wondering do I have what it takes? The answer is NO, but in Christ we find the strength and wisdom to teach these young men His Ways. Whether we are leading them in the pledge, helping cut Pine Wood Derby cars or maybe just listening to them as they share how their week was, know that God is standing right there with you. I am sure you may look at the RR manual and think, there’s no way I can remember all this stuff and yet there is a way. In John’s Gospel, Jesus gives us some great words of comfort, something we need never to forget as you lead young men on the path of Christian Manhood;

John 14:26 (NASB)
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

When Jesus returned to His Father, to the place of honor upon the throne, God the Father sent us a gift, the Holy Spirit. He is called by many names; the Helper, the Comforter, the Spirit of God and He is with you as you lead the Royal Ranger. The verse goes on to say that HE, the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that Jesus has said. So don’t sweat the small stuff. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will have what it takes to lead young men into Christian manhood.

Here are a few things that can help us in our leading of the young men:

1. Pray, then pray again – pray that the Holy Spirit leads us as we lead these young men.
2. Spend time in His Word, learning the promises of God, the Truths of His Word so that we may be able to share them with the young men entrusted to us.
3. Spend time with other RR leaders, talking, sharing and building relationships with them to strengthen our walk as godly men.
4. Look in the mirror; make sure we are men of integrity, purity and honor to our God.
5. Be the example -that we just don’t teach the RR ministry but live it as well
6. Be thankful; for the young men entrusted to us by their families.
7. Rejoice and give praise to God for allowing us the privilege of teaching His young men.

3 John 4 (NASB)
I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.
Master's Toolbox Projects for 2017-18

It takes only $429 to sponsor each new African Royal Rangers outpost!

CLICK HERE to read PE News article and see video of Karl Fleig, National Director, Royal Rangers

For the next two years, the national Royal Rangers office will present Master's Toolbox projects that will assist Royal Rangers International with initiatives to strengthen existing ministry overseas and to plant new outposts internationally.

We hope to accomplish three goals in the near future: (1) provide Royal Rangers training and resources in Swahili, (2) equip and build new structures at the national Rangers training center outside of Nairobi, Kenya, and (3) establish the Royal Rangers ministry in four new nations. Our challenge for Africa is that you will help us plant 700 or more African outposts.

—Missionary Doug Marsh, director, Royal Rangers International

Rangers Materials in Swahili: Swahili is considered by Africans in that region as “the language of our grandfathers.” Royal Rangers resources offered in Swahili bring about a higher level of comprehension and application while also adding to the perceived integrity of the resources and ministry.

Royal Bridging Centre (RBC): “The RBC is an extension of the Royal Rangers ministry in Kenya and was created by Kenya Assemblies of God Pastor Patrick Kawe as an ‘alternative rite of passage for adolescent boys,’” says Missionary Andy Whitman. The tradition of African families is to take 13-year-old boys through a right-of-passage ceremony that is conducted by witch doctors. Since this ceremony is so steeped in the tradition of Africans, even Christian families engage their boys in this ceremony. Since this ceremony is so steeped in the tradition of Africans, even Christian families engage their boys in this ceremony.

Rev. Kawe points out the tragedy of training up a child in their early formative years but then abandoning them to the world during their critical adolescent period. He describes it, in a classic African way, as ‘leading a child by the hand until we reach a river, and because there is no crossing, we ask a crocodile to ferry the child to the other side.’ Of course, the child never arrives because the crocodile eats him on the way. Instead, we should be building a bridge across the river to safely guide the child on the way to adulthood.

—Missionary Andy Whitman, Royal Rangers International

Expanding the Rangers Ministry: Karl Fleig, National Director for Royal Rangers, states that the goal will be for outposts in America to sponsor the development of brand-new outposts in Africa. It takes only $429 to sponsor each new African Royal Rangers outpost! Your Master's Toolbox offering of $429 per outpost will provide the most critical resources needed for each outpost to begin.
Royal Rangers and BGMC are partnering through Master’s Toolbox to make a major impact in Africa over the next two years by implementing these three objectives:

1. **Provide Royal Rangers training and resources in Swahili**
   Swahili is considered by Africans in that region as “the language of our grandfathers.” Royal Rangers resources offered in Swahili bring about a higher level of comprehension and application while also adding to the perceived integrity of the resources and ministry.

