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2009 District Royal Rangers Calendar

September	11-13	Academy of Ranger Training—Lakeview
	26	District Ranger Kids Field Day
October	2-3	Commanders Retreat
	5-11	National Royal Rangers Week
	23-25	FCF Family Days—Lakeview
November	13-15	Winter Camp—Lakeview
December	12	FCF Banquet
	27-1/1	Elite JLC

2010 District Royal Rangers Calendar

January	9 29-30	District/Sectional Staff Meeting—Lakeview Regional Conference
February	6 19-21 26-28	Instructor Certification Seminar—Lakeview North Dallas Section trip to USS Lexington FCF Brush Poppin
March	6 11-13 27	All Church Ministries Conference—SAGU National Royal Rangers Council—Springfield Pow Wow Work Day—Lakeview
April	9-10 23-25	FCF Adventure—Lakeview District Pow Wow—Lakeview
May	1 15	Junior Academy (for staff of the JLTA)—Lakeview Commanders Conference
June	5 6-10 6-11	JLTA staff reports to camp—Lakeview District Council—SAGU Junior Leadership Training Academy—Lakeview
September	10-11 17-18 25	Academy of Ranger Training—Lakeview FCF Adventure—Lakeview District Ranger Kids Day Camp
October	1-2 22-24 29-31	Commanders Retreat FCF Family Days—Lakeview National Ranger Ministry Camp—Lakeview
November	12-14	District Winter Camp—Lakeview
December	11 26-31	FCF Christmas Banquet JLTA Camp—Lakeview

From the District Commander

We are approaching a very busy time of the year in the Royal Rangers ministry. At the national level we see a number of important changes happening, including:

- Online chartering. Starting August 15 outposts will be able to log into the national Royal Rangers web site and charter their boys and leaders. Charter fees have changed slightly, with a dollar reduction in the fee for boys (\$11) and a dollar increase for leaders (\$13). The BIG new benefit of chartering is the 15% discount that outposts will receive on Royal Rangers merchandise from GPH that is ordered through the Ranger Store on the national Royal Rangers web site (<http://royalrangers.ag.org>). More information about this change is available later in this Signal Fire.
- New uniforms available. The new Royal Rangers utility uniforms have been shipping from GPH for a few months now. Finally GPH is also shipping the new insignia items for the uniform. You can find more information about the new uniform options, and order numbers for the new insignia items, in this brochure — <http://royalrangers.ag.org/programs/uniforms/>. This site also has a chart that will help you order the correct size for your new uniforms.
- Sometime this fall a new Leaders Manual will become available.
- Next spring we will see the launch of the online curriculum, where we will finally be able to access all of the Royal Rangers Leaders Guides, merit reference books, etc. online.

At the district level, we are entering a period of high activity. The next thing on the district calendar is the Academy of Ranger Training (ART). This annual training event is always the weekend after Labor Day (September 11-13 this year) and is for Adventure Rangers, Expedition Rangers, and leaders. More information is available later in this Signal Fire. One notable addition this year is the LTA (Leadership Training Academy) camp-out has been opened up to leaders from Girls Ministries (GM). Girls Ministries hosts a camp-out for girls every fall at Lakeview; this is an ideal way for the GM leaders to learn how to take their girls on a fun, safe camp-out.

On September 18-19 we will be holding an FCF Adventure for the men and boys who want to join the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. Applications must be into Rodney Briggs, our FCF vice-president, by August 31. More information is available on the FCF web site (<http://fcf.ntxrr.org/fcf-adventure/>) or from Rodney at bow.breaker@yahoo.com or 817-939-9979.

