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The University Plaza and Convention Center located in Springfield, Missouri is the site of the Royal Rangers National Council.

Plan Now to Attend

We are completing the March 2005 National Council registration packet, which will be sent out in early November. As with last year, district commanders have the approval to invite additional staff to come and attend the council. The theme of the Council is:

“KEEP: Every Boy!”

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.”

ACTS 20:28a

The tentative schedule is as follows:

March 7 - 8, 2005 (Monday/Tuesday)
RR Executive Committee meeting
(For RR executive members only)

March 9, 2005 (Wednesday)
National Committees with Regional Representatives; RRA (Alumni), FCF, (Junior) Camps, Missions, Programs, Productions, Public Relations, Resolutions, Training

March 10, 2005 (Thursday)
National Council business session

March 10, 2005 (Thursday evening)
Silver Eagle & Awards Banquet

March 11, 2005 (Friday morning)
National Committees with District Representatives; RRA (Alumni), FCF, (Junior) Camps, Missions, Programs, Productions, Public Relations, Resolutions, Training

March 11, 2005 (Friday afternoon)
NDLS (National/District Leaders' Seminars)
LTA Training Session

March 11, 2005 (Friday evening)
Regional staff meetings

March 12, 2005 (Saturday, all day)
LTA Training Session
Data Manager CD Training
New NTC Format Certification

March 12, 2005 (Saturday, 3:30-4:00)
Closing Session

A national camp has been specially designed for Adventure and Expedition Rangers.

Planned activities include horseback riding, rock climbing, rappelling, archery, swimming, paintball, mountain biking, or shooting BB guns, air rifles, .22 caliber rifles or black powder rifles. These are some of the exciting activities you can participate in at the **EAGLE ROCK ADVENTURE CAMPS** scheduled for **June 26-July 1** or **July 24-29, 2005**. They will receive top-notch instruction on the merits for the above activities.

Imagine them staying at the new Deaverton Old West town at Camp Eagle Rock. **All meals will be provided** by the camp staff at the Johnnie Barnes dining hall to allow more time to participate in the great activities. The camp will **start Sunday afternoon with a pool and pizza party** as the boys get to know other Rangers from around the country. The first evening will kick off with a **special Council Fire service** followed by great devotions each morning and evening.

Do any of these **ACTIVITY TRACKS** sound interesting?

- TRACK A:** Rappelling, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Rock Climbing
- TRACK B:** Mountain Biking, Paintball
- TRACK C:** Shooting Safety, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery
- TRACK D:** Smallbore Rifle, Blackpowder Rifle, Safety & Shooting
- TRACK E:** Horsemanship, Archery, Paintball

Each of the five tracks will be **limited to 20 campers**. This will allow for individual instruction and a great learning experience. Campers must be current Adventure or Expedition Rangers to attend, due to the high action level of the camp. **The camp fee of \$200 covers five nights of camping, 14 meals, all equipment necessary for each track, and a top-notch staff to give you the best camping experience of your life.** Track C and D (shooting disciplines) will allow each camper to compete in the national championships.

So if you think your Ranger crew would like to earn some high action merits at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri, this summer, visit our national website at <http://www.royalrangers.ag.org> to get further information. Download the application and send it in soon so you can reserve the camp and track of your choice.

We look forward to seeing you there!



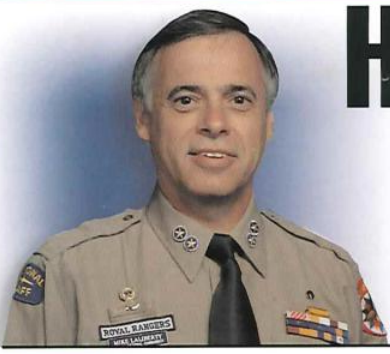
ONE-DAY COURSE National Archery Association Level 1 Basic Archery Instructor Course

Andy Dalton Shooting Range & Training Center, Bois D'arc, MO

March 9, 2005



HOW TO USE THE NEW CURRICULUM



by Mike Laliberty, Deputy National Commander and National Training Coordinator

The focus of this article is to provide some helpful hints on the use of the new curriculum. We believe it is safe to say that the curriculum is still new, since the Ranger Kids, and the Discovery and Adventure Rangers materials have only been available for about two and a half years and one and a half years, respectively.

