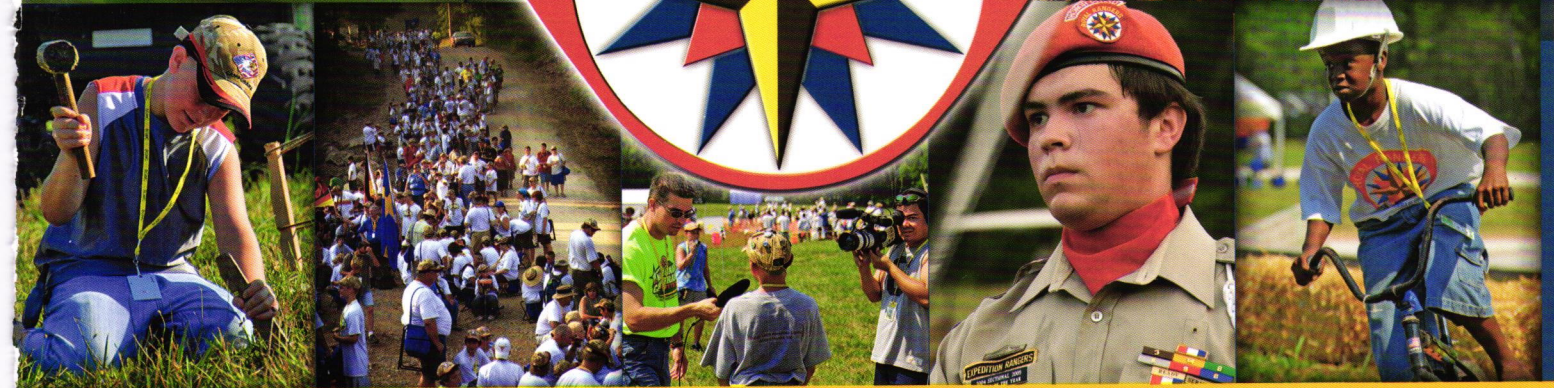


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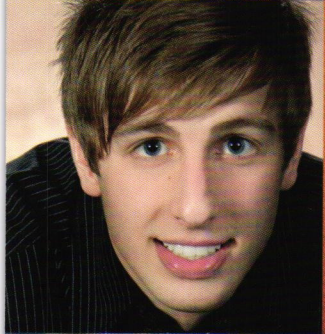
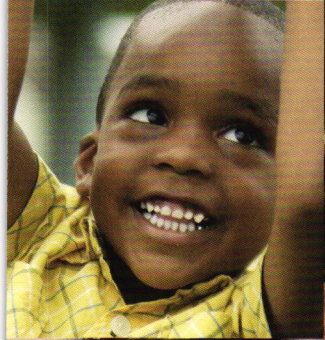
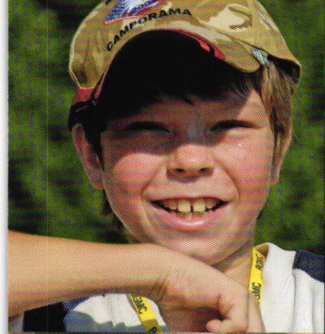
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THE NEXT GENERATION *of* CHRISTLIKE MEN
and LIFELONG SERVANT LEADERS



TAKING BOYS ON THE JOURNEY TO CHRISTLIKE MANHOOD



Royal Rangers exists to evangelize the world, equip the next



Royal Rangers is committed to proclaiming the good news to boys and young men and their families. Encouraging boys to be lifelong followers of Christ is our highest priority. We recognize the importance of the taking boys on a complete journey to manhood, from early elementary through high school. According to Barna research, “nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior do so before reaching the age of 13 (43%), and that two out of three born again Christians (64%) made that commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday.”¹ Through the local Rangers outpost, committed men, called commanders, live out their lives before boys and mentor them in a personal and fun manner.

The same study states, “The weekend church service is no longer the primary mechanism for salvation decisions; only one out of every ten believers who makes a decision to follow Christ does so in a church setting or service. On the other hand, personal relationships have become even more important in evangelism, with a majority of salvation decisions coming in direct response to an invitation given by a family member or friend.”²

The Rangers program is based on relationship and encourages boys to invite their peers, making Royal Rangers a highly effective evangelistic ministry. Many groups report between 40-60% of their regular attendance is unchurched boys and young men. It begins with a loving outpost leader combined with intentional discipleship and leadership development curricula, which over time, leads to personal spiritual growth, skill development, and a rich exciting experience for mentors and boys alike.

Royal Rangers plays an important role in helping families and churches spiritually develop next generation men. ☞

**Royal Rangers
specializes in
inspiring,
mobilizing,
and resourcing
men to mentor
future men.**

¹ The Barna Group of Ventura, California. *Evangelism Is Most Effective Among Kids*. 10/11/04. [<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=172>]. 6/18/08.

² *ibid.*

generation of Christlike men, and empower lifelong servant leaders.



Mentoring the iPod® Generation

by Doug Marsh, National Royal Rangers Director

“A boy is a loud sound covered in dirt.”

Isn't that the most accurate definition of a boy?

In Royal Rangers we believe God wants boys to be boys. Our job is not to “hardwire” them differently but to “install” biblical “software” into their lives that will channel their natural assertiveness, competitiveness, and, yes, loudness in a manner that honors God. As we instill principles of biblical manhood and Christlike servant leadership skills into the lives of boys and young men, God-pleasing husbands, fathers, and world-changers begin to emerge.

Women bring boys into the world; men bring boys into manhood. Yes, men play a role, obviously, in the former and women in the latter, but ultimately boys emulate men they admire and respect. The Apostle Paul instructs us to understand that godly men in the church each play a role in bringing boys into biblical manhood (Titus 2:6,8). It starts, ideally, in the home with a loving father and is reinforced with the active involvement of the rest of the men in the church. Their motto is, “Follow me as I follow Christ” (2 Cor. 11:1).

What better way to motivate the men in your church to follow the model man, Jesus, while involving themselves in service, than participating in a ministry intentionally designed for that purpose? Royal Rangers will rally the men in your congregation around a biblical cause and provide them the resources to enjoy ministry success while they develop much needed bonds of friendship with other men.

Oh, and did I mention how much fun Rangers is for both men and boys? You see in Royal Rangers the interests the men already have, such as outdoor and sports skills, trades, and technologies, to name just a few, are used to facilitate the

mentoring relationship. Then, using our tried and proven mentoring resources, men provide boys the guidance, discipline, and structure they need to become the godly men and wise leaders our Father intends them to be.

Royal Rangers is fun with a purpose—biblically involving fathers and men in mentoring relationships with boys and young men, intentionally equipping the next generation of men (husbands, fathers, businessmen, and church leaders), and empowering them to be lifelong servant leaders. And as they work together, they evangelize the world. But don't tell boys and young men all this, they just think they're having fun!