Be sure to get your Ranger Kids ready for the Ranger Kids Day Camp on Saturday, September 26. A flyer is enclosed in this Signal Fire, and we will get an entire packet of information on the district web site very **shortly. Last year's Day Camp was a huge success in terms of attendance and more importantly salvations; don't let your boys miss this one.**

October 2-3 is our Commanders Retreat at Lakeview Camp. As leaders we need fellowship with each other, **and we often can't get that when we are camping with the boys. It's been many years since we had an event like this, but they used to be well-attended which means leaders saw value in the camp.** The cost is \$20 and that covers all three meals (Friday supper about 8:00 p.m., and Saturday breakfast and lunch). The lake will be open for those who want to do some fishing, and Ken Harris will open up the gun range for **those who want to bring their favorite .22 or shot gun for some skeet shooting. We'll need to pitch some tents as the lodge won't be big enough to hold everyone, so bring a cot, the commanders from your outpost, and come enjoy the weekend.**

From the District Commander (continued)

FCF Family Days is October 23-25 at Lakeview Camp. This camp is for all FCF members and their family, and their guests (who do not have to be FCF members). Ladies may stay in the Ollie Henley Lodge if they wish, or **they may stay with their family in the campsite. Lots of good fun and fellowship are planned for this year's** Family Days. Check out the FCF website (<http://fcf.ntxrr.org/>) for more details.

The theme for this year's Winter Camp is "I am an alien." One of my sons received a t-shirt for Christmas that states on the back — "I am an alien. I am not of this world, nor do I call it home. My desires are not for earthly things that will fade, corrode or burn. I set my heart and mind on things above. My faith and hope are in God alone and I eagerly await His return for me. I'm a citizen of heaven." — based on 1 Peter 2:11, Colossians 3:1-3, 1 John 2:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, and Philippians 3:20. This will be our focus of Winter Camp — to help our Rangers realize that we are not of this world, but we are citizens of heaven as long as we accept Jesus as our Savior. A complete packet of information on Winter Camp will be mailed to all chartered leaders and all churches. Winter Camp will be held November 13-15 at Lakeview Camp.

Back to chartering for a moment. When you go online to enter your church's charter you will be required to enter the contact information for one leader, and the option for entering the information for your other leaders. PLEASE take a few minutes and complete the information for all of your leaders. Our district staff will have access to this information and we will use it to update and maintain our database of chartered leaders. **We can't communicate with you if we don't know who you are and where you live. All of our district mailings go only to the leaders who have their information entered each year as part of the chartering process.**

A final word on communication. The district Royal Rangers are attempting to use several different methods of communicating with leaders and boys throughout the district. We were one of the first districts to have a website and we continue to maintain that site at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net>. We also have an e-mail list that we use to send notices about upcoming events. You may join this e-mail list by sending an e-mail message to ntd-request@royalrangers.net with the words JOIN NTD in the body of the message. As I noted above we mail information out several times a year to chartered leaders and to churches in the district. And our newest method of communicating with leaders and boys in the district is Facebook. If you are on Facebook and **would like to join our discussion, search for "NTX Royal Rangers" and add us as a friend.**

A little later in this Signal Fire is information on the national training that is available this year for leaders. I encourage you to take advantage of this training, as it will make you a better leader. Next year we will be pilot testing the new National Rangers Ministry Camp in North Texas. This camp will replace the current National Training Camp (NTC). But there is still a lot of value in attending NTC this year, and if you have already attended NTC consider attending the Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC) that will be held in November at Lakeview. This will be the last ever ANTC as this camp is being phased out at the national level.

Thank you for all you do to help evangelize, equip and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

Jonathan Trower (Jonathan.Trower@hot.rr.com)
District Commander

WILD WEST SPECTACULAR

WANTED: All Ranger Kids!

North Texas District
Ranger Kids Day Camp

Saturday, September 26, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Shepherd's Valley Cowboy Church

3437 County Road 807, Cleburne, TX



Wild West, Old West & Rodeo Activities!

\$10 Preregistered Chartered, \$12 Preregistered Unchartered
(registrations postmarked by Sept 17;
add \$5 for onsite registration)

Includes Activities/Patch/Lunch

Bring extra money for concessions (Funnel Cakes – oh yeah!)

Karla's Concepts

-an idea, a thought, a plan...