Royal Rangers has gone from a program with little or no materials to one with an abundance of materials. Nearly all the leaders we have talked with over the last 2 years have stated that there was an initial adjustment period, especially if they had been involved with Rangers for a long time.

However, once the adjustment period is made, they also agree that their boys' motivation levels for advancement and excitement toward involvement in Rangers' has jumped significantly. It is not hard to understand considering that the advancement trails are clear and provide incremental and frequent opportunities for positive reinforcement. We are encouraged by the successes being reported.

"Now, what about those questions on how to use the curriculum?"

Yes. First, here are just a couple of important pieces of information before we get started. Although there have been a lot of questions, they tend to be similar in nature or fall into common topics or groups. For this article we have picked the ones that get asked most often. They usually have occurred during the adjustment period or they are situations that show up in outposts where individual leaders would like assistance. Maybe one of the following scenarios fits your outpost.

Small To Medium-Sized Church

- 4 TO 18 RANGER KIDS
- K-2ND GRADES IN SAME CLASSROOM
- ONLY 1 TO 2 LEADERS

Question: I'm using the common theme approach suggested in the RK Leader's Guide, but I'm having a hard time keeping up with the Elk, Wolverine, and Cougar advancement work being all at the same time. What can I do?

Answer: Teach only one trail at a time to all the boys, no matter what grade they are in. All of the advancement steps in each of the trails have the same value. The Elk trail does not need to be completed before the Wolverine or the Cougar. It's a three-year rotating curriculum, so boys just entering Ranger Kids will eventually go through all the steps. This organization technique has been successfully used in a number of small church environments. This will significantly lower the amount of administration needed to run the RK group.

Small To Medium-Sized Church

- 4 TO 18 RANGERS
- K-12th GRADES
- ONLY ONE HUSBAND-WIFE TEAM OR 2 LEADERS

Question: With such a wide range of grade levels, how can our church organize the outpost to meet every boy's needs?

Answer: First we must state that it would be very difficult to be successful with only one leader. A minimum of two leaders are required. If it was a husband-wife team, then the recommendation is for the wife to lead the Ranger Kids group and for the husband to lead the Discovery Rangers and above. The wife or

first leader may use the organization technique mentioned in the previous question. The husband or second leader would focus on the merits needed by the other boys to reach the Gold Medal of Achievement. This leader would primarily teach red, green, and gold merits. The red and green merits will allow a Discovery Ranger to advance through his trail requirements. The red (4 required), green, and gold merits will allow the Adventure and Expedition Rangers to obtain their GMA. Seven reds are also required to enter FCF. There is a lot of opportunity for overlap. In a small group environment, the older boys should be encouraged to act as mentors to teach the various skills being taught to the younger boys.

A Church Of Any Size

Question: I can't get everything done in the hour and a half scheduled in the Leaders' Guide. Why doesn't the curriculum work for me?

Answer: Actually the curriculum is working for you. Good curriculum will always provide you with more things than you can complete in your allotted time. One thing to keep in mind is that the curriculum design had to work for churches whose Ranger meetings ranged from 45 minutes to 1 hour, 45 minutes in length. That is a one hour difference. This requires that the leader adjust the meeting elements so that they work to meet the needs of their outpost. Curriculum is unable to evaluate, only the leader (teacher) can do this. We have talked about how time ranges can effect the amount accomplished during a meeting. The next two questions reveal how the leader-boy ratio will affect your ability to get things done.

Small To Medium-Sized Church

- 2 TO 6 BOYS IN EACH GROUP FOR DISCOVERY AND ABOVE
- ONLY 1 TO 2 LEADERS FOR EACH AGE GROUP

Question: The Discovery and Adventure Rangers Leaders' Guides state that only 2 skills merits can be taught each quarter. I can teach a merit in about four weeks. Is it OK to teach more than 2 skill merits per quarter?

