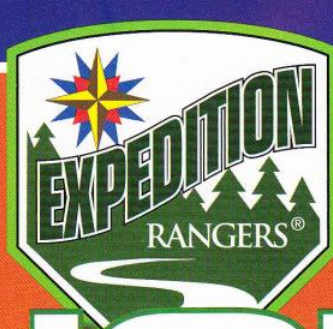


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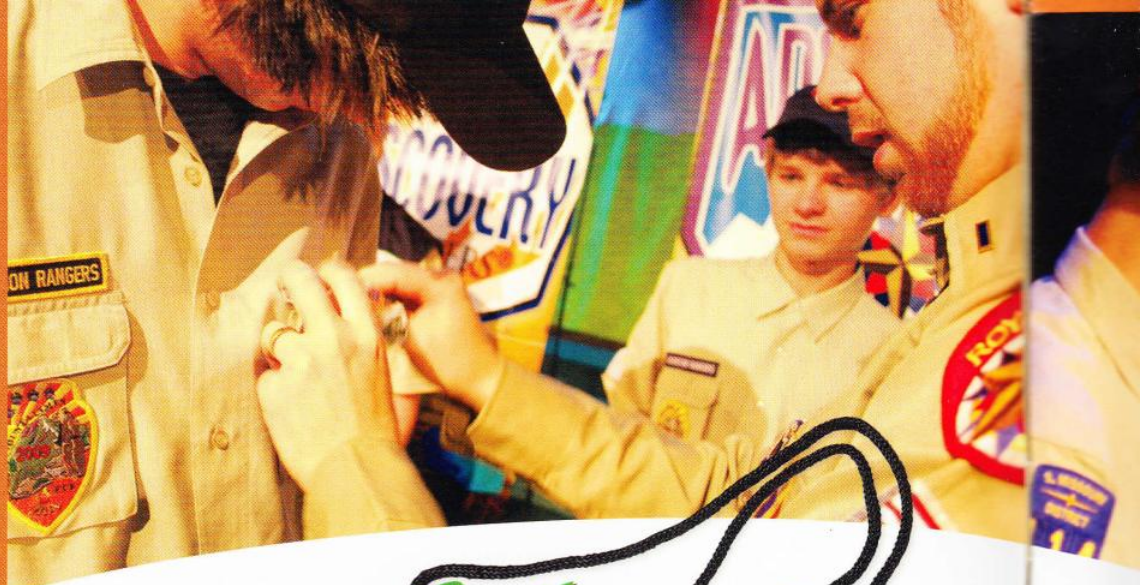
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I've been a Royal Ranger from age 6. My parents were missionaries in Peru, South America, where I was born, when I learned the meaning of the Royal Rangers Emblem. My dad helped me. Then he proudly pinned that patch onto my shirt. From that day, I've been in Royal Rangers. It's awesome!

Rangers is more than a program. It's a lifestyle. You laugh and enjoy unforgettable times with your friends. It's fun! You learn to do things other boys only dream of, and you are prepared to lead the charge, to serve others well.

Laugh. Learn. Lead. That's why I love being a Royal Ranger!

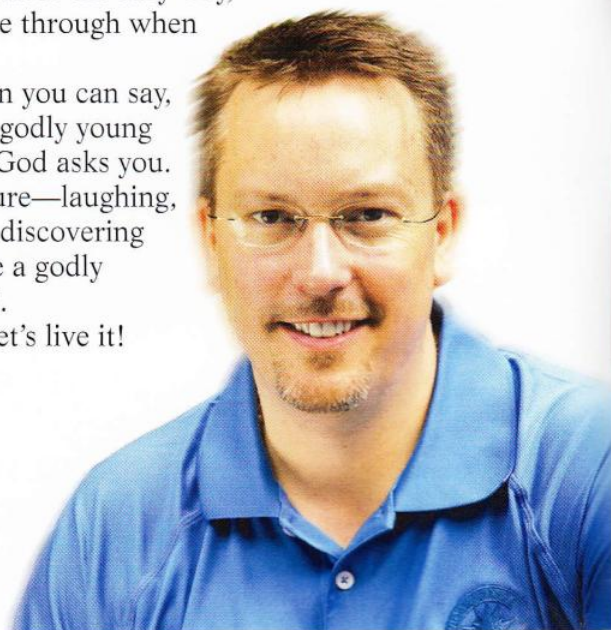
As I look back, Rangers built my confidence. I discovered I really could be a godly man in spite of the pressures to conform to low expectations. Because I determined to learn and lead in Rangers when my peers chose the easy way, I could stick it out and come through when others could not.

Ranger confidence is when you can say, "I am. I can." You can be a godly young man, and you can do what God asks you.

That's the Ranger adventure—laughing, learning, and leading while discovering you have what it takes to be a godly young man in today's world.

Yes, Rangers is the life. Let's live it!

Doug Marsh
National Royal Rangers Director





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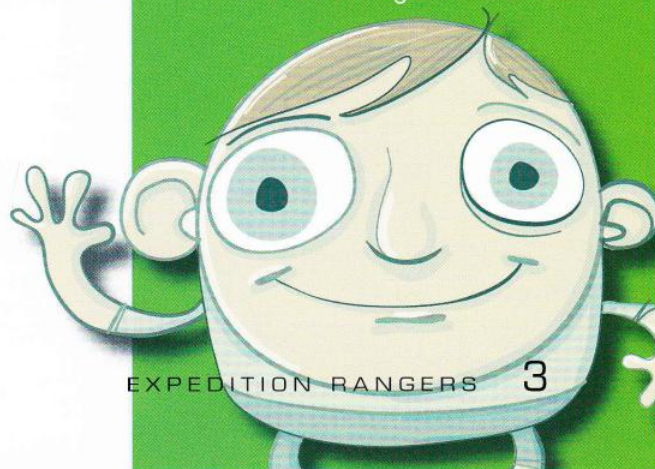
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WELCOME TO THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR EVANGELISM!



In the fall of 1917, General John "Blackjack" Pershing led the American armies in Europe to victory over Germany in World War I.

He served as the commander of the American Expeditionary Force, the first American army to fight in a European war. Pershing and his force of newly trained recruits played a vital role in ending the stalemate that had so long immobilized the fighting on the Western Front in northern France. Upon his arrival in France, General Pershing is credited for having said, "Lafayette, we are here!" as his army paused by the tomb of Gilbert de Lafayette, the French general who had played a key role in helping the American colonists win the American Revolution.



Pershing and his expeditionary army were on a mission. They had come to Europe to aid in defeating an aggressive nation that had invaded several neighboring countries and started what would be known as "The Great War." These men served a purpose greater than themselves, and many sacrificed their lives to win freedom for peoples and nations who could not win it for themselves and forever gained honor as heroes of many nations.

As an Expedition Ranger, you face the challenges of service and sacrifice. As a disciple of Christ, you have been commissioned by God to share the message of the gospel with the world—around the globe and across the street. Through Royal Rangers, you will experience opportunities for learning and growth that will prepare you for service and leadership. You are acquiring skills that you can use both now and in the years ahead.



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). As an Expedition Ranger, you, too, will grow in each of these four ways, according to the example of Christ:

MENTALLY – Your mind will grow stronger by learning new skills and experiencing new activities.

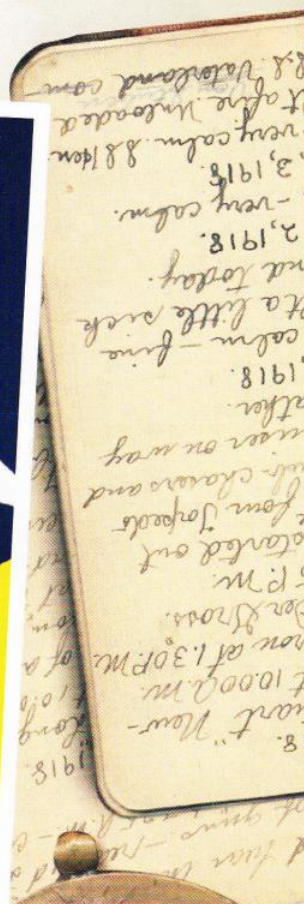
PHYSICALLY – Your body will grow stronger as you practice good health habits, proper diet, and exercise.

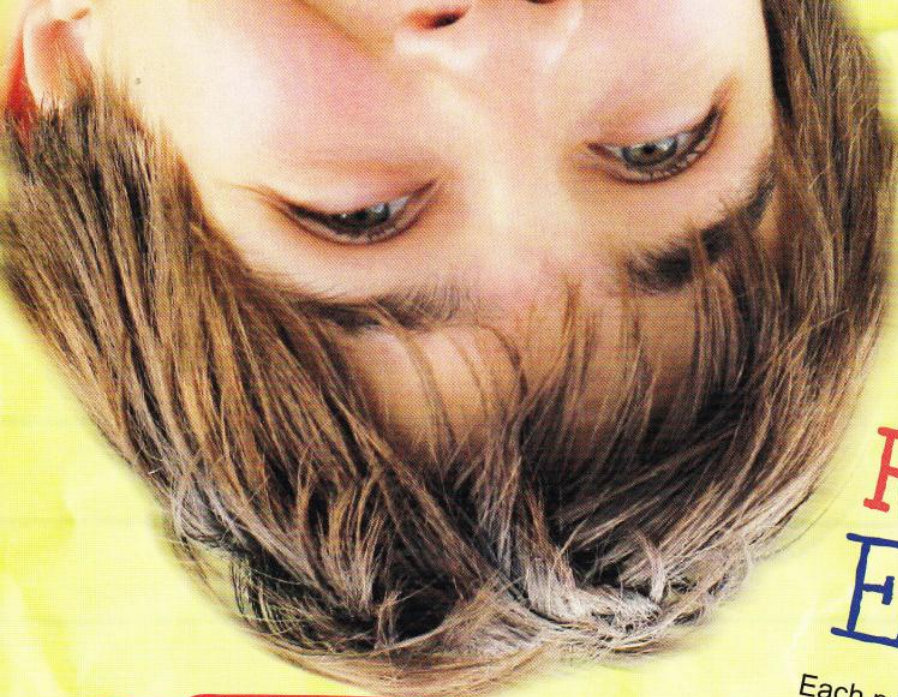
SPIRITUALLY – Your spirit will grow deeper as you develop the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, and telling others about Christ (evangelism).

