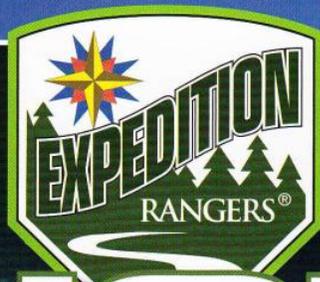


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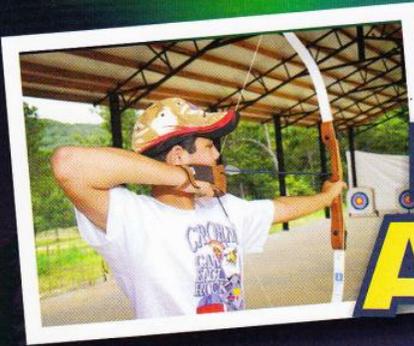
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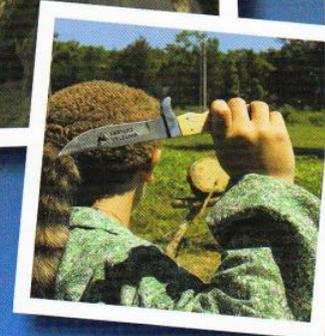
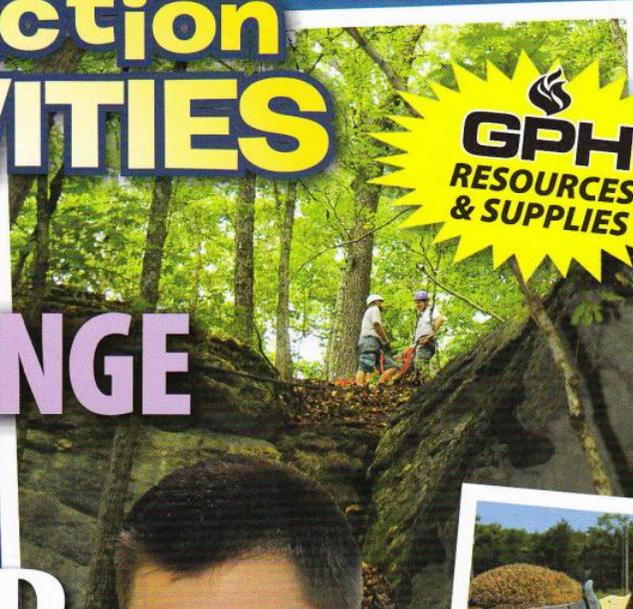
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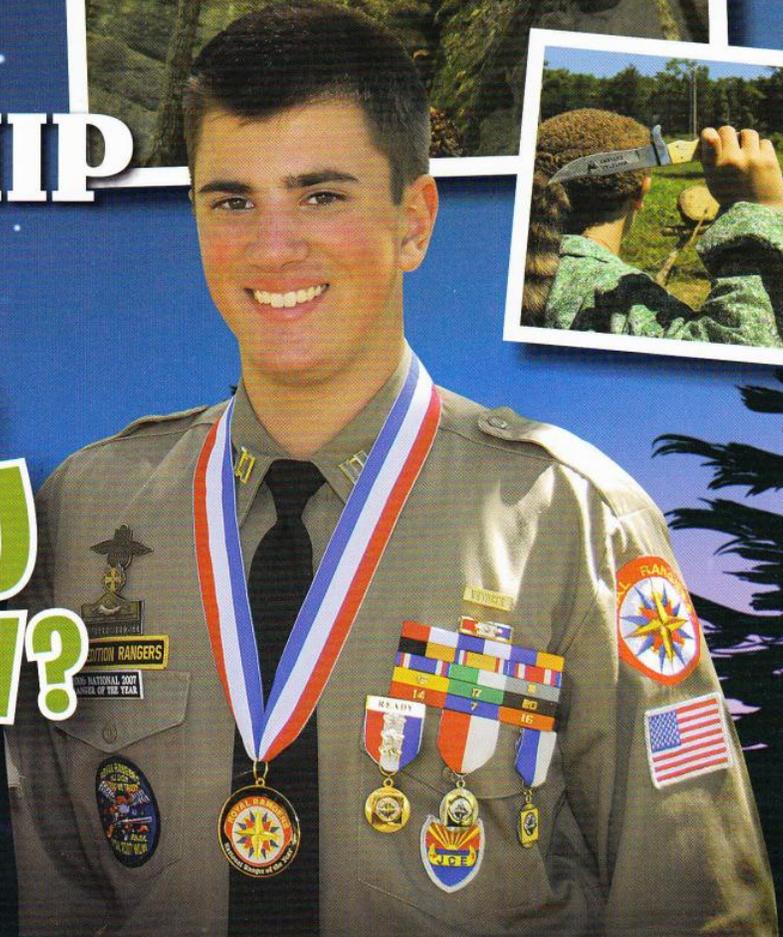
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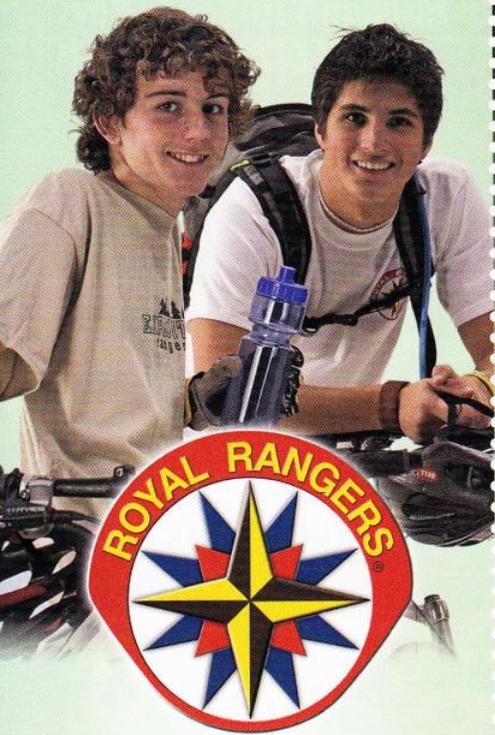


Are YOU Ready?



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Hi, Expedition Rangers!

Are you “Ready,” as our motto challenges, for another amazing quest? As an Expedition Ranger, you’ll embark on a journey of knowledge and adventure as you grow into the image of Christ and learn His leadership skills. There is nothing like being an Expedition Ranger. It’s exhilarating!

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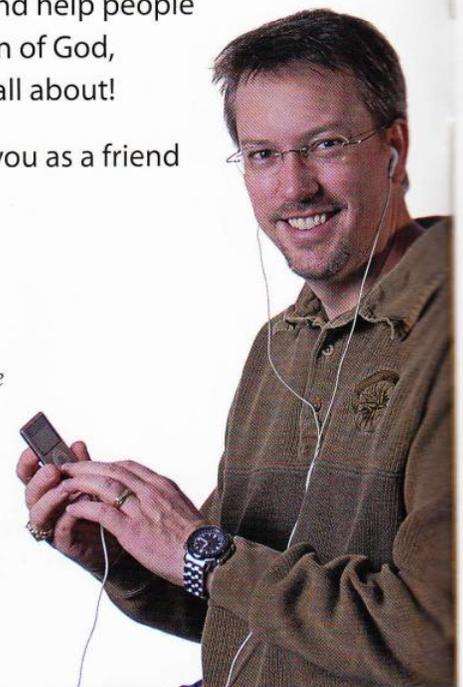
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Get into it. Make friends, earn advancements, make your group the best, get out and help people to make Jesus known, become a man of God, and have lots of fun. That’s what it’s all about!

On a personal note, I’d love to have you as a friend on Facebook. Meet you there!

Rev. Doug Marsh
National Director

Evangelize the world, equip the next generation of Christlike men, and empower lifelong servant leaders.



