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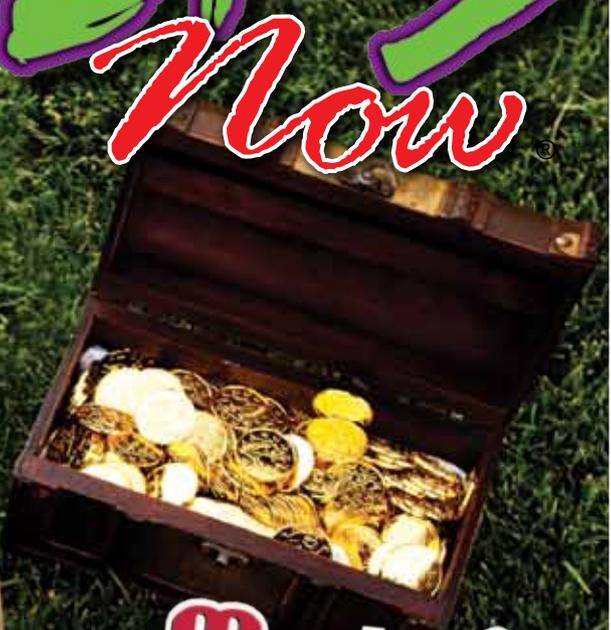
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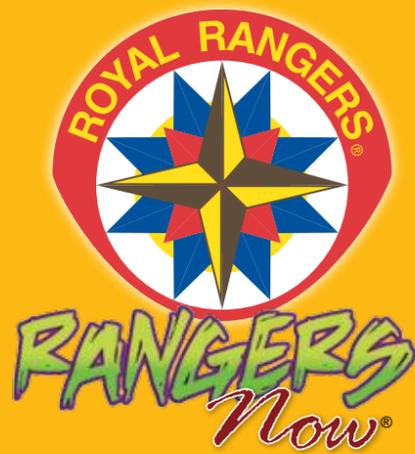


**Master's
Toolbox**
and You



Living by the
CODE

Pull out
mini-poster for you to
display in your room!



Welcome to the World of Rangers!

Hello guys! JB Beaver here! This is the next edition or your Rangers NOW magazine, a magazine made special just for YOU!

Look though these pages and find fun things to do like puzzles and crafts and great things to know like ideas on how YOU can live by the Royal Rangers Code. There's even a poster in the center you can pull out and put on your wall to remind you every day that at all times a RANGER LIVES BY THE CODE!

We've got some fun times ahead, so let's get started!



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ACT like a man!

Insert
Muscles
Here

Royal Rangers—it's about becoming the best version of you that you can be. You were born a male, so God wants you to be the best man you can become. But there is more to becoming a man than hair, muscle, and a deep voice.

God wants you to **ACT** like a man.

Here's how God builds you to **ACT** like a man. He starts with **ADVENTURE**. Like to hike, hunt, or fish? Play ball or watch sports? Listen to or play your music? Take photos, edit videos, or produce podcasts? Build or fix things? Help people, say by mowing a neighbor's yard who is sick or in need? These are fun things us guys like to do. We dream of adventure—going places, testing our limits, and having fun! Do you realize God made you to enjoy adventure? He did! The Bible says God rides on the thunder, naps in the clouds, and plays in the rain. God has fun, and so can you.

Next, God adds **CHARACTER** as He builds a man. Character is strength that comes in the form of muscles, brainpower, creative talents and abilities, emotional stability, moral and spiritual strength, and more. Is the character strength God gives you to show off or to take advantage of people? Of course not! It is to help the weak and to protect those we care about.

Finally, God builds into men love for a special **TASK**. This gives us direction and purpose. Adventure and strength focused on a special cause makes us real men!

Men who love adventure only for the sake of fun and who use their strength just to show off are guys who wreck themselves. Take, for instance, Sampson the Old Testament judge, who before asking God to forgive him landed himself in a work prison, weak and with his eyes gouged out. God had given him a love for **ADVENTURE** and challenge plus great physical and moral **CHARACTER** for the **TASK** of delivering his nation from the grip of their oppressors. But instead, he played games with God, loving his adventure and using his strength for selfish gain rather than to accomplish his special task of serving people.

Your pastors and Royal Rangers commanders are excellent examples of the kind of men you can copy. They love adventure, they are morally and spiritually strong, and they are focused on serving their family, the church, and YOU! They focus their **ADVENTURE** and **CHARACTER** strength on a special **TASK**—being God's allies to tell the whole world about His love.

Do you know how to **ACT** like a man? Let God build your life. If you do, it will be full of adventure, strong character, and a special task. That is what being a Royal Ranger is all about—becoming the best version of you, the best man you can be!