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



Just as General Pershing and his army embarked on a great expedition of service and sacrifice, you will become a servant leader through the opportunities and challenges you will experience through Royal Rangers, and you will powerfully impact your world for Christ as an expeditionary force for evangelism in your community!





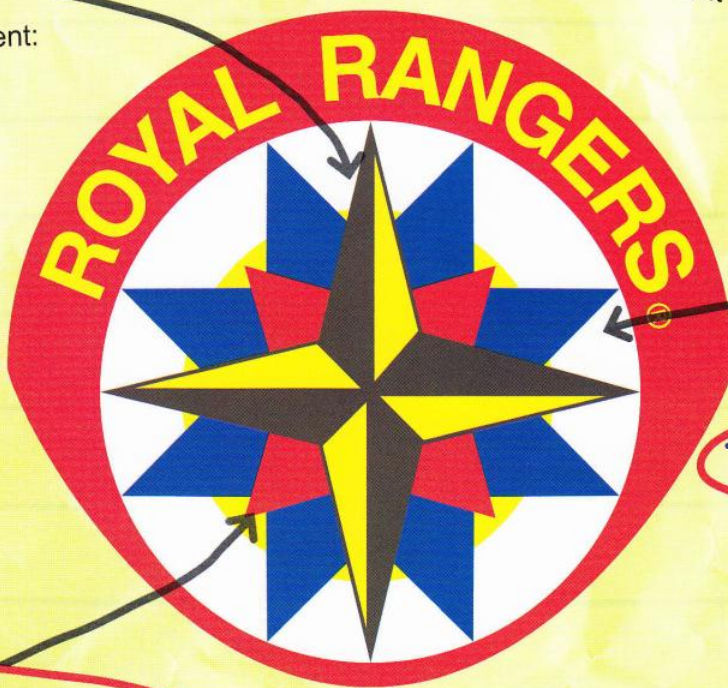
So what is the meaning of the Royal Rangers Emblem?

Each point of the RR emblem represents something very important to a Royal Ranger.

Four Gold Points

Four phases of
a boy's development:

PHYSICAL
SPIRITUAL
MENTAL
SOCIAL



Eight Blue Points

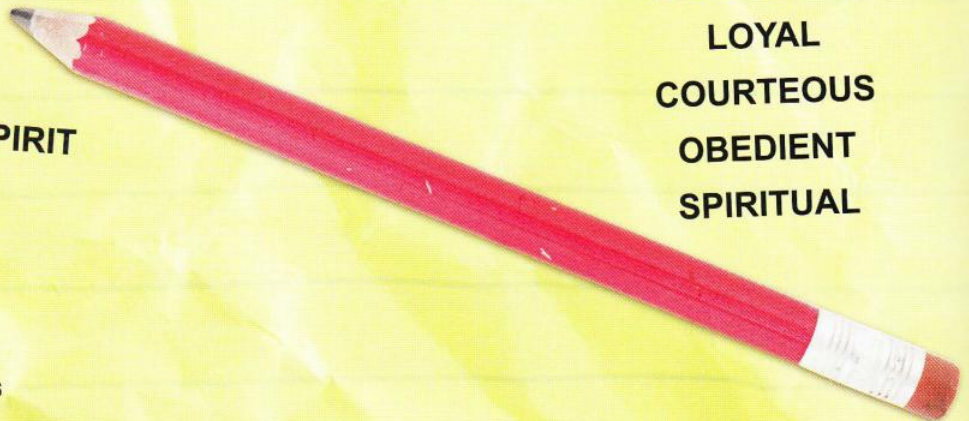
Eight points of
the Ranger Code:

ALERT
CLEAN
HONEST
COURAGEOUS
LOYAL
COURTEOUS
OBEDIENT
SPIRITUAL

Four RED Points

Four cardinal doctrines
of the church:

SALVATION
BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
HEALING
RAPTURE



ROYAL RANGER

CODE

A Royal Ranger Is:

ALERT

He is mentally, physically, and spiritually alert.

CLEAN

He is clean in body, mind, and speech.

HONEST

He does not lie, cheat, or steal.

COURAGEOUS

He is brave in spite of danger, criticism, or threats.

LOYAL

He is faithful to his church, family, outpost, and friends.

COURTEOUS

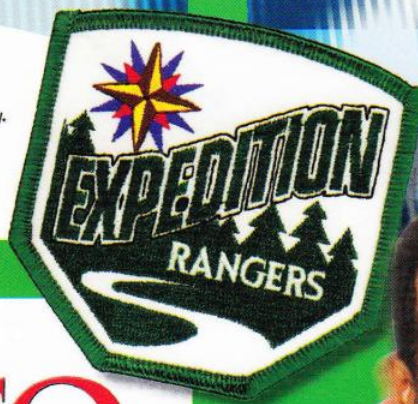
He is polite, kind, and thoughtful.

OBEDIENT

He obeys his parents, leaders, and those in authority.

SPIRITUAL

He prays, reads the Bible, and witnesses.



ROYAL RANGER

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.*

ROYAL RANGER

MOTTO

"Ready."

MEANING OF MOTTO:

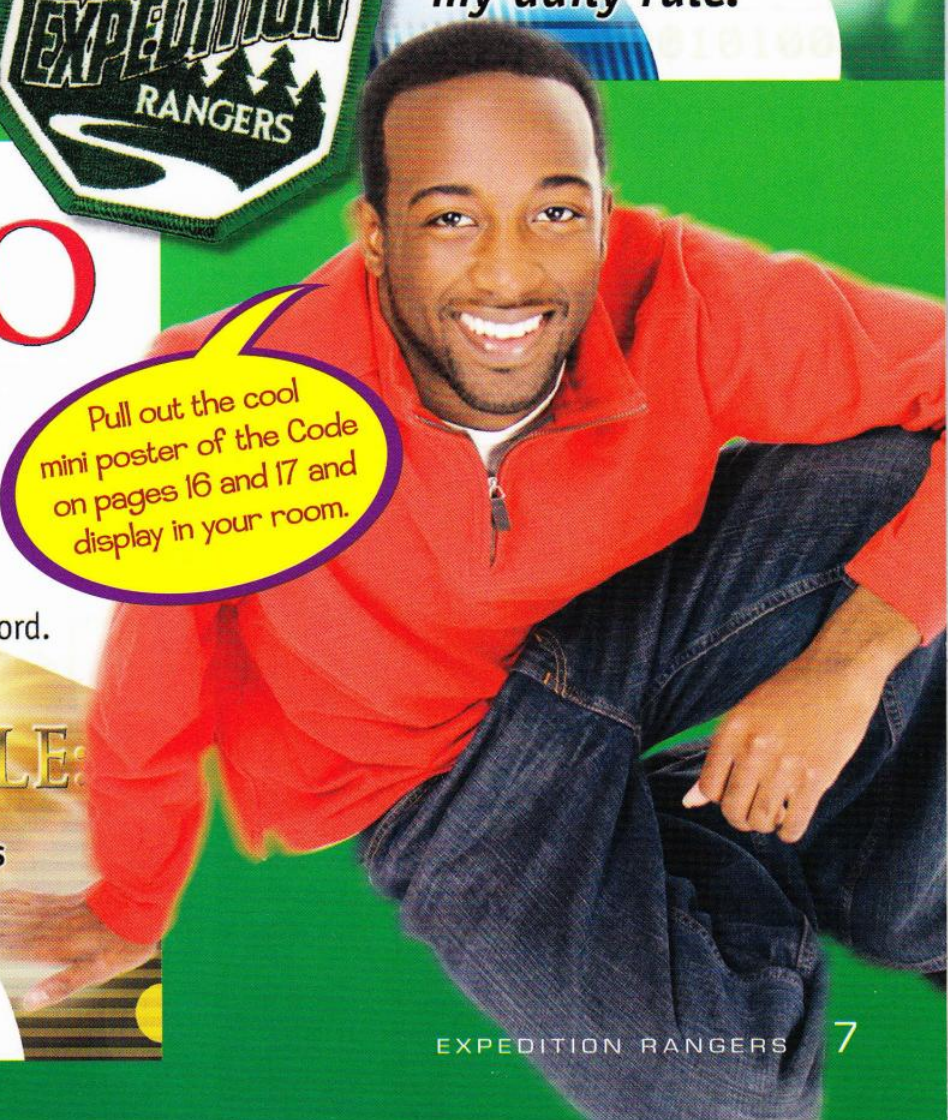
Ready for anything!

Ready to work, play, serve,
worship, live, and obey God's Word.

Pull out the cool
mini poster of the Code
on pages 16 and 17 and
display in your room.