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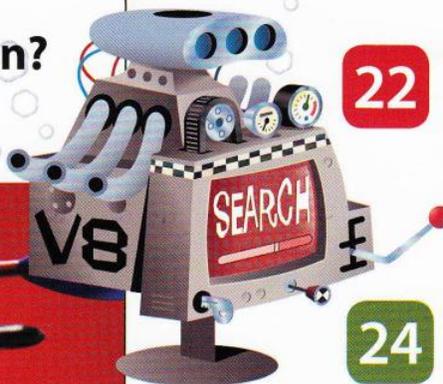
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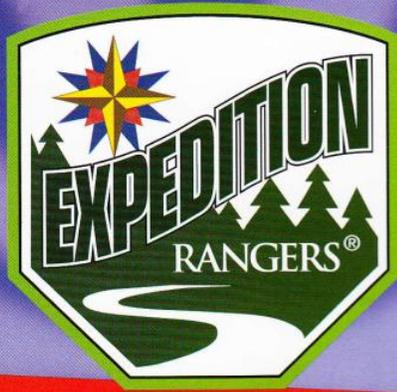
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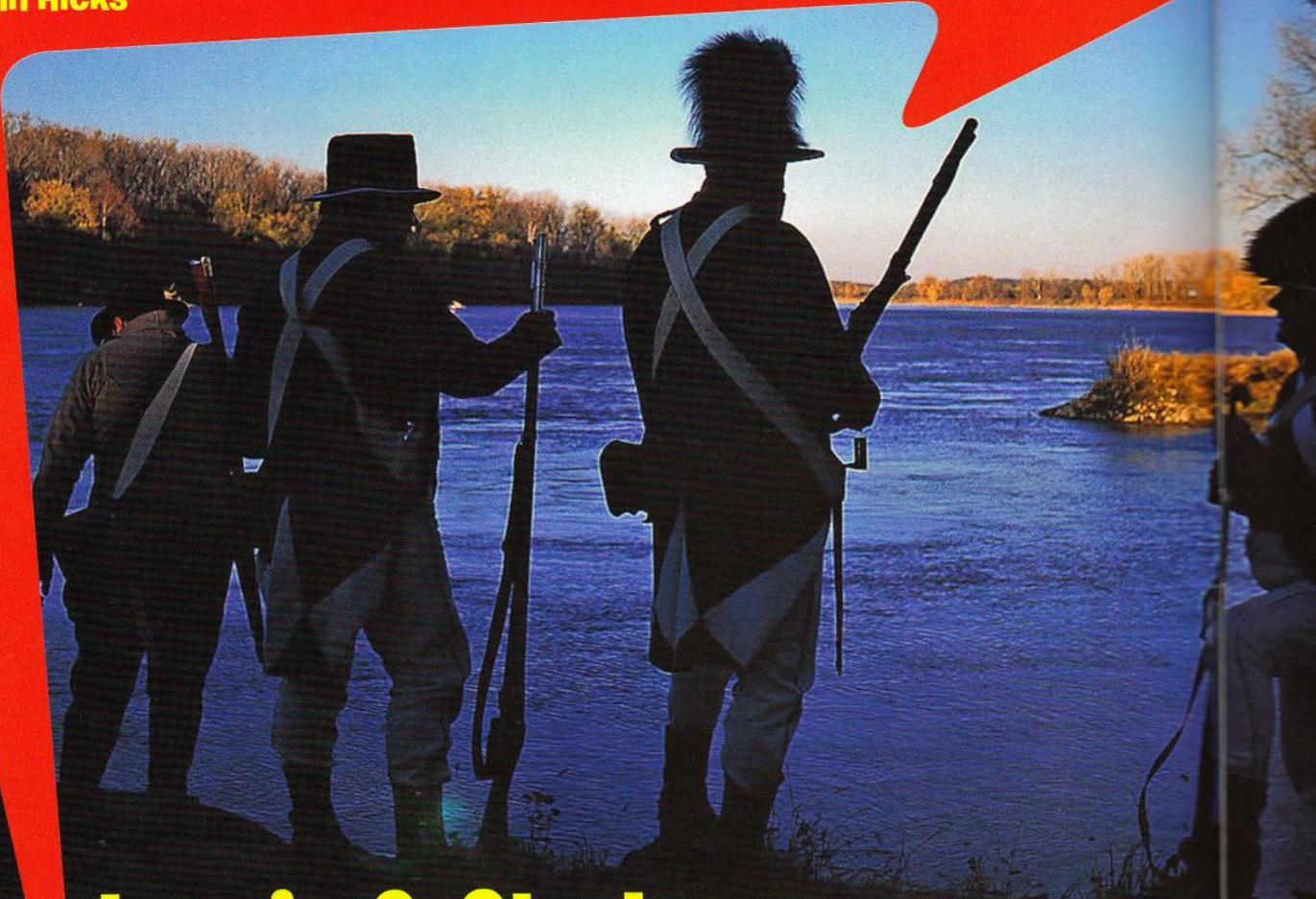


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An Opportunity for **GROWTH!**

by John Hicks



Just like **Lewis & Clark,**
you can explore **NEW AREAS** and discover **NEW THINGS.**

In 1804, a group of men set out from St. Louis, Missouri to explore a newly acquired part of the western United States. The group was led by Meriwether Lewis & William Clark and later became known as the “Corp of Discovery.” Their explorations have become legendary in the history of the U.S. for the role they played in exploring the West.



Today, you have the opportunity to explore new areas and discover new things. In Expedition Rangers, you will experience the great outdoors through camping, hiking, sports, and other activities. You will develop leadership and teamwork skills as you work with others to accomplish common goals. Learning new things about yourself, life, and the world around you will expand your knowledge. But most importantly, you will strengthen your relationship with God and other Christians through regular Bible studies and devotions that will help you grow into the image of Christ.

Luke 2:52 says, “And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men.” According to this verse, Jesus grew in four ways: mentally (grew in wisdom), physically (grew in stature), spiritually (grew in favor with God), and socially (grew in favor with men). The goal of the Royal Rangers ministry is take you on a journey to full and complete manhood according to the pattern of Jesus. You, too, will grow in these four ways.

Mentally – Your mind will grow stronger by reading, learning, and experiencing new skills.

Physically – Your body will grow stronger as you practice good health habits, proper diet, and exercise.

Spiritually – Your spirit will grow stronger as you develop the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, and telling others about Christ (evangelism).

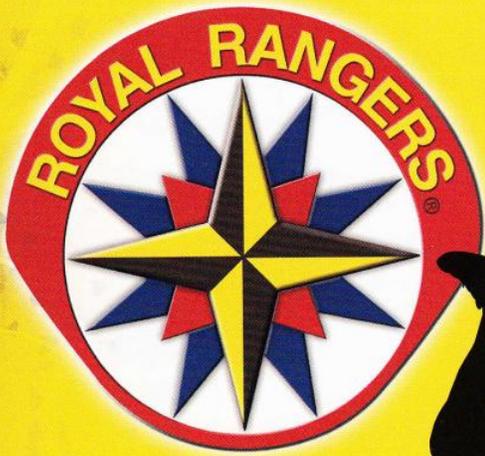
Socially – Your relationships with others will grow as you make new friends, work together in teams, and experience leadership opportunities in your patrol and outpost.

Just as Lewis & Clark explored the vast expanse of the West, you have the opportunity to explore new things and discover the many new experiences waiting for you in Royal Rangers. ☘

JESUS Grew In Four Ways:

- MENTALLY
- PHYSICALLY
- SPIRITUALLY
- SOCIALLY

The meaning of the **EMBLEM**



✦ **Four Gold Points**

Four phases of a boy's development:

PHYSICAL
SPIRITUAL
MENTAL
SOCIAL

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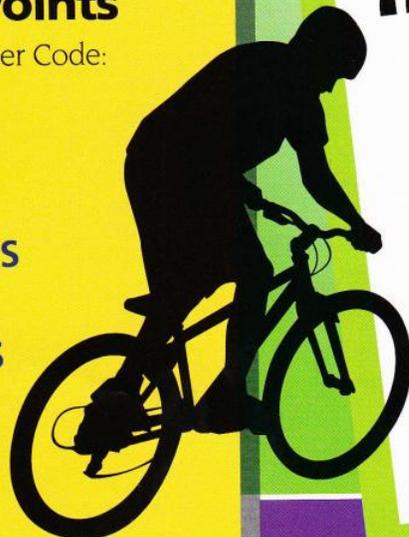
Four cardinal doctrines of the Church:

SALVATION
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HEALING
RAPTURE

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Eight points of the Ranger Code:

ALERT
CLEAN
HONEST
COURAGEOUS
LOYAL
COURTEOUS
OBEDIENT
SPIRITUAL



What in the
world is the...



Golden Rule:

*"In everything,
do to others
what you would
have them
do to you."*

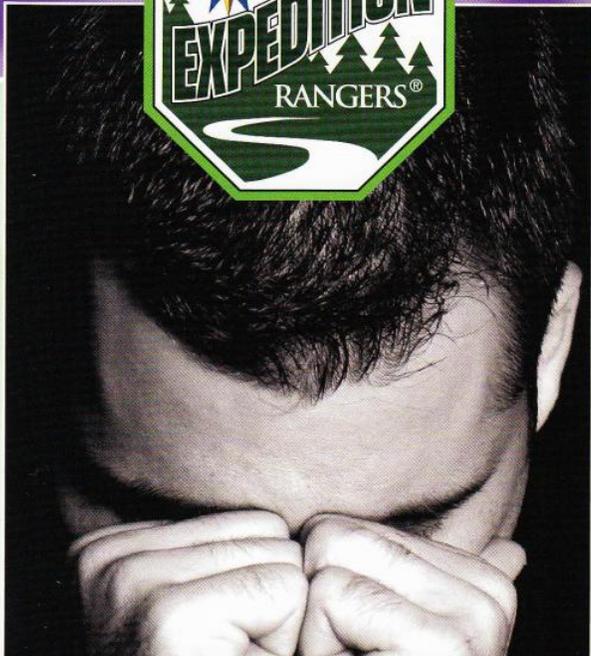
(MATTHEW 7:12)

The Motto

"READY!"

