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The 2012 Camporama will be held July 9-13, at Camp Eagle Rock in Missouri! It will be here before you know it! This exciting national event represents the pinnacle of Royal Rangers' activities and serves as the highlight of many boys' involvement in Royal Rangers. Many exciting events at Camporama will coincide with the golden anniversary of Royal Rangers as we celebrate 50 years of ministering to boys with some special events!

The 2012 Camporama will be like none before it! Plans are already being made! Many of your favorite activities will return—swimming, shooting and biking competitions, the FCF Village, and, of course, powerful evening services in the presence of God! Events never before seen at past Camporamas will also be unveiled.

Start planning those fundraisers now to help offset the cost for those attending from your outpost. We are earnestly praying and believing to have thousands in attendance from all over the world.



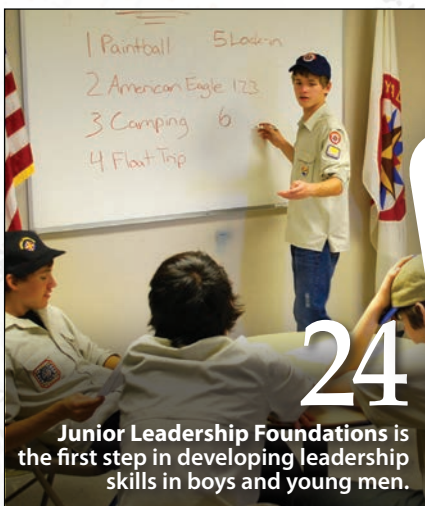
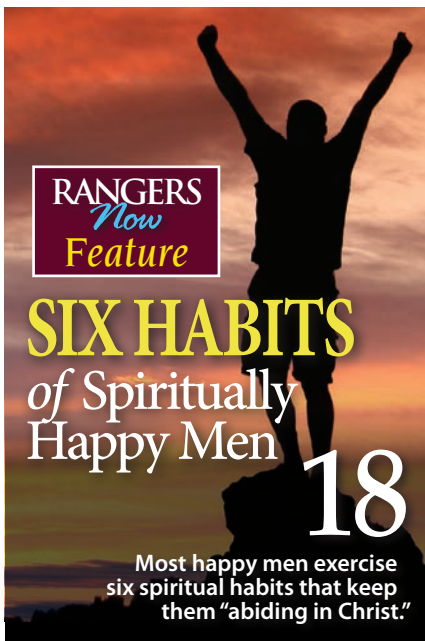
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RENEWING YOUR FIRST LOVE

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DOUG MARSH
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hello fellow Ranger Commander!

In this edition of *Rangers NOW*, you will be updated on the exciting ways God has prepared this ministry so you can spiritually influence more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever. You will read about:

- » Rangers' renewed focus on its original purpose—to mentor future men
- » Updates on leadership titles, uniforms, advancement systems, leadership developments (The new National Rangers Ministry Camp, an event you will want to attend, has been wildly successful.), etc.
- » Why the changes were made and how they benefit you
- » Resources like the new *Leader Manual: Inspire the Journey*; the online chartering (one year after its original launch); and the new online delivery system for curriculum, TRaCclub, which stands for "The Rangers Curriculum club"



All across America, Rangers leaders and church leaders alike love the direction Royal Rangers is headed. And why not! Following the Lord is always an exciting and meaningful adventure intended for our good. Devour this edition of *Rangers NOW*, and let's expectantly follow the Lord together!

Did I mention that I love Royal Rangers? I do! But Rangers is just a tool that men like you and me can use to mentor future men. Learning to use new tools (such as the new version of the word processor I'm using) can be frustrating if you don't keep your eye on the prize. Jesus is every Ranger's prize and the One we are pointing boys and young men toward. Prayerfully allow these articles to rekindle your first love—love for your Savior, Healer, Baptizer, and soon coming King.

Royal Rangers is a spiritual ministry when it is led by spiritual men. No tool will ever substitute the influence and effectiveness of its operator. A spiritual tool will only be effective in the hands of a spiritually mature and stable man. Let's be those men! Yes, we have sharpened the ministry tool. Now, as you read this year's magazine, take care to insure nothing ever diverts you from your first love.


I love Jesus! How about you?

Doug Marsh, *National Director*



The New Online Royal Rangers Curriculum

by John Hicks, National Programs Coordinator



TRaCclub is the new online curriculum delivery system for Royal Rangers. Utilizing a simple, easy-to-use interface, TRaCclub provides everything a leader needs to plan and conduct weekly Royal Rangers meetings in a convenient, online format that is accessible anytime, anywhere. TRaCclub replaces our older printed materials (*Leaders Guides*, *Merit References*, and boys' *Workbooks*) and enables leaders to plan meetings with the ultimate degree of flexibility while utilizing the most current materials at a minimal cost.