Yes, it may be true that boys are a loud sound covered in dirt. But boys don't have to get clean before getting to God. He will make them clean. Then He will turn the noisemakers into articulate proclaimers, prepared to take the gospel to the iPod® generation. But it all hinges on men willing to engage in the mentoring relationship.

Read through this magazine. In it you will discover how robust yet flexible Royal Rangers is. It is a ministry that will mobilize, inspire, and resource men in your church to teach the next generation of men how to practically “keep their way pure, by living according to God's Word” (Psalm 119:9). 🍌



- Front Row: Doug Marsh, National Director
- Second Row: Beverly Ayers, Training Assistant
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- Third Row: Perry Siddle, Training Coordinator
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& Events Coordinator
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Our Mentoring **Mission**

Since 1962, the Royal Rangers ministry has pursued the mission of reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ through interesting activities the boys enjoy. Through a variety of methods, Royal Rangers seeks to provide men and boys with an avenue to evangelize their world, equip the next generation of Christlike men, and empower them to become lifelong servant leaders.

Our Mission: EVANGELIZE

Evangelism requires reaching out to the boys in the community, discovering what will make Rangers attractive to them. Activities, such as outdoor and sports fun, trades, and technologies, give groups the opportunity to connect with boys and young men and develop friendships. After all, men and boys build relationships by doing things together. Delivering fun leads to relationship, and relationship leads to evangelism.

Our Mission: EQUIP

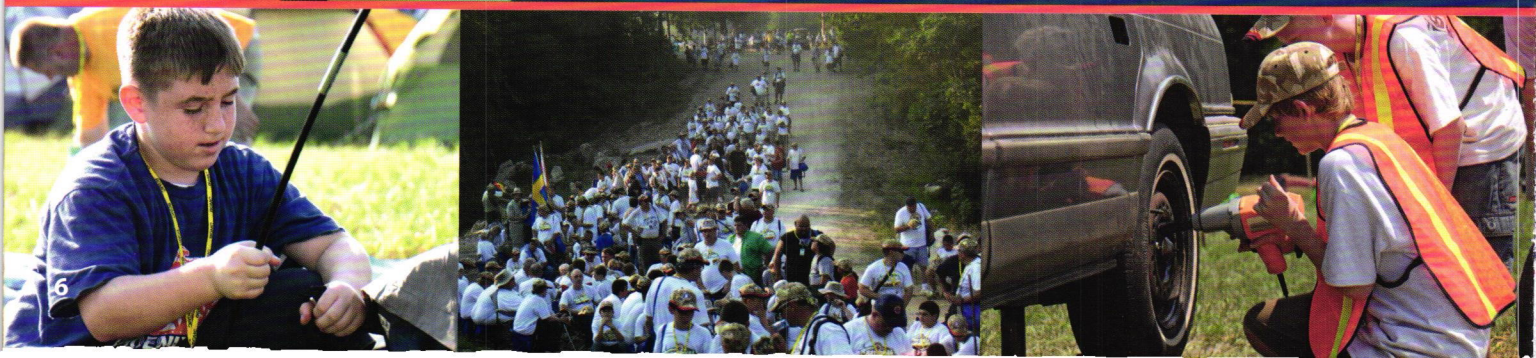
Equipping the next generation of Christlike men requires keeping them interested in Rangers over a period of time, the longer the better. Discipleship is not an event but a process. Offering balanced weekly meetings, filled with fun and purposeful activities, will give you a perfect place to coach intentional biblical instruction found in the Bible merits.

Our Mission: EMPOWER

Empowering boys and young men to become lifelong servant leaders requires involving them in leadership. The upper elementary, middle, and high school students all have latent leadership abilities waiting to be developed. Leadership merits provide the content, and the weekly meetings and activities provide the venue for servant leadership development. Most importantly, Rangers is not a ministry to students; it is a ministry that involves students in ministry to their peers. Spirit-empowered, biblically instructed boys and young men will lift up Christ, and we know people are drawn to Him when that happens.

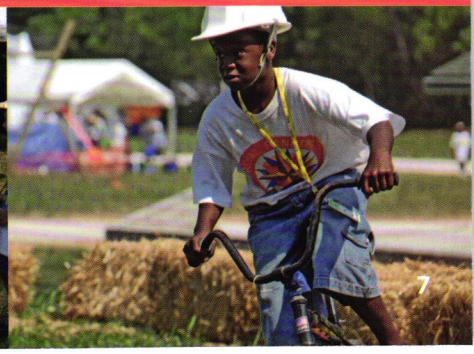
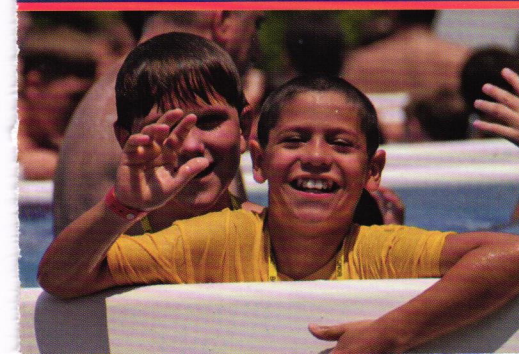
Yes, Rangers is a fun, hands-on, and powerful tool to evangelize the world, equip the next generation of Christlike men, and empower them to be lifelong servant leaders.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you



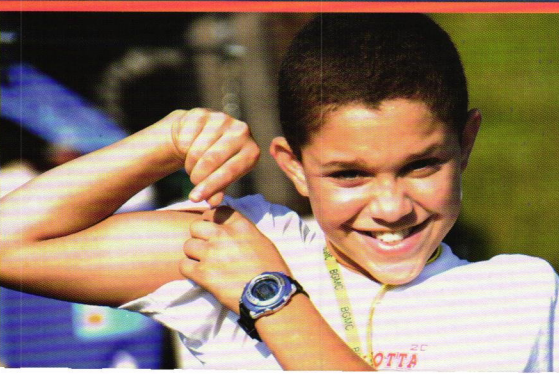
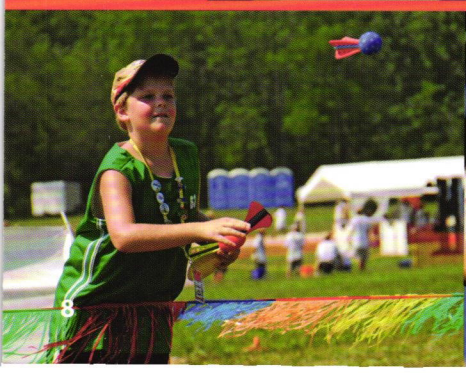


and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." JEREMIAH 29:11





Taking boys on the journey to Christlike manhood.