Meaning of Motto:

*Ready for anything!
Ready to work, play,
serve, worship, live,
and obey God's Word.*



The Royal Rangers
PLEDGE

**With God's Help,
I will do my best
to serve God,
my church,
and my fellowman;
to live by the
Ranger Code;
to make the
Golden Rule
my daily rule.**

Seven Promises
for Boys

Goals & Boundaries
for Daily Living



- 1** *I promise* to give **"HONOR"** to everyone at all times.
I will honor Jesus Christ, my parents, my family, my friends, and those in authority.
- 2** *I promise* to **"PRAY AND READ THE BIBLE"** a minimum of three times a week.
I will strive for the goal to pray, read the Bible, and worship each day.
- 3** *I promise* to practice **"PURITY"** in my thoughts and moral behavior.
I vow not to participate in drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, foul language, and pornography. I promise God to keep myself sexually pure for marriage.
- 4** *I promise* to attend **"CHURCH"** regularly.
I recognize that a key element in keeping these promises will be my commitment to regular participation in church and Christian activities.
- 5** *I promise* to promote the **"GREAT COMMISSION"** as stated in Matthew 28:18-20.
I will spread the good news of God's love by telling my family, friends, neighbors, and others that Jesus died for us and wants to be our personal Savior.
- 6** *I promise* to **"BE THE BEST I CAN BE"** in everything I do.
- 7** *I promise* to **"ASK FOR FORGIVENESS"** when I fail.
If I fail in any of the above promises or sin against God's Word I will ask for forgiveness and forgive those who sin against me. I will never give up, but will always trust God to help me to become more like Christ.

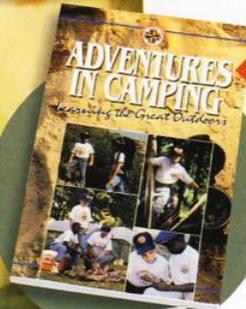
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SEVEN PROMISES
for Boys

Goals & Boundaries
for Daily Living

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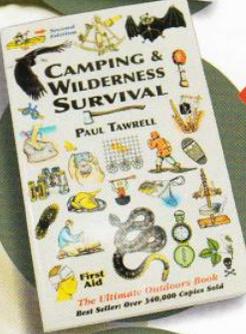
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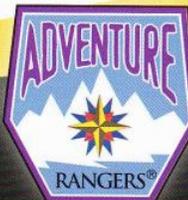
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Our Mission & Methods

Bringing It All Together



Royal Rangers is a Bible-based program for boys, created for the central purpose of developing the total boy for Christ—mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. The mission of Royal Rangers is to evangelize the world, equip the next generation of Christlike men, and empower them to be lifelong servant leaders. This mission is achieved through **seven methods**.

1. Friendship

Royal Rangers provides boys with the opportunity to develop lasting positive relationships with other boys and with dedicated leaders. These relationships can have a powerful effect in shaping boys' values and behavior during these important developmental years.

2. Activities

Activities form the core of the Royal Rangers program. Through a variety of age-appropriate activities, boys learn outdoor skills, cooperation, leadership, and self-confidence. Many activities also include opportunities to complete requirements for a variety of awards.

3. Patrol System

The patrol system is a method of outpost leadership in which boys lead the various activities of the outpost. Each patrol (a group of 5 to 8 boys) selects its own leader (known as a patrol guide) and assistant. Under their leadership in cooperation with the adult leaders, the patrol works together on different projects, assignments, and activities in class and while on outings.

4. Advancement System

Boys have many opportunities to grow and learn in Royal Rangers. As they develop new skills and knowledge through meetings and activities, their progress is rewarded through a system of advancements and awards.

5. Service & Ministry Projects

Learning to serve others and put their needs ahead of our own is an important part of being a Christian. Boys in Royal Rangers have many opportunities to work with their outpost on projects that will benefit their church and community, providing opportunities for others to hear the good news of God's love.

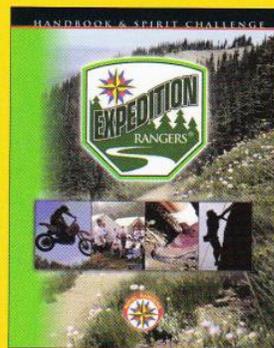
6. Interactive Learning

The best way for a boy to learn a new skill is to practice it. Royal Rangers meetings and activities are structured to maximize the amount of time boys spend in physical, interactive activity while learning.

7. Uniform

Boys need to experience the value of being part of an effort that transcends their individual needs or concerns. They need the opportunity to identify themselves with a winning team or an exciting experience. Boys in Royal Rangers identify with their outposts and the program as a whole by wearing uniforms. These uniforms are available in a variety of styles, enabling the local outpost to select a style that best suits their interests and budget.

By effectively employing these methods, the Royal Rangers program seeks to bring boys into a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to develop within them the principles of Christlike character that will serve as a firm foundation as they daily live out their faith.



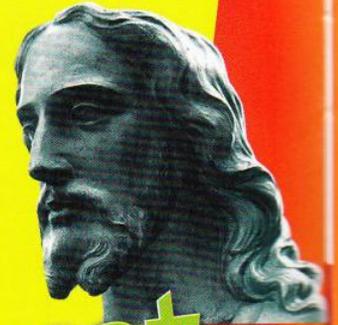
More information about Royal Rangers, the uniform, advancements, and other topics can be found on the Royal Rangers website

at www.royalrangers.ag.org and in the *Expedition Rangers Handbook and Spirit Challenge* (ITEM 02HU2144), available from Gospel Publishing House at www.gospelpublishing.com or by calling 1-800-641-4310.

It's COOL To Be A LEADER!



What names pop into your head when you think of great leaders: George Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Alexander the Great, Moses, or maybe Jesus? These are all considered great leaders. But did you know that becoming a great leader doesn't happen by accident? Have you ever thought of yourself as a leader? You probably have, but what level of leader are you? When we first evaluate the twelve disciples chosen by Jesus, our first thought might be that these guys would never be great leaders.



But men like Peter and John developed into great leaders of the church. Leaders good or bad have an enormous impact on the world today. You see them all the time on TV or in newspapers and magazines. You probably have displayed some level of leadership yourself at school, at church, in a community club, or on an athletic team. Did you know Royal Rangers was designed to be led as much as possible by boys and young men like you? It's one of the overarching goals from the National Royal Rangers Ministries.

great
leaders
are
made!

We desire to be a boy-led, adult-facilitated ministry.

That's right, your ability to become a good leader is important to your local group and the Royal Rangers ministry.

You are needed as a leader in your Royal Ranger group right now! You can and should be a great aide to the adult leaders.

You can assist with planning the next outing or activity, teaching a merit or Bible study, or even running most of the outpost meeting.

You can help develop leadership skills in the younger boys in your outpost and can assist with decisions about what young men your age like to do for service projects or general fun! The adult leaders should be able to rely on your leadership in all of these areas.

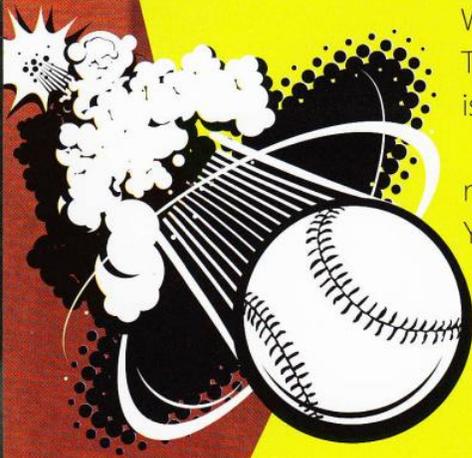
Does this sound like a challenge you are up too? The more experience you have as a leader, the more enjoyable it will be for you and the whole group. As you have opportunities, you will lead with greater confidence, requiring less guidance from adult leaders. It's about experience and a wiliness to develop good leadership skills. It is like playing any sport or game. The more you practice, the better you get.

Let's also not forget that Jesus has a plan for you and knows what your potential really is. Just as in His disciples, Jesus sees what **we can** be not just what we are today. So are you ready to step up and meet the leadership challenge? If you are, then Royal Rangers can truly be a

boy-led, adult-facilitated ministry! ♡

by Steve Schultz

National Junior Leadership Development Coordinator



INTERNET SAFETY PLEDGE for Middle & High School

I WILL TALK WITH MY PARENTS OR GUARDIAN ABOUT THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND GROUND RULES FOR GOING ONLINE

I will talk with my parents or guardian so that we can set up rules for going online. The rules will include the time of day that I may be online, the length of time I may be online, whom I may communicate with while online, and appropriate areas for me to visit while online. I will not break these rules or access other areas without their permission.

I will never download anything from anyone I don't know. In addition to offensive content, spam or junk E-mail may contain viruses that can damage my computer.

I WILL KEEP MY IDENTITY PRIVATE

I will never share personal information such as my full name, my mailing address, my telephone number, the name of my school, or any other information that could help someone determine my actual identity. I will also not reveal any personal information about my friends or family.

I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents or guardian.

I WILL NEVER RESPOND TO ANY ONLINE COMMUNICATION THAT MAKES ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE

I will tell a trusted adult if I come across anything that makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.

I will never respond to any messages that are rude or offensive in any way. I will show the message to a trusted adult right away so that he or she can decide if it's necessary to contact the online service or other authorities.

I WILL NEVER MEET IN PERSON WITH ANYONE I HAVE FIRST "MET" ONLINE WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH MY PARENTS OR GUARDIAN

Since the biggest danger to my safety is getting together with someone I have first "met" online, I won't meet in person with anyone unless my parents or guardian agrees to the meeting, they will go with me to the meeting, and the meeting will be in a public place.

I WILL RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S RIGHTS WHILE ONLINE

The Internet is a large community; therefore, my behavior while on it affects others. I will always treat others the way I would like to be treated.

I will respect copyright laws and check on sources. When writing reports I will make sure that the online sources of information are credible, and I will always cite my sources.