TRaCclub consists of five “tracks”; each providing all the materials necessary to operate a specific age group—Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers. A Leader track is available with a variety of additional resources to equip and empower local leaders for success. Each track is provided on an annual membership basis. Individuals may purchase memberships to as many or as few tracks as they need, according to their responsibilities.

Each **GROUP** track includes materials, such as:

- » Weekly meeting guides that provide the framework for the entire meeting (replaces the printed *Leaders Guides*)
- » Merit lesson plans (including skill, leadership, and Bible merits) or achievement awards specific to that group (replaces the printed *Leaders Merit References*)
- » Boy’s worksheets for all merits where worksheets are used (replaces the printed *Workbooks*)

The **LEADER** track includes a variety of supplemental materials for leaders. This track includes material, such as:

- » Junior Leadership Foundations, the new local-level junior leader training program
- » Devotions for weekly meeting or special events
- » Program ideas for Councils of Achievement
- » Program planning forms and information

TRaCclub includes completely new material and some revised content, including:

- » Twenty-four new brown Bible merits for Adventure Rangers, written specifically to enable leaders to facilitate the development of boys and young men into Christlike manhood
- » Leadership merits for Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers groups
- » New merits, such as Bible Reading, Global Missions, Budget & Finance, and Citizenship
- » Some revised merits, featuring more hands-on learning, fewer worksheets, and less writing

TRaCclub memberships may be purchased individually, or multiple tracks may be purchased at one time. Additional tracks may be purchased at any time and added by entering the new invitation code to the Manage Tracks section of your current membership. The following table provides the current, retail, non-chartered pricing for each track. Membership provides access to the purchased track for one full year from the date of activation. ☺

Ranger Kids Track	\$18.00
Discovery Rangers Track	\$31.00
Adventure Rangers Track	\$31.00
Expedition Rangers Track	\$31.00
Leader Track	\$18.00

To learn more about TRaCclub, visit the national Royal Rangers web site at royalrangers.com.

Leaders Take Note...

- » Chartered outposts will receive a 15% discount on all tracks purchased.
- » A complimentary, 2-year membership to the Leader track is included with the purchase of the new *Leader Manual* and can be accessed by entering the invitation code found on the inside back cover in the Manage Tracks section of your current membership.
- » The *Royal Rangers Leader Manual* and all boys’ *Handbooks* will continue to be produced in printed format and are not a part of TRaCclub.

TRaCclub is...

WEB-BASED APPLICATION –
no software to download or install

ELECTRONIC FORMAT –
print only what you need, only
as you need it

ONLINE –
always available, anytime, any-
where

CURRENT –
features the latest program
updates and new releases of Royal
Rangers materials

LONG-TERM SAVINGS –
replaces costly printed curriculum
and workbooks. No more partially-
used workbooks.

2010 Program



In 2010, the national Royal Rangers office released significant improvements to the ministry. These changes were made to create greater flexibility for a growing number of churches looking for cross-generational discipleship ministries that could be custom fit to the unique needs of each church and community. The updates can be classified into the following general categories.

Mission & Focus

The most fundamental update is a renewed focus on the original purposes of the ministry. Since 1962, Royal Rangers has successfully pursued a mission to “reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.” This clearly defined our core objectives of evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development. Since our founding, camping and outdoor skills have been used to accomplish our mission. So much so that Royal Rangers became more closely identified with our methods than with our mission. Mission and methods are valuable. But our mission is far more important than our methods. With a decline in interest in many boys and young men in camping, a broader activity-base is now called for so churches can influence a greater number and a more diverse group of boys and young men. Today, our activities include:

- » OUTDOOR SKILLS
- » SPORTS
- » TRADES
- » TECHNOLOGIES
- » ARTS

The purpose of these is to establish mentoring relationships because men and boys develop friendships and much needed confidence by doing things together side-by-side. Relationships enable men to accomplish mission. Our mission statement has been rewritten to renew our original purpose and to compliment the other ministries of the local church: “Evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.” Our aim is to be the premier, most sought after church ministry for next generation men, known more for our mission than our methods—Royal Rangers: mentoring future men.



Update

Leadership Titles

For nearly five decades, Royal Rangers has used the title of “Commander” to identify our leaders at all levels. Local leaders were referred to as Commanders, Lt. Commanders, and the like. In an effort to make the local outpost better reflect the vision of its pastoral leadership, churches may choose to use either the title Commander or Group Leader. Regardless of the title used, it should identify leaders as highly relational mentors who cooperate with other ministries of the church.