Answer: Some of you are thinking, "Wow! If life could be so grand!" Yes, it's OK to teach more skill merits, since your leader-boy ratio is terrific. Lots of one-on-one time allows for more learning to occur. Please keep in mind that the Leaders' Guides do not state that you can only teach two merits. They suggest that two merits be taught. You are also not required to teach the suggested merits as they are laid out in the materials. They may be taught in any order that is best suited for your outpost as long as you teach the required merits needed for the boys to earn their medal-level awards.

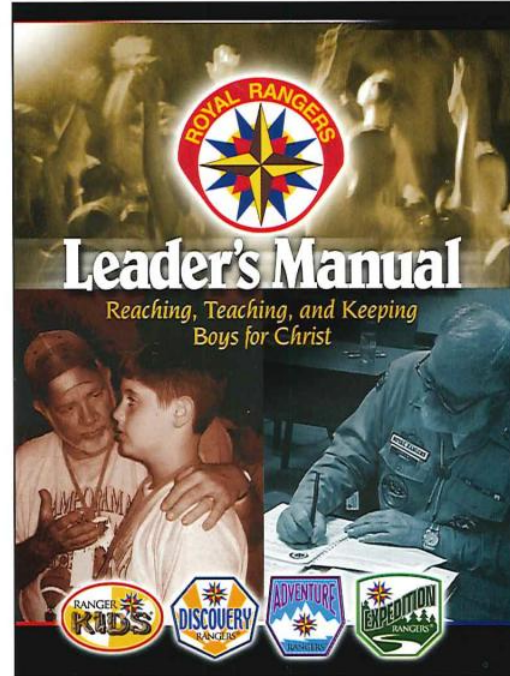
Medium To Large Sized Church

- 7 TO 24 BOYS IN EACH GROUP OR GRADE FOR DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE RANGERS
- ONLY 1 TO 2 LEADERS FOR EACH AGE GROUP OR GRADE

Question: I can't teach a merit in five weeks. It takes me six to eight weeks to teach the materials. What can I do? I'm concerned the boys won't be able to advance to a medal-level award each year.

Answer: Some of you are thinking, "Dude! Now this is reality!" Yes, this reveals the variety of outpost dynamics that exist throughout the field. This scenario, however, is not a problem. The advancement systems for the Discovery(DR) and Adventure(AR) Rangers actually handle this really well, especially the DR system. The DR Leaders' Guide does suggest that two Bible merits and two skill merits be taught each quarter. However, if you carefully examine the steps described in the DR Advancement Trail charts on pages 14 and 15 of the DR Leaders' Guide, you will note that only a total of six skill merits are required to earn a medal-level award each year. The final Gold Eagle medal, for example, requires 24 Bible merits but only 18 skill merits. The end result of this advancement system is that an extra 10 weeks of teaching time is available every year along with the four make-up weeks plus four spare weeks already provided—for a total of 18 weeks of flexibility. That's an absolute necessity for those

outposts with high boy-to-leader ratios that need the extra one-on-one teaching time to assist boys with the demonstration of their practical skill requirements.



MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Question: Why are the Bible Merits organized in alphabetical order?

Answer: For consistency and ease of use for the boys. The skill merits as well as the Bible merits needed to be in alphabetical order so the boys could easily find them.

Question: Where can I buy the video clips mentioned in the Adventure Ranger Bible study lessons?

Answer: This is not possible. They do not exist. The video clips are part of the background story line for the time machine that the boys use to travel to each Bible story or scenario. You can read about this on pages 735 and 736 of the AR Leaders' Guide.

Question: What is the meaning of the reference number located under the title of the Bible study lesson on each page of the boys' workbook?

Answer: The number Y2 Q3 L4, for example, means that you can find the answers to that specific Bible lesson in Year 2, Quarter 3, Lesson 4 of the DR or AR Leaders' Guide.

The most obvious thing revealed by the preceding questions is the variety of situations that exist in the local outpost. There is no cookie cutter approach to Royal Rangers. It is necessary to evaluate the characteristics of your outpost and then use the flexibility and adaptability of the new curriculum to fit the needs of your outpost. The end result will be a vibrant and successful outpost.

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Please send me the official packet for the
2006 National Camporama

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