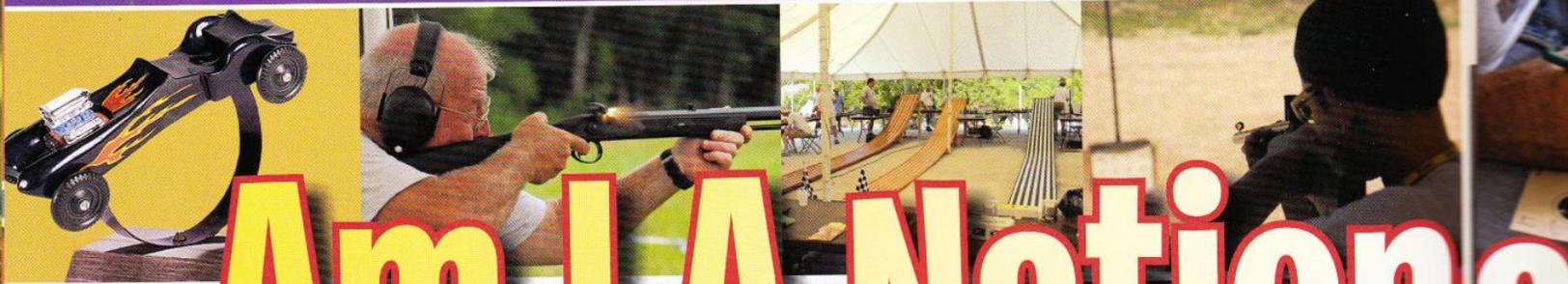
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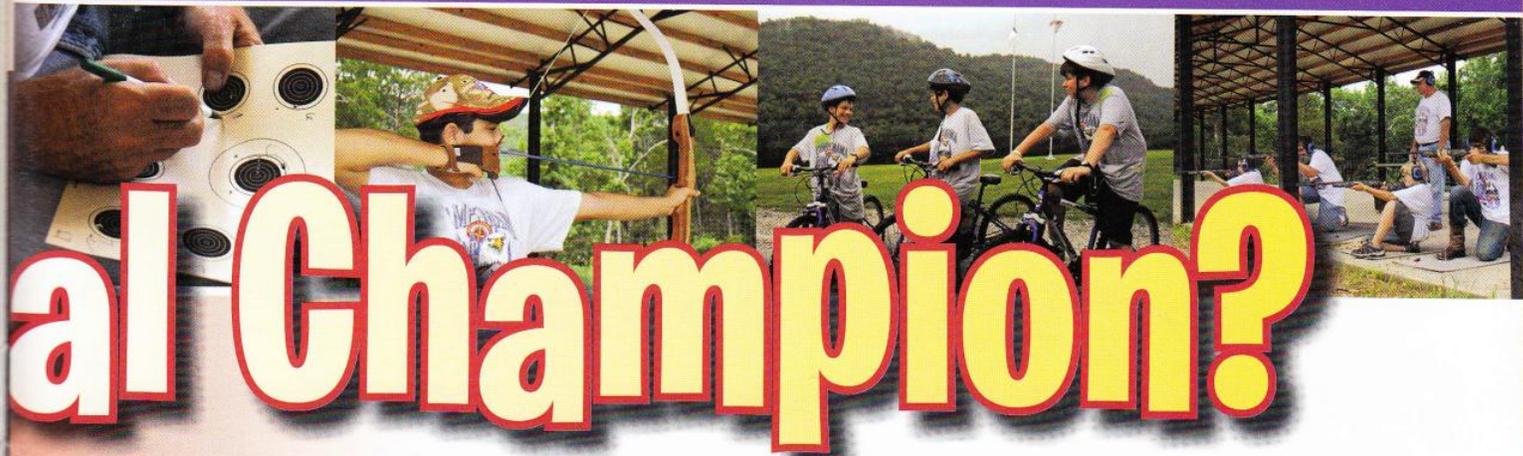
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Am I A National





al Champion?

ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL ★★★★ Championships ★★★★★

by Steve Schultz, National Junior Leadership Development Coordinator

Have you ever dreamed of being a national champion in basketball, soccer, golf, football, or hockey? How about being voted the MVP of the World Series, NBA Championships, or Stanley Cup finals? Reality check! That's just a dream, right? What if you *could* be a national champion now? Tell me more you say?

Did you know there are national championship events you can take part in right now? That's right, you have a chance to be a national champion in several events each year.

The Junior Bible Quiz and Teen Bible Quiz compete each year from local through

national levels. These events are sponsored by Children's Ministry Agency and National Youth Ministries, respectively. Did you know that Royal Rangers who make it to the top national level are not only recognized by CMA and NYM but also by the National Royal Ranger Ministry? Ask your children's or youth pastor today about how you can get involved.

There are also annual events in archery, BB-gun, air rifle, smallbore rifle, trap shooting, and black powder rifle. These are called "postal" events because you can compete anytime January 1–October 31 in your local area and mail in the results to the sponsoring organization.

They combine all the results, and the top scorers receive awards not only from that organization but also from the National Royal Rangers Ministry. A top score in any event earns you the title of national champion. For more information on the national championships and how they work, just visit the national Royal Rangers website: royalrangers.ag.org/championships.

See, you really could be a national champion and not even know it. The only way to know for sure is to participate. So talk to your commander today about how many events your outpost will participate in this year. 🦋

Top qualifiers in each event receive gold, silver, or bronze status.

2007 ARCHERY POSTAL COMPETITIONS



ROYAL RANGERS

NATIONAL

Championships

Recurve Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
David McNeely	8 & under	So. Cal	156	93	1
Juan Deluna	8 & under	So. Cal	67	67	2
James Dempsey	8 & under	So. Cal	1	42	3
Alex Garcia	9	So. Cal	45	80	1
Hunter Heiss	9	So. Cal	45	64	2
Lashel Voit	9	So. Cal	156	57	3
Jordan Edwards	10	So. Cal	9	67	1
Jeffrey Ramirez	10	So. Cal	75	66	2
Francisco Deluna	10	So. Cal	67	37	3
Peter Whittenberg	11	ND	29	150	1
Nathan Torres	11	So. Cal	75	128	2
Joseph Acevedo	11	So. Cal	271	102	3
Jacob Dixon	12	Potomac	84	148	1
Cody Triggs	12	So. Cal	156	93	2
Anthony Chaparro	12	So. Cal	303	75	3
Anthony Perez	13	So. Cal	303	159	1
Johnny Cuevas	13	So. Cal	1	105	2
Jimmy Wheeler	13	So. Cal	70	79	3
Cameron Smith	14-15	Oklahoma	82	196	1
Jessiah Ramirez	14-15	So. Cal	156	140	2
Kenny Gage	14-15	So. Cal	62	131	3
Kenton Lawson	16-18	So. Cal	156	247	1
Chris Sossamon	16-18	Arkansas	275	221	2
Kevan Gerdes	16-18	So. Cal	45	125	3
Angel Romero	Adult	So. Cal	9	255	1
Harry Walker	Adult	So. Cal	106	252	2
Patrick Harrington	Adult	So. Cal	70	228	3

Compound Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Joshua Thompson	8 & under	So. TX	5	190	1
Jacob Hully	8 & under	So. TX	5	162	2
Jordan Sczech	8 & under	So. TX	5	141	3
Payton Johnson	9	MN	99	137	1
Raleigh Millar	9	MN	94	129	2
Alex Garcia	9	So. Cal	45	60	3
Logan Sahlstrom	10	MN	94	223	1
Jarrett Sczech	10	So. TX	5	215	2
Jon Thompson	10	So. TX	5	183	3
Andy Olsen	11	MN	14	223	1
Colin AlMBERG	11	ND	27	147	2
Matthew Klika	11	So. MO	6	132	3
Dakota Feist	12	ND	27	214	1
Andrew Brommet	12	Oklahoma	2	165	2
Joshua Gilliland	12	So. MO	128	159	3
Bryce Penner	13	MN	99	248	1
Drew Merrill	13	Potomac	12	193	2
Clint Harlow	13	Oklahoma	2	170	3
Paul Dubbels	14-15	So. TX	5	261	1
Timothy Sundoral	14-15	So. TX	5	247	2
Kenny Gage	14-15	So. Cal	62	189	3
David McVeigh	16-18	ND	27	227	1
Christian Penner	16-18	MN	99	197	2
Josh Bancroft	16-18	So. MO	6	180	3
David Sundine	Adult	ND	27	263	1
Morgan Walsh	Adult	ND	27	261	2
Randy Smith	Adult	Potomac	12	261	3

2007 NPA POSTAL COMPETITIONS

BB-Gun Individual Results

Name	Age	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Luke Prince	8	LA	257	149	1
Brayden Wynsma	8	LA	257	135	2
Joshua Thompson	8	So. TX	5	51	3
Daniel Cummins	9	IL	257	224	1
Ryan Lindell	10	LA	257	238	1
Jacob Foreman	10	LA	4	207	2
Jarrett Szech	10	So. TX	5	191	3
Joseph Acevedo	11	So. Cal	75	225	1
Nathan Torres	11	So. Cal	75	219	2
Rayce Pion	11	Pen FL	147	214	3
Brian Pennington	12	Pen FL	147	233	1
Joseph Landry	12	LA	4	214	2
Thomas Raimbault	12	LA	257	214	3
Taylor Nance	13	Penn-Del	242	260	1
Nick Webb	13	Penn-Del	242	239	2
Isaiah Seilhamer	13	Penn-Del	242	228	3
Mark Blaski	14	LA	257	262	1
Ben Raimbault	14	LA	257	239	2
Jacob Acevedo	14	So. Cal	75	210	3
Paul Dubbels	15	So. TX	5	248	1
Mike Matykiewicz	15	LA	257	216	2