“READY” for ACT,
Doug Marsh
National Director



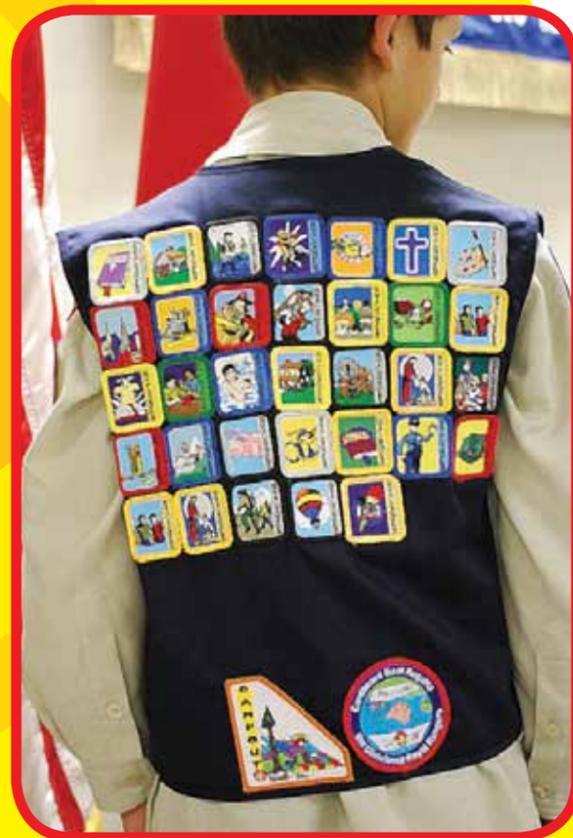
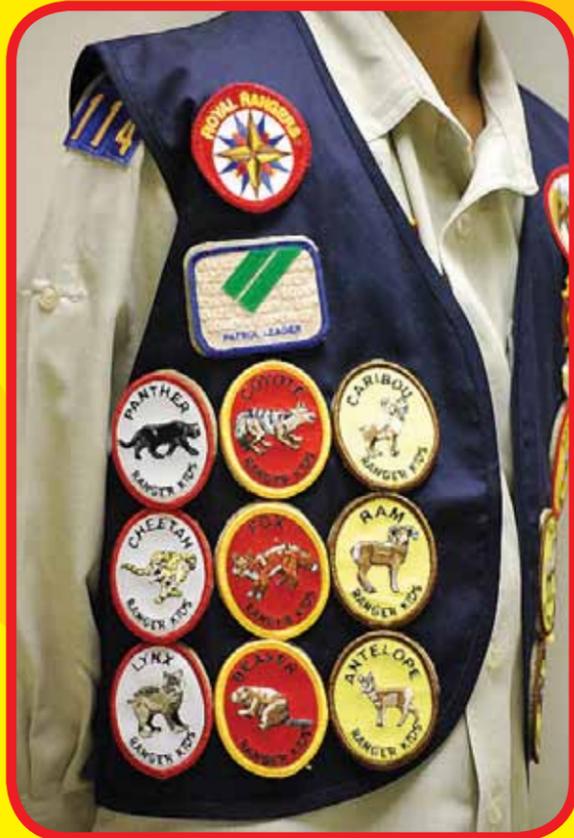
Royal Rangers Program Update

By John Hicks,
National Programs Coordinator

Have you noticed the new look? The Ranger Kids vest is now dark blue, and the Ranger Kids advancement patches have changed from a CIRCLE to an OVAL. Because the patches are bigger, their layout on the awards vest has also changed.

The color of the vest, the size and shape of the patches, and the layout of the patches on the awards vest all now follow the same format as used in the other age groups in Royal Rangers.

More information on changes in Royal Rangers can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site at royalrangers.com. Check it out!