2. **Equip and build new structures at the national Rangers training center in Kenya**
   A tradition of African families is to take 13-year-old boys through a right-of-passage ceremony conducted by witch doctors. This is so steeped in the tradition of Africans that even Christian boys participate. Thus the Kenya Assemblies of God created the Royal Bridging Centre as an alternative rite of passage, to be held in the new Royal Rangers Training Center.

3. **Establish the Royal Rangers ministry in seven new nations in Africa.**
   Our challenge for Africa is to plant 700 or more African outposts throughout the continent.

Let us challenge our Rangers leaders and boys as never before to make an eternal impact in the lives of boys in Kenya and throughout Africa!
Training is important because it results in fewer mistakes and a better final product. When a Royal Ranger s Outpost has a well-trained team, it ultimately leads to a more efficient and encouraging environment for the boys you are mentoring.

Other reasons why training is important include safety concerns, communication issues and boosted advancement progress for the boys.

Training offers churches an effective way to invest in their leaders. When volunteers feel that their Pastor or Outpost Coordinator are interested in their success, they feel more engaged in their position. In this way, training leads to a more positive Outpost environment a happier leadership team, which definitely will encourage the boys.

During our Training Camp week, July 9-13, 2017 in Greene NY, we will conduct our 3rd Emergency Preparedness and Response Mission Action Training Camp. In addition to completion of the requirements for the Emergency Preparedness Merit, we will assess and develop an emergency response plan for the camp. Multimedia, First Responder visits, and role-play will be used. The camp will be limited to the first 8 applicants.

More information will follow.

Learn about our exciting program for boys in Kindergarten thru second grade. “Ranger Kids” Come to our Summit or Attend NEEC. For NEEC Visit the National Royal Rangers website:

royalrangers.com
It has been an exciting year since our last Spring Trace, as well as for me as the Adirondack Chapter FCF President. With new changes and procedural guidelines introduced in 2016, I am excited to report that this Chapter, through its membership and the servant hearts of the FCF leadership, as a result of hard work, dedication and faithfulness, the Adirondack Chapter was recognized and received the prestigious Territorial Eagle Award for 2015/2016.

This was accomplished via an assortment of reasons such as hosting multiple events, attending other events such as Territorial Rendezvous and National Camporama, conducting all the experiences for new membership and advancement, holding competitive competitions, missions giving, Trapper Brigade service activities, training activities, FCF promotions and more.

Although I am proud to report such great news, there is still much more to accomplish toward improving ourselves as a Chapter and as individual FCF members. Striving to seek growth is to evolve this Chapter to new and better heights whereby allowing us to more effectively attain our mission goals to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant.
Recently, our fine young men worked very hard to attain the GMA. Now we’re definitely in GMA Ceremony Season! Numerous ceremonies are being held all over the state honoring these awesome young men. Get out and support these boys by attending the ceremonies near you and be sure to write them a nice congratulatory letter! And a shout out to the fine Commanders who give selflessly to invest in the lives of these Rangers.