Team Results

CLA Gold	Junior	Penn-Del	242	1164	1
Adventure 4	Junior	LA	4	865	2
Team 12	Junior	IL	257	830	3
Team 15	Senior	IL	257	1179	1
Team Bullseye	Senior	So. CA	75	1004	2

Air Rifle Individual Results

Name	Category	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Anthony Rotkahr	Junior	AR	275	122	1
Brandon Leen	Junior	MI	16	86	2
Clement Mutabazi	Junior	LA	4	71	3
Chris Royal	Senior	OK	275	68	1
Dakota Brown	Senior	OK	377	57	2
Josh Robin	Senior	LA	4	38	3

Team Results

Eagle Rock Adventure	Senior	—	—	333	1
Adventure 4	Senior	LA	4	185	2

Smallbore Light Rifle Individual Results

Name	Category	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Eli Bennet	Junior	AK	99	209	1
Nathaniel Boyer	Junior	IL	26	176	2
Louis Harrison	Junior	OK	82	114	3
Hezekiah Becker	Senior	NY	85	123	1
Timothy Willett	Senior	NY	85	77	2
Le Roy Tanner	Adult	S TX	37	261	1
Mark Gath	Adult	NY	85	177	2
Brett Smith	Adult	NY	85	143	3

Blackpowder Rifle Individual Results

Name	Category	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Kevin Brannan	Junior	S. CA		67	1
Billy Shinn	Senior	S. CA		76	1
Le Roy Tanner	Adult	S. TX	37	133	1
Wes Spinks	Adult	S. MO	172	126	2
Bruce Walker	Adult	S. CA		122	3

“So, Just What Is
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Speed the Light is a student-initiated way for you to provide our missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. with vehicles and equipment they need to reach the lost.

Use the STL can cover to create your own missions piggybank. Your 'stash' will help spread the good news of Jesus around the world!

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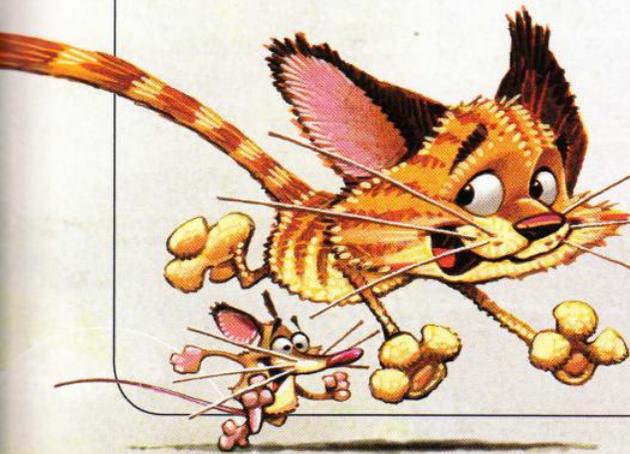
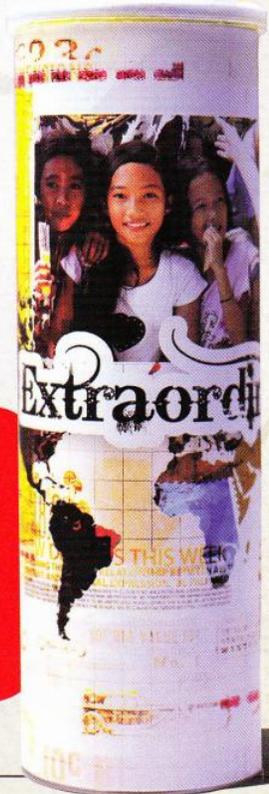
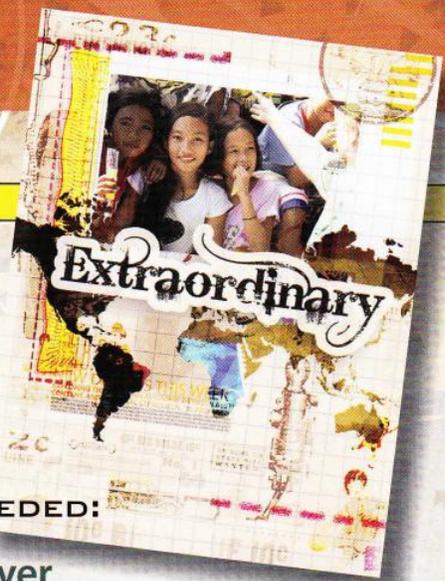
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■ **1 Skinny Potato Chip Can**

(you know the kind) or a tennis ball can

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- 1.** Peel backing off the can cover.
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- 3.** Cut a slit in the lid.
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Our Ministry Partnership

Speed the Light Royal Rangers Christmas Challenge '09

by Rick Lorimer, National Speed the Light Director

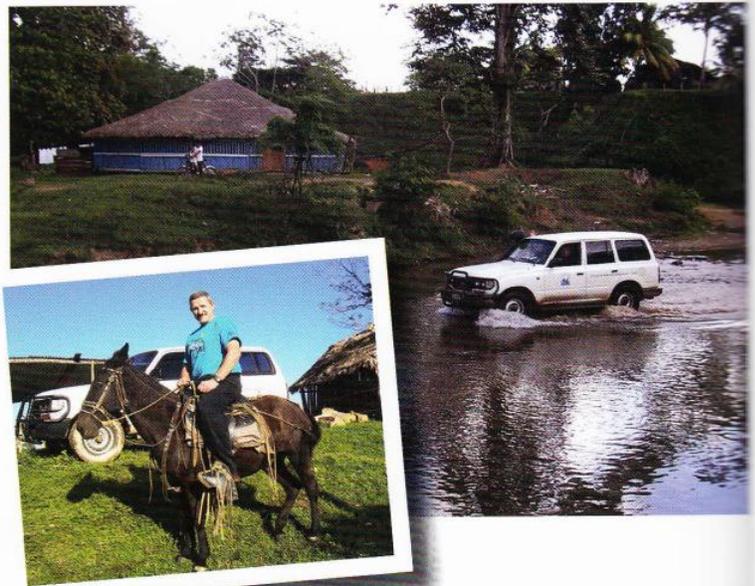
Gestalt. It's a German concept meaning that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. That concept applies perfectly to ministry. For example, the body of Christ, working together, can accomplish much more than any particular person or ministry. And we are fortunate enough to pursue this cooperative effort in raising up our youth to be empowered leaders with a heart for reaching the lost.

Royal Rangers and Speed the Light are looking toward the future with a specific goal in mind: to challenge students to be a part of fulfilling the Great Commission by sacrificially helping to provide much needed ministry equipment for missionaries around the world and here in the U.S.

Here is our starting challenge: Christmas 2009.

This year, Adventure and Expedition Rangers across the nation will take up a STL offering to provide a boat and motor for missionaries Don and Terri Triplett in Nicaragua. With no paved roads or modern transportation in the area, a boat is necessary for the Triplett's to be able to reach the many tribes of Miskito Indians in the area with their river and lake ministry. This Christmas gift will cost \$25,000, but I believe that all of us, banded together toward a common goal of missions, can provide for this need.

When your outpost participates in this challenge, please send your check to the Speed the Light office at 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. Please make your checks payable to RR/STL Project and include 01.001.003.4001.000 in the memo line. This will help our office know exactly which project you intend the donations to go toward. The deadline for the donations to be into our office is November, 31, 2009.



So...what is Speed the Light?

The concept is simple: we give so others can speed the light of the gospel to a world in darkness. This is accomplished by providing the "essential transportation and creative communication" equipment for missionary evangelism. Through modern transportation, radio, television, the printed word, and equipment for mass evangelism, our missionaries can better fulfill the Great Commission.

Speed the Light began in 1944 when Ralph W. Harris prayed for a way to channel Assemblies of God youth into worthwhile activities. The end of WWII was the answer to his prayer as it became very apparent that there would be an abundance of military vehicles and equipment that could be purchased and used for missions work.

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So...why Speed the Light?