Uniforms

Churches care deeply about the image they reflect to the community. Through the years the appeal of a single, traditional style uniform lost its appeal. In order to attract new boys, to create a sense of personal belonging, and to be more affordable, the national office now offers three official uniform choices instead of one. Each choice provides unique benefits and enables churches to outfit their leaders and boys in a uniform that's just right for them. Today's choices are:



- » **Utility Uniform:** The official utility shirt is comfortable, durable, and affordable and is suitable for active wear. *(Available for all age groups, grades K-12, and adults.)*
- » **Special Uniform:** T-shirts, polos, or sports jerseys; no pins or patches are worn making it a low-cost option. *(Available for all age groups, grades K-12, and adults.)*
- » **Dress Uniform:** Sharp and defined, a uniform ideal for formal wear. *(Available for teen boys and adult leaders only.)*



Advancement System

To provide churches a mentoring process beyond the camping scope, the 2010 advancement system uses the five competencies now embraced by the ministry—outdoor skills, sports, trades, technologies, and arts. This allows for a greater participation of men than ever and allows the church to draw a greater number of more diverse boys. The advancement system also places strong emphasis on the new junior/student leadership development process.



Royal Rangers continues to use hands-on, interactive merits to facilitate the mentoring relationship between men and boys. We use three categories of merits:

- » **Skill merits** provide the side-by-side activities that draw men and boys together to build the personal confidence of boys and young men. Topics cover hand, heart, and head skills.
- » **Bible merits** resource men to model and to inspire boys and young men to take a journey in Christlike manhood together with them. Topics cover principles of biblical sexuality and relationships, doctrine, culture, current events, and godly manhood.
- » **Leadership merits** teach boys and young men the attitudes and habits of servant leadership. Topics cover social, equipping, attitude, leadership, and service skills.

The number and type of merits required for advancement allows for maximum flexibility, enabling outposts to select merits that best suit the unique needs and interests of their boys and young men.

Curriculum

Royal Rangers mentoring resources are now online! TRaCclub stands for, “The Rangers Curriculum club.” TRaCclub membership grants access to one or more of the five available tracks—one for each age group and one for leaders—and will allow adult leaders to receive the most up-to-date resources to plan meetings and activities (including the new brown Bible merits, leadership merits, junior leadership foundations, and more).



TRaCclub lowers costs by reducing the need to buy workbooks for each boy and young man and by eliminating the need to purchase updated Leader's Guides and Merit References every few years. Access and print these resources anywhere from the web as needed. NOTE: The *Leader Manual* and the boys' handbooks will remain print items for easy use at meetings and activities.

Leadership Development

The national Royal Rangers office has introduced a streamlined process to mobilize, inspire, and resource mentors. The purpose for updating the leadership training process was to reflect the renewed focus on our original mission and purposes of the ministry and to reflect the added competencies to include outdoor skills, sports, trades, technologies, and arts. In the Outpost Leaders Advancement Levels, adult leaders complete a four-step training process—Ready, Safety, Trained, and Advanced—based on a new dynamic and interactive training model.

- » They are challenged spiritually and equipped to evangelize and disciple boys and young men.
- » They are shown how to offer a diverse program of activities—including outdoor

skills, sports, trades, technologies, and arts—to develop relationships and mentor future men.

- » They are inspired to work cross-functionally with other ministries of the church.
- » They are taught to develop junior leaders so that Royal Rangers is a boy-led, adult-facilitated ministry.

Affordable & Practical

Royal Rangers is practical and affordable so that every family and church can participate. With the basic resources—handbook, logbook, and the uniform option of the outpost's choice (see above)—boys can begin their journey. Leaders need the *Leader Manual*, the boy's handbook of the group they lead, membership in the group track of TRaCclub they lead, and the uniform option of outpost's choice. Chartering your outpost each year with the national Royal Rangers office also entitles you to a 15% discount on Ranger gear and select district and national events.

Royal Rangers is a simple, effective, and flexible mentoring ministry for future men. Men with interests in the outdoors, sports, trades, technologies, and arts can use these to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders. With TRaCclub, mentors will be resourced to influence more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever. ☺

Additional information on the latest program changes can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site:

royalrangers.com.



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A FRONTIERSMAN?



FOLLOW THE "TRAIL OF THE GRIZZLY" AND FIND OUT!