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

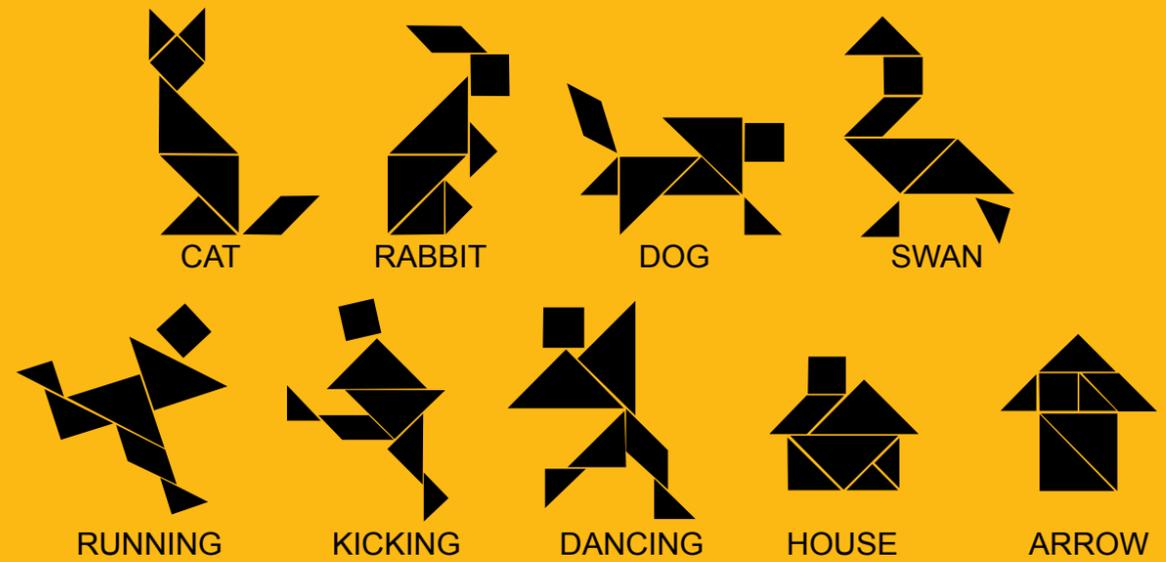
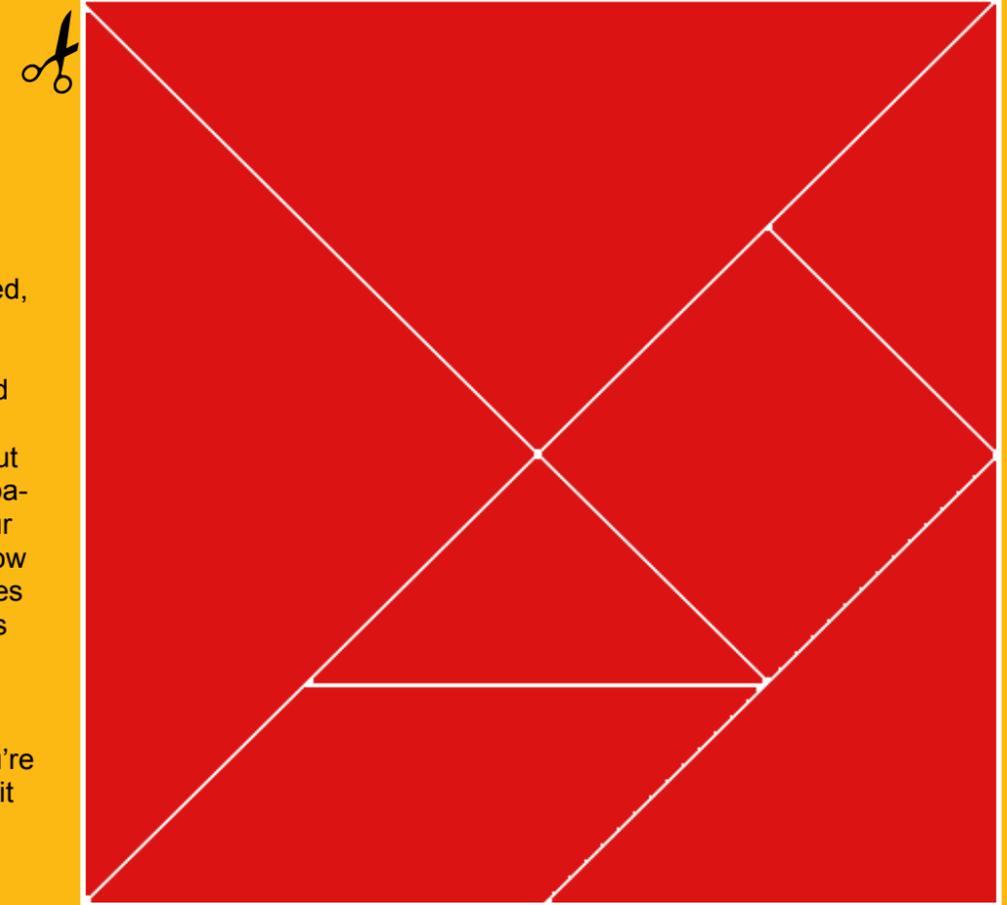
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Tangram Fun



