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INTRODUCING THE NEW ROTY

Boys don't start off reading text books or doing flips on snow skis the first time they are exposed to that activity. They had to determine what they wanted to do and then make a plan to make it happen. This is the essence of goal setting that will benefit boys throughout their lives. However, the younger they are, the more they need the assistance of adults to begin that process.

It is just as important to learn these goal-setting strategies to make spiritual goals. The new Ranger of the Year program will help boys do this and provide the challenges that boys need! Through ROTY boys will receive rewards to acknowledge accomplishments and gain a sense of satisfaction for a job well done.

Why Should Our Outpost and District Do Ranger of the Year?

Boys need to be taught a good work ethic and be able to demonstrate learned skills. These skills will then help them grow and mature into well-rounded Christians. Through the process of skill development and the opportunity to demonstrate those proven skills, boys will also gain confidence in their abilities. ROTY will also give boys a sense of accomplishment as they reach new levels and demonstrate mastery in specific areas. ROTY provides an opportunity for men to honor and reward Rangers for their hard work and accomplishments.

ROTY will help boys set goals in other areas of life aside from their involvement in church. It will also give them a desire to achieve greater levels than they thought possible. Boys can then use those goal-setting skills from Royal Rangers to get a promotion, better pay, and more responsibility. One last benefit of the new ROTY program is that it helps boys determine their strengths and weaknesses. They will learn how to use their strengths to improve weaknesses. The boys will be given a chance to do this at each level. They will be able to see how they can improve before the next level of testing occurs. In fact, boys will receive feedback from each level to show them how they did and what they can do to improve.

So What Are the New ROTY Procedures?

If you have ever participated in ROTY, you remember how frustrating it was, because you never knew how to prepare your boys for the competition. Now, the national office will be posting all the requirements, testing subjects, and applications on the national website. You can quickly look at this information to determine what you need to do in order to prepare boys for each level of competition.

In addition, boys will be able to look at the established standards on the website and see what they need to do in order to achieve the highest level. No longer will some boys

quit competing because they can never defeat another boy. Instead, the boy will be pushing himself to achieve greater levels of accomplishment that are measured by a national standard. The boys must work hard to earn the necessary points to compete. Instead of competing against other boys to find one winner, now you can train as many boys as possible to be Rangers of the Year in your outpost, section, and district by preparing according to the posted requirement list. It is not too different from earning the GMA: it is hard work, but you know what boys need to do to earn it!

What Do I Do Now?

To begin the ROTY process, download the application and the ROTY packet from the national Royal Rangers website, www.royalrangers.ag.org. (It will be available after August 31, 2003.) Next, look at what you will need to do to prepare and start planning out your year, September through August, so you can teach or have time to review the merits and requirements listed for that year. (The testing subjects will change each year.) You may need to sit down with your boys during a patrol staff meeting and talk to them about what things they need to do to become outpost, sectional, district, regional, and national Rangers of the Year.

The next Ranger of the Year competition will not start until the fall of 2004.

This will give you an entire

year to prepare. The boy's points will be earned during a normal school year, September 2003 – August 2004, and he will fill out the application August 2004 in preparation to compete in September at the section level. Boys can become an Outpost Ranger of the Year if they earn the required points and advancement requirements on the application available on the national website. Remember, you may have many boys in your outpost that will have the honor of being called the Outpost Ranger of the Year. As a commander it should be your goal to make every one of your boys an outpost ROTY. In a sense it will serve as a measurement of how well you are doing as a commander.

In the box below we have detailed more information that will be used in the Ranger of the Year for each Royal Ranger group. This bulleted list will help you prepare for next years competition.

Are You Ready?

Are you and your boys up for the Challenge? Maybe, more importantly, are you ready see where you and the boys can improve and strive to do better? Jesus called us to live a holy life, a life dedicated to Him and His purposes. Through ROTY it is our hope that all boys will develop an attitude of "Where and how can I improve?"

- Read the *Discovery Rangers Handbook*.
- Practice and review the Skill merits listed on the ROTY site. There will be a Skills Test and a written test.
- Review the 8 Bible merits listed on the site. There will be a written test.
- Check to make sure their uniform is correct.

Adventure & Expedition Rangers

Here is what you need to do to prepare for the Section, District, and Regional Testing.

- Complete the application & place it in their workbook.
- Read the *Adventure Rangers Handbook*.
- Practice and review the Skill merits listed on the ROTY

"So, you like black and white television?" This was my response to the person who stated to me, "I like the old programs." Surprised by my response, he said, "What does black and white TV have to do with it?" So I asked, "Do you have a color or black and white television?" The young man said, "I'm not sure I've ever seen a black and white TV set, but to answer your question I have a color TV."

I explained to him that this may be hard for you to understand, but there was a day, not that many years ago, when there was no television and most homes only had large radios for entertainment, weather, and news reports.

As a kid in the first or second grade, I remember when my dad brought home our first black and white TV. It was great, but it was only black and white. Many years later when color TV was available—before the price was affordable—I remember many people saying, "black and white TV was good enough for me ten years ago and it still good enough for me now!"