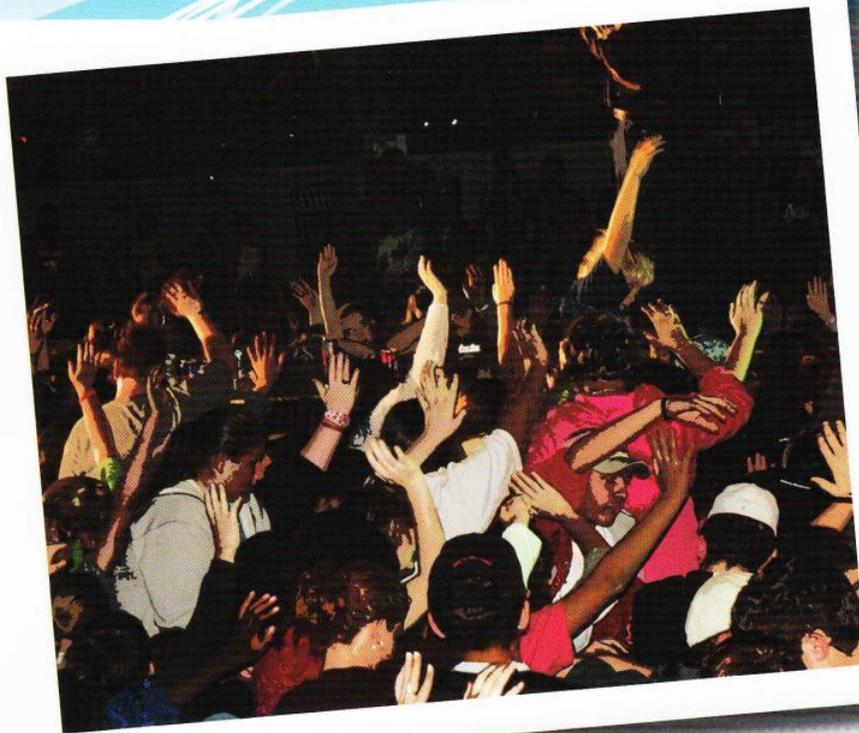
Speed the Light is about giving and using what we have for God so that heaven will be full and hell will be empty. Everything we do today has eternal ramifications. STL is crucial to the fulfillment of Jesus' commandment to "go into all the world...." STL empowers both students and adults to take personal ownership of the Great Commission, and it provides everyone the opportunity to do at least something to reach the lost. We are passionate to see souls saved and lives changed.

Here are a couple of testimonies from missionaries whose ministries have benefited from Speed the Light:

"STL helps missionaries like me make the most of our time and reach as many as possible. If STL didn't exist, I would have to scale back drastically on the amount of ministry I do. A STL car makes it possible for me to travel between 50,000 and 60,000 miles a year in the state of Iowa. Without STL, we couldn't use multimedia to communicate a never-changing message in a relevant way with today's teenager. We couldn't accomplish the vision God has given us."—Youth Alive Missionary Heath Adamson

"STL rocks, but sometimes it is hard for some of us urban jungle workers to let students know just how important their giving is to the ministry that we are doing. STL totally speeds up the process of reaching people with the gospel by keeping missionaries out in the harvest field instead of having to spend even more time raising funds for their vehicles. That is a very powerful contribution and one for which I and my colleagues are extremely grateful."—Urban Outreach Missionary to Bangkok

This Royal Ranger Christmas challenge teaches an important lesson to our young people: sacrifice. A few years ago, when my son, Ricky, was 17 years old, he approached my wife and asked that we give him cash for Christmas. At first, nothing seemed amiss. What teenager doesn't like cash? But then he clarified his intentions. "I want to give all my Christmas money to Speed the Light. I want to go one



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year with nothing so a missionary can have something, so someone can be saved."

That is missions in a nutshell. Not everyone can go. Not everyone can speak to natives in another country. Not everyone can hold a school assembly here in the U.S. and openly share his testimony. But everyone can give. Everyone can sacrifice. Everyone can do something to reach the lost.

If our missionaries are going to get to where the lost live, it will be because of Speed the Light. Almost every missionary in the Assemblies of God will at some point fly, drive, or float to their destination in transportation that has been provided to them by our churches and students through Speed the Light. Airplanes, cars, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, trucks, buses, boats, horses, camels, donkeys, wheel barrows, etc., if it has wheels or hooves and can carry a missionary to a country, city, town, village, or under a cardboard box where someone is waiting to hear about Jesus, Speed the Light has provided it.

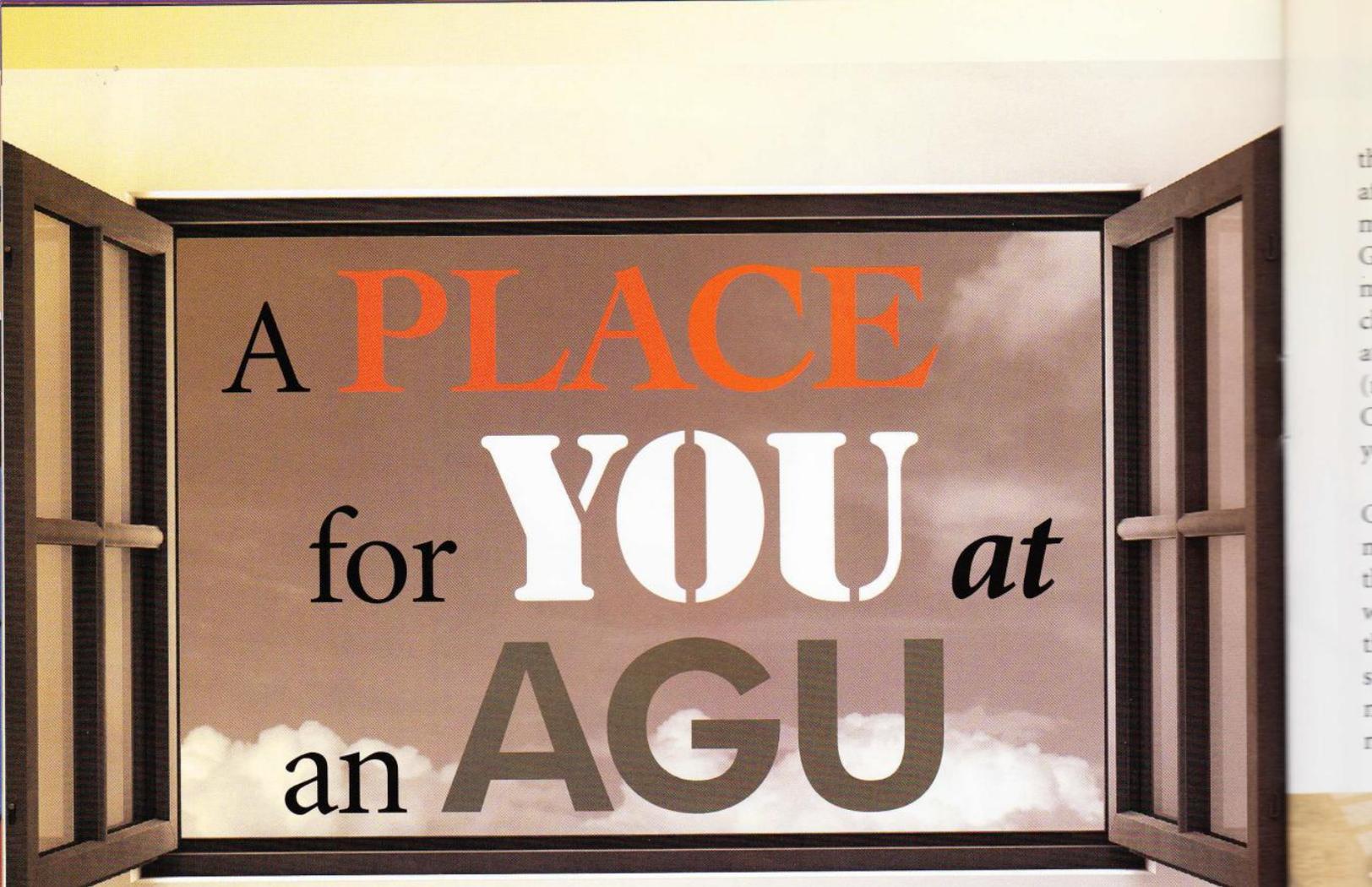
While the function of STL is to provide our missionaries with essential transportation and creative communication equipment they need, the real mission of STL is to see souls

saved and lives changed. We give so our missionaries can travel faster, preach clearer, and be heard louder in order that Heaven might be a bigger place, filled with people from every nationality, color, and tribe who have accepted Him as their Savior.

I'm so grateful for your ministry to students through Royal Rangers, and this partnership is exciting to me. Thank you for taking ownership and exhibiting leadership in this RR/STL endeavor. I look forward to seeing us do something extraordinary in 2009. ☞



Rick Lorimer
Director, Speed the Light & Student Missions



A PLACE
for YOU at
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Dr. G. Robert Cook Jr.

Executive Vice President – The Alliance for AG Higher Education

How about this for a huge dream? I dream that every young man who is part of the Royal Ranger program of the Assemblies of God will one day attend at least one year of college at an Assemblies of God school! Far-fetched, you say? Let me keep dreaming!

Maybe I'm so passionate about Royal Rangers attending one of our colleges because of what my experience at an AG school did for me. I was raised in a great church with loving, godly parents who did their best to raise me well. I had a great pastor and youth pastor who loved me and preached truth to me. But after high school, I made a decision that almost cost me my life!

Instead of choosing to attend a college where my walk with God would be encouraged and strengthened, I chose to accept a scholarship to a "state school" not far from my home. On the first day, I was surrounded by young men in a dorm who obviously had not been raised in the same way I had been. Soon their lifestyle choices influenced me, and I drifted far away from God. I backslid badly.

But I'm glad for the "God of the second chance." The summer after that first year of school I made a radical commitment to God and also felt His call upon my life for leadership in the church. It was then I decided to attend Bethany Bible College (now Bethany University) in California. Those next three years changed my life!