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR, UNDERDOG IS HERE!

By definition a superhero is a fictional character of unprecedented physical powers dedicated to acts of derring-do in the public interest. A distinctive costume, the ability to fly, enhanced senses, and the projection of energy bolts are all common. Others have special weapons or technology. A strong moral code and a sense of **responsibility, including a willingness to risk one's own safety**, are traits found in superheroes.

As I tried to find some superhuman strength to keep my knees from buckling under me as I approached the podium to speak about the Ranger Kids at the January Commanders Meeting, I turned **and looked out over that commanders' lodge at the representation of many Royal Ranger commanders**. Sitting there in their distinctive uniforms, were very non-fictional characters that seemed to have unprecedented physical powers, dedicated to acts of derring-do in the common interest of the preservation of Christian manhood.

I stood in awe at the many hours of service and sacrifices of time, vacations, rest and self that were reflected in the men who were there. Their strong moral code, their motivation and sense of responsibility without expectation of reward was evident in their lives and service. With the **Holy Spirit's anointing, they experience enhanced spiritual awareness of the boy's lives and utilize the Holy Spirit's weapons of spiritual warfare against**

the enemy that is out to kill, steal and destroy our **boys. (Although, I can't help but think that the bolt of lightning thing would come in handy sometimes!)**

A superhero also has a supporting cast of recurring characters, including the hero's friends, coworkers and/or love interests. Often the hero's personal relationships are complicated by this dual life. Being one of the very few ladies in the room, I was keenly aware of the dual life, of the family time these men were giving up, and of the supporting cast of spouses, kids and friends that helped make their service possible. Heroes also have a rival enemy, and we must never lose sight of who our real enemy is in this fight.

Independent wealth or an occupation that allows for minimal supervision is also common for **superheroes. I don't know too many commanders** that are independently wealthy in the way the world judges wealth, but when you plan, and plan and plan; and pray and pray and pray; and are tired beyond imagination - and then you receive that hug, that look, that spiritual breakthrough – nothing compares.

Yeah, all I could see was a room full of Superheroes!

Karla Aaron (karlamaaron@gmail.com)
District Ranger Kids Coordinator

Ways to Celebrate National Royal Rangers Week

- Hold a father-son camp-out
- Hold a father-son banquet
- Host a Council of Achievement for the outpost and invite the entire church to attend
- Set up a Royal Rangers campsite in the church yard so everyone sees it as they enter the church building
 - An extra option would be to cook and serve a special meal for the church family in your campsite.
- Set up a special display in the church foyer for Royal Rangers Sunday
- Have some of your Royal Rangers in uniform assist in the Sunday service by handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, or serving in other way
- Arrange with your pastor for a Royal Rangers speaker for your Sunday service
- Hold a fundraiser dinner or ice cream social to help support your outpost

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS TRAINING CORNER

I encourage every commander to continue to build on your skills and experiences with additional training each year. **If you have not earned your Leader's Medal of Achievement (LMA) I encourage you to set this as a goal for the coming year.** 2010 is the last year you will be able to earn your LMA, as it will be replaced in 2010 **by the Leader's Medal of Excellence. Most of the training classes offered during the year are coordinated by** the sections. Many of these opportunities are broadcast on the NTD email list. Also many sections have communication lists. I encourage you to tap into these communication opportunities.

Dick Harris (dickharris60@gmail.com)
District Training Coordinator

NATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Details and applications for National Training events are available on the National Royal Rangers website:
<http://royalrangers.ag.org/training/index.cfm>



NTC 10/29/09 – 11/1/09 Eagle Rock, MO (Camp Eagle Rock)

National Training Camp is designed to give leaders professional training in camping and leadership, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the outdoors. 2009 will be the last year that NTC is offered. Starting in 2010 it will be replaced by the National Rangers Ministry Camp.