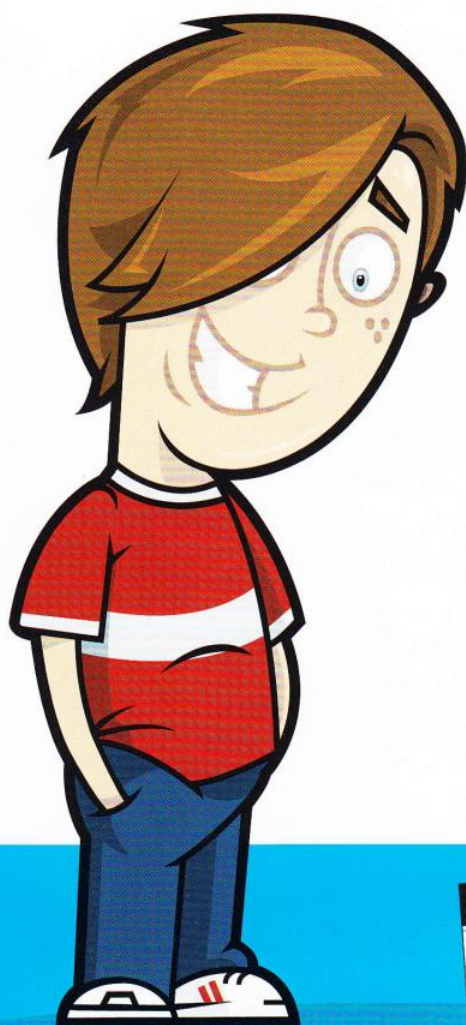
THE GOLDEN RULE:

**"In everything, do to others
what you would
have them do to you"**
(Matthew 7:12).

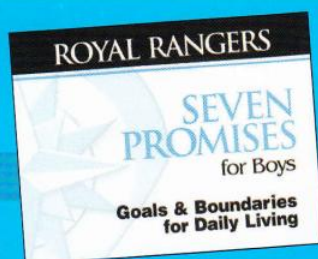


7 promises for boys

goals and
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 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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By Ryan Beaty
National Programs and Outreach Coordinator

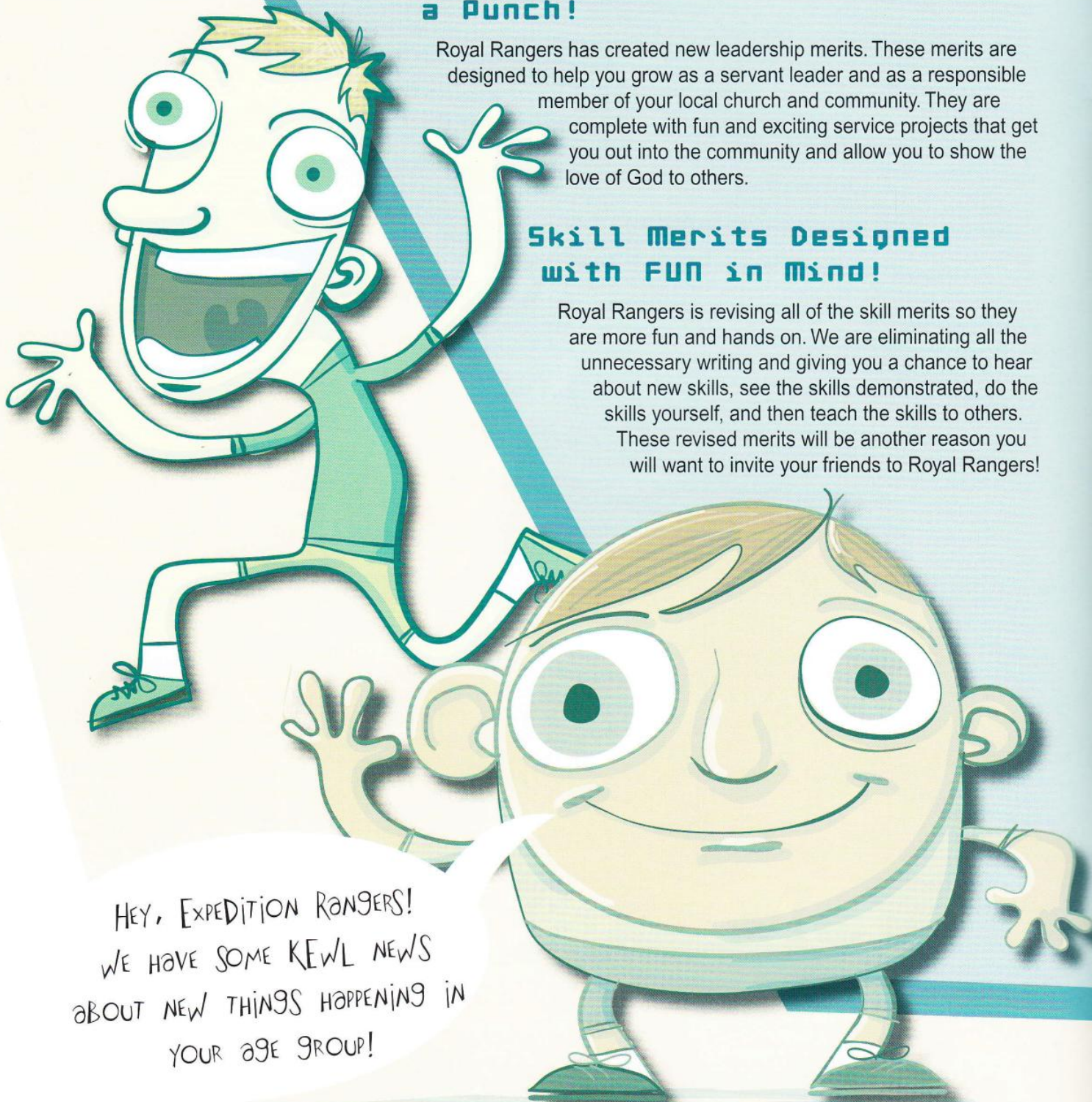
New Leadership Merits Pack a Punch!

Royal Rangers has created new leadership merits. These merits are designed to help you grow as a servant leader and as a responsible member of your local church and community. They are complete with fun and exciting service projects that get you out into the community and allow you to show the love of God to others.

Skill Merits Designed with FUN in Mind!

Royal Rangers is revising all of the skill merits so they are more fun and hands on. We are eliminating all the unnecessary writing and giving you a chance to hear about new skills, see the skills demonstrated, do the skills yourself, and then teach the skills to others.

These revised merits will be another reason you will want to invite your friends to Royal Rangers!



HEY, EXPEDITION RANGERS!
WE HAVE SOME KEWL NEWS
ABOUT NEW THINGS HAPPENING IN
YOUR AGE GROUP!

Programs Update

Cool New Utility Uniform Available!

There is a new uniform option available, called the utility uniform. The shirt is a tan, utility shirt that has vents in the back to keep you cool and sleeves that roll-up and button. The shirt is lightweight and tear resistant, perfect for any activity. With this shirt, you can wear the new RangerTac pants or blue jeans. RangerTac pants are rugged, navy blue cargo pants that have the Royal Rangers emblem embroidered on the back right hip pocket, a cell phone pocket, and other cool Rangers features.



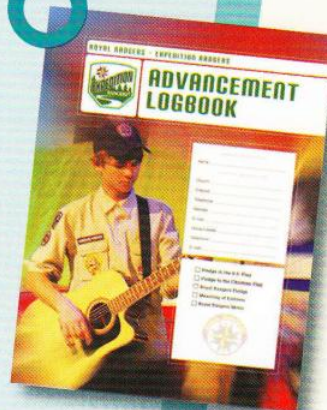
New Vest Color for All!

Have you heard the Expedition Rangers vest color is changing? If you already have a vest, it's cool to keep it. If you don't have a vest or are outgrowing the one you have, this is important news for you. Now, Adventure Expedition vests will be navy blue, which is the same color as the other Royal Rangers groups. It will still display your patches and medals; it will just be navy blue.



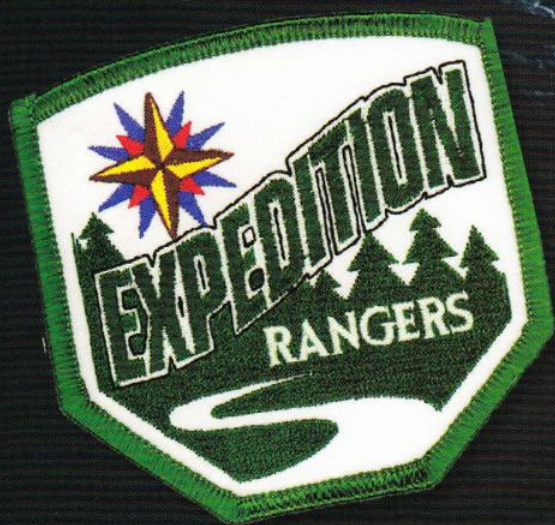
New Logbooks and Sticker Sheets Are Ready to Use!

In early 2010, Royal Rangers will have logbooks and sticker sheets for you to track and display your advancements. The folders are full-color, and the stickers look like your advancement patches and medals. They are easy to carry and are a great way to show off all you have earned.



For the latest updates on program changes and developments, visit royalrangers.ag.org/programs/faq.

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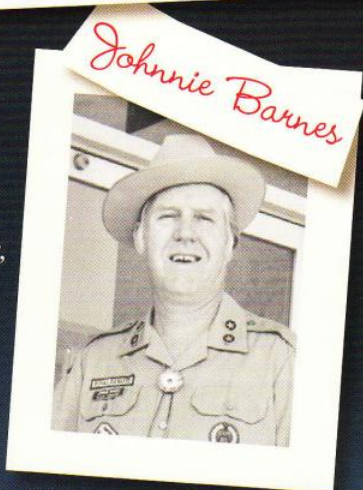


Living the Rangers Code in Daily Life & Ministry

By John Hicks
National Communications
Coordinator

In 1962, our first national commander, Johnnie Barnes, started the Royal Rangers ministry with the purpose of building boys and young men into world-changing disciples of Christ. Through the years, hundreds of thousands of boys have participated in the program and have learned the values and principles embodied in the Royal Rangers Code. Many of these young men have remained as adult leaders, influencing the next generation.

Although others do not have a direct role in the ministry, they continue to live their daily lives by the principles and standards



of the Rangers Code, influencing their world for Christ in a variety of ways. One such person is Hal Donaldson.