Required Merits



Boys Only

Be at least 11 years old and
at least an Adventure Ranger
Be recommended by the
Outpost Commander



Leaders Only

Complete the Ranger Basics
module of the RMA
Be a RR leader in good standing
with your church



Both Leaders & Boys

Explain the Plan of Salvation and the meaning of the
4 Red, 4 Gold and 8 Blue points of the Royal Ranger Emblem
After earning all 8 required merits, you will receive the
Grizzly Trail FCF Merit Award and are eligible for the "Frontier Adventure"
After successful completion, you will receive your Frontiersmen Pin
For more information, visit www.nationalfcf.org/grizzly

Join the Official Community of Royal Rangers through **CHARTERING**

by Jim Allen, National Administrative Director

Royal Rangers is a family, a community of men and boys working together to fulfill the Great Commission and build the kingdom of God, and chartering provides a resource mechanism to

support this ongoing effort.

By chartering with the National Royal Rangers Ministries, outposts become partners in evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the next generation for Jesus Christ.





Chartering is a program whereby churches register (i.e., charter) their Royal Rangers program with the national office. Chartered outposts receive valuable discounts and exclusive resources while supporting the ongoing development and improvement of the ministry. Chartering also provides valuable data to the national Royal Rangers ministry that enables them to better monitor trends and the progress of the ministry and meet emerging needs as necessary.

Benefits of Chartering

Chartered groups receive many valuable benefits. The greatest, of course, is the service and support of the national and district Royal Rangers leadership teams as they endeavor to continually improve and grow the ministry for local church success. The following list illustrates the many benefits of chartering.*

- » 15% DISCOUNT on Royal Ranger supplies when ordered through the Rangers Online Superstore on the national web site
- » 15% DISCOUNT on all TRaCclub memberships
- » 15% DISCOUNT on all registrations for national and regional training events
- » 15% DISCOUNT on registrations for national and regional activities like National Camporama, National and Territorial Rendezvous, the national LEAD Conference, and more
- » 15% DISCOUNT on registrations for select district training events
- » 15% DISCOUNT on registrations for select district
- » Each chartered member receives a free copy of *Rangers NOW*, the group-specific, annual magazine from the National Royal Rangers Ministries that lets boys know how to get the most from their Rangers experience during the current school year. There is an edition for leaders, too.
- » Each chartered outpost receives a free copy of the annual *Outpost Promotional Kit*, which is full of resources like promotional videos, reproducible touch cards, clip art, customizable banners to advertise your ministry and/or decorate your meeting rooms, and more!
- » Access to Navigator, a software application for tracking advancement and training accomplishments for each member of your outpost
- » An official outpost number to identify your outpost, to be worn on your Royal Rangers uniform and displayed as needed



Chartering Requirements

An outpost must be sponsored by a church affiliated with the Assemblies of God or by a church affiliated with the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA). Other denominations and churches, including independent churches, may qualify if approved by the Assemblies of God district superintendent from the geographic district where the congregation is located. (Determined on a case-by-case basis.)

Outposts must have at least one qualified leader for each group at their church—Rangers Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers.

The Chartering Process

Chartering can be done quickly and easily online at www.royalrangers.com, and the financial benefits can be realized within 24-48 hours after processing. Those who prefer to charter by mail may download and print an application and mail it to the national Royal Rangers office with a check. Please note however, that due to the additional manual processing required for mail-in charters, an additional \$15 processing fee will apply. Once the charter is received and processed the discounts and chartering benefits will be available in approximately 24-48 hours.

The charter year is September 1-August 30 (traditional school year). All existing charters must, therefore, be renewed each year during the annual charter period of August 15-October 31.

Chartering provides a great way for your outpost to join the community of outposts across the country in taking Royal Rangers to the next generation of boys.

More information about chartering and a link to begin the chartering process can be found on the national Royal Rangers web site at royalrangers.com.

* Chartering incentives are reviewed annually and subject to change.



Chartered outposts are given exclusive access to the custom software application, Navigator. This software tracks advancement and training accomplishments for each member of your outpost.



Thank You! for Chartering



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SIX HABITS of Spiritually Happy Men

by Patrick Morley

I've been meeting with men for over three decades. Many of those men exude a contagious joy and contentment. Their lives are peaceable, orderly, and recommend Christ. They're downright happy! Most of these happy men exercise six spiritual habits that keep them "abiding in Christ." The dictionary says a habit is "an acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary." These six habits are not litmus tests that you can use to judge a man's walk with Christ. That would be extremely dangerous.



SIX HABITS of Spiritually Happy Men

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These habits do nothing to improve a man's record with Jesus. They are, however, indicators or "clues" of a deeper commitment to live by faith and make a difference in the world. These aren't the only six habits that reveal the depth of a man's walk with Christ. Nevertheless, those of us who are leaders would do well to practice, and encourage others to practice, these six habits. The change of heart these often represent can change the course of a man's life and family lineage for generations to come.