ANTC 11/5/09-11/8/09 Maypearl, Texas (Lakeview Campgrounds)

Advanced National Training Camp is designed to provide Royal Rangers leaders with additional training beyond that offered at the National Training Camp and will help inspire leaders to greater involvement in the Royal Rangers ministry. A leader must have attended National Training Camp before enrolling. This will be the last ANTC ever offered anywhere. If you have been **holding off attending ANTC, don't wait any longer.**



RKTC 10/2/09 – 10/4/09 Ruidoso, New Mexico

Ranger Kids Training Conference is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will also receive training in various aspects of the Ranger Kids ministries.



NTT 12/3/09-12/6/09 Salt Flat, Texas

National Training Trails allows leaders to participate in outstanding, rugged outdoor activities **surrounded by some of America's most beautiful scenery. Leaders will be on the trail 4 exciting days,** carrying all their gear and food in backpacks.

2009 North Texas District Pow Wow



BE TRANSFORMED!

For those who missed coming to Pow Wow, you missed out. We had over 600 in attendance and almost 100 come forward with decisions to follow Jesus Christ, and dozens filled with the Holy Spirit. Ryan Beaty, national programs & outreach coordinator, put out a challenge to the North Texas District Royal Rangers to raise 20,000 dollars in offerings and pledges for BGMC Master's Toolbox and he would allow his head to be shaven. The men and boys of the North Texas District met his challenge and raised almost 21,000 dollars. Jonathan Trower, Duane Swanson and Ryan Beaty were also pied because of the funds raised for BGMC.







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Dear Pastor:

We are writing you with some important and exciting news about Royal Rangers. Starting August 15, the annual national Royal Rangers chartering process will move online.

Leveraging technology will allow us to provide your church many improved benefits which are only available to chartered outposts. The benefits (most of which are available immediately after chartering online) are described in the enclosed brochure.

If you have questions, please contact your district Royal Rangers director, visit the national ministry website at www.royalrangers.ag.org, or call the national ministry office at 417-862-2781, ext. 4191.

This is just the start! You will be learning more in the months ahead how the General Council plans to use the Internet to help you influence more boys and young men and their entire families than ever, more effectively than ever!

Thank you for your commitment to mentor future men in America and beyond, expressed through chartering. Together we are evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

Until all have heard,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alton Garrison".

Alton Garrison
Assistant General Superintendent
Executive Director, Division of Church Ministries and Discipleship

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Marsh".

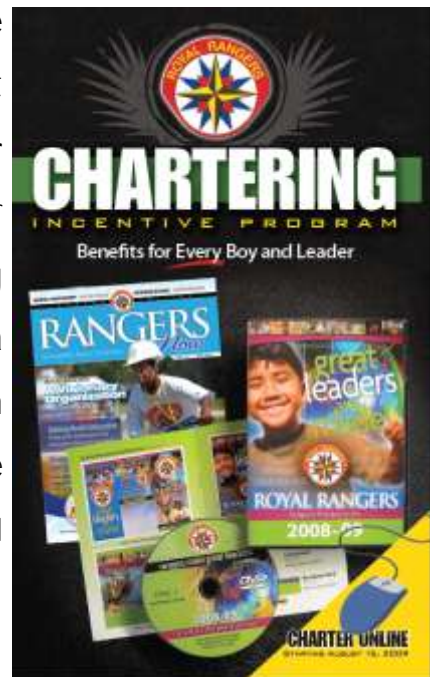
Doug Marsh
National Director, Royal Rangers

Enclosure

Royal Rangers on Cutting Edge with NEW Online Chartering Technology

By Jim Allen

For the first time in its 47-year history, Royal Rangers outposts will be able to charter online! The ability to charter online will start August 15th! **“Online chartering is not only convenient but also will allow for the development of a number of benefits, including Ranger gear discounts. Leaders will also discover that many of the existing chartering benefits have been expanded. For example, instead of a single quarterly magazine for all boys ages 5-17, boys will receive an annual magazine called *RangersNOW*. These yearly publications are designed for specific age groups and their interests,”** says National Director Doug Marsh.