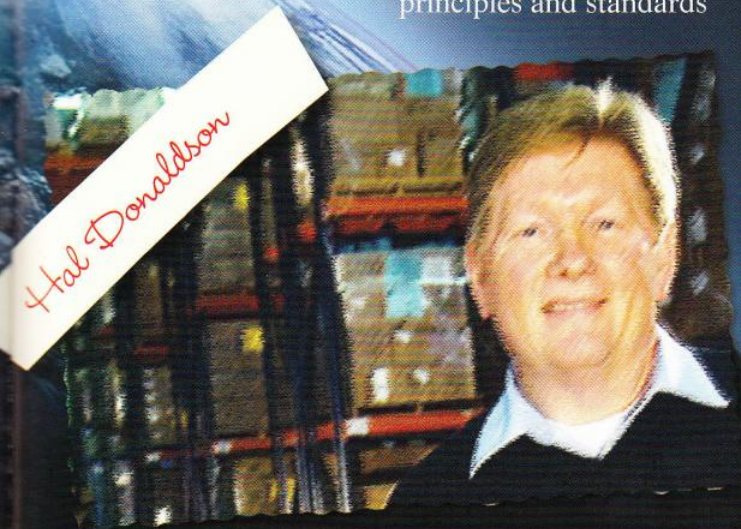
Hal first joined Royal Rangers in 1967 with his two younger brothers, Steve and David. Their father was the pastor of a small, rural church and was a firm believer in the value of Royal Rangers and the positive influence it had on boys.

Hal was only twelve years old when his father was killed in an auto accident, leaving his mother with the challenge of raising three young boys alone. Finding work was difficult, and financial hardships set in immediately. The family soon went on welfare just to make ends meet.

Hal remembers, "When you're twelve years old and you lose a parent, you really begin to ask God the hard questions: 'Why did this happen? Why me?' For a long time, my mother was grieving, and we didn't want to burden her with our questions. So we often turned to our Royal Rangers commanders for help and answers, and they were there for us."

Hal credits his Royal Rangers leaders for helping him maintain his faith in God through his father's death and the subsequent struggles the family endured. "I was the oldest boy in our family, and in a situation like ours, you have to grow up pretty quickly. I began looking for people to emulate, for role models, and I found a lot of that in my Rangers commanders. When you've lost your dad, the cupboards are empty, you can't afford a haircut, and your clothes are not up to par, it's very easy to feel inferior. But my Rangers

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RANGERS IN THE REAL WORLD

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commanders really took me and my two brothers under their wings and nurtured us. They gave me confidence," remembers Hal.

"It would have been easy to become bitter over what had happened, but fortunately we had a church family and a Rangers program that took care of us and really showed us the love of Christ in practical ways. Through it all, I learned God had a purpose in everything He did, and I resolved to keep my faith in Him no matter what."

In 1994, God placed it in Hal's heart to begin a ministry of providing groceries to families in need. One day, with a pickup truck and a load of groceries, Hal went into the most needy areas of his community and began passing out food. Over time, others joined in the effort, and fifteen years

later, Convoy of Hope serves millions all around the world each year.

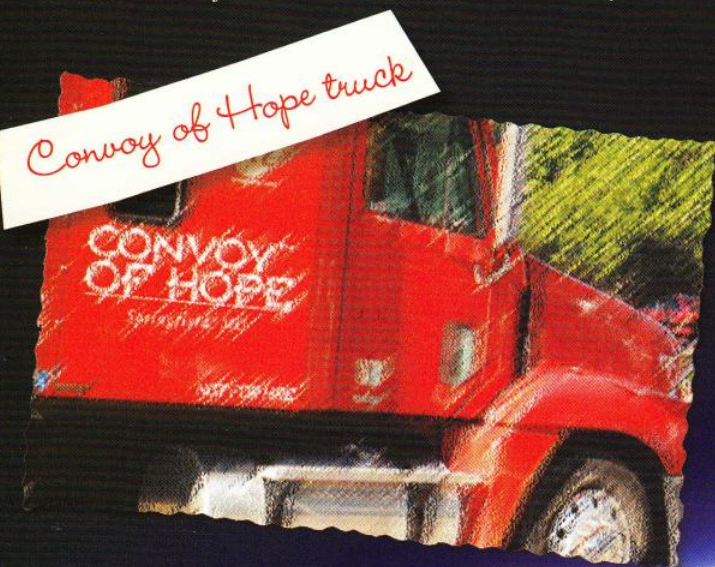
Today, Convoy of Hope provides food and humanitarian assistance to impoverished and needy people all around the world. Over the last ten years, this international effort, one of the largest relief organizations in the world, has mobilized over 200,000 volunteers to serve

30 million people, sharing with them the love of Christ in tangible ways.

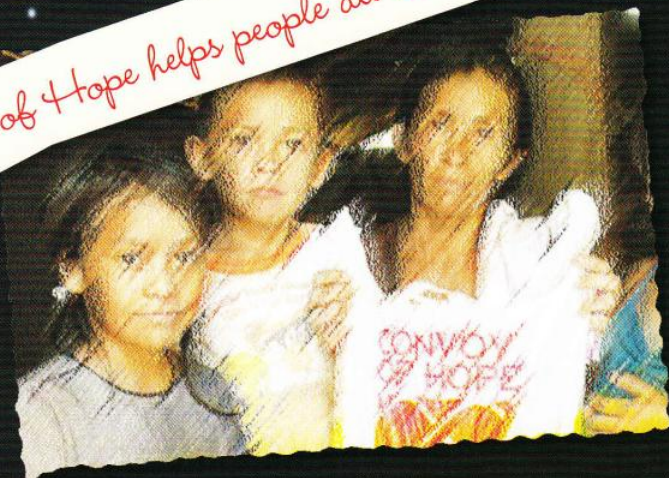
"What started out with just one pickup truck has now grown into a fleet of semi trucks, a 300,000 square foot warehouse in Springfield, MO, and additional warehouses on five continents. We partner with AGWM to send supplies to our missionaries and national churches all over the world. God continues to bless and multiply this outreach to the poor and suffering," Hal says.

"I credit Rangers a lot for what I am doing today. Rangers provided an extended family and a feeling that I wasn't alone. I could have easily gone the other direction, turned away from God in bitterness and frustration, but I didn't because I had role models. I had people in my life who told me I had value and that God could do great things in my life."

Hal Donaldson serves as a shining example of a man living by the Rangers Code. During some of the most difficult times of his life, Royal Rangers provided stability, compassion, and a



Convoy of Hope helps people all around the world.



foundation upon which Hal's faith could grow and prosper. God wants to use you, too, to impact your world. If you will commit yourself to living by the Rangers Code in your daily life, no matter what happens, God will use your faith to powerfully impact the lives of those around you.



For more information on Convoy of Hope, visit their web site at

convoyofhope.org

Learn more about the many ways Convoy is helping needy people around the world and find out how you and your group can be involved. You can also find a Convoy outreach near you where you can help in passing out supplies and groceries. What a great way to complete your Christian service hours and more!!!

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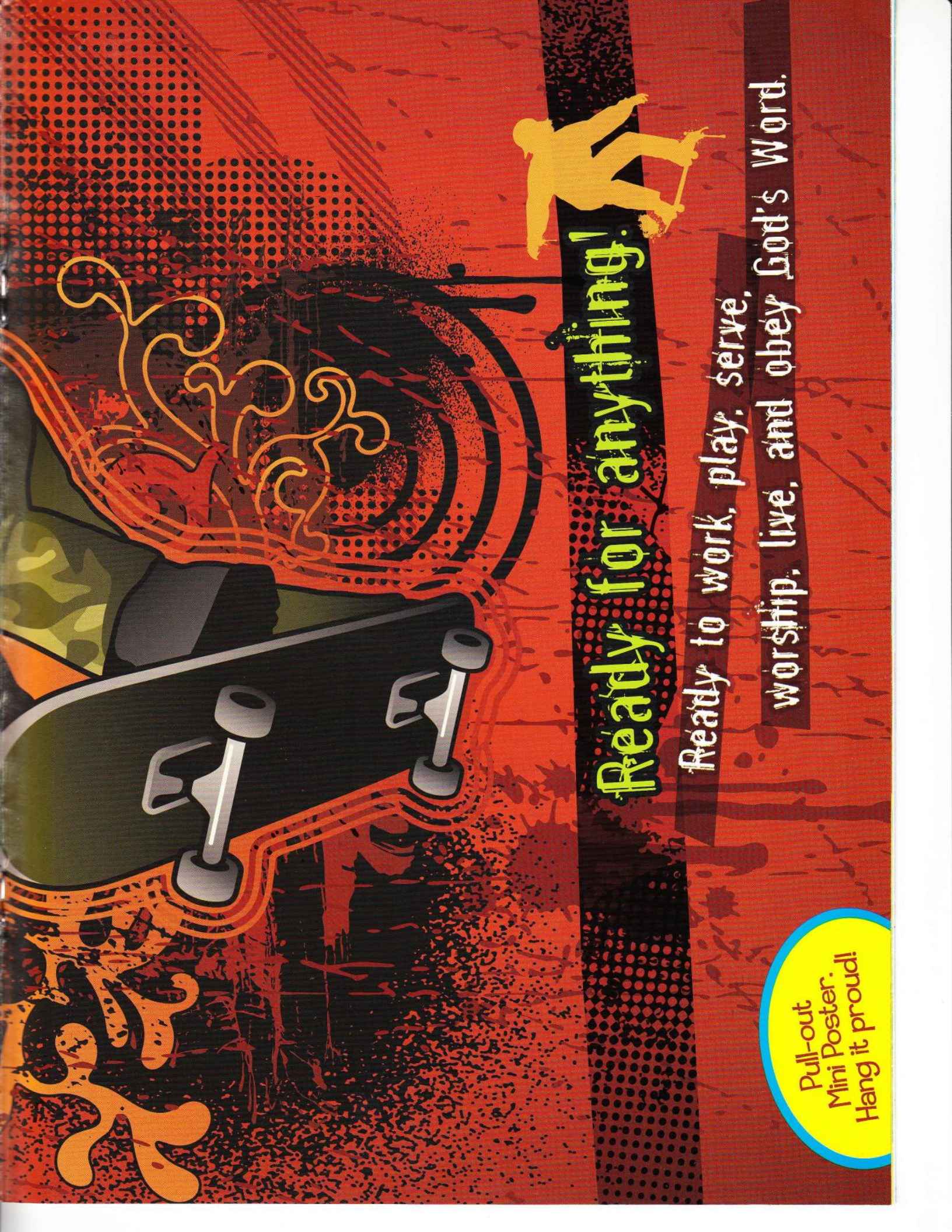
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You'll be famous! You'll have fans! You'll be rich! (Well, maybe not rich.) But it would be cool to see your video featured on the national Royal Rangers web site.