Our Mentoring **Methods**

Boys and young men are unique. They are God-designed to be assertive, competitive, and energetic. Experienced mentors have learned to provide them the guidance, discipline, and structure needed by employing the following seven methods.

Our Methods: Friendship

Ministry flows from relationship. Being intentional about building friendships is a core component of Royal Rangers. Without a doubt, wise leaders recognize this is the most important method of ministry to future men.

Our Methods: Activities

Royal Rangers encourages a wide range of fun, including outdoor activities, sports, trades, and technologies. Through innovative events, the ministry attracts boys and their families who may never attend regular church services. Outdoor activities, such as camping or hiking, provide unique opportunities for boys to experience God in His creation. Sports build hand skills, leadership abilities, a sense of team, and are a lot of fun. Knowing how to fix things and use tools builds confidence. Boys enjoy technology, and it is here to stay. All these activities serve a very important purpose—to facilitate relationship, friendships that open opportunities for ministry. Royal Rangers is seriously fun for a serious purpose!



Our Methods: Patrol System

Every boy in the group is a member of a patrol, a small guys-only group. Patrols are composed of three to eight boys who work together and share responsibilities. In this setting, boys become friends, develop leadership qualities, learn teamwork, and grow together spiritually.

Our Methods: Advancement

The recognition boys earn in Royal Rangers consists of a fun, hands-on, and measurable spiritual and personal growth plan (qualities indispensable in discipleship of boys). These awards, called merits, fall into three categories—skills, Bible, and leadership.

Skill merits are very important! In the process of earning skill merits in the church, boys learn about themselves—their interests, abilities, and spiritual gifts—and gain personal confidence as mentors speak encouragement into their lives as they engage in these side-by-side merit activities.





Bible merits give mentors the opportunity to walk boys through the Bible, allowing Scripture to give them courage to be real men. Every Bible merit is divided into five lessons covering biblical worldview, sexuality, cultural issues, doctrine, and godly manhood. On the journey, they learn the truth about what a young man of God thinks (head), feels (heart), and does (hands).

Leadership merits give boys instruction on how to develop their social skills, equipping skills, attitude skills, leadership skills, and servant leadership abilities. Boys are born to be leaders. Our job is to instruct boys in leadership and facilitate opportunities for them to serve. The weekly meetings and activities become the venue.

The advancement system is fun but it is challenging. Boys need goals, and they need to be recognized incrementally as they strive toward them. All the instruction and mentorship is age-appropriate, hands-on learning. What is more, the advancements are intentionally linked to the purposes of Royal Rangers—evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development.

Our Methods: Service & Ministry Outreach

Royal Rangers pledge their service to God, their church, and their world. Each year the boys serve in various ways, reaching out to the community, to bring people to the Lord. In addition to teaching boys citizenship and ministry skills, these projects keep Rangers focused on needs beyond themselves. This will make them aware of and eager to minister to people who don't know Jesus as their personal Savior.



Our Methods: Interactive Learning

Royal Rangers is built on a very important premise, that learning must be fun and interactive. Boys retain information best when they hear, see, do, and, if appropriate, teach others. That is, they hear the instruction, see the mentor demonstrate the skill, and then are given the opportunity to do it. Then, when appropriate, the boys teach others in the meeting itself or outside. Boys learn best when instruction is hands-on.

Our Methods: Uniforms

Uniforms give boys a sense of belonging. Royal Rangers offers numerous uniform options, allowing the church to choose the one (or ones) that will enable them to best connect, attract, and retain the boys and young men in your community.

By remaining faithful to our mission and effectively utilizing our methods, Royal Rangers will continue to serve as a powerful force in transforming the lives of boys for Christ across our nation and around the world. ☞



Our Ministry Partnership

MENtoRRing

by Tom Greene, National Men's Ministries Director



It was a strategy session for District Men's Directors, facilitated by National Men's Ministries. One presentation included an article from a national periodical that focused on our public schools' education as it related specifically to boys. One thought led to another and the result was an outcry in the room for a Men's Ministries' mentoring

system for boys. Several ideas were shared, and then a "shocking revelation" was announced. We have such a program in place...ROYAL RANGERS!

The relationship of Royal Rangers and Men's Ministries is vital to the success of both. The local men's group should be a willing pool of leadership to the church's Royal Rangers outpost. Likewise, the opportunity of Royal Rangers is a destination for every man committed to affecting lives for a lifetime and eternity. Many of our churches have remained strong in this relationship, while others need to be reminded, and yet others have never realized the synergy of Royal Rangers and the local men's ministries. This is a partnership that will guarantee not only effective church ministry but also potentially impact an entire community.

As a man commits himself to the mentoring of boys, I am convinced he will discover spiritual growth in his own life. In addition to the plan of Royal Rangers to invest in their leaders, there is a natural process to spiritual maturity in a man that is given to the discipline of preparation and presentation of the gospel to Rangers. It is the law of sowing and reaping

in action as men sow into the lives of young men. What you sow into others actually takes root in your own life.

There are men in the local church that need the blessing afforded them through Royal Rangers. Some have no sons, or no sons at home, and yet need to pass along gifts to the next generation of men. Likewise, there are boys who have no godly father. This is a connection that the church must provide for both parties.

Another dilemma facing the church of today is the falling away of young believers once they graduate from high school. Scientific surveys inform us that the majority of students leave the church a short time after graduation. This is an alarming fact that demands we build bridges in a young person's life from adolescence to adulthood. The connection of Royal Rangers and Men's Ministries is such a bridge.

National Men's Ministries of the Assemblies of God is proud to be a partner of National Royal Rangers Ministries. We remain strong in our commitment to come along side this great ministry and assist in the building of boys. As national director of Men's Ministries, I strongly encourage every district and local church to do the same. We have no choice. We must work together for the boys of today and the men of tomorrow.

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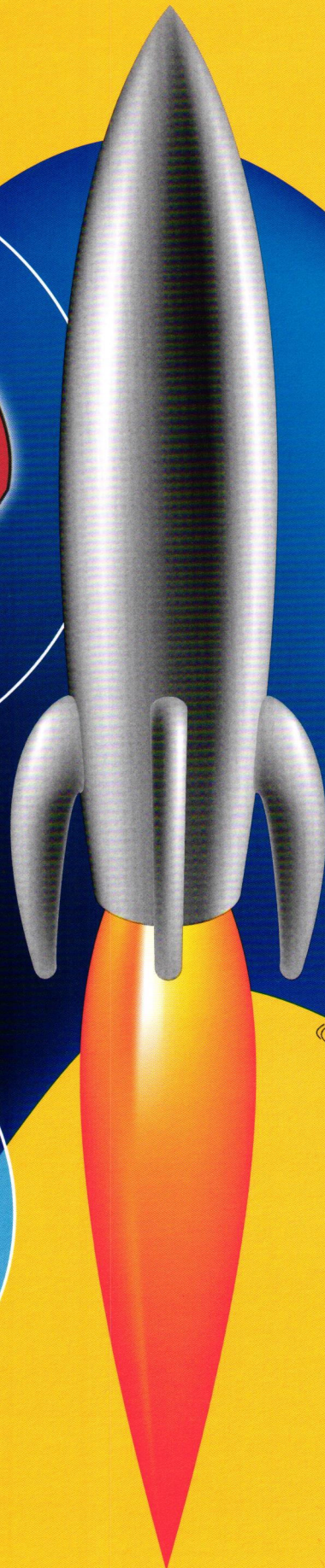
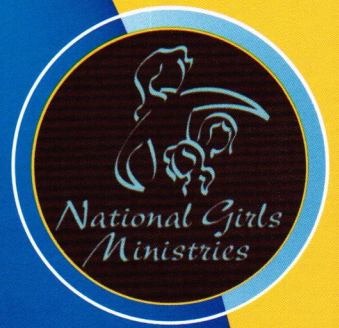