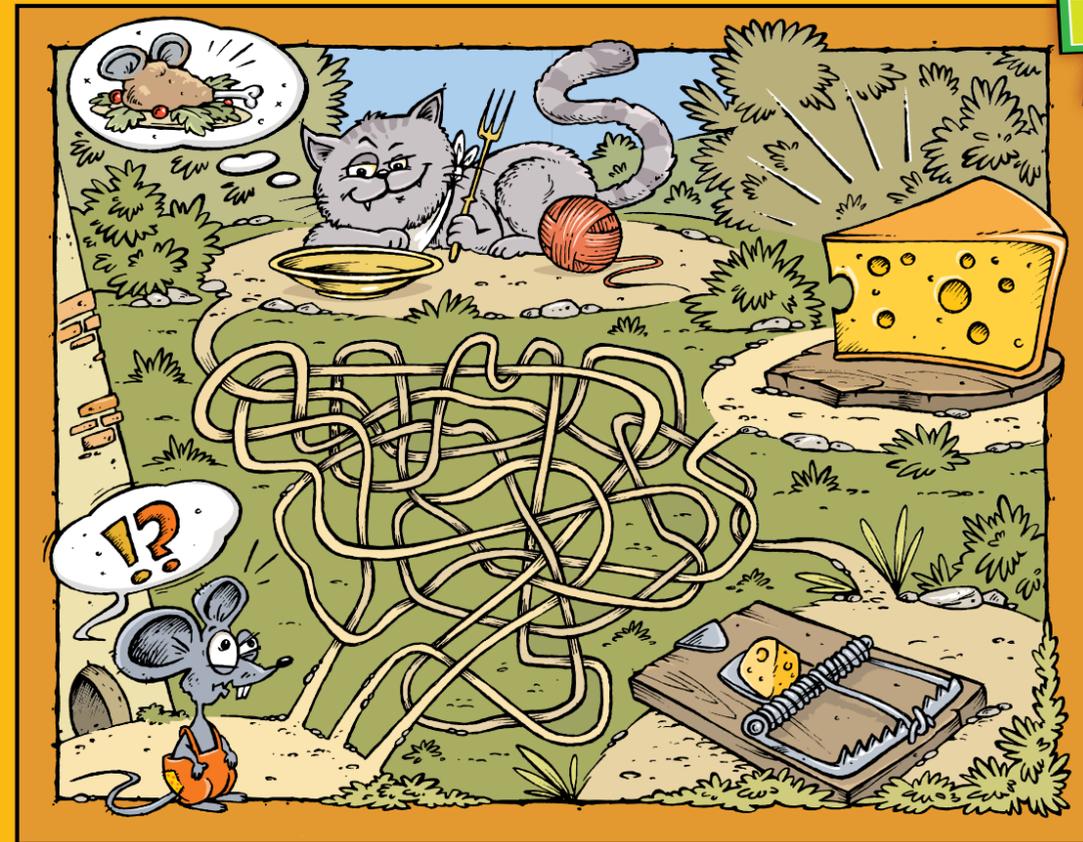
Tangrams are a lot of fun for your brain. They start out as a large square that is cut into seven different shapes. These shapes can be turned, moved, and positioned to create all sorts of things from animals, to things, and to people. Carefully cut out the tangram below. Then cut along the white lines to separate all the pieces. Use your brain power to figure out how to use all the tangram pieces to build each of the pictures below.

Try your hand at creating your own shapes. After you're done, see if you can make it into a square again.



TREASURE ISLAND

You and a friend are on a deserted island that contains buried treasure. Who can get there first and claim the treasure chest of gold? To play, roll up two different colored pieces of paper for your playing pieces. Place them on START to begin. Take turns flipping a coin to see how many spaces you move. If you flip HEADS—move two spaces; if you flip TAILS—move one space. The winner is the first person to land on the treasure chest.

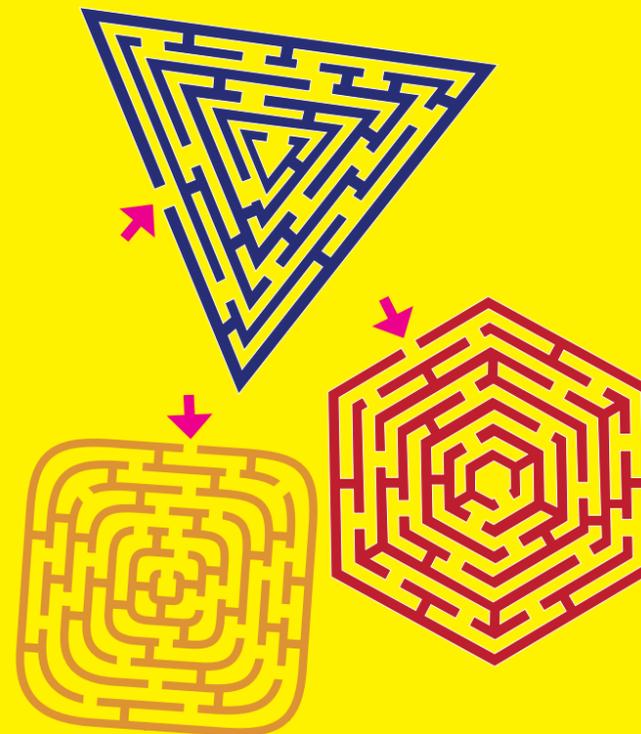


That's Cheezy!

The poor rat is hungry. Help him find the right path to safely get to the big hunk of cheese. Avoid the mouse trap and sly cat!

A-MAZE-ING!

Work your way to the center of each of these fun mazes.



What's The Difference?

Look closely. Are these pictures exactly the same? Try and find the 10 differences.