Send your links by e-mail to jhicks@ag.org or via the "Contact Us" page on our web site at:

royalrangers.ag.org/connect/contact

Videos will be posted online at royalrangers.ag.org/connect/features as they are received and approved. Go online and check them out!



Spielberg, Eat
your heart out!



Here's a few ground rules:

- No videos showing anything improper or bad taste (aka: Keep it clean!)
- No videos of people getting hurt. RR is all about safety, and we don't entertain ourselves at others' expense.
- Videos must have been created by you from your own photos or video clips. We want to see the cool things YOU are doing—not someone else.

HEY!
ARE YOU
READY?

Look below
and the coach's
assistant will
show you how!

Get Fit!

Do you have what it takes?
Try your hand at these
body-building exercises!

1

SQUATS

Start with your hands on your hips and your feet shoulder-width apart. Begin squatting down until the tops of your thighs are parallel to the floor. While squatting, swing your arms out in front and keep your head up.

2

PULL-UPS

Great for biceps, pull-ups can be adapted to whatever is at hand. A good strong tree limb could do nicely.

By Charlie Getty
Strength Training Coach, Evangel University

Physical fitness has long been a core part of the Royal Rangers program. In fact, one of the four ways Royal Rangers seeks to provide growth in boys is through physical growth. We place a high value on physical development due to our understanding of the impact of physical health on the development of well-balanced, healthy, and equipped young men.

Every Royal Ranger should seek to keep his physical body in as good a condition as possible in order to be better prepared to meet the challenges and adventures of the Ranger life.

In order to assist you in keeping your body in shape, Royal Rangers has enlisted the assistance of Charlie Getty, the strength training coach for Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri. Coach Getty has been involved in coaching football and other sports at Evangel for many years and is a firm believer in the value of personal fitness, not just for sports but for everyday life.

Coach Getty recommends the workout below for older boys in Royal Rangers who are willing to put some serious effort into the pursuit of personal fitness.

This suggested workout is not a beginner's workout. In fact, it could be hard even

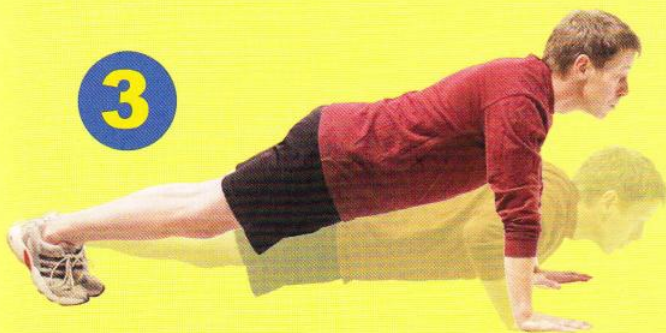
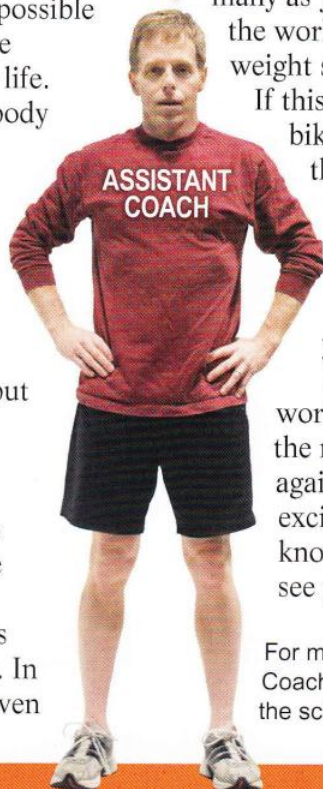
for experienced athletes. However, the beauty of it is that it can be modified for use by athletes of any age and condition. The basic plan would be to warm up by jogging and stretching first.

Once warmed up, the workout starts with running a two-minute lap around a standard 400-meter track. At the end of the lap, perform fifty body weight squats and run another lap, trying to achieve the same time as the first lap. At the end of the second lap, complete fifty pull-ups. Run a third lap and perform fifty push-ups. Once you've done as many as you can do, rest for thirty seconds. Finish the workout with a fourth lap and fifty body weight squats.

If this routine is too difficult to begin with, try biking the laps instead of running them. If the body weight exercises are too difficult, reduce the number of body weight squats, pull-ups, and push-ups to an acceptable amount for your fitness level and increase the number as you improve your fitness and strength.

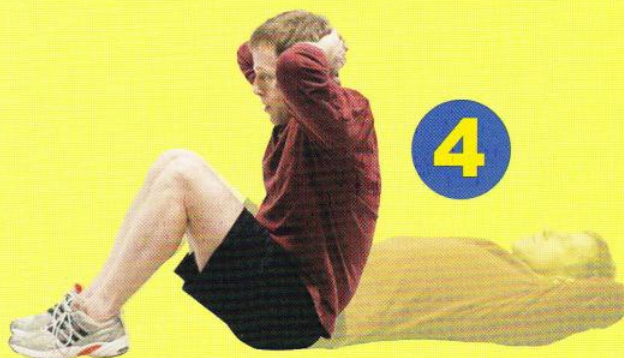
It is always best to start slow. The best workout is not the one that has you so sore the next day that you never want to exercise again but the one that leaves you feeling excited about doing it again because you know you can do better! For His glory, see you on the field!

For more information on fitness training, Coach Getty, or Evangel University, visit the school's web site at evangel.edu.



PUSH-UPS

When doing pushups, hands should be flat on the ground directly under the armpits and back should be flat. When coming down, your chest should touch the ground lightly.



SIT-UPS

Lie flat with your knees bent. Place your hands behind your head and slowly bend at the waist to a sitting position. Have someone hold your ankles or tuck your feet under a sofa to keep them firmly on the ground.

A Great New Adventure

As a Ranger, you are accustomed to challenges and adventures that push you to your limits.

by Kent Hulbert

National Campus Missionary Coordinator

There is a growing movement of students, just like you, who are signing up to share Christ in a place where many never thought possible—their schools. In just the past couple of years, over 20,000 students from across the country have accepted a new challenge to reach their friends and schools for Christ. This increasing movement is called Campus Missions. Campus Missionaries are students in middle school, junior high, and high school who view themselves as more than just students who attend their schools but as missionaries to their very own school campuses.

So what does a Campus Missionary do? They focus on five key habits, or commitments, in order to become a stronger follower, or disciple, of Christ. By living these key habits, you can live a life that intentionally reaches your world for Christ. These five habits will help you live out your faith in a great new adventure not only through the next several years but also through the rest of your life.

Are you ready for a change?



A Campus Missionary commits to:

Pray

Talk to God conversationally. Pray daily for friends, teachers, school administrators, and others who need Jesus.

Live

Live a real, consistent Christian faith by reading, studying, and memorizing God's Word and by spending time in personal worship.

Tell

Tell your friends about Jesus.

Serve

Start or join a campus club and look for ways to serve your school.

Give

Consistently be generous with your time, money, and abilities to support your church and its missions and outreach projects.

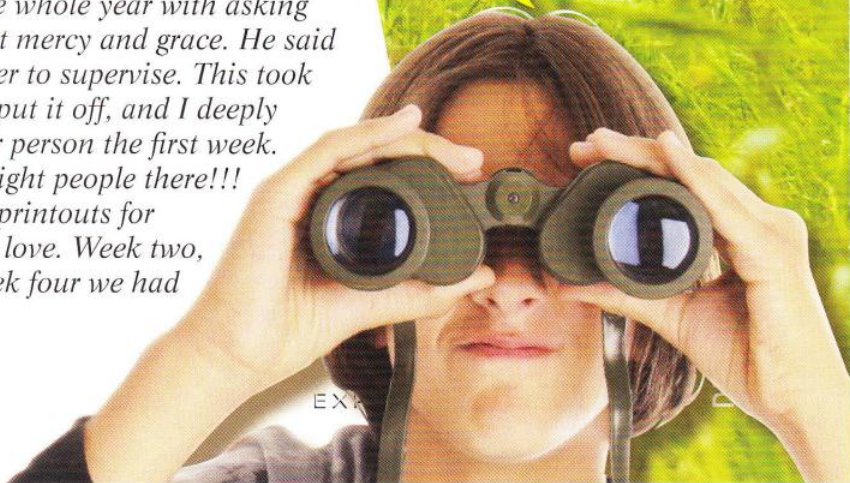
“ I just had to tell you this because it was so cool but I don't know if you remember but I was able to lead a girl to the Lord during study hall. After that she began coming to youth group and bringing her sisters. Well this time she brought her whole family and there are 10 kids in all! They came to youth group with their mom and she accepted the Lord along with 5 of her daughters!! God is so amazing and he is doing some great things! **”** - Hannah

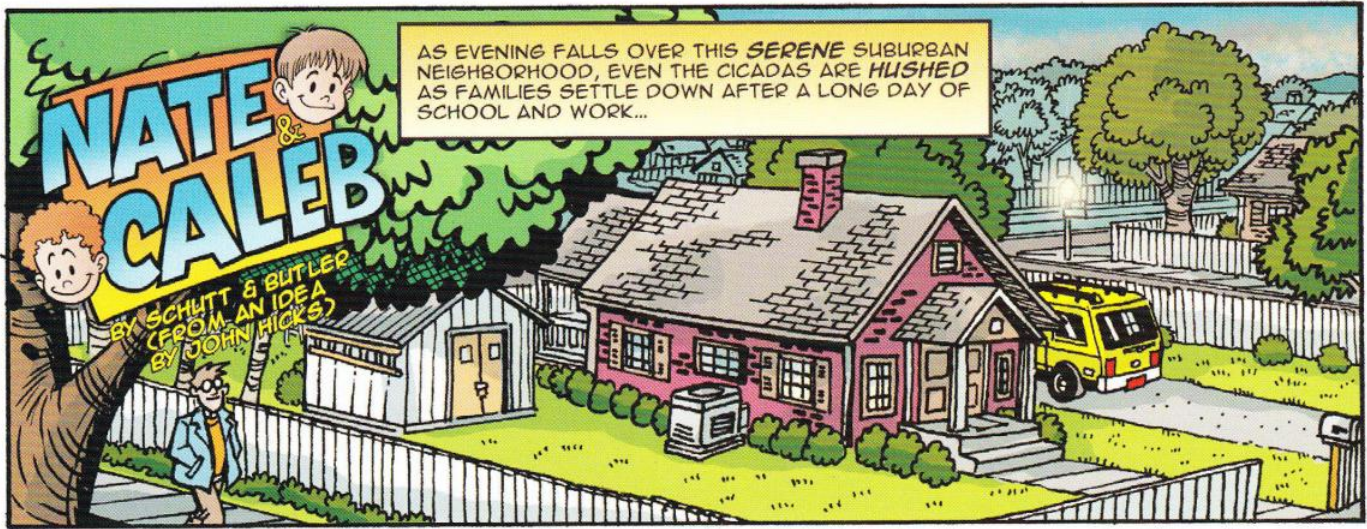
Join this growing movement!

