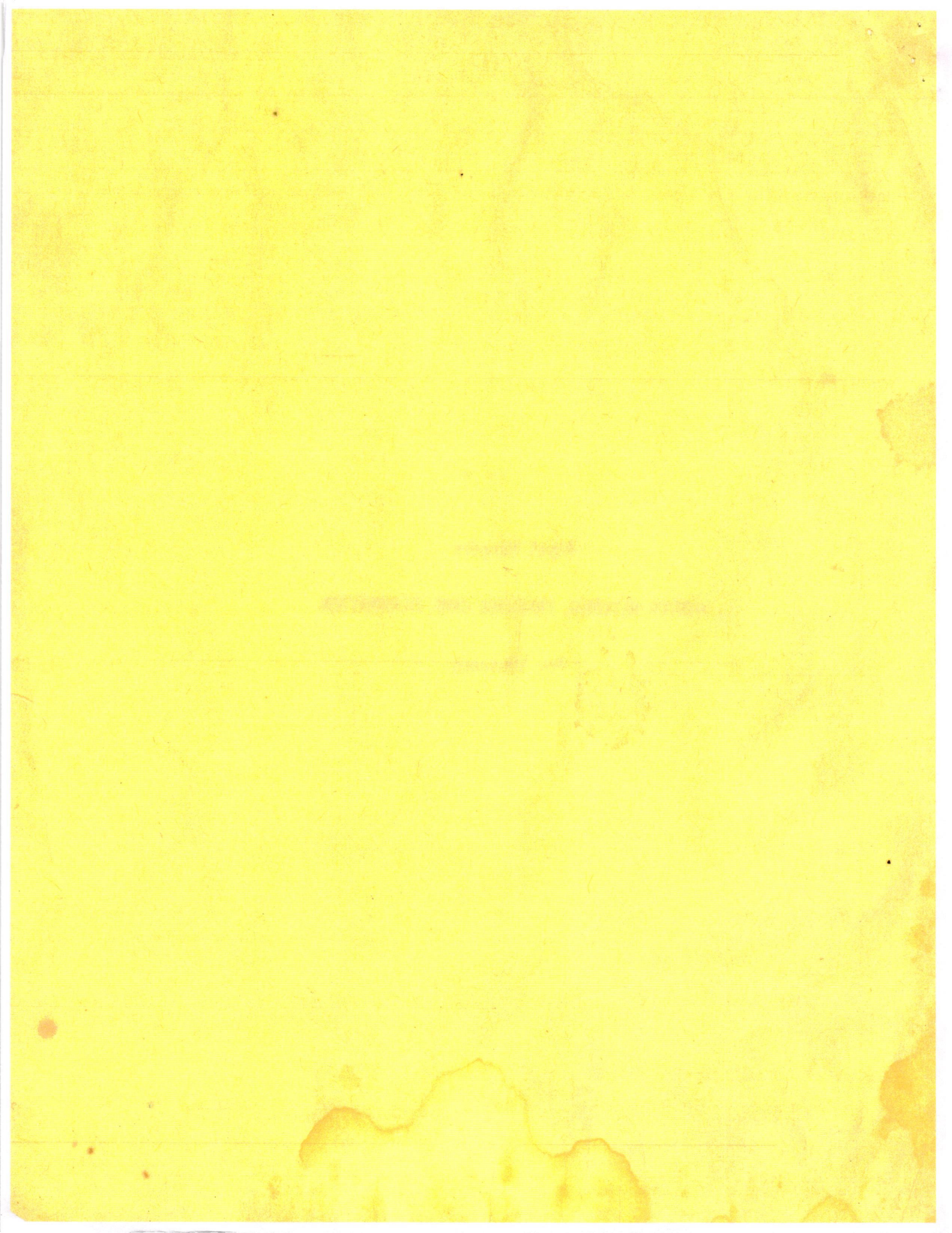


Royal Rangers

WINTER NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP INFORMATION

For Trainees



WINTER

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

PURPOSE

To give leaders professional training in winter camping and other winter related activities, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in a winter out-of-doors setting. Also, to inspire leaders to provide more winter activities for their outposts, areas, sections or districts.

THE PLAN

The camp will be conducted in an appropriate winter setting, and the trainees will be divided into small groups. These groups will work and function together as patrols. The participants will live in cabins or lodges, and will share in patrol tasks and leadership responsibilities.

Throughout the day, the group will receive training in various winter campcraft and recreational techniques. Various methods will be used to give each man the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge of the instructions he will receive in each training class. Nighttime sessions on other subjects related to winter activities will also be presented. Some type of exciting nighttime winter activity will be conducted following each evening session.

One night during the camp, the group will pack all their camping gear and food and go by patrols to an "overnight winter campout." This will give each man the opportunity to put into practical use the instructions he will have received in camping and campcrafts.