Tom Greene

National director of Men's Ministries for the Assemblies of God, providing leadership to ministries such as Light for the Lost and HonorBound



"We remain strong in our commitment to come along side this great ministry and assist in the building of boys."





It's Not Rocket Science!

by Ryan Beaty, National Programs Specialist

Have you ever looked into what it takes to become a rocket scientist? It's a lot of hard work! It takes years of undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate education before being qualified to build rockets, especially those that will carry people into space. It also takes a lot of money to become a rocket scientist. The average educational costs will exceed \$100,000. That's a huge chunk of change! Ultimately, being a rocket scientist is an immensely rewarding line of work, but it's not something everyone can do.

Royal Rangers is not rocket science! It is a ministry in which every church and family can participate. The Royal Rangers ministry is designed to meet the needs of boys and to develop them according to the Luke 2:52 principle, which states, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Royal Rangers is dedicated to taking boys and young men on the journey of becoming Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders by developing them mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. By raising boys to be godly men, every church and family benefits.

Royal Rangers doesn't need to cost an arm and a leg either. Churches have low-cost options when it comes to curriculum and uniforms. If a church wants to purchase the most elaborate uniform at a higher price, it may. However, if a church wants to go with a Royal Rangers t-shirt and blue jeans, it may do that, too. No one Royal Ranger look is more appropriate than another is. Churches have to be able to minister to their communities, and the ministry must be cost effective. Royal Rangers offers vests for the boys to display their advancements. Very soon, however, Royal Rangers will introduce a logbook and sticker system. This is a full color folder of all of the advancement steps for each age group, and the colorful stickers have same artwork as the merit and advancement patches. This is another economical option that churches may choose and yet still enjoy all the benefits of being a Royal Rangers outpost.

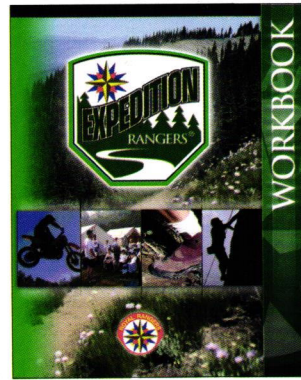
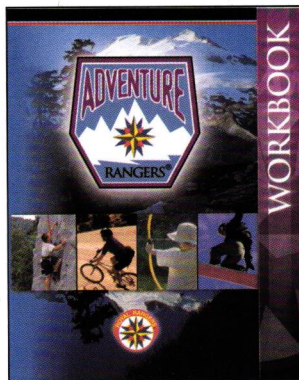
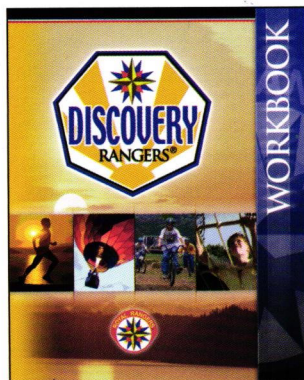
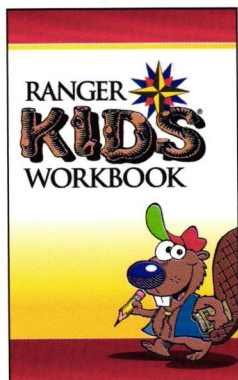
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Royal Rangers also benefits churches and families through opportunities for men to mentor boys and young men into Christlike manhood consistent with the Jude 2 mandate for mature men to mentor the young men in godliness. It is undisputable that there is a manhood crisis in America. Many children grow up without a godly male influence in their lives. Royal Rangers provides an opportunity for boys to have Christlike manhood modeled on a weekly basis in a safe and fun environment. It takes Christlike men to develop Christlike men. Discipleship is replication; it is the principle of "follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

That's what Royal Rangers offers. It provides pastors a tool that will mobilize, inspire, and resource the men of the congregation to mentor boys in Christlike manhood in a fun and meaningful way.

Royal Rangers really is a ministry that every family and church can participate in and that dovetails and perfectly complements other church ministries for boys and young men. Royal Rangers has partnered with Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC). "The Master's Toolbox" is an annual challenge for Royal Rangers kindergarten through fifth grade to give to BGMC and subsequently help missionaries around the world with water wells, generators, and other essential equipment. Royal Rangers has announced a partnership with Speed the Light (STL), called "RR/STL Christmas Challenge." Each year, sixth through twelfth grade young men will raise funds towards a specific missionary vehicle need, e.g., a boat, plane, etc. Royal Rangers has also teamed with the National Girls Ministry to develop a plan for small churches and church plants to operate both ministries in close proximity while still maintaining their individual group identities. These are just a few examples of how Royal Rangers functions in cooperation with other church ministry programs.

The best days for Royal Rangers are ahead. Will your church step up and be involved in this exciting adventure for young men? It's not rocket science; it's mentorship in godly manhood at its best! ✨



What others are saying a

The ministry of Royal Rangers plays a vital role in the future of this Fellowship. Never before has the need been greater to provide our churches with an effective method of reaching and mentoring young men into Christlike manhood. A strong, Bible-based Royal Rangers ministry can provide the foundation for personal spiritual growth and a passionate commitment among our men and boys to reaching the lost in our families, schools, and communities.

Effective ministry can only occur within the context of relationships. Royal Rangers provides a unique opportunity for boys and young men to develop lasting bonds of friendship within a uniquely male environment.