HABIT #1 Spiritually happy men read the Bible regularly.

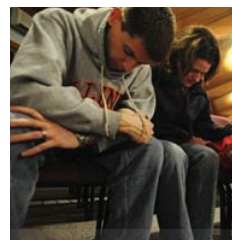
They love God's Word, and want to regularly read and meditate on the Bible. I've never known a single man whose life has changed in any significant way apart from the regular study of God's Word.

IDEA: Why not read through the Bible over the next year! Buy a *One Year Bible* or use the One Year Bible reading plan at www.oneyearbibleonline.com with your existing Bible. A Bible reading plan can also be found in the *Fire Bible: Student Edition*.



HABIT #2 Spiritually happy men pray with their wives.

Praying with your wife symbolizes a depth of relationship with God and each other. Shaun from Bozeman, Montana asked his men's group, "How many of you pray with your wives?"



Only one of the eight men answered, "Yes." For the last year they have been holding each other accountable. Here's what Shaun has to say...

"The benefits when we are obedient in this area are amazing. Here are some comments from the men when they pray with their wives on a consistent basis:

- I feel a closeness to my wife that wasn't there before
- Communication between us is better
- The petty things are just not a big deal anymore

And I'll tell you this, it's pretty hard to be upset with your wife or to be arguing and still come before God with a clean heart. It forces us to communicate and humble ourselves before each other before we do something as intimate as praying together. It just permeates thru the rest of your family, and day."

IDEA: Ask your wife if you can take two or three minutes each day, maybe before work, for (a) praising and thanking God, (b) intervention, and (c) intercession.

HABIT #3 Spiritually happy men are in a small group.

Consultant Pat MacMillan surveyed over 2,500 Promise Keepers who had kept their promises. He asked them, "Who helped you keep them?" The two overwhelming answers given were, "My wife" and "My church-based small group." Focus on getting men into small groups.

Spiritually happy men are personally vulnerable and seek to be held accountable by other men. This group might be with a few men, or only one other man. It might meet for Bible study, discussion, fellowship, prayer, accountability, or a combination.



IDEA: Get together a weekly group of six to eight men, watch the Man in the Mirror Bible Study webcasts at www.maninthemirror.org/biblestudy/series.htm and discuss the printable questions. Also, order some free accountability cards and help keep each other on track by calling Man in the Mirror at (800) 929-2536.

HABIT #4

Spiritually happy men are active in a church.

Active participation in a local community of believers has many benefits. Think about it:

Who is going to visit you in the hospital when you're sick?

Who is going to baptize your children?

Who is going to teach your children about the Bible?

Who is going to marry your children?

Who is going to bury your dead?

Who is going to serve you communion?

Who is going to preach God's Word to you?

Who is going to create a regular worship experience for you?

Who is going to faithfully administrate your tithes and offerings?

Who is going to give you opportunities to serve the church body?

I'll stop at 10 and skip evangelism training, Sunday school, softball leagues, parent/child events, conferences, retreats, mission trips, fellowship dinners, and the countless church sponsored hospitals, schools, universities, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, pregnancy



counseling centers, and jail ministries. You get the idea.

Active church involvement is the overflow of a deeper work that Christ is doing in a man's heart. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

IDEA: If you are not in a church, find one. If you are not active in your church, set an appointment with your pastor and say, "Give me an assignment... I'm ready." He will know what to do next.

HABIT #5

Spiritually happy men tithe.

Generosity is a highly underrated source of happiness. I've never known a man who tithe who was not happy. On the other hand, I've known a lot of guys who have not tithe and were miserable.



Someone may argue that tithing is not New Testament. I agree that the New Testament concept is proportionate giving: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income" (1 Corinthians 16:2). But wait! The Old Testament also says give in proportion: "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you" (Deuteronomy 16:17). Both Old and New Testament suggest proportionate giving!

So what is the "benchmark" for proportionate giving? What does the New Testament say? In Matthew 23:23 Jesus said, "For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things." Tithing is our benchmark and, by the way, it's the minimum—but I wouldn't push that too far.

IDEA: Give in proportion to what you make. Establish a benchmark. Let ten percent be the minimum. Optional: Consider a setting a maximum income above which you give everything else away.

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HABIT #6

Spiritually happy men are serving the Lord.

Personally, I would rather die for a worthy cause than live for no reason. And I think most men feel the same way.