**New York 2016/2017 GMA recipients are:**

- Richard Wottowa G2016-001 OP 43
- Chris Wottowa G2016-002 OP 43
- Matthew Wottowa G2016-003 OP 43
- John Friedmann G2016-012 OP 33
- Michael Oscher G2016-013 OP 33
- Lawrence Lue G2016-016 OP 234
- Ashton Duncan G2016-017 OP 234
- Joel Persaud G2016-018 OP 234
- Emmanuel Khellawan G2016-019 OP 234
- Samuel Singh G2016-020 OP 234
- Tyson Terborg G2016-021 OP 234
- Michael Firth G2016-058 OP 90
- Elias V. Maldonado G2016-106 OP149
- Skyler Fallon G2016-107 OP149
- Connor Fallon G2016-108 OP149
- Liam Rainville G2016-149 OP64
- Justin Post G2016-150 OP292
- Sebastian Stone G2016-151 OP64
- Tyler Schiemant G2016-152 OP64
- Peter Gerdvil G2016-245 OP149
- Conor Mervyn G2016-251 OP60
- Gabriel Abruzzo G2016-419 OP33
- David Cipriano G2016-420 OP33
- Joshua Parker G2016-421 OP33
- Jonathan Mathews G2016-462 OP226
- Abel Rodriguez G2016-463 OP226
- Jorge Romero G2016-464 OP226
- Edward Patton IV G2016-465 OP226
- Justin Zuber G2017-003 OP149
- Eduardo Becemil G2017-004 OP149
- Marcus Arasmo G2017-005 OP149
- Joshua Harvey G2017-006 OP149
- Stephen Domini G2017-007 OP149
- Phillip Mayer G2017-008 OP149
- Peter Meyer G2017-009 OP149
- Ian Whitehurst G2017-010 OP149
- Timothy Crawford G2017-061 OP103
- Nick Licavoli G2017-020 OP103
- Anthony Cannet G2017-021 OP103
- David Dankwah G2017-037 OP229
- Christopher Jackson G2017-038 OP229
- Jax Rivera G2017-039 OP229
THE VALUE OF THE EVENT by Pastor Dave Hartwick

I’m not a big event guy. Either way you interpret that sentence, it’s true. Events are not the highlight of my year and the size and scope of them doesn’t change that fact. I prefer the process, the journey, and the moments in between THE moment.

But there are three things I’ve learned to love and value about events.

1) The work of the Spirit.
   We have no control over this one but it needs to be said. I believe God honors our unity and I also believe that simply changing the scenery can heighten a student’s sensitivity to what God is saying. In other words, events can be a time of both coming together and coming apart. There’s nothing like seeing the Spirit use that combination to do a real work in young men, revealing Jesus to their hearts.

2) The power of the moment.
   I can walk into certain rooms and immediately point to a place where I had an encounter with God. The moment becomes a landmark in our spiritual lives. In the Old Testament, our spiritual fathers built physical landmarks to signify where and when heaven invaded earth. While the ultimate spiritual landmark in our lives is the cross there are additional times when God reminds us of His greatness and the Spirit whispers to us of Jesus’ goodness. Those moments matter.

3) The importance of the conversation.
   I often tell leaders that events have a way of starting, restarting or accelerating really important conversations between students and leaders, between disciples and disciple-makers. You can’t sustain a moment but you can sustain a conversation. Without the moment there may be no conversation but without the conversation, the moment will never be more than just a nice memory. Getting students plugged into disciple-making environments creates opportunity for the conversation to continue.

As you think about Royal Ranger’s events—let’s be praying together that the Spirit will use moments to launch conversations that help us lift up Jesus and make disciples!

2017
- April 16: Easter
- May 14: Mothers Day
- May 19 - 21: Spring Trace (Greene NY)
- June 2 - 4: Camp Work Weekend
- June 2 – 4: Canoe Action Camp
- June 18: Fathers Day
- July 9 – 13: JLDA Summer camps
- July 13 – 16: Pow Wow
- Sept TBA: Camp Work Planned
- Oct 6 – 8: FCF Territorial Honey Grove PA
- Nov 11: NE Region Business Mting
- Dec 2: Divisional Training

2018
- Jan 5 - 6: District Staff Meeting
- Jan 26 – 27: NE region Ldr’s Conf
- March: National RR Lead Conf
- April 6,7: Training and Resource Summit
- May 18 – 20: Swap Meet
- June 1 - 3: Camp Work Weekend

For National Training Camps’ schedules and applications please visit the National Website: http://royalrangers.com/training/schedule/

For information regarding how your boys can earn a saber, contact our training coordinator Ed Hazard.

rangered@rochester.rr.com

Begin making plans today for all of our great events. You will be glad you did.