Living by the CODE

By John Hicks,
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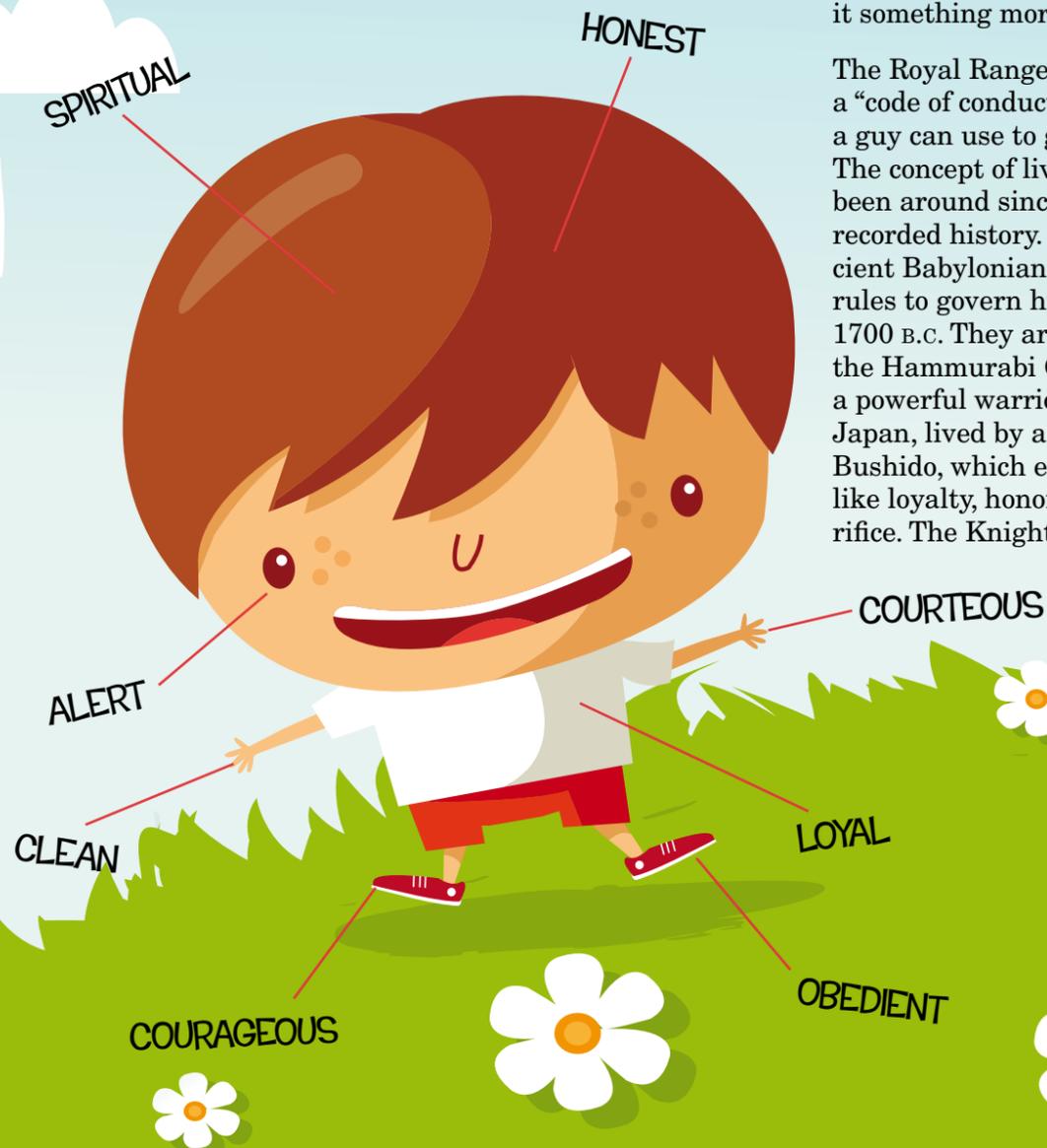
What is the Royal Rangers Code? Why do we have it, and what is it for? Have you ever asked yourself these questions? The Code has been around since Rangers began in 1962 and is represented in the RR emblem as the eight blue points. But what does it actually mean to a Royal Ranger? Is it just a set of words we memorize as a requirement for advancement, or is it something more?

The Royal Rangers Code is basically a “code of conduct,” a set of principles a guy can use to guide his daily life. The concept of living by a code has been around since the beginning of recorded history. Hammurabi, an ancient Babylonian king, wrote a list of rules to govern his kingdom around 1700 B.C. They are known today as the Hammurabi Code. The Samurai, a powerful warrior class in ancient Japan, lived by a code known as Bushido, which emphasized virtues like loyalty, honor, duty, and self-sacrifice. The Knights Templar, an order

of knights founded during the Crusades of the Middle Ages, pledged themselves to live by a code of chivalry to “protect the weak, defenseless, helpless, and fight for the general welfare of all.”

God inspired prophets, priests, kings, tax collectors, and Pharisees to write the Scripture we now refer to as the Old and New Testaments, which represent the Holy Bible, the basis for our Christian faith and the foundation of the code of conduct we refer to as our Royal Rangers Code.

The Rangers Code is more than just a set of words. It is a guide, a standard, by which every young man can measure himself and test his commitment, not just as a Royal Ranger but as a growing disciple of Christ. With the Code, a Ranger may ask himself, “Am I ALERT, always aware of challenges & opportunities around me? Do I practice CLEANLINESS in my body, mind, and speech? Am I HONEST at all times and in all situations?” The answers to these and other questions will enable a young man to “keep his way pure” by “living according to” the Word of God (Psalm 119:9). Use the Code as a standard for guiding the way you live and interact with others every day, and it will soon become an essential part of your Christian faith as you daily grow in Christ.