Once a man has been in the real presence of Jesus, he will never be happy until he finds a way to express his gratitude through love and good deeds. Brother Lawrence put it this way, “I tell you that this sweet and loving gaze of God insensibly kindles a divine fire in the soul which is set ablaze so ardently with the love of God that one is obliged to perform exterior acts to moderate it.”

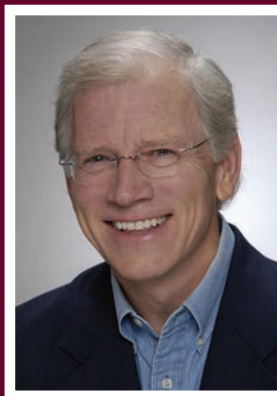
Do you have a passion that your life will make a difference in the world? Are you pursuing a life of significance? View everything as serving the Lord.

IDEA: Start a men’s small group or, better yet, a men’s ministry in your church. Arrange a Saturday morning tour of a local ministry that serves the poor. Plan a mission trip for your men. Conduct a class that trains men how to lead men to Christ.

Remember, we’re trying to practice Christianity, not voodoo. We simply cannot make a requirement out of anything the Bible does not specifically command or prohibit. So these six habits are recommendations, not commandments. It’s fine for us to have a strong personal conviction about one or more of these habits, just don’t make it a litmus test for someone else (see Romans 14:5, 10).



Royal Rangers leaders, you have been blessed with a powerful opportunity to invest in the lives of the next generation of men, leading them down the path to spiritual maturity in Christ. But you’ll never be able to lead others where you yourself are not going. Spiritual maturity is a lifelong process, one that requires the daily practice of Christ-honoring habits that gradually shape our character into a reflection of Christ. Make an effort to develop habits that will lead you into Christlikeness, and as a result, you will be READY to lead others there also. ☺



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RR-QLC

A Tool for Learning & Growing!



RR-QLC is a continual cycle intended to keep Royal Rangers relevant by being responsive to regular cultural shifts.

QUESTION: We invite pastors, parents, boys (*Rangers & non-Rangers*), and the community at large to provide input to our ministry programs and events.

LEARN: We synthesize feedback received with other data.

CHANGE: We take action. Our ministry is true to its biblical purposes yet evolves with the culture while influencing it. Then, the cycle begins again in perpetuity.

You know what FYI means (“for your information”). And you know what TMI stands for (“too much information”). Let me introduce you to **RR-QLC**!

RR-QLC stands for “Royal Rangers—Question, Learn, and Change.” It is not a program or a theme. It is a leadership attitude and tool that enables Royal Rangers leaders to listen, learn, and pursue excellence in ministry. Learning leaders create a learning organization that embraces evaluation, which precedes improvement and growth.

The purpose of **RR-QLC** is:

- 1) To solicit input from the field (*by asking questions*)
- 2) To synthesize the information with other sources of data (*learning*)
- 3) To improve programs, events, and services in response to the feedback (*changing*)

By being responsive to the needs and interests of those we serve, Royal Rangers will remain relevant to boys in our ever-changing culture.

To initiate RR-QLC, the national Royal Rangers ministries office is requesting constant feedback about the program, publications, products, services, and key events using the following mediums:

- **INTERNET:** Pastors, parents, Ranger boys, non-Ranger boys, and others are invited to complete an online survey at www.royalrangers.com
- **EMAIL:** Anyone at anytime is welcome to email the national ministries office with suggestions and ideas. Send your comments to RR-QLC@ag.org.
- **SURVEYS:** Post-event and general surveys are used to collect timely and targeted feedback.
- **CONVERSATIONS:** Face-to-face, focused dialogue will also be sought as members of our staff have the opportunity to interface with boys, parents, leaders, pastors, and others around the country.

We invite **YOU** to be a part of this feedback process. QLC is open to everyone and we want to hear from **YOU**! Follow the links above to give us your feedback today!

Thank You
for your participation!



Junior Leader TRAINING

by Steve Schultz, National Training Coordinator



Is your outpost a boy-lead, adult-facilitated ministry?

There are new resources available
to help you become just that.



Check out Junior Leadership Foundations and the first leadership merits now available on TRaCclub. (See page 7 for more information.)

Junior Leadership Foundations

Junior Leadership Foundations is the first step in developing leadership skills in boys and young men. It is repeated each time a Discovery, Adventure, or Expedition Ranger assumes a new leadership position in the patrol or outpost. The Junior Leadership Foundations patch may be worn once the Ranger completes the following:

- » Participates in the Introduction to Leadership interview and completes the initial leadership assignment
- » Reads the introductory and patrol system material
- » Passes a uniform inspection

It's OK to repeat this process over and over so they gain more confidence and experience as a junior leader. Each leadership interview is specific to the job title being assumed in the outpost. It is important for the boys and young men in your outpost to understand what is expected of them for the leadership opportunities available to them. So start as soon as possible!