One of the biggest discounts offered for this chartering period is the 15% discount on Ranger specific gear. Discounts apply only to Ranger specific gear ordered online via the Ranger Superstore found on the national Royal Rangers website (<http://royalrangers.ag.org>).

Everyone will now have the same charter period that runs from August 15–October 15. Assemblies of God churches do not have to charter to use Royal Rangers; however, chartering benefits only apply to churches that charter. Benefits far exceed the costs associated with chartering and are subject to change annually.

For more information on how to get your local church chartered, please visit the Royal Rangers national website at <http://royalrangers.ag.org>!

[Editor’s note: Chartering has increased in the North Texas district the last two years. Let’s keep up that trend; be sure to charter as soon as you can. North Texas Royal Rangers gives at least a 15% discount on district functions to members of chartered outposts.]

NEW BUCKSKIN ADVANCEMENTS AT POW-WOW

I would like everyone to give a big congrats to our 2 new buckskin members;

Tom "Wychialo" Harris --Gun smith (pronounced Why-cheech-alo)

and

Taylor "Ironman" Matney--Blacksmith

For those who do not know, these two fine candidates tested at Pow-Wow Saturday morning. Both were very nervous about the memorization and the outfit. Yet they were able to quickly get into the testing as it moved into the skills part of the test. Their I.D. staffs looked good as did their persona. The food they cooked was awesome tasting. Thanks guys!

Tom "Wychialo" Harris used Isaiah 1:18 for his scripture

Taylor "Ironman" Matney used Proverbs 27:17 for his scripture

I look forward to seeing them advance and gladly inform Skywatcher (our Wilderness rep) that he has two more future candidates for Wilderness. My next testing will be at Winter Camp so request your applications and I will contact your sponsors and send the work book. You too can join the Buckskin ranks. Remember this is one of the purposes of FCF..... ADVANCMET...Physical, Mental, Social and Spiritual.

I want to personally thank Wychialo and Ironman for their effort and the attitude of excellence that they both had. It takes a lot of time to prepare for this test (weeks ...even months) and they both did an excellent job. Thank you both.

I encourage everyone to ask them about their FCF names and scriptures and listen to their testimonies; they have spent a lot of time praying and searching out God for them. They should be easy to find as both are heavily involved in FCF and Royal Rangers. You should have no problem finding Wychialo at the rifle range or anywhere there is gun powder. As for Ironman he is one of our assistant scouts and working hard at his position.

A special thanks to Bow Breaker for his input and instruction on this test! Blessings Brother!!!

If you are thinking about taking the Buckskin test here are the requirements:

Both Boys and Leaders

Earn the following Merit Awards:



AND



Church

Knife & Hawk

PLUS



OR



Black Powder

Archery

- Participate in at least one Frontier Adventure (not the one you entered in as a Frontiersman)
- Make or purchase a complete FCF outfit
- Recite from memory the FCF Pledge
- Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol
- State the Vision and Purpose of FCF
- Make an FCF identification staff
- Select a frontier-related craft or skill to develop
- Select an FCF name
- Complete the Buckskin workbook
- Be an active member in good standing for at least one year.

Boys Only

Earn the Bronze Medal or one Expedition Ranger Medal.

Leaders Only

Sponsor a boy into FCF

Earn the Leader's Medal of Achievement.

Both Leaders and Boys

After earning the additional three required merits and completing the Buckskin study program, submit your application for advancement for Buckskin to the district FCF office. For an application, **email Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow. Once you have returned the completed application to me, I will** then send you the Buckskin workbook to complete. After successfully completing the Buckskin testing you will be awarded your Buckskin pin.



Ron "Pureheart" Goodnow (7goodies@airmail.net)
FCF Buckskin Rep

What is FCF?