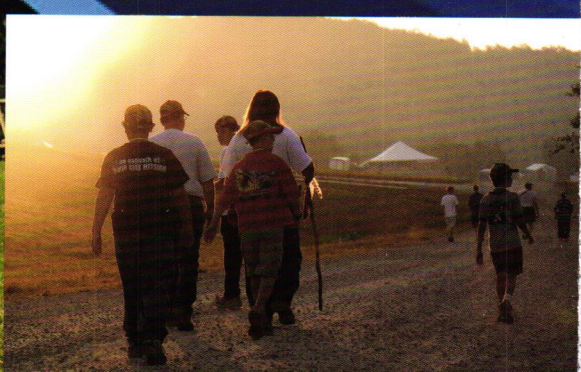
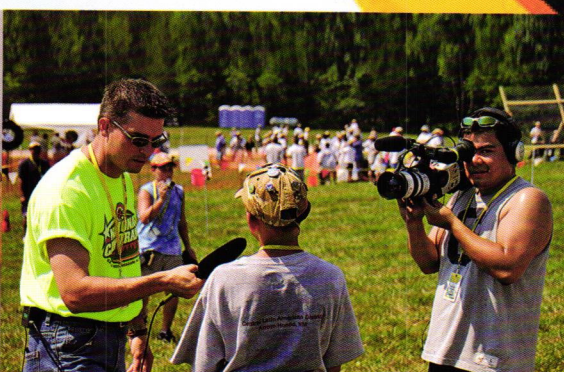
Dr. George Wood
General Superintendent
Assemblies of God

Royal Rangers serves as an excellent medium for ministering to the unique needs of boys in today's culture.

Alton Garrison
Assistant General Superintendent
Assemblies of God

Getting the right message across to boys in today's culture is a tough job. Royal Rangers provides the right tools to challenge both leaders and boys alike to develop mentally, physically, spiritually and socially with one objective in mind: defining proper boundaries for daily living. Royal Rangers is a ministry with lasting impact!

Candy Tolbert
National Director
National Girls Ministries



about Royal Rangers...

The ministry of Royal Rangers helps to prepare and mature boys to live for Christ in a challenging and difficult world. I appreciate the dedicated efforts of the national department and men in churches across the country who work with boys from the many family types existing in our culture today...nuclear, step, blended, single parent, separated, expanded and other types of families. These boys desperately need and benefit from the ministry of Royal Rangers!

Dennis Franck

National Director
Single Adult Ministries

Royal Rangers is a valuable and powerful compliment to any church's youth ministry. The discipleship they build and the leadership they teach and model are key components of what we are trying to instill in the lives of teenagers. I love the ministry of Royal Rangers and appreciate them being a part of the National Youth Ministry team. Any youth pastor should be excited to work with the Royal Rangers leaders in his/her church.

Jay Mooney

National Director
Youth Ministries

Royal Rangers is the best of ministry opportunities for men to mentor the next generation. You do not need to look any further than Royal Rangers for the finest in resources to invest in your boys.

Tom Greene

National Director
Men's Ministries

In a time where reaching children for the cause of Christ has arguably never been more important, the Children's Ministries Agency of the Assemblies of God is doing just that! We believe that through intentionally reaching children's leaders we can impact a generation of kids with the gospel, and that those kids can in turn reach this nation and ultimately the world!

With this focus at the forefront of the CMA, we are also excited to announce that we are not walking along this journey alone! As we faithfully implement the plans the Lord has given to us it has been exciting to see the people God has also brought to this team! Doug Marsh and the national Royal Rangers are reaching boys across the nation and around the world and we are excited about the opportunity to work closely together!

As we move into the future, we believe the potential for a global impact for the Kingdom has never been greater! This partnership is truly one that we are proud to be a part of as we eagerly anticipate all that God is going to do in the lives of His children!

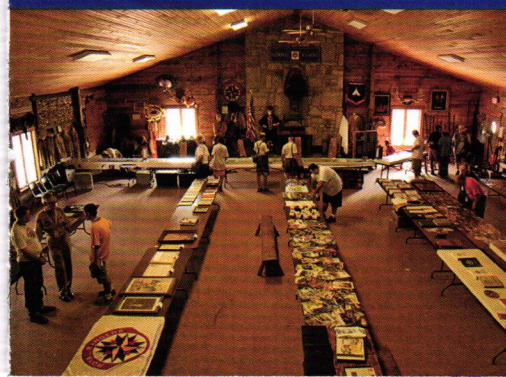
Jason Noble

National Director
Children's Ministries Agency

In an age where single mothers are ever increasing, the need for godly men influencing the lives of boys is more important than ever. For seventeen years I had the privilege of leading Royal Rangers in the three churches where I was pastor. I found that an increasing number of parents were looking for quality ministry for their kids. In every church, the Royal Ranger ministry done right flourished. Families were added to our church as their boys (and girls) became a part of this ministry and their parents followed. We are in a time of change, trends, and transition. What remains the same? A mother's desire to see her boy have a quality relationship with a godly man. Royal Rangers is that ministry.

David Boyd

National Director
Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge





Royal Rangers Is the Missing Piece!

by Ryan Beaty, National Programs Specialist



Would you ever start putting together a puzzle if you knew some of the pieces were missing? Why go through the effort if they will never form a complete picture? A puzzle with missing pieces has no value and fails to accomplish the task it was designed for. It's the same way with ministries. They should be designed with the whole person in mind. Luke 2:52 describes the four pieces to the personal development puzzle, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (ESV)

Jesus grew mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially—the four pieces to the personal development puzzle. Any ministry focused on developing the total person will endeavor to use this pattern of growth when discipling individuals. This is the goal of Royal Rangers when mentoring boys and young men!

Royal Rangers meets the mental needs of boys and young men through hands-on learning. Boys and men are widely visual and experiential learners. In order to maximize this learning style, Royal Rangers is intentionally hands-on and fun in its teaching methods. We want boys to be able to get in, get dirty, and learn within a safe, Christian environment. That's why we follow the "Hear, See, Do, Teach" principle. Boys and young men are best mentally stimulated when they hear a mentor talk about what is being learned, see the him physically complete the task being taught, then actually do the skill learned, and ultimately teach the learned skill to others. Boys have a 95% retention rate when following this method of learning.

Royal Rangers also provides a variety of skills to learn. We offer more than 290 merits on a variety of interesting topics that help develop boys. We offer merits in camping, outdoor activities, team and individual sports, technology, trade skills, and many, many others. These merits are full of exciting challenges and are fun to earn.