Leadership Merits

Also new leadership merits are available on TRaCclub. Leadership merits are key training tools for Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. The red, gold, or sky blue leadership merits are intended to be taught every six months by the local group leader in one of two ways: in five weekly meetings or in a one-day/weekend format. These are fun, interactive merits that will challenge the boys and young men to develop their leadership skills. Each merit includes lessons on the following universal skills:

- SOCIAL SKILLS
- EQUIPPING SKILLS
- ATTITUDE SKILLS
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- SERVANT SKILLS

Has your outpost set a date(s) yet to teach the leadership merit(s) for the age group(s) you have in your outpost?

Access Junior Leadership Foundations and the leadership merits from TRaCclub so your outpost can start using them right away. What better way to be a boy-lead, adult-facilitated ministry? ☺



Key Adult LEADERSHIP Updates

by Steve Schultz, National Training Coordinator



Leaders who have earned the Leaders Medal of Achievement (LMA blue & gold ribbon from 2002-2010) prior to Dec. 31, 2010, may use the Transition Training form. Go to the Royal Rangers web site under the training tab for details. Anyone who has not completed all the LMA requirements by Dec. 31, 2010, can transfer LTA training they have completed to the new Outpost Leader Advancement Levels. See your local district training coordinator to help in your transition.

The Ready, Safety, Trained, and Advanced training levels are available for adult leaders to earn. Each level includes training elements and practical application requirements called "tickets." The training elements are completed during the training event. The practical application requirements are fulfilled by the leader after completion of the training element. More information on the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels can be found on the training link on the national Royal Rangers web site.

Five National Rangers Ministry Camps pilots were conducted in 2010 with ten NRMC's scheduled for 2011. This camp provides instruction in basic outdoor knowledge and activities, providing men the skills needed to take their Rangers on exciting





outpost activities. Instruction in effectively implementing the team/patrol method is modeled as a means to facilitate junior leadership development. Also, men are challenged to connect with God and explore spiritual manhood. Check out the national Royal Rangers training web site and sign up to attend one of these dynamic events. Limited space is available.

Coming in 2011

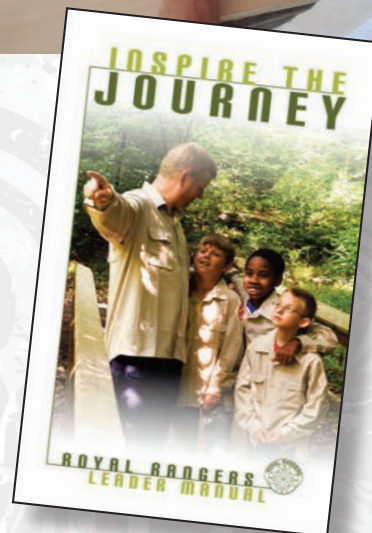
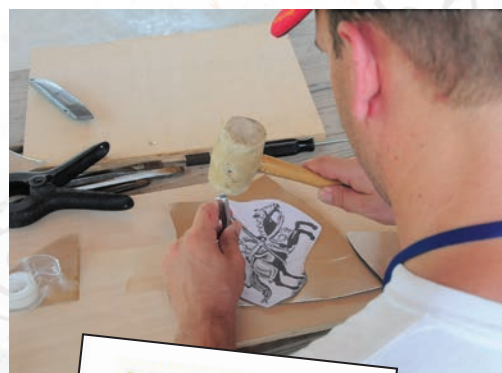
The new Training Academy will be introduced at LEAD2011 in Dallas, TX. Key national, regional, and district leaders will be invited to take this training to build the initial training teams for each region. Training Academies will be offered in cooperation with the regional training coordinator and districts. It will replace the Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS) and will reflect new training material and methods. It will set high standards for certified instructors throughout our nation as we develop effective leaders for the local churches.

A revised National Academy will be offered to leaders who meet specific qualifications and recommendations and will prepare top notch leaders to teach and facilitate at national training events. For more information, go to the training link on the national Royal Rangers web site.

Junior Leadership training:

Junior Leadership Foundations is now available on the Leaders track of TRaCclub. Remember you get a free, two-year membership to the Leader track when you purchase the new *Leader Manual: Inspire the Journey* from the Royal Rangers Superstore. Look for the details inside your manual.

