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Reaching, Teaching, and Keeping Boys for Christ



Are You Preparing
for the Adventure
of a Lifetime?
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A Tremendous Value for Outpost Chartering



Options Increase Retention

By Richard Mariott, *National Commander*

ROYAL RANGERS is a valuable resource for the church. RR leaders can tell you stories of boys attending a RR meeting or a special activity, such as Pinewood Derby, with a friend. Eventually, the entire family becomes part of the church family.

Children's programs are now being seen as tremendous assets for the church. They teach wholesome values, character traits, life skills, teamwork, and most importantly God's Word. Children are challenged to learn with advancements in programs like Royal Rangers and Missionettes. Many parents are looking for a home church based on what options are available for their children and teens. When we consider that no one program or ministry can cover all the bases to meet the different needs of every family, it is helpful for ministries to

work together so families have choices that meet their specific needs.

Many churches see the importance of offering choices by allowing the parents and children to pick what they are interested in. A great example is the importance of having the Youth and Expedition Rangers (for older boys) on different nights, allowing the option to attend both. Many of the youth leaders are discovering the value of having Royal Ranger boys in their youth groups as young leaders who bring very good leadership skills.

Recently, I was in a GMA service in Colfax, California. The church is under 200 and doing an awesome job working with the Youth and Royal Rangers. They had five teenage boys from the same church earn their GMA in this service! These older boys are helping with the leadership in the Youth group and are very active in their high school and community. I appreciate the senior pastor and his wife because they believe in the value of Royal

Rangers, Missionettes, and Youth ministries. The key here is the retention of our youth after high school.

Chartering is Win-Win

You might ask! It is true and relevant? Chartering has tremendous value for the RR outposts and RR district ministries. Several districts are reporting increases in chartering as the churches use the new materials and receive the chartering benefits. The national Royal Rangers office has increased the value of chartering over the recent years.

1 Yes, chartering money does assist in the national and, in some cases, the district Royal Rangers budgets. The national Royal Rangers funds many aspects of the national Royal Rangers office through chartering:

- General maintenance and management of the national Royal Rangers campground
- The National Royal Rangers of the Year activities
- *High Adventure* magazine (boys)
- *High Adventure Leader* magazine
- Promotional videos and DVDs that are sent to the outposts
- RRDM (Royal Rangers Data Manager) that is sent to the outposts
- Development of promotional brochures
- Development of the district and church training materials (LTA)
- A nationally-coordinated advancement system for Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals
- RR curriculum for overseas missionaries' boys who want to be a part of Royal Rangers and be able to advance in the USA program

2 Now that you have read about some of things that the RR charter money funds in the national office, you can see what the benefits your outpost will receive after chartering. The national charter fee is \$8.00 per boy and \$10.00 per leader.

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» FOR INFORMATION ON GETTING YOUR ROYAL RANGER OUTPOST CHARTERED...

Simply call the national Royal Rangers office at 417.862.2781, ext. 4181

The benefits of chartering are numerous



An Impact on the World: Chartering provides the intangible benefit of providing the leaders and boys with a vision of being a part of something bigger than their local outposts.

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- RR membership cards
- Outpost annual charter certificate
- High Adventure (boys)
- High Adventure Leader
- National Training Camps participation
- National Camporama participation
- National Rendezvous participation
- RR Database Manager for record keeping
- RR promotional DVDs
- Basic DTC (Discovery Training Course) CD
- Basic JTC (Junior Training Course) CD
- Promotional materials for national events
- Ranger of the Year participation
- District camps and Junior Training Camps participation
- An intangible benefit of chartering is that it provides the leaders and boys with a vision of being part of something bigger than the outpost and of making an impact around the world.

3 Many districts have additional district charter fees to help cover the district's costs of providing the Royal Rangers ministries in the district and sections. The fees may cover some of the following items.

- Annual mailings to the outpost and or leaders
- Supplement district camp(s) because the fees don't always cover the costs of these events
- District yearbook of activities and events with applications needed
- Junior camps for boys
- District commander's travel may also be part of the district costs to be covered as he travels to represent the district at many events.



Charter Fees: Annual fee covers Outpost charter certificates and RR membership cards.

- Ranger of the Year (medals, printing, and materials needed to host the event)
- District mailings and costs associated with National Camporama and National Rendezvous

4 Not only do outposts receive charter benefits from the national RR office but the districts also receive benefits from national charter fees.