The patrol spirit will be cultivated by encouraging each patrol to make patrol bolo ties, a patrol flag, and to develop a patrol song and yell.

This plan is designed to develop winter skills, and a new outlook on the opportunities of service and activities for boys during the wintertime.

ORGANIZATION

The camp will function as one large outpost. The director will become the Outpost Commander. Camp instructors will become Lt. Commanders. Other members of the staff may become the Senior Guide, the Health and Safety Officer or the Outpost Chaplain. The camp will be divided into eight-man patrols. The position of Guide and Assistant Guide will

be rotated from day to day among the members of the patrol.

The camp will be limited to a maximum of eight patrols (64 men), excluding the staff. A staff member will be assigned to each patrol as an advisor.

PATROL NAMES

The following are suggested names for the patrols: Fox, Eagle, Bear, Owl, Cougar, Bobwhite, Beaver, and Antelope.

ORIENTATION SESSION

Immediately following registration on the first day, there will be a special orientation session. The staff will be introduced, and patrol assignments made. The camp director will stress the responsibility of each trainee and each patrol, and will explain the basic requirements for completing the camp course. A brief review of the camp schedule will also be given.

ASSEMBLIES

There will be a general assembly every morning in which each patrol will line up in formation wearing specified uniform. The guide should be at the head of the formation and the assistant guide at the end. There will be a flag ceremony and inspection at each of these morning assemblies.

A special ceremony for the changing of the service and program patrol will be conducted. Also the guides and assistant guides will exchange gold bars with the new guide and assistant guide at morning assembly.

The signal that will call the group to an assembly will be explained at the beginning of the camp.

The assemblies will conclude with a "thought for the day" from the chaplain.

Other assemblies may be called from time to time during the camp for the purpose of orientation and instruction.

DUTY PATROLS

Each day one of the patrols will be chosen as service patrol, and another one as program patrol. The service patrols will be given the responsibility of flag raising during morning assembly and lowering in the evening. The program patrol will be given

the responsibility of giving the signal for assemblies and class sessions. Both patrols will also assist the staff in general, wherever needed. These responsibilities will be rotated from patrol to patrol. Both the service and program patrols will be given a small pennant flag to tie to the staff of their patrol flag while serving in these capacities. These flags will be passed on to the new service and program patrols during morning assemblies.

EQUIPMENT

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Each man is responsible to bring to camp with him the items listed on the personal equipment check list.

GROUP EQUIPMENT

Group equipment will be supplied by the camp.

UNIFORMS

Each man must bring and wear uniform and clothing listed on personal equipment check list. All rank insignia and Pow Wow patches, outpost numerals, and special awards must be removed from all uniforms. Only the emblem, name tab and district strip are worn on the uniform.

Army wool trousers, or other types of warm work trousers may be substituted for periods when dress uniform is not required. However, Royal Rangers sweatshirts, or jackets should be worn with these trousers. The temperature will regulate which item will be worn. Bolo ties made by the patrols are the only type ties worn with the uniform during WNTC.

HEADGEAR

During registration, special headgear will be issued for each man to wear during camp. The cost of the headgear will be included in the registration fee.

NOTEBOOKS

Each man will be given a special notebook to record notes. The notebook should be used during each class session. These notebooks will be reviewed and approved by the patrol advisors.

CAMP LOCATION

The following features have been considered in selecting a site for a Winter National Training Camp.

1. Lodging sufficient to house several patrols of eight men each, plus lodging for the staff. The number of cabins or rooms will depend upon the number of men enrolled. These sites should be separated from each other.
2. A building large enough for evening sessions.
3. Food service for the group.
4. Refrigeration for perishable foods.
5. Showers and restrooms.
6. An area for winter overnight camping trip. It should have an area sufficient for several patrol campsites.
7. Located in an outdoor setting, with plenty of snow.

STAFF DUTIES

INSTRUCTORS

Each member of the camp staff will be assigned at least one of the training sessions. Class assignments will be made well in advance of the camp. Each instructor will also have a general knowledge of the subjects being taught by all the other instructors.

In classes that require rotation (four sessions), the instructor will be assigned an assistant. A staff member not teaching during this period will be assigned this duty. The assistant should be prepared to relieve the instructor by teaching one of his sessions if necessary.

ADVISORS

A staff member will be assigned as an advisor to one of the patrols. His duties include checking to see if the patrol is measuring up to standards in camp participation, assignments, and duties. He does not become involved in these activities, however, he simply serves as an "advisor" and answers questions the group might have. Sometimes there is a tendency for the trainees to depend too much on the advisor for assistance and decision. We want the men to work out things for themselves. Also they sometimes look to

the advisor as another patrol leader. This we want to avoid because they have one of their own patrol members serving in this capacity. To prevent these situations from developing, the advisor will avoid spending too much time at the patrol site. He will encourage the group to complete patrol projects, such as flags, bolo ties, yell and song.