Here is What's Happening Thru Other Students

“ I felt called to lead a bible study/small group in my school at bible camp this past summer and when school started I was totally ready to...but I was too wimpy and too scared to ask any of the teachers or my principle or superintendent. I struggled the whole year with asking someone but finally I did-with the Lord's great mercy and grace. He said yes, but I still had to find a room and a teacher to supervise. This took another couple months because once again I put it off, and I deeply regret it. I only was expecting about one other person the first week. But the Lord had different plans; there were eight people there!!! Surprise!! It was awesome though, I brought printouts for everyone and we/mostly I talked about God's love. Week two, 18 people came. Week three, around 30...Week four we had

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AS EVENING FALLS OVER THIS SERENE SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD, EVEN THE CICADAS ARE HUSHED AS FAMILIES SETTLE DOWN AFTER A LONG DAY OF SCHOOL AND WORK...

NATE & CALEB

BY SCHUTT & BUTLER
(FROM AN IDEA
BY JOHN HICKS)

IN THE HOME OF NATE AND CALEB, THINGS ARE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CALM. ONE MIGHT GO AS FAR AS TO DESCRIBE THE WHOLE SCENE AS-- DARE WE SAY IT?

PEACEFUL.

CAALEEB!

WELL, IT WAS NICE WHILE IT LASTED...

WHAT. DID. YOU. DO. TO. MY. CAR?



I-I THOUGHT I'D HELP YOU BUILD YOUR CAR FOR THIS WEEK'S PINWOOD DERBY RACE, NATE. I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED SOME HELP.

O-DON'T YOU LIKE IT?

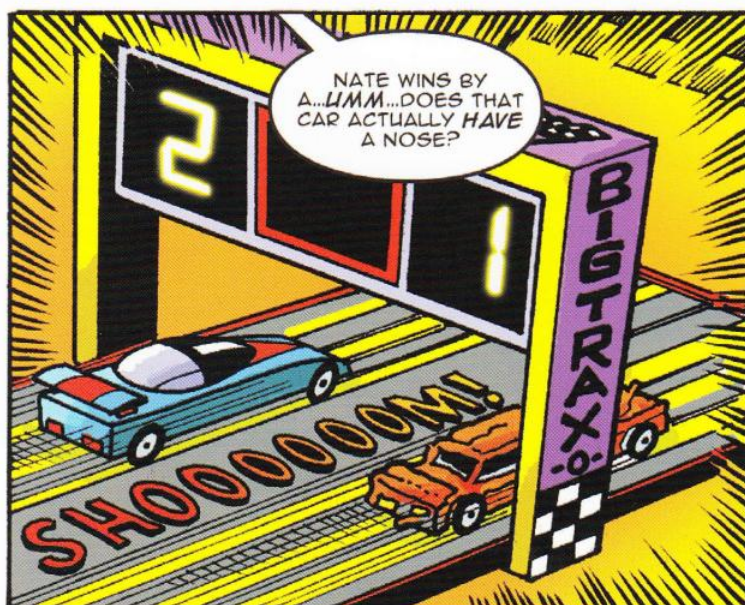
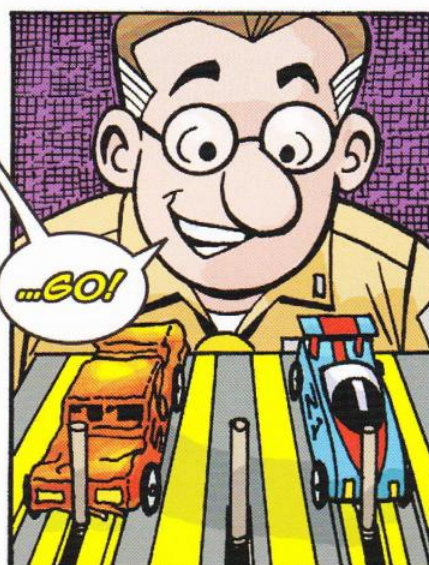
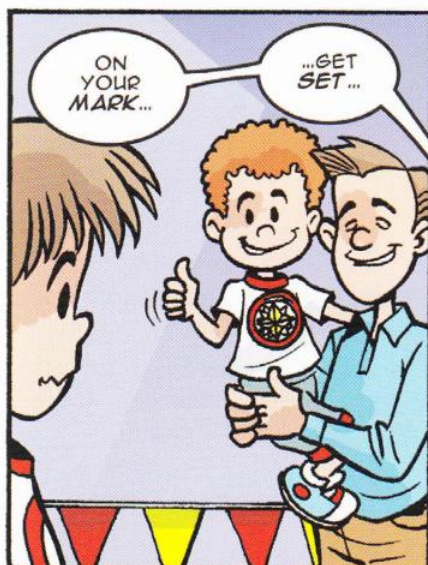
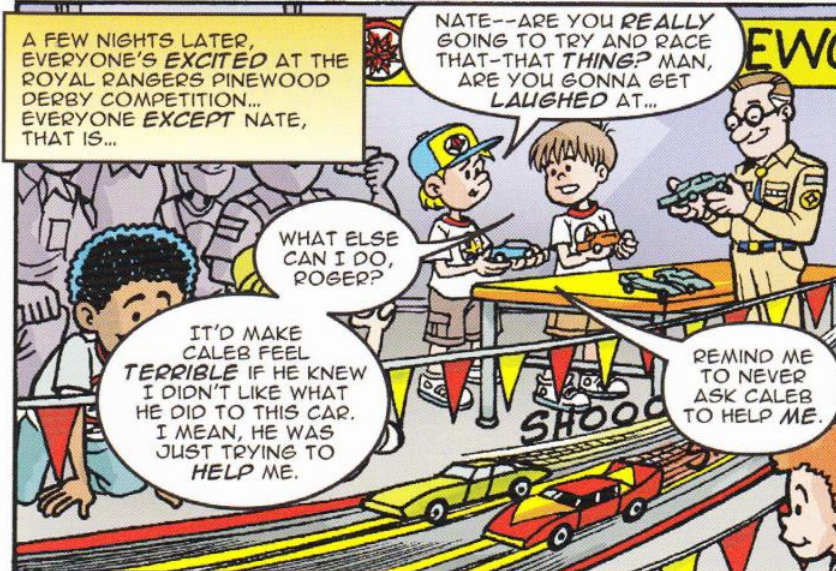
SCRITCH SCRITCH

UHM...WELL, CALEB...IT-IT'S LIKE THIS...

YEAH?

IT-IT LOOKS GREAT.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, BUDDY.



"BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU." -- EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)

WHAT MAKES A SUPER CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE GMA?



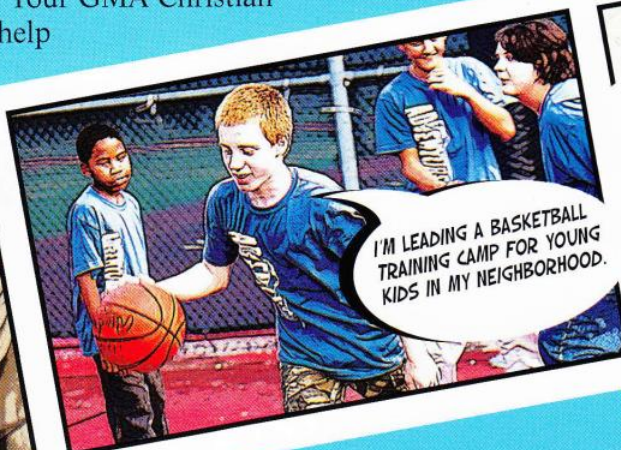
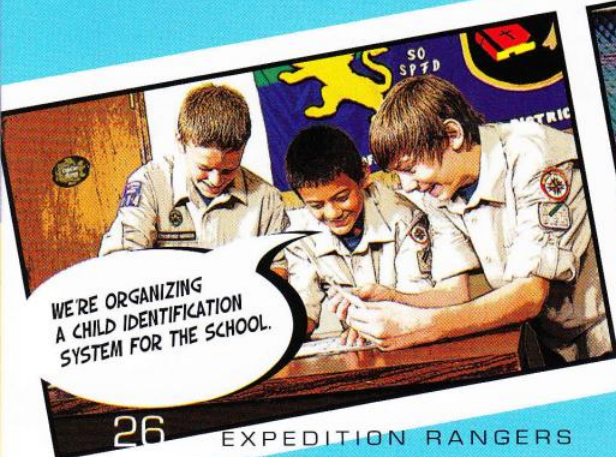
As printed in the Adventure
Rangers Handbook

Revisions by Jim Allen

A Christian Service Project is required to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement. Often there is some confusion between a GMA Christian Service Project and the Christian Service activities required for the Bronze and Silver medals. In other words, what is the difference between a project and an activity? The activities do NOT require you to lead the project only participate. The project is designed to enhance your leadership skills. **The GMA project's success is entirely dependent on your leadership!** It calls for you to show initiative, determination, and follow-through. Your GMA Christian Service Project can help other Royal

Rangers in your outpost complete their Christian Service activity hours.