For the next three years, God's hands were shaping me. How? Through professors that cared deeply about my walk with God. They did more than just teach; they became spiritual mentors. God also used new friends that walked into my world—friends who have

become spiritual encouragers to me through the years. And some of them have worked with me in ministry. Those years at Bethany opened up a whole new world for me—a world that included a respect for God's Word. I realized how much there was to learn about God...and His Kingdom!

Can you attend a school that is cheaper than most AG schools? Oh yes, but is it worth the risk? Is the lower cost worth the potential high price of spiritual decline?

Can you attend a school that is easier than most AG schools? Oh yes, but why should we be young people that always look

"for the easier road?"

Should you attend an AG college even though you may not feel "called" into church ministry? Yes, definitely. Most of our schools offer a wide range of majors. Our desire is not to teach you how to make a living...but rather to teach you how to live!

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How To Build A Screaming PC

by Perry Siddle, *National Training Coordinator*

First, decide the purpose. Will it be used for gaming or school? This decision will determine the type of PC.

Second, decide the price. Unless you're rich, set the maximum price you are willing to pay for the entire system and stick to it.

Third, shop around. As you price out the different components, remember that retailers on the web may be significantly cheaper but watch for shipping costs.

The Major Components

Processor (CPU): Deciding what manufacturer and speed of processor first will determine the motherboard type. The two major players are Intel and AMD. From Celeron to Core 2 Quad processors, choose a processor that is 3.0GHz or higher for best results.

Motherboard: Stick with a major player, such as Intel or Asus, so you won't have problems obtaining drivers when new operating systems come out. Your motherboard and processor have to support each other; therefore, choose your processor first and the motherboard second.

Random Access Memory (RAM): RAM is King! Don't settle for less than 2GB of memory. There are many types and manufacturers of memory; however, choose the type based on the motherboard selected. Cosair and Kingston are well known manufacturers.

Hard Drive: Speed and size matter. A good start is 7,200 RPM and 250GB; although, prices on 500GB drives are beginning to drop significantly. Seagate, Western Digital, and Maxtor are all very reputable manufacturers.

Video Card: If you are building a gaming system, be prepared to buy a video card with the most onboard RAM you can afford. It's all about performance. The games you want to

play will specify video requirements. PCIe is the current standard and there are lots of these on the market. If you are building a gaming PC, the minimum amount of RAM is 512MB. ATI and NVIDIA are excellent vendor choices.

Monitor: Select a flat panel (e.g., LCD) that is at least 19". There are many manufacturers from which to choose. Be certain to purchase a monitor that will work with your video card.

Case: Look for a case that will support the number of hard drives (or drive bays), power supply, cooling system, and external connectivity you desire. There are thousands of options available. Be sure to purchase a case that fits your motherboard and has an adequate power supply to meet your current and future needs. Tower or desktop are two types of cases.

Sound Card: It provides audio output and input for the listening to music or hearing sound while playing games. Sound Blaster is the major player for sound cards.

Operating System: Software that manages the computer resources. Windows, MAC, and Linux are the three major players. Applications typically dictate the operating system. Be certain the devices you purchase are compatible with the Operating System (OS) you choose. Finally, the amount of RAM needed should be based on the OS as some OS require a much larger amount! 🍷

Useful websites

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Google: How To Build a PC



Why Shooting Sports?

This article is paid advertising developed jointly by National Royal Rangers Ministries and the National Rifle Association, a corporate sponsor of the Royal Rangers shooting sports program.

Royal Rangers has offered shooting sports as one method to meet the needs of boys and young men since the program started. Literally thousands of Royal Rangers boys and young men have chosen to participate in some way. What can a Royal Ranger expect to gain by participating in shooting sports?

Participation in shooting sports can develop increased concentration, patience, self-confidence, a sense of accomplishment, not to mention friendships with others with similar interests. You are not constrained by physical limitations as in many sports. You don't have to be the fastest, strongest, or tallest to excel in shooting sports.

In order to develop the best shooting program possible, we have partnered with some outstanding organizations. The National Rifle Association's (NRA) Youth, Training, and Competitive Programs have assisted us in developing our National Shooting Sports Program (NSSP). The NRA was a major resource when we revised and developed many of our current safety and shooting merits. Their safety training programs are of the highest quality and are recognized nation wide. Safety is a key issue with any shooting sports program; therefore, adopting the NRA national standards for the Royal Rangers' National Shooting Sports Program was a logical choice.

The shooting merits we have jointly developed help to encourage improved techniques, confidence, and safety in the participants. Those who decide to go to a higher level and compete in a shooting discipline have a great base to build upon.

Competition opportunities range from local to national. The Royal Ranger postal shooting competitions, sponsored by the NRA, are 5-meter BB gun, 10-meter Sporter Air Rifle, Small Bore Light Rifle, Shotgun (Trap), and Black Powder. The archery event is now sponsored by the national Royal Rangers. Each Camporama we hold a national championship co-sponsored by the NRA. This competition is sanctioned as a NRA event, and the scores qualify for NRA national records.

Many other NRA shooting programs are open to Royal Rangers:

- National Air Gun Team Championship
- Marksmanship Qualification Program
- Shooting Sports Camps
- Youth Hunter Education Challenge
- Sectional & Special Tournaments
- Youth Wildlife Art Contest

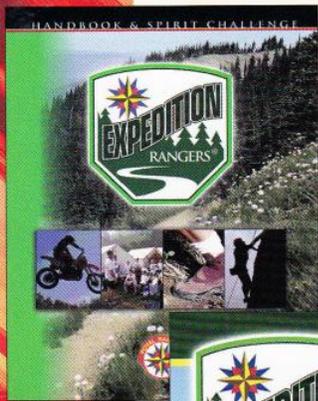
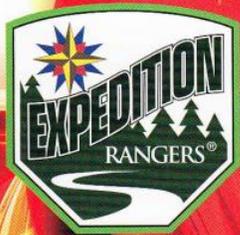
The NRA offers local state grants to groups for training material or shooting equipment. Development of our shooting facility was sponsored in part by national and state NRA grants. ♣



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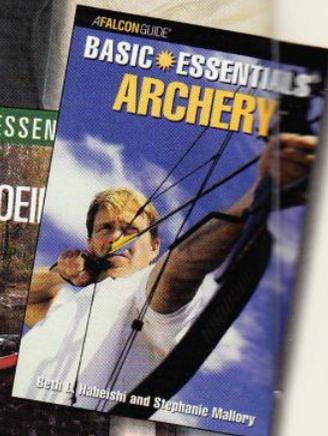
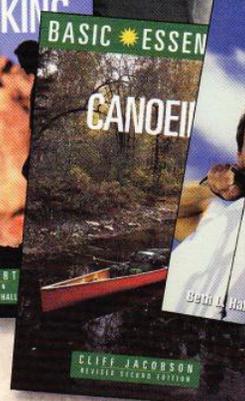
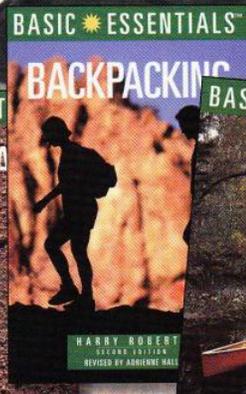
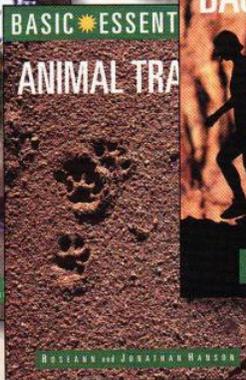
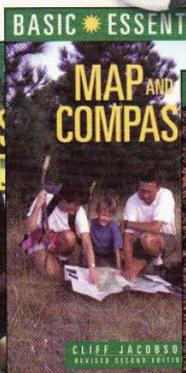
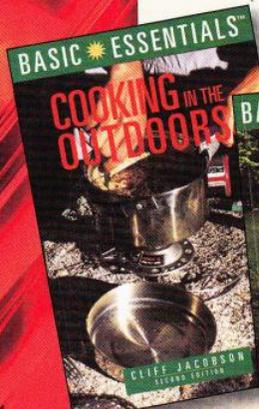
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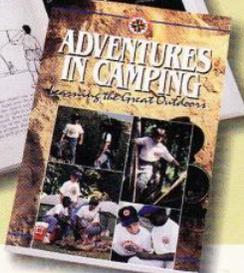
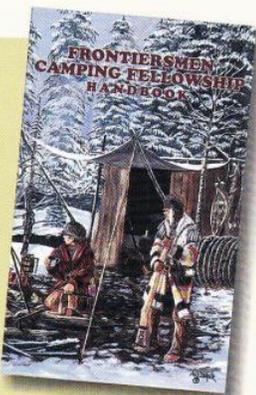
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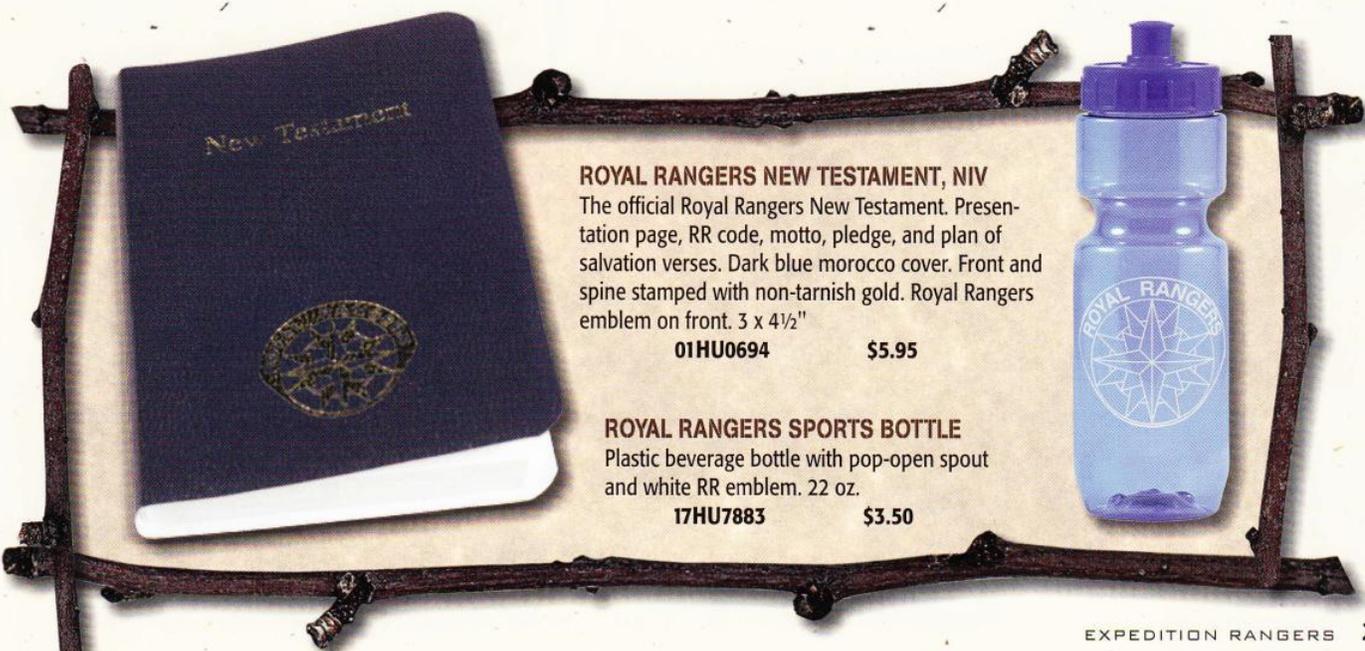
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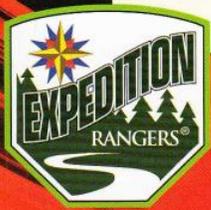
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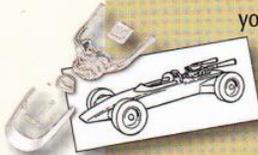
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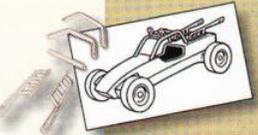
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Stand out from the crowd, and make your racer undeniably yours.