Is it just a group of guys who look cool, and get all dressed up for Pow-Wows and other camps? Is it just another fancy pin you can wear on your uniform? Is it more? It's a family who's always there for you. It is a place to meet new and interesting people. It is a tool to witness to others. It has even allowed me to be a witness to my father and bring him back to the Lord. FCF has had a massive impact on my life and the life of my family. FCF has given me more opportunities than I ever dreamed of. It has helped me to grow not only in my spiritual life but as a leader in my church and in my school. FCF is one of the most fun and exciting things to do in Rangers. It is not because of the hawk and knife throwing or the good food. No! It is because of the fellowship of being with good friends who you care about and who care about you in return. Every week is better and better because I know I'm one week closer to the next FCF event. Hopefully I'll see you there.

Harlan "Light Hammer" Dixon
District FCF Scout

[Editor's note: Light Hammer is our chapter's newest Wilderness member. He successfully completed his Wilderness vigil at the Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous held in July in New Mexico. He is the first Young Buck to reach this level in our chapter in many years.]



Camp-out Aboard the USS Lexington



North Texas District Royal Rangers will host 2-night camp-out aboard the USS Lexington

(Royal Rangers have reserved the entire ship. All reservations MUST be made through North Dallas Section Royal Rangers.)

Dates: Friday - Sunday, February 19-21, 2010

Check-in: 6:00 p.m. Friday

Who: Royal Rangers commanders & boys and their families (female sleeping areas available)

Where: USS Lexington, Corpus Christi TX

Cost: \$120.00 per person (make checks payable to NDS Royal Rangers). This includes all meals, lodging, tours throughout USS Lexington and Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History, scavenger hunt aboard the ship for the boys, special tour of the ship not seen during the day for adults, and free time on the beach.

Deadline for Registration October 1, 2009

More details and a flyer will be furnished through the district Royal Rangers e-mail list

Contact: Steve Hyatt
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2009 Academy of Ranger Training

September 11-13, 2009



Greetings to all! At our September 2009 Academy of Ranger Training (ART), we will be offering some very interesting and needed classes for older boys and commanders to attend.

All classes will be held at the Royal Rangers campground at Lakeview Camp.

Don't miss out on the following classes being offered:

Canoeing Merit

This 3-day class is for leaders and Adventure and Expedition age boys. Anyone interested in this class must have their Beginners Swimming Classification (Swimming Merit) prior to attendance. Boys will earn their green Canoeing Merit; leaders will learn how to teach this merit to their boys.

FCF Trail to the Wilderness Merits

This 3-Day class offers a great opportunity for ALL men and Adventure and Expedition Rangers to earn their Christian Service, Primitive Snares, Primitive Shelters, and Wilderness Survival Merits – the four merits required for advancement to Wilderness in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship.

Black Powder Safety Course

For many years this popular and class has offered to leaders and boys (12 years of age or older) – who are FCF members – the opportunity to earn the Black Powder Shooters Card for the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. This also earns the boys the silver Black Powder Merit.

A minimum of 8 people is required to hold this course, so be sure to pre-register by 9/4/09 for the class to make.

Primitive Bow Making

This Saturday ONLY class will be offered to all ALL Adventure and Expedition Rangers and men. In this class you will actually be making a primitive bow for use in FCF activities.

Black Powder and Rifle Instructor Course

This is a Friday through Sunday class offered to MEN ONLY who already hold NRA Certified Status! Completion of this course will qualify you to teach the NRA black powder and rifle safety courses.

A minimum of 5 people is required to hold this class, so be sure to pre-register by August 19 for the class to make. Attendees must be approved by our district shooting sports coordinator Ken Harris.

Shotgun Instructor Course

This is a Friday through Sunday class offered to MEN ONLY who already hold NRA Certified Status. Completion of this course will qualify you to teach the NRA shotgun safety course.

A minimum of 5 people is required to hold this class, so be sure to pre-register by August 19 for the class to make. Attendees must be approved by our district shooting sports coordinator Ken Harris.



Texas Hunters Education Course

This is a Friday through Saturday evening class offered to boys 12 years old or older, plus men. This course is required by the State of Texas for anyone born on or after September 2, 1971 before you can hunt in the state. So all of our boys, and many of our leaders, need to complete this course.