- Promotional items for activities and events
- LTA Training CDs for both instructors and students
- Telephone and email assistance from the national RR staff
- National RR Council (Charter funds help cover the costs associated with this event. This keeps the cost to the individual regional or district staff member as low as possible.)



Public Relations Coordinator Added to the National Staff

Royal Rangers Welcomes John Hicks

John Hicks joined the national office team in June of 2005. Before coming to Springfield, John served the Arkansas district as the district training coordinator for seven years. He also served as a sectional commander, area commander, and district buckaroo/straight arrow coordinator in the Arkansas and Southern Missouri districts.

John was originally born and raised in the Springfield area. He is a graduate of MSU with a BS in Finance and a Technical Certificate in Information Systems. In 1993, he moved to Arkansas to accept a position at Hillcrest Children's Home where he worked for twelve years as an accountant, office manager, and case manager.

John has been involved in Royal Rangers since he was seven years old. He joined FCF in 1981 and earned the Trail Ranger Woods Master rating that same year. He has served as an outpost commander for over twenty years. He and his wife, Amanda, served as children's pastors at Lakeview Assembly of God in Hot Springs, AR for six years where they attended with their four children: Nathanael, Abigail, Sarah, and Caleb.

John was a contributing writer for the development of the new program materials, released in 2003. He has served as an LTA certified instructor and instructor trainer for several years and has completed or served on staff at numerous training camps, including NTC, ANTC, National Academy, and Advanced National Academy. He has also developed and coordinated numerous junior training events during his time as district training coordinator.

We look forward to working with John. We hope you will welcome him to his new position.



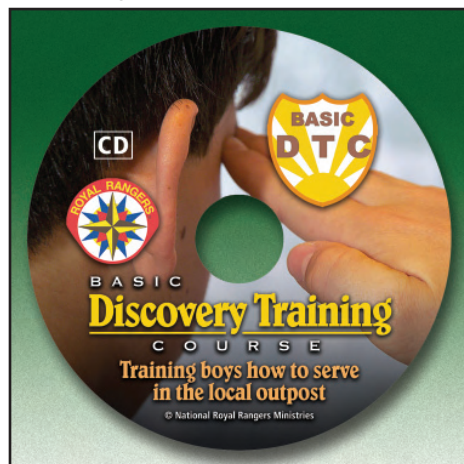
Introducing Junior Leadership Training to Your Outpost

By Mike Laliberty
National Training Coordinator

Have you ever wondered if there was a way to start the patrol system operating in your outpost? Or maybe you wished there was a clear, easy, repeatable way to teach boys about junior leadership and the importance of being part of the outpost leadership team. Well, now there is a way!

During the month of June, three CDs were mailed to all chartered churches throughout the U.S. as a benefit of chartering. One CD was the much anticipated Royal Rangers Data Manager, which was described in the Spring 2005 edition of High Adventure Leader. The other two CDs were the Basic DTC (Discovery Training Course) and the Basic JTC (Junior Training Course).

The purpose of these last two CDs is to provide a tool to the local outpost leader to assist him in developing junior leaders within his group or outpost. These introductory junior training courses were designed to be taught in a non-camping environment in the local outpost or daytime training event at the sectional level. Both CDs have an auto-loading, front-end, menu-driven format to provide a customer-friendly interface to all the training materials.



The training in the Basic DTC focuses on the following sessions:

- The Outpost Organizational Structure
- Patrol Spirit
- Formations and Salutes

- The Outpost Scribe
- The Outpost Quartermaster
- The Outpost Chaplain's Assistant
- The Assistant Patrol Guide
- The Patrol Guide
- The Senior Guide

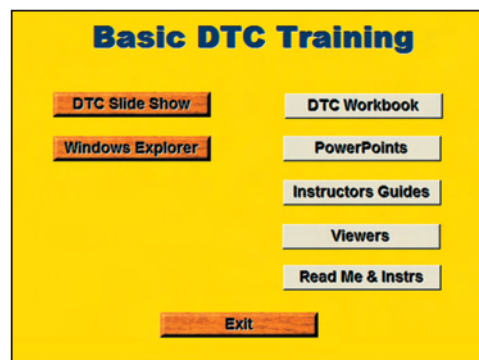


The training in the Basic JTC focuses on the following sessions:

- Flag Ceremony Protocol
- The Patrol Staff Meeting
- The Outpost Scout
- Outpost Chaplain's Assistant, Scribe, and Quartermaster—Part 2
- Assistant Patrol Guide—Part 2
- Patrol Guide—Part 2
- Senior Guide—Part 2
- Junior Commander, Junior Chaplain, and Junior Leader's Service Award

Each of the above sessions is designed to take approximately eight to ten minutes of training, which allows the outpost leader the option of presenting the materials during the Business and Patrol Corners segment of the outpost meeting plan. Depending on the material being taught, the Advancement or Recreation segments of the outpost meeting could also be used to complete the worksheet for each session. In addition, team-building games could be used during the Recreation segment to reinforce the patrol system concepts.

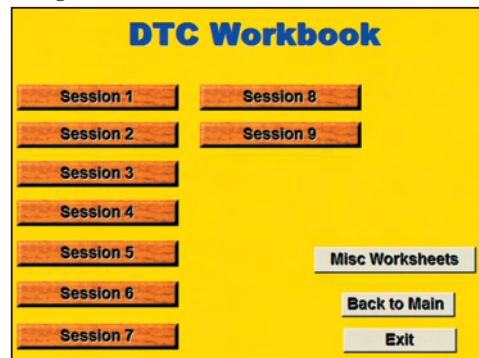
To start the Basic DTC or Basic JTC presentations automatically, select the "Slide Show" button. The presentation will begin immediately once the program has loaded. Audio and video clips lead the student through a presentation of each session. Special software is not required to observe this presentation.



The presentation can be stopped at any time and resumed later at any point in the materials. This allows the leader to tailor the training to the needs of his group or outpost.



An alternate method to the automated presentation is also provided. The leader may study all the materials provided in the Instructor Guides and present the materials, using the PowerPoint sessions.



The common element for either presentation method is the Student Workbook material. Each session has a worksheet containing tasks, projects, and/or activities that must be successfully completed by the student.

The answers to each of the worksheets are available in the "Read Me" and "Instructions" sections of the CD.

At the successful completion of either the Basic DTC or Basic JTC course, the appropriate patch would be awarded to each student.

The patches may be ordered directly from GPH, using the following item numbers:

Basic DTC Patch 72-9666

Basic JTC Patch 72-9667

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING
— *It's Good for Your Outpost!* —

TRAIL RANGER Advancements

— TRANSITION PLAN —

Of the three advancement trail opportunities (Air, Sea, and Trail Rangers) provided to earn the Expedition Rangers Achievement Medal, only the Trail Rangers lack a sufficient number of available silver merits needed to obtain all six advancement levels. These levels are described on page 17 of the *Expedition Rangers Handbook and Spirit Challenge* book. Presently, of the twenty (20) silver merits listed for the Trail Rangers advancement trail, only ten (10) merits are available. Fifteen (15) silver merits are required to earn the Achievement Medal.

Therefore, the following transition plan may be substituted for the merit plan on pages 34-35 of the *Expedition Rangers Handbook and Spirit Challenge* book.

Trail Ranger Required Silver Merits** (Complete the five (5) currently available)

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| 1. Advanced Backpacking | 7. Public Health |
| 2. Advanced Pioneering* | 8. Search and Rescue* |
| 3. Advanced Wildlife* | 9. Soil and Water Conservation |
| 4. Mammals | 10. Weather Maps and Signs* |
| 5. Mountaineering* | 11. Wilderness First Aid* |
| 6. Pathfinder* | 12. Wilderness Survival |

* Merits under development for future release

Additional Merits** (Complete a minimum of 5 merits from this list)

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| 1. Advanced Archery* | 8. Hunter Safety |
| 2. Advanced Astronomy* | 9. Kayaking |
| 3. Air Rifle | 10. Mountain Biking |
| 4. Animal Husbandry | 11. Rappelling* |
| 5. Fly Fishing | 12. Rock Climbing |
| 6. Geology | 13. Winter Camping |
| 7. Hide Tanning | 14. Whitewater Rafting |

* Merits under development for future release

Additional Transition Options** To complete the required fifteen (15) silver merits, you may choose a maximum of any five (5) additional merits found in your *Expedition Rangers Workbook*. A chart for recording your advancement trail work is provided on pages 209-210 of your *Expedition Rangers Workbook*.

** This transition plan will only be available during the transition time that the denoted (*) merits are under development.

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