



ROYAL RANGERS

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SUBJECT:

Trail Ranger Advancement Transition Plan

PROBLEM:

Of the three advancement trail opportunities (Air, Sea, and Trail Rangers) provided to earn the Expedition Rangers Achievement Medal, only the Trail Rangers lack a sufficient number of available silver merits needed to obtain all six advancement levels. These levels are described on page 17 of the *Expedition Rangers Handbook and Spirit Challenge* book. Presently, of the twenty (20) silver merits listed for the Trail Rangers advancement trail, only ten (10) merits are available. Fifteen (15) silver merits are required to earn the Achievement Medal.



SOLUTION:

The following transition plan may be substituted for the advancement plan on pages 34-35 of the *Expedition Rangers Handbook and Spirit Challenge* book. This plan will only be available during the transition time while the standard required merits are being developed.

Trail Ranger Required Silver Merits - Complete the 5 merits currently available:

- Advanced Backpacking
- Mammals
- Public Health
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Wilderness Survival

Additional Merits - Complete a minimum of 5 merits from this list:

- Air Rifle
- Animal Husbandry
- Fly Fishing
- Geology
- Hide Tanning
- Hunter Safety
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Rock Climbing
- Winter Camping
- Whitewater Rafting

Transition Merits - Complete any 5 additional silver merits found in the Expedition Rangers Workbook.

RECOMMENDED INSERTION POINTS:

It is recommended that this update be printed and inserted in the following Royal Ranger publications at the following locations:

- *Expedition Rangers Handbook & Spirit Challenge Lessons*— page 34