Some advisors may be tempted to feel possessive or protective toward their patrol. It should be made clear that the role of the advisor is that of an unbiased representative of the complete camp staff.

SUPPLY OFFICER

One member of the staff will be assigned the duty of supply officer. He will be responsible for securing camp equipment and food supplies prior to the camp, and will be responsible for distribution of equipment and food supplies during the camp. He will work closely with the camp director prior to and during camp regarding the amount of supplies purchased and distributed.

CHAPLAIN

The chaplain will be basically responsible for presenting a thought for the day at each morning assembly (these devotions should be about 5-8 minutes in length).

SENIOR GUIDE

The Senior Guide plays a very important role in Winter NTC as the liaison between the trainees and the camp commander. He will conduct the reporting of the patrols at the beginning of each morning assembly and each evening session. He is responsible for the proper formation of the patrols at assemblies and will give information to the service patrol on the proper procedure for presentation of colors. He will also conduct the changing of the service and program patrols and will make sure they carry out their responsibilities. He will supervise the changing of the gold bars (Guide and Assistant Guide bars) at the morning assembly and will lead the group in appropriate camp-type applauses at the conclusion of each presentation during the evening sessions. He will be responsible for checking to see that each patrol and individual is measuring up to the standard of Winter NTC.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

This staff member will be responsible for applying first-aid for any injuries and will supervise transportation for those who need the attention of a doctor. He will be assigned a first-aid area such as a cabin where he may be contacted if needed. He will also be responsible for correcting any violation of health, safety, or sanitation standards.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.	-----	Registration
4:00 p.m.	-----	Orientation session
6:00 p.m.	-----	Supper
7:30 p.m.	-----	Evening training sessions
9:45 p.m.	-----	Break
10:00 p.m.	-----	Special activities
11:00 p.m.	-----	Taps

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m.	-----	Reveille
8:00 a.m.	-----	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	-----	Morning assembly
10:00 a.m.	-----	Rotating class sessions "Winter Cooking" "Winter Shelters" "Winter First-Aid" "Winter Hiking"
12:00 noon	-----	Lunch break
12:30 p.m.	-----	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	-----	Rotating class sessions "Skiing" "Sledding" "Snowshoeing" "Snowmobiling"
5:00 p.m.	-----	Supper break
6:00 p.m.	-----	Supper
7:30 p.m.	-----	Evening training sessions
9:45 p.m.	-----	Break
10:00 p.m.	-----	Special activities
11:00 p.m.	-----	Taps

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m.	-----	Reveille
8:00 a.m.	-----	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	-----	Morning assembly
10:00 a.m.	-----	Winter camp recreation & special projects
12:00 noon	-----	Lunch break
12:30 p.m.	-----	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	-----	Prepare for overnight campout
3:00 p.m.	-----	Leave on overnight camping trip

The patrol will follow personal campout schedule until 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	-----	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	-----	Winter NTC presentations and final service
10:00 a.m.	-----	Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to bring this booklet with you to Winter NTC. You will need it for reference during the camp.

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PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST

CLOTHING

1 complete class B Royal Rangers uniform (long sleeve khaki shirt, khaki trousers khaki Royal Rangers belt--no dress coats or ties are worn)

Please note: No cap or hat is needed. A special cap will be issued.

(Every item except emblem, nametab, and district strip should be removed from uniform)

1 heavy winter coat or parka

1 Royal Rangers jacket

1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt

1 pair winter trousers or other work-type trousers for casual wear

1 suit thermal underwear

Extra uniforms or fatigues for fresh change, as desired

1 pair heavy shoes or boots for winter activities and hiking

3 pairs of heavy wool socks

1 pair heavy winter gloves

Underclothing and handkerchiefs

Pajamas

(You will spend a good deal of time out-of-doors in extreme cold, so come prepared accordingly.)

PERSONAL ITEMS

Warm winter-weight sleeping bag

Toilet kit and mirror (no outlet for electric razor)

Towels and washcloths

Mess kit (plate, bowl, and cup)

Silverware kit (knife, fork and spoon)

Canteen

Pack and lightweight pack frame (for overnight campout)

Small lightweight tent (for overnight campout)

Ground cloth (waterproof)

Air mattress or foam pad (for campout)

Flashlight with extra batteries

Personal first-aid kit

Pocket knife

Hand axe

Compass (Silva style preferred)

Waterproof match container with matches

"Adventures in Camping" handbook

"Leader's Manual"

Small Bible

Pen and pencil

Sunglasses

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Sunburn lotion

Scarf

Extra thermal underwear

Nail clippers with fingernail file

Camera

Compact sewing kit

Survival kit

Small package of facial tissues

Ditty bag to carry small items

Pillow