What do other Rangers say about the Code?

“Ultimately, the Ranger Code has influenced my life more than anything else I have ever done in Rangers. The best way I can describe what the code means to me is to say each word out loud and be able to feel what the word actually means. With Alert meaning always ready to go, always ready for the next thing. Clean, this point is one that I feel has an extra sensational meaning. Every time I think of it I just can't help but think of an athletic team in their all-white home jerseys (sorry football, you are the only sport that doesn't have white as the home color). By going through all eight points and beginning to understand the feelings that they represent, you will naturally begin to think of that feeling when something that happens around you either conflicts or agrees with it. Getting to that point of knowing when something crosses lines with the code is the main thing that keeps me on a straight path day-in and day-out.”



—Josh Kennedy (age 16),
Milwaukie, OR



“The Ranger Code helps me to guide me in the way I should act and helps me to be a better role model for other boys. The most important point of the Code for me is Courteous. I think it's important to always put others first in everything you do.”

—Jonathan Humpal (age 13),
Atwater, CA



ROYAL RANGERS CODE

A Royal Ranger Is:

ALERT

He is mentally, physically, and spiritually alert.

CLEAN

He is clean in body, mind, and speech.

COURAGEOUS

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

HONEST

He does not lie, cheat, or steal.

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 Rangers and

E-LIFE™



By Marshall Bruner,
Compassion Ministries Coordinator, BGMC

Did you know God needs you? That's right! He needs you to tell other boys about Jesus. How will the unchurched kids in your school hear about Jesus if you don't tell them? And how will they see an example of Jesus if you don't show them?

You can become a missionary right where you live by becoming an E-LIFE Kid to your school and to your community.

An E-LIFE Kid is one who makes new friendships so he can share Jesus with others. The E-LIFE Kid also mentors (helps someone grow spiritually) other kids. An E-LIFE Kid is any student who commits to and demonstrates (shows) the Five Commitments of an E-LIFE Kid.

Five Commitments of an E-LIFE Kid:

- **seek** the Spirit's help to help others
- **show** kindness and friendship to others
- **share** "The Story" (why Jesus came to live and die on earth)
- **invite** others to know Jesus and to church
- **invest** in the lives of others

The ultimate goal of the E-LIFE Kid is to share the "E-LIFE Plan" (plan of salvation) with other kids and to disciple them in their spiritual walk with Jesus. But before an E-LIFE Kid can share about Jesus, he must first build friendships by showing kindness and friendship.

You can
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you live!

To begin, learn the requirements for being an E-LIFE Kid. Also, memorize the E-LIFE Plan Scriptures and learn how to share the E-LIFE Plan with other kids as the Holy Spirit provides opportunities.

You can learn all of this and do fun activities by going to the new BGMC Kids web site at www.bgmckids.ag.org. Plus your Royal Rangers leader can do lots of 5-minute E-LIFE activities right along with the weekly Rangers lesson. Ask him to go to www.elife.ag.org for lots of games, object lessons, Scripture pictures, videos, and much more.



Focusing on Your School

You can serve as missionaries to your world once you learn the simple qualifications of being an E-LIFE Kid. Plus you can get involved in school outreach in several ways:

- Personal evangelism
- After-school clubs
- Group huddles for prayer before or after school
- Teachers' Day: E-LIFE Kids showing acts of kindness to the teachers
- Work days at the school, led by your children's pastor/leader
- "See You At the Pole" and "See You At the Play groups" (See the E-LIFE web site for more details.)

So take the E-LIFE challenge. Be a Royal Ranger who's serving as an E-LIFE Kid (missionary) to your school and community. Remember: God needs you!

By Marshall Bruner,
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I know from experience that Royal Rangers boys and leaders have giving hearts and want to change the world for Jesus Christ. How do I know? I was in Royal Rangers as a boy, and I've been in Royal Rangers as a leader for over 20 years. Knowing you and other Rangers want to make an impact for Christ on this world, you'll not want to miss this opportunity.

More than ever before, God needs a team of Rangers who will answer His call to ministry and to reaching the lost—right where you live and around the world. Our mission as Royal Rangers is to reach every boy we can for Christ. You can do just that through the Master's Toolbox. It's called giving back to God to help the National Royal Rangers Ministries reach thousands of boys and girls around the world for Christ!

If you're still wondering what Master's Toolbox is, it's the Royal Rangers missions project with BGMC that helps reach lost kids around the world! Since our mission is to reach every boy and girl we can, then God needs you.

*What does God need you to do?
To pray, to give, and to go. Let me
explain below.*

PRAY

You need to pray that God will help us do everything in our power to reach the lost! You need to pray for the boldness in the Holy Spirit to lead others to Christ. You need to pray for the safety of our missionaries and national leaders overseas who are in danger. It is God's will that you and I pray so we can be a part of His divine plan.



You need to give! You have many unique talents and abilities. God wants you to use those talents and abilities for Him. He also needs you and other Rangers to give of your time and your offerings to reach the lost. Master's Toolbox and BGMC need your help in giving to reach the lost boys and girls around the world.