FORMULATOR

Exhaust pipes, driver's head, windshield, roll bar, and engine.

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Give your car some added gravity.

Lead Weight. 3.5 oz.

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GRAPHITE LUBE

Use this micro-fine graphite to keep your wheels running smoothly race after race. .21 oz.

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ACRYLIC PAINT KIT

Plenty of bright colors to fuel your imagination. 6 mini-pots of paint: Red, blue, green, yellow, white, and black. And yes, the brushes are included!

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BANTAM™ BLW

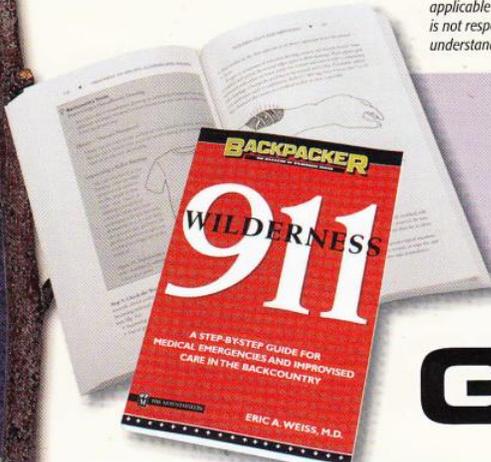
This mid-lockback knife with 1-hand open is contoured with a finger groove, includes grip ridges, and features a lanyard hole. Length is 4⅜" closed, with an impressive blade length of 3⅞". RR emblem electro-etched on to the blade. Weighs 2.4 oz.

17HU7910 \$22.00

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Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?

In Genesis, the Bible tells us God created all things, including all the unique creatures of the world. But His most prized creation is you! If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart as Savior and asked Him to forgive you of your sins, it is as simple as following these steps:

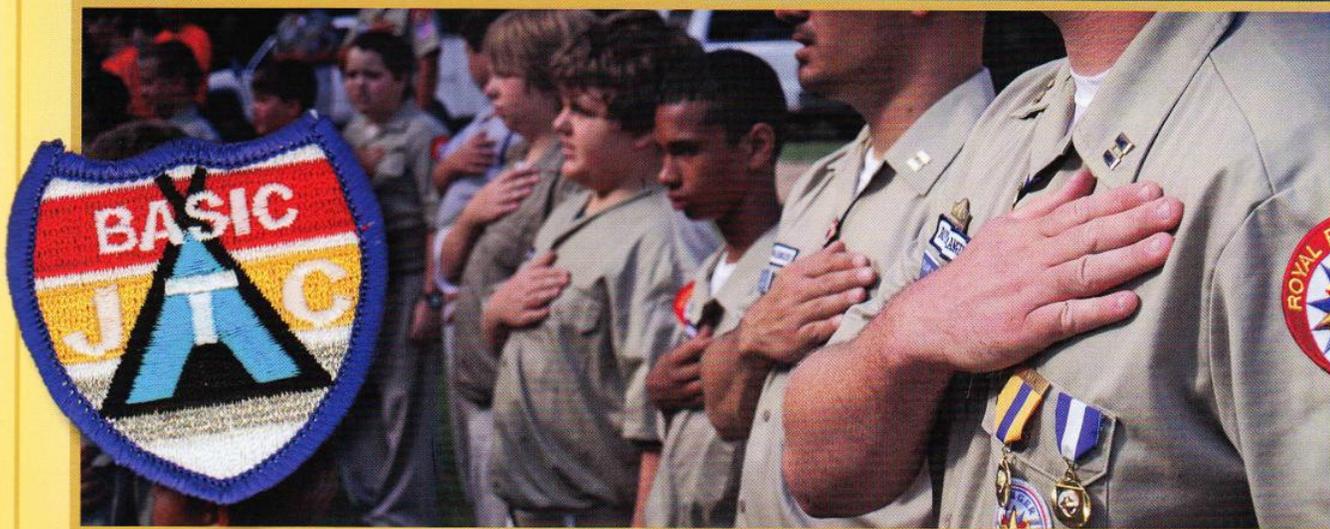
- A. ADMIT YOU HAVE SINNED.** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*
- B. BELIEVE IN JESUS.** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
- C. CONFESS AND LEAVE YOUR SIN.** *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).*

If you would like someone to pray with you about your decision to know Jesus as your personal Savior, talk with your Royal Rangers commander, your pastor, or call the National Prayer Center at 1-800-4PRAYER.



BASIC JTC

Your First Step on the Path to Leadership



Every Royal Ranger has the potential to be a great leader because great leaders aren't born; great leaders are made. Through much effort, practice, learning, and determination, boys just like you develop leadership and teamwork skills that will help them today and in the future.

In Royal Rangers, you have the opportunity to learn about what it means to be a leader. You can even try out your leadership skills by becoming a leader in your patrol or outpost. One great way to get started on the path to leadership is by completing Basic JTC.

Basic JTC is an easy nine-lesson training course that will help you understand how leadership works in the outpost. Each lesson will cover specific materials, including...

- *Pledges, saluting, and formations*
- *The duties of a patrol leader in the outpost*
- *Patrol spirit and identity*
- *Outpost leadership positions and insignia*

Basic JTC can be completed as a group or individually. A special Basic JTC CD is provided to chartered outposts for use in completing this course and can be used in almost any computer.*

*Windows 98 or later is required.

For more information, talk to your commander or ask him to contact the National Royal Rangers Ministries at 417-862-2781 ext. 4181 or rangers@ag.org.



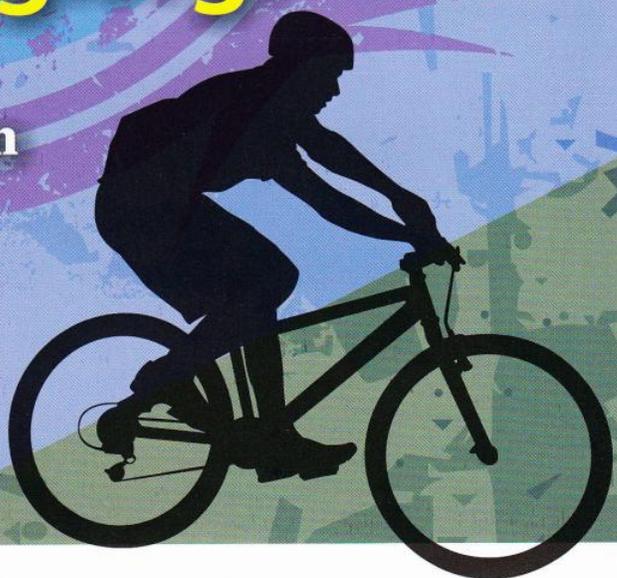
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