What makes a good Christian Service Project? It must benefit someone. It could benefit your church, school, or community. A great way to demonstrate to others what Royal Rangers is would be to find a project that benefits an organization or individual outside of the local church. You should research to determine need, resources required, and resources available. Pictures will be taken before and after the project to accom-



WHAT'S YOUR SECRET SUPER POWER?

pany your application. In addition, you will maintain a log of the hours you spend on the project and the names of the individuals who help you.

You may want to meet with your leaders and those benefitting from the project to verify the accuracy of your records. In order to qualify as a GMA project, you must supervise at least TWO other people, not including yourself.

There are no time or size requirements recommended for the project. However, it must provide an opportunity to demonstrate and further develop your leadership skills. Your commander, pastor, teacher, or other community leader may assist in determining an appropriate project. **You may begin work on this project as soon as you have earned your Silver Medal of Achievement.**

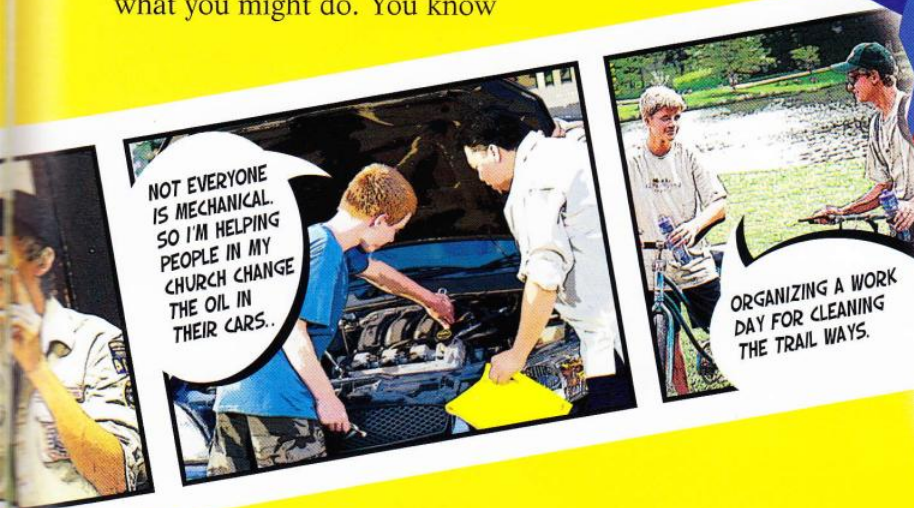
Your project does not have to be original. It could be something that someone else has done. It does, however, have to be initiated and planned by you. Listed below are some examples to help you begin thinking about what you might do. You know

your church and community well enough to understand their needs.

It's up to you to go out, find a need, and meet it!

- Plan, organize, and implement an after school tutoring or activity program.
- Build or repair playground equipment at a local park or school.
- Consult with the pastor or church board to help design or paint the appropriate parking spaces for people with disabilities.

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USE YOUR SUPER ABILITY FOR GOOD!

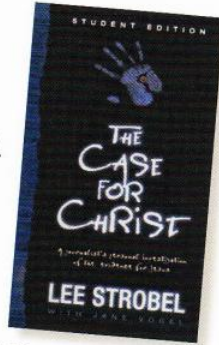
Renew Your Mind!

Case for Christ - Student Edition

by Lee Strobel

Who Was Jesus? A good man? A lunatic? God? What about miracles and people rising from the dead? A reasonable person would never believe them, let alone the claim that Jesus is the only way to God!

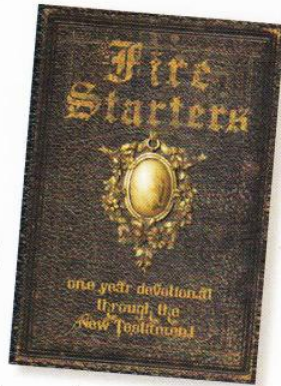
Join Lee Strobel—an award-winning legal journalist—as he retraces his journey from skepticism to faith. You'll be amazed at how much evidence there is!



Daily Bible Reading Plan

Regular daily Bible reading and reflection is a core part of any growing Christian's daily routine. Just as your physical body requires the regular input of food to sustain life and growth, in the same way your spiritual body has to receive regular spiritual food. Youth service, Sunday School, and other times at church are great ways to promote your spiritual growth, but these activities can never take the place of personal devotion times. For more information on the *Fire Bible Student Edition* visit <http://youth.ag.org/fbse/>.

The *Fire Bible Student Edition* is a great resource to help guys like you in your growth to Christlike manhood. This special study Bible contains a lot of great content, including a daily Bible reading plan. If you follow this plan, you'll read through the entire Old Testament in one year, and the whole New Testament the next year. Give it a try! Get into the Word regularly and see if God doesn't start something in you that you never expected.



WHAT MAKES GREAT A CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE GMA?

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Here are some other unique ideas that you may not have thought of:

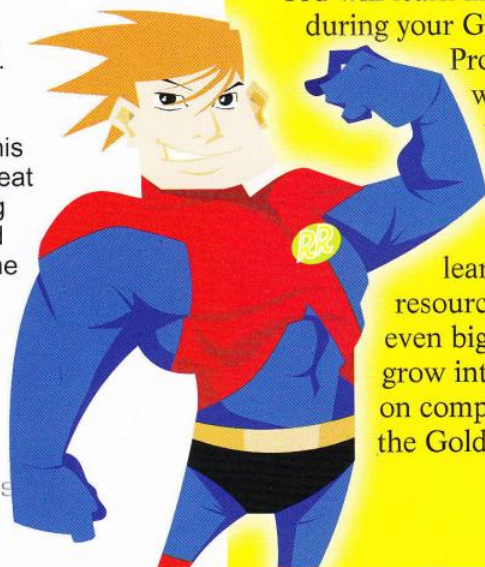
- Collect used backpacks at the end of a school year. Spend the summer raising funds and getting donations to fill the backpacks with personal hygiene items (e.g., shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), sweatshirts, socks, etc. Provide them to a homeless shelter just before Thanksgiving.
- Organize and administer a Child Identification System for a local safety fair. Take digital photos, fingerprints, and a hair sample for DNA identification to aid the parents, police, and the media to quickly identify and locate missing or kidnapped children.
- Build bookcases then hold a book drive to fill the shelves for a recreation room at a rehabilitation center.
- Construct mobile, wooden planters for use by children confined to wheelchairs at the local hospital.

As you can see, the list is only limited by your imagination! Keep in mind, the project may not be a fund-raiser or business venture. Fund-raising is limited to obtaining materials and supplies for the project.

You will learn many things during your GMA Service

Project that will stay with you for many years. You have

learned the skills and resourcefulness necessary to take on even bigger projects as you mature and grow into a godly man. Congratulations on completing a very important part of the Gold Medal of Achievement!





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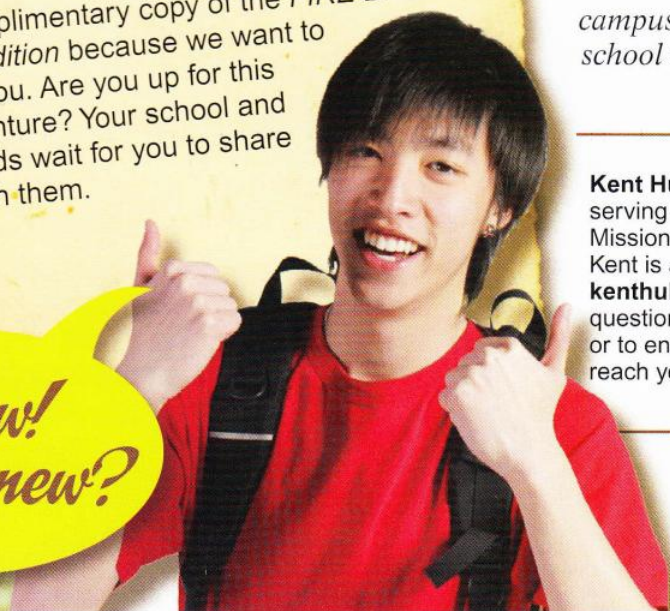
around 40. I was also bringing cookies for everyone now. (My mom baked of course, Thanks Mom. I love you!) This week though May 3rd we had it at lunch again in the band room (we are no longer in the practice room and 54 people were there!!! My final point will be this, even though I waited for almost 7 months. When I finally decided to step out in faith and have the bible study the Lord was faithful and has blessed me and my school and is continuing to do so!! I am so excited for everything that will happen in the future and praise and thank God for everything that happened in the past. ” - John, North Dakota

What about you?

You have just read some of the MANY incredible stories of students just like you. These stories tell of young people who stepped out and trusted God to use them to reach their friends, schools, and families for Christ. What about you? God looks more at our availability to Him than our abilities. You can join this growing movement at www.yausa.com and find other resources and ideas to assist you in growing stronger in the five habits of a Campus Missionary—**Pray, Live, Tell, Serve, and Give.**

When you become a Campus Missionary, you will receive five free copies of the Book of Hope and a complimentary copy of the FIRE BIBLE Student Edition because we want to invest in you. Are you up for this new adventure? Your school and your friends wait for you to share Christ with them.

Wow!
Who knew?



“ I have a really sad but good story to tell you and hope you pass it on. I recently rededicated my life to Christ! I was a preachers kid growing up and have strayed away from God over the years. I met a guy named John “Bubba” Hyden about 4 years ago at work. We hung out with him and his family for the past couple years and did some not so great things during that time. My family and I moved away for about a year. We moved back at the end of October and got my old job back. Well as a Christian, I think I was drawn back to here for no other reason than to show my fellow co-workers how much God can change lives! I had been talking to Bubba about coming to church and eventually got him and his family to come about 2 months ago! We had a revival in January. On Tuesday night Bubba said the sinners prayer with our pastor!!!! So from that day on he has non-stop been talking about God and how is good He is. Well sadly we lost bubba one week later from a heart attack. So I ask for your prayers for his family during this difficult time. But I think it is awesome how God worked things out in the last week of Bubba’s life and that he was saved when he passed away! God is soooo cool and works things out so neat sometimes. I am starting a campus missions class for our high school students. ” - Austin, Illinois

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PUZZLe! MaNia!