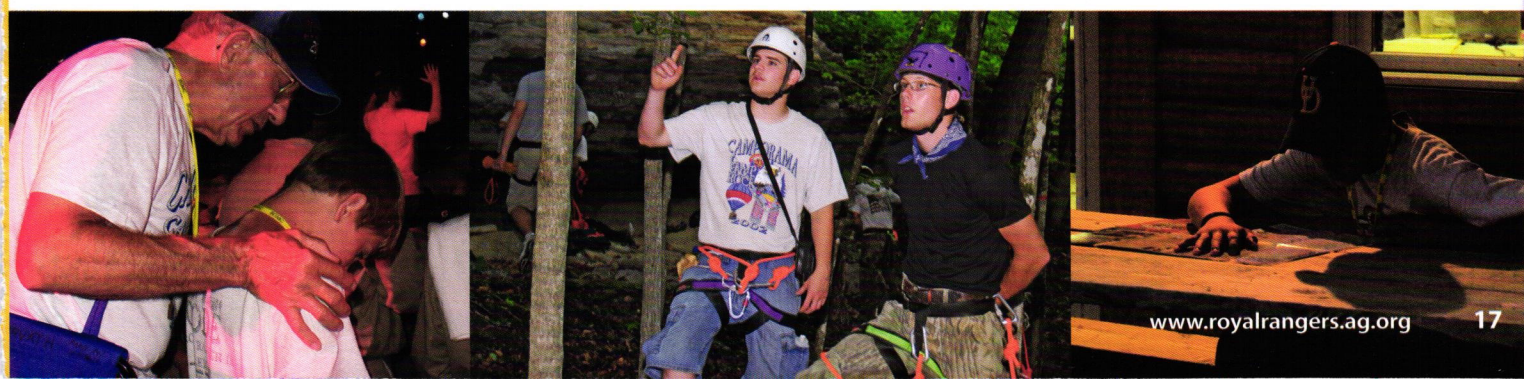
Royal Rangers meets the physical needs of boys and young men through a variety of fun activities. A boy's play is his

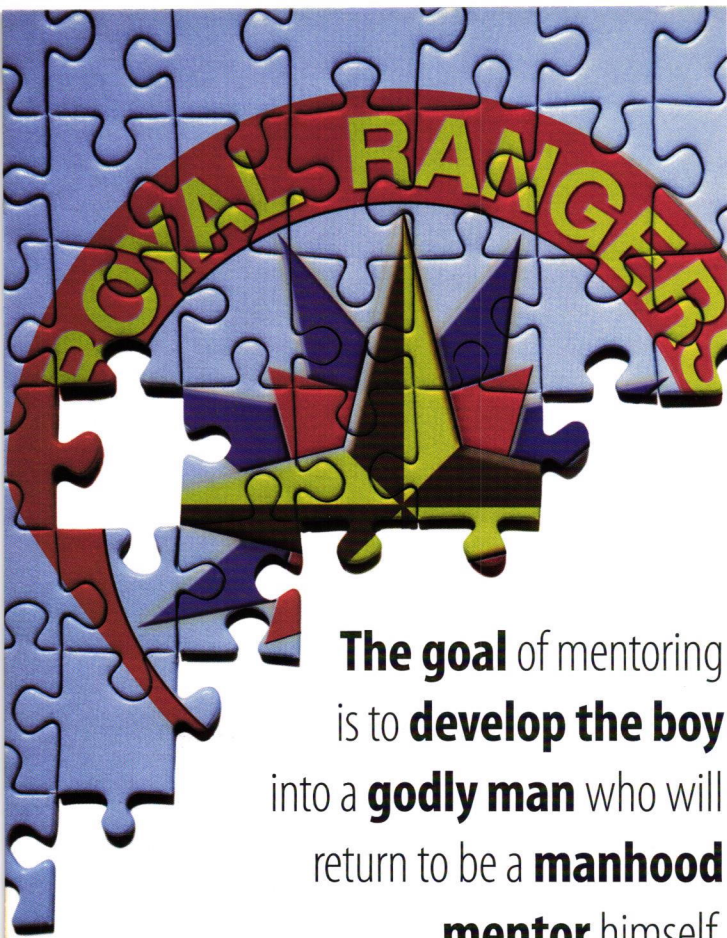
work. Each weekly meeting gives boys a time of recreation, no matter the age group. Both at an early age and during puberty, boys need physical activity in order to help their bodies grow and mature appropriately and develop necessary hand-eye coordination. Boys also need to develop a pattern of proper exercise at an early age and make it a life habit. Many adult diseases and harmful physical conditions can be avoided with proper diet and exercise. Royal Rangers helps boys learn how to take care of their bodies, view them as temples of the Holy Spirit, and keep them clean from harmful vices.

Royal Rangers meets the spiritual needs of boys and young men through our Bible studies, devotions, missions projects, and event services. Our weekly Bible studies take boys through the Bible and show them what Scripture has to say about becoming a Christlike man, biblical worldviews, cultural issues, doctrine, and their sexuality. These Bible studies are the focal point of each Royal Rangers meeting and give boys an opportunity to discuss issues germane to men in a safe environment where the Word of God is the ultimate authority.

Each week Royal Rangers leaders also present a devotion to the young men. This is a time to hear how they can apply the truths of God's Word to their everyday lives. This is a time when the Holy Spirit is most active, moving on the hearts of the boys, convicting of sin, speaking to them about their lives, calling them to ministry, and baptizing them with the Spirit. Countless boys have made decisions to be lifelong Christ followers during these special times. This type of movement of the Holy Spirit also occurs at our events. There is something about getting away from home and being among other young men their age that causes boys to open up and be more receptive to the move of God. Hundreds of boys are changed forever—saved, filled, healed, and called—at Rangers events.

Missions is also a huge part of Royal Rangers. Boys in kindergarten through fifth grade have an opportunity to participate in the Master's Toolbox, a ministry partnership with Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC).





The goal of mentoring is to **develop the boy** into a **godly man** who will return to be a **manhood mentor** himself.

The money they raise goes to help provide water wells in Africa, literature and generators to missionaries around the world, and the starting of new Royal Rangers outposts in the United States. Young men in sixth through twelfth grade have the opportunity to give to a special annual Christmas project as a joint effort with Speed the Light. The 2008 project will purchase a boat for missionaries in Nicaragua, who will be able to take the gospel to the Miskito Indians in the interior of the country.