Today, you have to look hard to find a black and white TV. Color TV is the standard of the industry. With advanced technology now being used they are much better in quality and even less in price than many of the black and white TVs.

"You see young man," I said, "Color TV didn't just happen. There was a process of improvements going on and new technology being applied that allowed us to step up to the next level of improvements. In fact, very few things remain the same. Answer these questions for me.

- "Are you the same age as last year?"
- "Do you still live in the same house you were born in?"
- "Do you still drive the same car as your parents did when they were young?"
- "Do you use the computer today or simply write all your correspondence in long hand and use the regular mail system?"

For the most part his answers were "NO" to the first three questions and "Yes" to using the computer.

"OK," he responded. Now, my only problem is trying to figure out which merit awards I want to earn—there are so many choices."

Welcome to the real world young man. Life is about choices. This is going to be an exciting adventure for you!

Richard Mariott, National Commander

Ranger Kids

Here is what boys need to do to prepare for the Section Testing

- Complete the application & place it in their workbook.
- Read or be familiar with the *Ranger Kids Handbook*.
- Practice the Ranger Kids memory verses as described on the ROTY site.
- Check to make sure their uniform is correct.

Discovery Rangers

Here is what boys need to do to prepare for the Section and District Testing.

- Complete the application & place it in their workbook.

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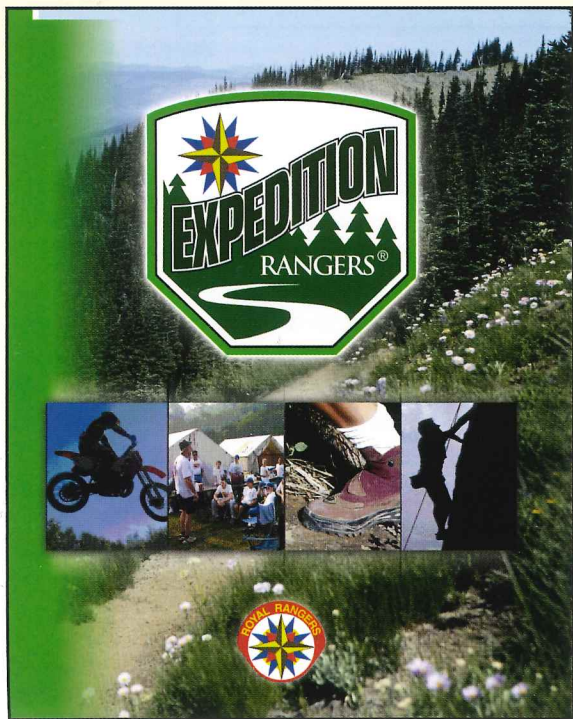
- Review the 8 Bible merits listed on the site. There will be a written test on those Skill merits. (ER will be tested on 10 of 25 Spirit Challenge lessons listed on the site.)
- Check to make sure their uniform is correct.

In addition the Expedition Ranger will need to prepare a 5 – 10 minute presentation. It should be visually appealing, informative, and of professional quality. Any technology may be used to develop and present.

At each level, and in all groups, boys will have a goal setting interview with two purposes. First, to help the boy set personal goals and second, for the commanders to evaluate their interpersonal skills.

EXPEDITION RANGERS

It is our hope that the materials you have received to date have been valuable, visually appealing, and well worth the money and wait. We have been hearing some good reports from the field and from the boys as well. Although we have found some mistakes, such as the compass course game (The correction can be found on the national website: make sure to tell other commanders about this as well!), the materials have proven to be



very accurate and useful. We actually invite critique from the field in order to make corrections or obtain ideas for alternative methods of packaging materials.

As you might expect, we are also running behind with the Expedition Rangers materials. We recently met with GPH, and they are confident they can get the handbook and Spirit Challenge lessons out to the field by the first part of November. The Silver Merit Reference book will not be available until late January. However, there is a possibility that the answers for the first 10-20 Spirit Challenge lessons will be made available on the web after the first of November.

GPH has agreed to release all the support material (uniform items, advancement material, silver merit patches, posters, etc.) at the end of August. In addition, all the merit requirements for approximately 80 of the 120 total Silver Merits will be placed on the website so you can download those requirements. The merits related specifically to the specialty programs will be released in November. The new catalog coming out in December will have all the Royal Ranger

materials in it, including Expedition Rangers.

What about the materials coming from the national office? These materials are the leaders guides for the specialty programs (Air, Sea, High Action, and Trail). They will be released in November and be available on CD from the national office. These guides provide information directly related to the specialty programs, such as how to start a program, the

specific advancement options, uniforms, and etc. Contact the national office for specific details.

It is our hope that the excitement in the field will result in many more boys entering into the kingdom of God. As always, it is the goal of the national office to be a resource to the laborers of God, the commanders in the field who reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.

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417.862.1447 Ext. 4181

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Early registration postmarked on or before

— **JUNE 19, 2004** —

\$60 — Old-Timers \$50 — Young Buck

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— **JUNE 20, 2004** —

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