Hey Guys! Test your brain skills with these fun puzzles. Find the answers in the magnifying glasses.

Party Time



Draw four straight lines through all nine birthday objects below without lifting your pencil. (Lines can cross over each other.)

Symbol Su-Do-Ku

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	!	
#		

2

!	*	
@		#

3

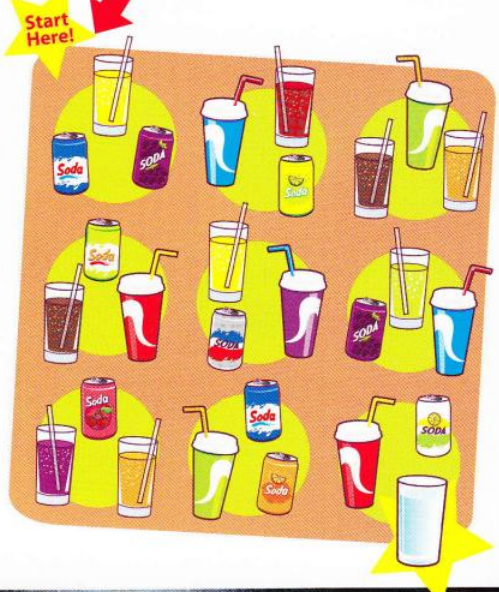
		*
!		
		*
	@	

To complete the brain busters below, every row, column, and mini-grid must contain the symbols !, @, *, and #. Don't guess—use your logic skills!

SodaPop Circuit



Water is the best thing for you! In this weird soda maze, start by choosing a soda from the group of three at the top left. Now find the exact soda somewhere in another group and jump there. Then select another soda in that new group and look for an identical soda somewhere else. Keep going until you reach the group with the refreshing glass of water at the bottom right. Watch out for dead ends.



SPEED THE LIGHT



What is STL?

Speed the Light is a youth missions endeavor of the Assemblies of God. Students give money in order to provide our missionaries with the "essential transportation and creative communication" equipment they need to reach the lost.

Why STL?

The concept is simple: we give so that others can speed the light of the gospel to a world in darkness. And Royal Rangers is partnering with STL to provide missionary Don Triplett in Nicaragua with the boat he needs to reach remote villages with the gospel.

How do I STL?

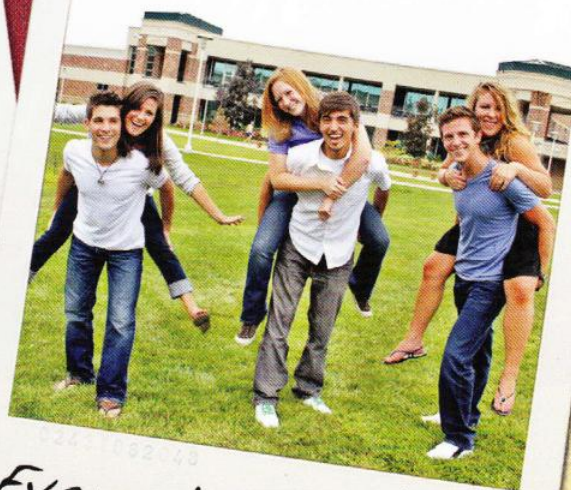
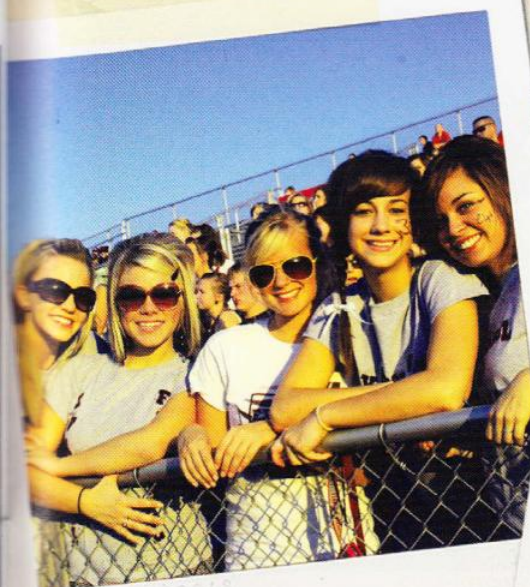
Talk with your group leader about taking up a STL offering! You can mail it to the national Speed the Light office (just write STL/RR offering in the memo line). Visit www.speedthelight.com for more information on how you can give.

Are you ready...ready to give, ready to go?

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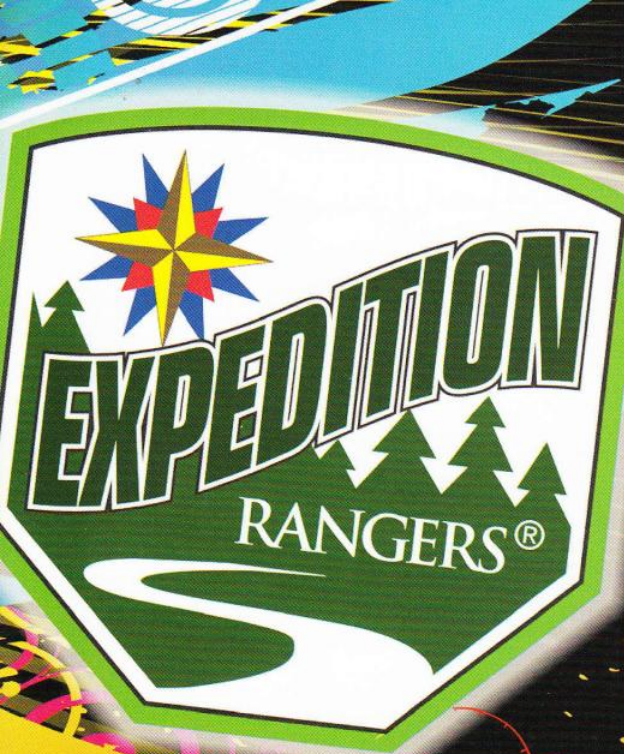
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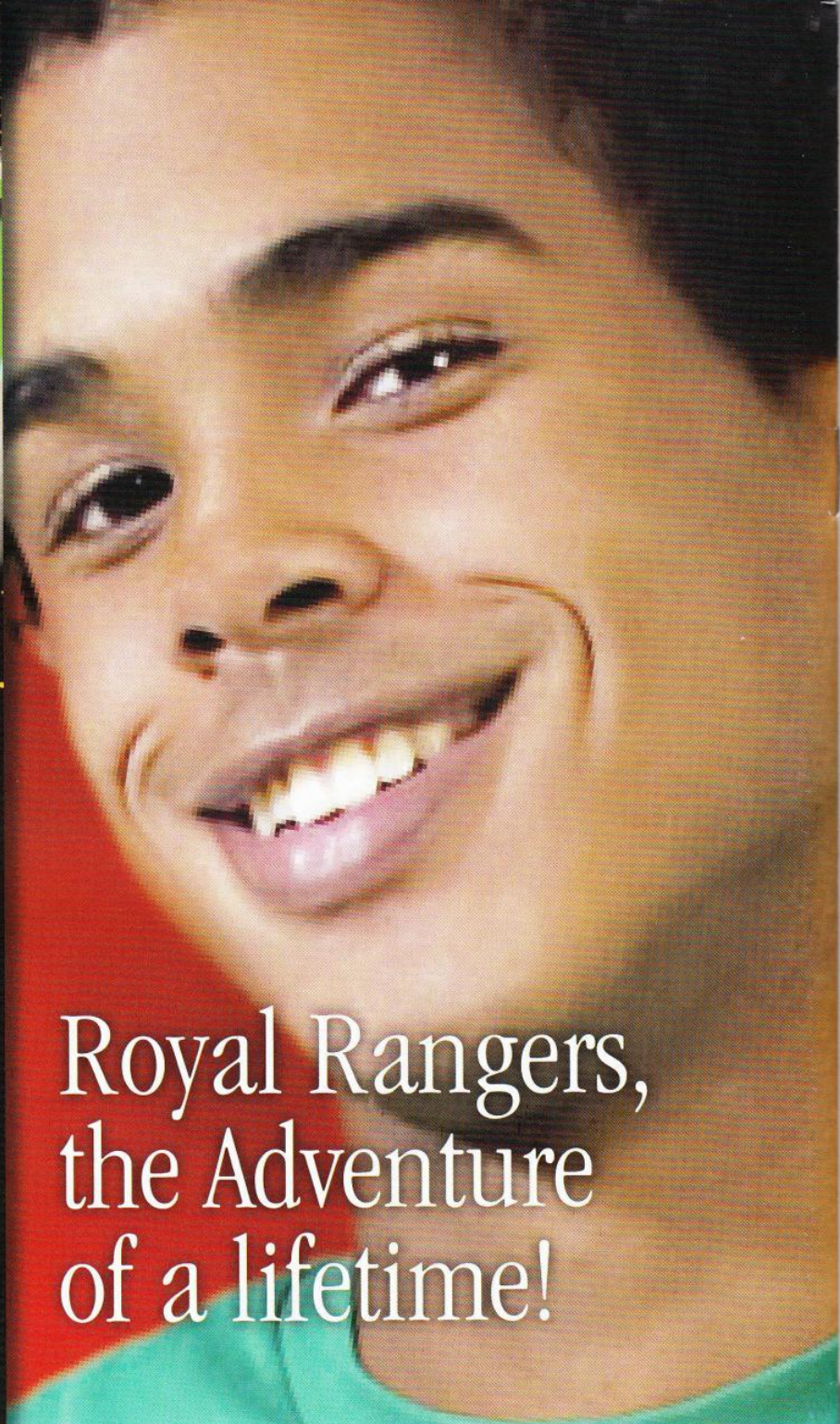
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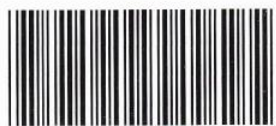


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