You need to go! By that, I mean you should be a missionary right where you live—in your community and in your school. (See more about how you can reach your school in the E-LIFE article.)

How can you as a Royal Ranger do everything within your ability to reach the lost for Jesus through Master's Toolbox? Check out the BGMCKids.ag.org web site for some quick and easy ways you and your outpost can give. Look for ways you can raise money each quarter (every three months) for missions. Then collect the monies you raise for the Master's Toolbox. Below are some quick and easy ways you and your outpost can get involved:



Spring Months

- Ask your parents for spring cleaning chores around the house, then give the money you earned to Master's Toolbox.
- Take on outdoor cleaning projects as a Rangers group. After a long winter, the outside surfaces of houses can use a good scrubbing or power wash. You would be amazed at how much people will pay to have the outside of their houses cleaned.
- Do a car wash.
- Pick up trash inside the church and on the church grounds for four weeks. Ask the church office to make a donation to Master's Toolbox.



Summer Months

- Have a kite day. Teach other kids how to make homemade kites and to fly them. Charge a certain fee for every kite kit you help others put together.
- Do a bike-a-thon.
- Do a cross-country hike and take donations for each mile hiked.



Fall Months

- Rake leaves and prune trees and hedges.
- Ask a business to make a donation for cleaning up outside by picking up trash and washing the building.
- Sell pumpkins at the church.
- Get the moms to bake lots of goodies that your outpost can sell.



Winter Months

- During the church Missions Convention, make and sell things that women can use to decorate their homes.
- Shovel snow.
- Take on indoor chores at church and at home to raise money.

God wants all the tools you can give Him to make up His "Master's Toolbox." He is looking for Royal Rangers, like you, who will give back to Him. He wants boys who have a heart of compassion and giving. So what will you do?

Master's Toolbox and You

How would you like to make a difference in the world? You can through the Royal Rangers missions focus called Master's Toolbox!



Nate & Caleb

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"CATCHING AIR!"



WOO-HOO!!



ALLRIGHT, NATE! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE READY FOR TONIGHT'S RANGERS MEETING, MY MAN! ALL THAT WORK FOR THE SKATEBOARDING MERIT IS GONNA PAY OFF.

THANKS, ROB!

SPAK



I HAVE AN IDEA, BOYS...

MOM?



I KNOW YOU BOYS RECENTLY GOT YOUR MERIT IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE, BUT I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING YOU LEARNED.

UH-OH. I SMELL A LECTURE COMING...



HAVE YOU MET THE NEW BOY ACROSS THE STREET? MAYBE YOU SHOULD INVITE HIM TO COME WITH YOU TO THE RANGERS MEETING TONIGHT.



MOM... WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME—WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM.

YEAH—WHAT IF (GASP) HE DOESN'T LIKE SKATEBOARDING?



OH, NO! THAT WOULD BE TOO HORRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE, WOULDN'T IT?



OKAY, MOM—I GET IT.



LET'S GO, GUYS...



UMM... I'M JOSH. CAN I HELP YOU GUYS?



HEY, JOSH—COOL NAME—YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT MY NAME IS CALEB AND THAT'S MY BROTHER, NATE, AND HIS FRIEND, ROB...

...WELL, ROB'S MY FRIEND, TOO, BUT WE JUST WANTED TO INVITE YOU TO TONIGHT'S ROYAL RANGER MEETING...



SO... JOSH—CAN YOU MAKE IT? UMM... WE'LL BE SKATEBOARDING...

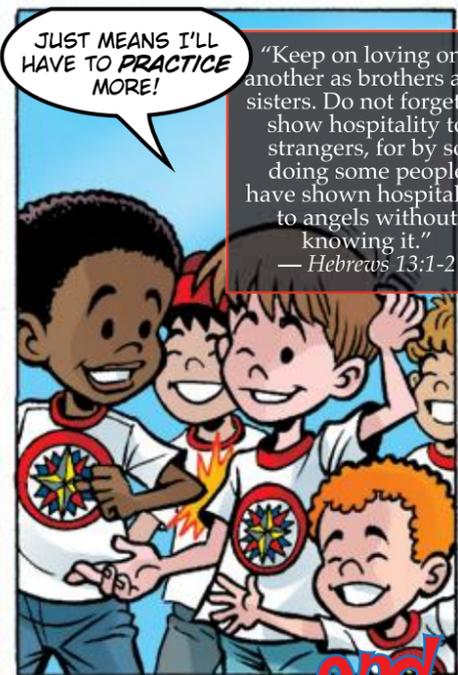
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I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE THE SECOND-BEST SKATEBOARDER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, NATE?



JUST MEANS I'LL HAVE TO PRACTICE MORE!