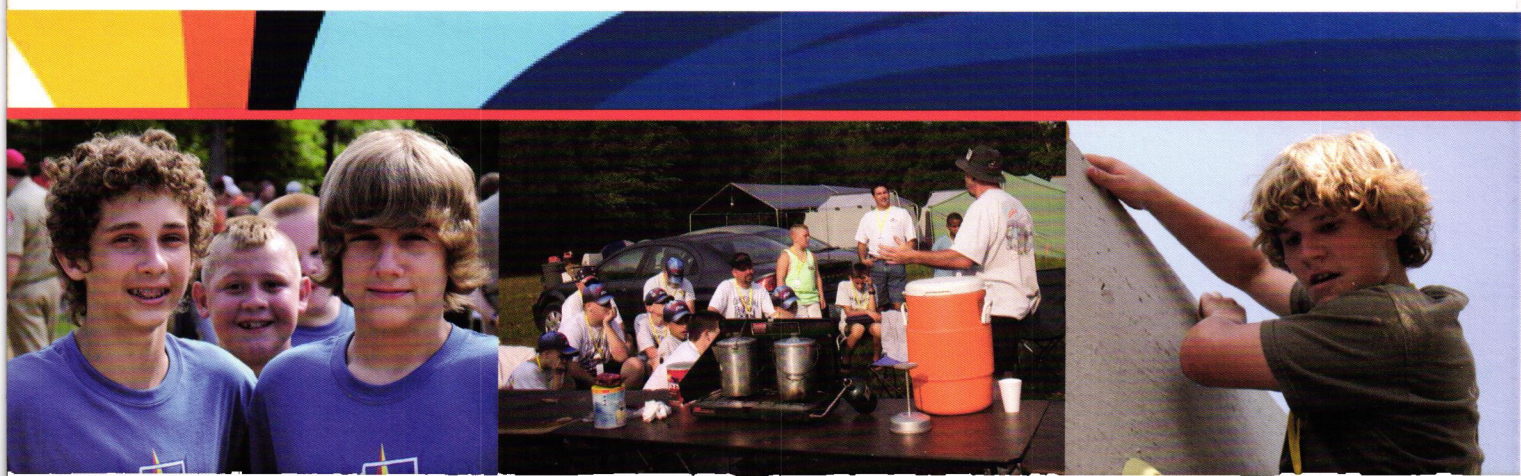
Royal Rangers meets the social needs of boys and young men through friendship, leadership opportunities, and mentoring. Our meetings are a place of acceptance for every young man. This does not change with skin color, socio-economic background, or disability. There is a place in Royal Rangers for every boy! Through the weekly meetings and activities, boys and young men develop strong bonds.

The adage states, "Show me your friends, and I will show you your future." Boys need Christian friends. Many relationships formed in Royal Rangers develop into lifelong friendships. There are numerous examples of boys in Royal Rangers who became college roommates, served as best men in each others weddings, started businesses together, and continue to serve as Royal Rangers leaders in churches today.

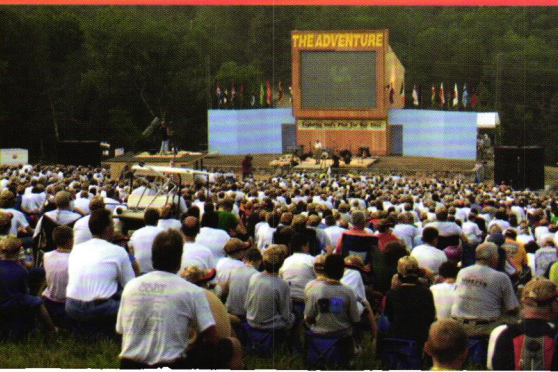
Boys and young men continue to develop socially through opportunities to lead. John Maxwell says, "Some people are born leaders, and some people are made leaders." Royal Rangers helps every boy and young man develop lifelong servant leadership behaviors. Twice a year the curriculum includes a five-week study on leadership. The boys are taught important leadership theory and skills, shown examples of leadership done right, and given service opportunities. Boys can also attend district junior training camps. These events serve as an intensive and fun time of hands-on leadership development. Within the church, each group has junior leaders that contribute to the operation of the weekly meetings. Royal Rangers is by its very nature a "boy-led, adult-facilitated" ministry.

Finally, boys develop socially in Royal Rangers through mentoring relationships. Paul told Timothy to have the old men in the church teach the younger men. Royal Rangers gives boys and young men the opportunity to have Christlike manhood modeled by Christlike men. Many boys do not have a godly male influence in their lives. Royal Rangers leaders are trained to serve as mentors in manhood. The leaders are there to pray with boys, give them wise counsel, and demonstrate to them what being a servant leader is all about. The goal of mentoring is to develop the boy into a godly man who will return to be a manhood mentor himself.

Every boy in your church wants to be developed in these four ways, and there is no other ministry that fulfills these needs as thoroughly as Royal Rangers. Are you ready to begin putting the lives of boys and young men together in your church and community? If so, Royal Rangers is your missing piece. ☞









Royal Rangers

The Perfect Partner

by Jeremiah Hembree, Youth Pastor

Hi. My name is Jeremiah, and I am a Ranger-aholic. There, I've said it. I've cleared the air, and boy do I feel better. To my defense, however, I have found this to be a rather healthy addiction. The Royal Rangers ministry has formed much of the groundwork of who I am today. It was in Rangers that much of my foundation in Bible knowledge was laid. Rangers taught me what it means to be a man of God. I first responded to the call of God to full time ministry at a Royal Rangers powwow. My life has forever been changed because of Royal Rangers.

However, the benefits I have derived from this ministry have not just been personal. After growing up in Royal Rangers, I now have the privilege of seeing its benefits through the eyes of a leader and pastor. So much of the skills and knowledge I acquired through leadership training has proven applicable in numerous ministries. From methods of teaching and communication to soul winning, Royal Rangers training has better equipped me for various ministry needs. Further, considering the church as a whole, Rangers provides an excellent training tool for men, young and old, to be better equipped for service in the Kingdom. A properly maintained Royal Rangers outpost can do nothing but enhance the men's ministry and ensure its vitality for future generations.

Royal Rangers' benefits are not just limited to men's ministry. Within our youth ministry, Royal Rangers is a hand-in-glove fit for discipleship and small groups. For years, their model of age and gender specific ministry built around a common interest has been an excellent model for small groups. This system allows leaders to speak to specific *guy issues* that would be uncomfortable or unapproachable in other venues. The setting also creates a more inviting atmosphere for boys not familiar or comfortable with church. How many boys and eventually families have been brought into the Kingdom that started with

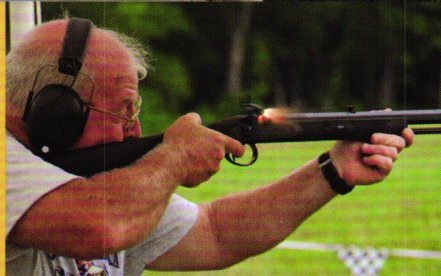
an invitation to a boys' group or activity? From youth and children to men and families, the benefits of Royal Rangers transcend the cubicle of boys' ministry.

Oh, but that's not where it ends. Royal Rangers has at its core a vision, that when lived out, will enhance and fulfill the ultimate mission of any New Testament pastor and church. From its inception, the heart of the Royal Rangers ministry to evangelize, equip, and empower generations of men and boys for the kingdom of God has perpetuated the Great Commission in astronomical ways.

Royal Rangers is not a para-church ministry; it was never designed to function alone or be an island unto itself. The Royal Rangers ministry is designed to come alongside the pastor, placing arsenals of discipleship and evangelism tools at his/her disposal for reaching the men and boys of the community. Its greatest effectiveness is seen when as a ministry it is coupled with other evangelism and discipleship components of the local church and employed in fulfilling the mission and vision of that pastor and church. When used in conjunction with the other ministries of the church, the Royal Rangers ministry affords numerous opportunities to pour into the lives of boys and young men, shaping untold destinies for years to come.

