

The Success of Your **ROYAL RANGER GROUP**

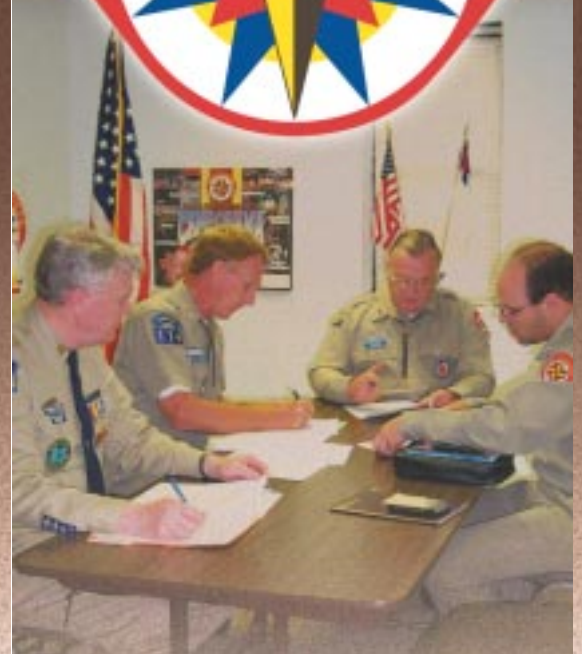
is Directly
Tied to
Establishing
a Qualified,
Caring, and
Supportive

OUTPOST COUNCIL

Are You Available To Serve?



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Your Outpost Council

The following information is designed to assist members of the Outpost Council in their vital ministry role to the

ROYAL RANGERS

Reaching, Teaching, and Keeping Boys for Christ

The Outpost Council

It is a special committee of three to five men who coordinate the Royal Rangers ministry in the local church. The committee does this by selecting qualified men and women as Royal Rangers leaders and by helping provide facilities, equipment, funds, and such, to ensure a sound program for the boys.

Who Can Serve?

Any qualified man who has been endorsed by the pastor and who has a love for boys, is willing to spend time and effort on their behalf, and is eligible to serve on this council. A councilman should be a dedicated Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit, and able to lead men. Prior experience with Royal Rangers is very helpful, though not a requirement.

When To Form?

It should be formed before an outpost is organized. If an existing outpost does not have an Outpost Council, one should be organized. (Note: Each church has only one Outpost Council.) Members may be appointed by the church board, or they may be elected by the church men's ministries group.



First Duties

The first item of business for the Outpost Council should be to select commanders for each grade/age group. These groups are Ranger Kids (grades K - 2), Discovery Rangers (grades 3 - 5), Adventure Rangers (grades 6 - 8), Expedition Rangers (grades 9 - 12). Next, the council should select a time and meeting place for the outpost. The council should gather the introductory materials necessary for the weekly meetings. The council may request someone, such as the senior or associate pastor, to serve as the outpost chaplain.

The Outpost council should assist new commanders by enrolling them in leadership training and by obtaining the appropriate Royal Rangers leaders handbooks. Each councilman should familiarize himself with Royal Rangers by securing and reading *The Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*. Both councilmen and commanders should enroll in the *Ranger Basics Course*. *Ranger Basics*, available through Gospel Publishing House, is designed to train a new commander to successfully lead an outpost meeting and achieve an overall understanding of the Royal Rangers ministry.

Duties of the Chairman

He is responsible for planning and conducting each council meeting. He assigns areas of responsibility and ensures those duties are fulfilled. He should always be available to advise and to assist other council members and commanders.

Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

The secretary/treasurer keeps minutes of each council meeting and any records of any other council business. He also notifies other council members about the times and places of monthly meetings.

He is also responsible for keeping financial records and for handling outpost funds. He provides reports on the finances of the outpost and provides leadership in the preparation of the outpost budget.

Duties of the Equipment and Camping Coordinator

He should make sure all outpost equipment is properly stored. He should inventory all equipment biannually for upkeep and replacement purposes. If new equipment is needed, he presents the need to the council for consideration. In turn, the council is responsible for finding the means to pay for equipment and supplies. Funds for the church Royal Rangers program can be generated through offerings, pledges, fundraising projects, or appropriated money.

The equipment and camping coordinator also assists in the camping program by helping arrange transportation to camps, hikes, and field trips. He ensures the vehicles used are serviced and safe. He can further assist the commanders by securing supplies such as food, ice, and camp fuel.

Along with the other outpost councilmen, he can help by serving as the campfire speaker, helping with advancements, or wherever needed.

Duties of the Promotion and Publicity Coordinator

This person is responsible for promoting and publicizing events of the outpost. To aid him in doing so, he should use newspapers, church bulletins, and any other available means.

He is also responsible for planning ways to increase membership in the outpost. This can be done by encouraging boys to invite friends, by contacting those who have dropped out of Royal Rangers, and by following up on any visitors within a few days.

Duties of the Advancement Coordinator

He is responsible for arranging immediate recognition for a boy when he earns an advancement. He should also chair the advancement review process. He should be assisted in this process by the commander of the boy being reviewed and one other council member. The advancement coordinator also works with the commanders in planning and conducting Council of Achievement ceremonies.

The Council of Achievement ceremonies should be conducted every 3 months. The advancement coordinator should endeavor to make these services as impressive as possible. Parents and interested friends should be invited to attend these meetings.

Conducting Council Meetings

Since most council business is directly related to the Royal Rangers group, the senior commander should attend Outpost Council meetings. He should also be given full voting privileges. The pastor and assistant pastor are encouraged to attend the Outpost Council meetings. Keep in focus the main objective of the Outpost Council is to best help the outpost commanders conduct their programs.



Benefits of Serving

For the man who has little time to work directly with boys, the Outpost Council can be the perfect opportunity to help minister to boys. By taking on the administrative duties of the outpost, one can enable the commanders to devote their time to the spiritual, mental, social, and physical needs of the boys.