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."
— Hebrews 13:1-2

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Hey you! Yeah, I'm talking to YOU. Have you heard about Faith Case? I've heard kids everywhere are super excited about it—just wish I knew what the big deal is, you know? I mean, what is this thing called Faith Case, anyway? It's like a mystery or somethin'... Oh! — and it's supposed to help us learn about spiritual growth, and we all know that's super important. So to get some answers, I'm going to talk to the Faith Case stars, the Commissioner, Mr. Trench, and Adam Apple while they're in between cases.

Join the team and become part of

FAITH CASE®

Oh, by the way, my name is Timmy.



Timmy: Hi, Commissioner. Can you tell us about Faith Case? We'd kinda like to know what it is, exactly...



Commissioner: Hi, Timmy. I'm so glad you asked! Faith Case is your chance to be an investigator. You and other kids get to assist me and a couple of...let's say rather unusual investigative agents, Mr. Trench and Adam Apple, discover truths from the Bible.



Mr. Trench: What? Excuse me, Commissioner, ma'am, but I don't see what's so unusual about us — unless, of course, you're talking about the indisputable fact that we're your absolute very best agents!



Adam Apple: Actually, Mr. Trench, I think "unusual" is a very kind description. I must admit — with some hesitation, mind you — that we are most likely far, far from being the Commissioner's best agents. But we do try to do our best.



Mr. Trench: Yeah, yeah. Whatever.



Timmy: It's great to meet you guys. Can you tell us what truths we'll investigate in Faith Case?



Mr. Trench: Ah! That I can answer! In Faith Case: Investigating the Truth, you'll help me hunt down 16 Bible beliefs; important ones like the One True

God, the Trinity, Salvation, and...and... well, now I've forgotten the others. Maybe I need a snack. Yep, time for a lollipop! Did you know they're my favorite food in the whole wide world?



Adam Apple: Of course, he doesn't know that — he just met you. Besides, if you need a snack, you should choose healthy foods — fruits, nuts, and whole grains — like I do.



Mr. Trench: I like fruit flavored lollipops — does that count?



Adam Apple: It most certainly does not count! I can't be—



Timmy: Uh, guys? What I'd really like to know is more about Faith Case, okay?



Mr. Trench: Fine, fine.



Adam Apple: Of course, my good boy. Ask away!



Timmy: Well...what about you, Adam Apple? What are you investigating?

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Adam Apple: Excellent question! In Faith Case: Fruit of the Spirit, you'll help me figure out which fruit we're hunting. There are the nine characteristics every Christian should have: love, joy, peace, patience, bananas, apples, strawberries, mangoes... umm wait, that's not quite right. Sorry, got off track. Guess I'm a little distracted. My archenemy, the Spoiler, is always destroying beautiful fruit everywhere we go, so I've got to be alert at all times. Will you help me?

Timmy: No offense, guys, but I think you both could definitely use some help. Wow, I'm sure the Commissioner has her hands full trying to deal with you two! I've just got one more question for you before you get back to investigating your cases. How does Faith Case help kids grow spiritually?

Commissioner: Perhaps I should answer that one, Timmy. Faith Case helps you grow strong in your faith as you figure out what you believe and why. You'll also learn to let God develop His love, joy, peace, patience, and all the other Fruit of the Spirit in your life. Why is this important? Because the more you grow as a Christian, the more you love God and want to please Him. Faith Case will help you so you'll be ready to share Jesus with others.

Mr. Trench: Couldn't have said it any better myself, Commissioner.

Adam Apple: You got that right, Mr. Trench.

Mr. Trench: And just what is that supposed to mean?

Commissioner: Gentlemen — remember what the Bible says about peace and patience and love?

Mr. Trench and Adam Apple: Yes, ma'am...

Commissioner: That's better. Now, Timmy, if you want more info about Faith Case, just go online to www.FaithCase.com. But be sure to ask your parents first!

Wow! Thanks, Commissioner! And thanks, Mr. Trench and Adam Apple. I can't wait to get started in Faith Case!



SECRET CODE

Use the decoder on the next page. Follow the directions and set the dial by lining up the **M** on the small dial with the **A** on the big dial. It has a star shape over it. Write the matching letter on the lines below to reveal the code.

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FAITHCASE DECODER

Build your own FaithCase Decoder. Cut out the two parts of the decoder on this page and follow the directions below.



DIRECTIONS

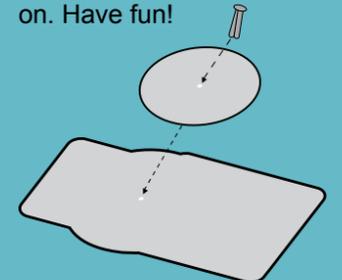
Carefully cut out each of the two parts of the decoder. Line up the center white dots and use a metal brad or hold in place by hand.

TRY IT OUT!

Use the sample code on the facing page to play. Simply spin the center dial to line up the letters to match the Code Key. On the message, the letters under the lines are from the smaller ring.

Print the matching letters from the outer ring on the lines to reveal the message.

Now reset the decoder on a different letter and create your own codes for your friends to figure out. Don't forget to tell them what letter to set the dial on. Have fun!



Line up the pieces as shown. Use a brad to fasten the pieces together.

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