When Commander Johnnie Barnes founded Royal Rangers and challenged a generation of leaders to reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ, he was commissioning a holy army within every local church, under the direction of each senior pastor, to divine warfare for the souls of men and boys and the livelihood of the church. That challenge has in no way diminished and neither has the need for boys' ministry. Yes, when it comes to Rangers, I am biased, addicted even, but with good reason. I'd rather bet on a sure thing any day—especially when I can't afford to lose. 🍀

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ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL ★★★★ Championships ★★★★★

What Is It and Who Can Participate?

by Steve Schultz, National Junior Leadership Development Coordinator

Do you have a national champion living in your home or attending your church? You may have one or be one and not even know it. The Royal Rangers national championships program has many opportunities to recognize exceptional boys and young men, and yes there are several events that adults can participate in.

There are annual events in Junior Bible Quiz, Teen Bible Quiz, archery, BB-gun, air rifle, smallbore rifle, trap, and black powder. Pinewood Derby, BMX, and mountain biking events are held at each Camporama. They are open to all members of a currently chartered outpost.

All events are designed to be age appropriate; therefore, some restrictions may apply. The JBQ and TBQ are conducted by Children's Ministry Agency and National Youth Ministries, respectively. Royal Rangers who participate in these events and are national finalist are eligible for special recognition from the National Royal Rangers Ministries.

Archery and the other shooting competitions are considered "postal events." These events can be held at the local, section, district, region, or national levels, and the scores are mailed to the event sponsor. Those results are then combined with others from across the nation. The top results are posted on our website and awards are sent from

the event sponsor and from our office. Notice that adults can participate in the archery, smallbore rifle, trap, and black powder events.

So ask yourself, "Is my outpost participating in the national championships?" If not, why not do so this year? You never know, you may have a national champion in your outpost. You will never know until you participate. For the complete rules and guidelines for the national championships, check out the following website: royalrangers.ag.org/championships.

FAQ:

Q: *What are the national championships?*

A: Events in which Royal Rangers from across the country can compete against each other on a regular basis. It also provides recognition to Royal Rangers who participate in JBQ and TBQ at the national level.

Q: *Can adults participate in any of the events?*

A: Yes, adults can participate in archery, smallbore rifle, trap, and black powder events.

Q: *Where can I find out more about the national championships?*

A: Visit the National Royal Rangers Ministry website at royalrangers.ag.org/championships or contact the National Royal Rangers Ministry at rangers@ag.org.



MINISTRY CONNECTIONS

Royal Rangers

helps build the total church program by strengthening the relationships between ministries. Many ministries pursue common goals and can benefit by the existence of strong, cooperative relationships. Royal Rangers maintains supportive relationships with a variety of other church ministries, including...



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For more information about these ministries and their relationship to Royal Rangers, visit our website at royalrangers.ag.org/ministries.

Men's Ministries

In order for our ministry to be effective in reaching the hearts of boys, it is essential that our leaders likewise be growing in their faith. To help meet this need, Royal Rangers partners with Men's Ministries to promote the spiritual growth of men. And these men in turn become the mentors for our boys.



BGMC: Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge

Growing a heart for missions in children is central focus of BGMC. Elementary boys in Royal Rangers are encouraged to participate in BGMC through the Master's Toolbox, a program where boys support specific missions projects around the world.



National Girl's Ministries/Missionettes

Reaching families is important to the success of our churches. That's why a partnership with NGM/Missionettes is so important. Together RR & NGM can provide ministry opportunities for the whole family.

National Youth Ministries & Speed the Light

As Royal Ranger boys reach the teen years, the value of cooperative ministry becomes even more important. That's why Royal Rangers encourages our older groups to schedule weekly meetings and activities at times that compliment their local youth ministry, providing boys with the opportunity to participate in both youth and Royal Rangers. Our young men likewise participate in Speed the Light, the national missions effort for youth groups where they can also participate in special projects like the annual Christmas Challenge.

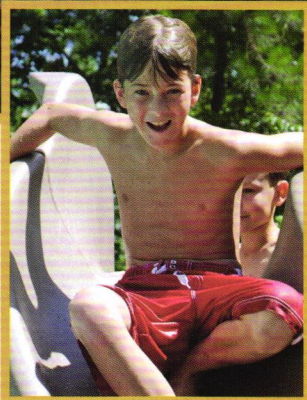


AG World Missions — Royal Rangers International & Pathfinder Projects

In Royal Rangers, we don't just teach boys about missions; we look for ways to get them actively involved. Through RRI, Rangers have the opportunity to support an effort to reach boys around the world through special outreach events like soccer clinics. Through Pathfinders, boys and leaders have the opportunity to directly participate in domestic or overseas missions trips through various construction and related projects.



GOD IS AT WORK



EVERY DAY, across the nation and around the world, the ministry of Royal Rangers is making an impact on the lives of boys and young men, setting before them a path to Christlike manhood, leadership in their families and communities, and service to God, their church, and their fellow man. **WE BELIEVE** we can change the world as we change the hearts of boys, one boy at a time. **THE NEED IS GREAT** and the time is now (John 4:35). And with your help, this mission can become a reality.

For more information on how **YOU** can be a part of this powerful ministry to boys, contact the Royal Rangers national office at 417-862-2781 or at rangers@ag.org, or visit us on the web at royalrangers.ag.org.

GOD IS AT WORK in the lives of men and boys today, and *together* we can build His kingdom for tomorrow.

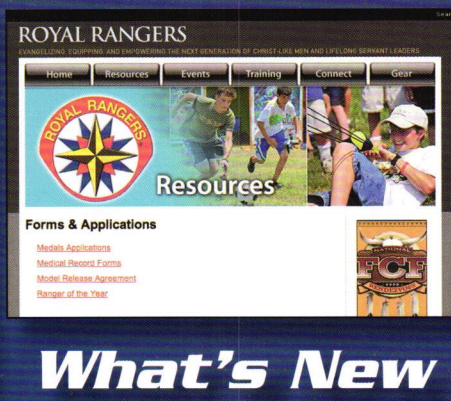


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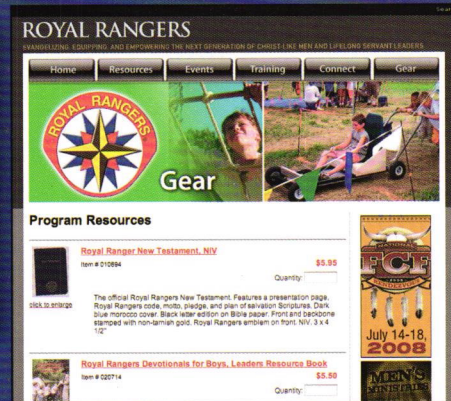
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