A total of 10 people are required to hold this course, so be sure to pre-register by September 4 to help assure that it makes.

Leadership Training Academy (LTA) Camp-Out

This camp is for new commanders who want to learn to take a group of boys on a fun and successful camp-out. Through this camp you learn how to camp in an actual camp setting. Topics include campsite layout, camp safety and sanitation, fire craft, camp cooking, camp recreation and activities, rope craft, and tool craft. This is a 2-day training module that is required to earn your Leaders Medal of Achievement.

Leadership Training Academy (LTA) Camp-Out for Girls Ministries Leaders

The same training we have been providing to Royal Rangers leaders on how to take a group of boys on a fun and successful camp-out is now available to ladies who work with the Girls Ministries. Come participate in this hands-on training camp-out so you will be prepared to take your girls on the district Girls Ministries camp-out or other camps. Learn how to take your girls camping in an actual camp setting. Topics include campsite layout, camp safety and sanitation, fire craft, camp cooking, camp recreation and activities, rope craft, and tool craft.

First Aid/CPR Class

This class is offered on Saturday ONLY for all commanders who need this vital training (it is one of the requirements for the Leaders Medal of Achievement). This course is only open to boys who lack the First-Aid/CPR to complete their Gold Medal of Achievement.

Ranger Kids Skills

This module is for Saturday ONLY. This course is ideal for any commander who works with Ranger Kids (or Girls Ministries leader who works with Rainbows, Daisies, or Prims) though it is open to any leader. This class covers the basics of how to take your boys or girls on a fun, safe, and successful day trip or hike. Topics include safety, fire craft, cooking, games, and nature crafts.

Class Check-in Times



For all 2-Day, Friday through Saturday classes, please remember to check-in at registration at 5:00 p.m. sharp! Classes will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

For all 3-Day, Friday through Sunday classes, please remember to check in at registration at 5:00 p.m. sharp! Classes will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

For Saturday only classes, please remember to check-in at registration at 8:00 a.m. sharp! Classes will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Location

Lakeview Camp is seven miles southwest of Waxahachie on FM66 (exit 399A from I-35E) or three miles northeast of Hwy. 157-FM66 intersection in Maypearl. Maypearl can be reached from I-35W via FM 66 (exit 8), FM 916, or U.S. 67 to Hwy 157. Look for the "Royal Rangers Entrance" banner by the highway for our entrance (we do not use the main Lakeview Camp entrance).



Registration forms, map, equipment list, and more information about ART are all available on the district website at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net>. Be sure to register by the registration deadline to assure your place in the classes and to receive the pre-registration discount.



PathFinder Missions trips are classified by three levels of intensity, from entry level to advanced, and awarded accordingly:



The Bronze PathFinder Mission — U.S. Missions construction projects outside **one's home district**. *(Such as Indian reservations or in urban settings.)*



The Silver PathFinder Mission — Overseas projects to moderately accessible construction sites with basic conveniences. *(Such as churches, Rangers camps, or orphanages.)*



The Gold PathFinder Mission — Overseas construction projects to harsh, remote areas of the world where other teams are unable to go due to the tough living conditions of these assignments. *(Such as packing or boating equipment and building supplies to site.)*

***Boys 14 & 15 years-of-age may participate in a PathFinder Missions trip when accompanied by their legal guardian and all necessary forms have been completed and mandated insurance secured; Boys 16 & 17 years-of-age may participate without being accompanied by their legal guardian when all necessary forms have been completed and mandated insurance secured. All Gold PathFinder Missions must be pre-approved by the PathFinders Committee which reserves the right to impose additional age restrictions on select gold level projects. No one under the age of 14 may participate in a PathFinders MAPS Builders project.*

Photographs of Gold PathFinder Projects:



For more information contact:

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Visit the PathFinder web page at: <http://www.pathfindermissions.com/>

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