New leadership merits are now available on TRaCclub. Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition leaders are expected to participate in teaching and/or facilitating the instruction of a leadership merit and its correlating service/ministry project as part of the Trained ticket for the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels. Detailed information can be found on the Training tab of the national Royal Rangers web site: royalrangers.com. You can find the new leadership merit curriculum in the Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition tracks of TRaCclub. ☺





Planning GUIDE

by Jim Allen, National Administrative Director

The 2012 Camporama will be here before you know it. Now is the perfect time to get started on planning. I remember the first time I attended a Camporama—the planning, the paperwork, and the questions racing through my mind. “How can I raise enough funds to get the boys there?” and “Is this going to be worth it?” were two big ones. In the end, it was all worth it to see the boys enjoying themselves with all the activities, meeting people from across the country and from around world, and most of all entering into praise and worship just before the fantastic evening services began.

If you are on the fence AT ALL about coming to the 2012 Camporama, I encourage you to get off on the side of attending this event. You won’t regret it. This planning guide will serve as a helpful tool in your preparations.

Obviously, the first and foremost item at this time is planning for is the cost to attend Camporama. The registration price for early registration (before May 15, 2012) is \$275 per person, assuming your outpost is chartered. There may be additional charges by the district, such as optional transportation, pins, patches, etc.

Starting in January 2011, fundraising should begin in earnest at your local outpost. There are several options as to how your outpost will handle this. Some questions to consider:

- » Will the boys be responsible to raise all of the costs associated with attending Camporama or only a portion of the costs?
- » Will your church offer scholarships for those who may not be able to afford to pay anything?
- » What type of fundraiser(s) will we use (if any)?
- » What other costs (besides registration) might be associated with attending? Items like transportation and food costs while traveling should be considered.
- » Will your outpost stop for an activity on the way there or on the way back? What are the costs associated with that activity?

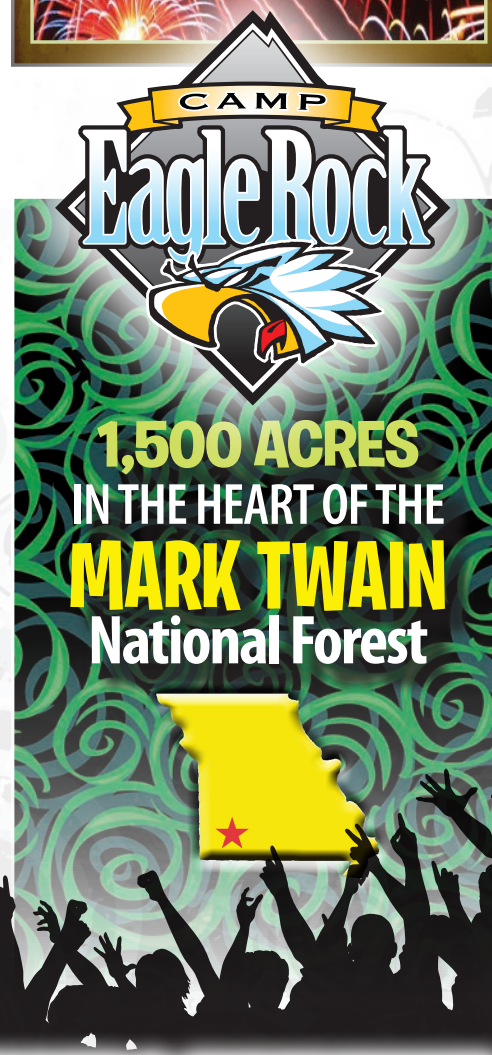
These are just a few of the things to consider. The starting point, however, should be what will be the final price for each boy to

attend? Without knowing this first, it's like trying to shoot a moving target blindfolded.

Most outposts will need to raise at least a portion of their monies for Camporama by doing some sort of fundraising (approved by the local church leadership). The National Camporama web site, www.nationalcamporama.com, offers a wide variety of sources for local outposts to raise money not only for this event but for events throughout the year. There are plenty of other options that don't involve selling—car washes, hosting dinners for your church, or working concessions at a local college sporting event are just a few. Many colleges and universities share a portion of the concession proceeds of what they sell at an event to the local non-profit organization that works the concession stand for them.

Whatever you decide, have fun with it and start planning today. The sooner you start, the more time you will have to enjoy the experience later. You, too, will find the planning well worth the effort! ☺

Visit the Royal Rangers National Camporama web site for news, applications along with more valuable information.
nationalcamporama.org



THE ULTIMATE ROYAL RANGERS EXPERIENCE!



A Mission To SERVE

by John Hicks, National Programs Coordinator



The Royal Rangers Pledge begins, “With God’s help, I will do my best to SERVE...” Every time a Ranger recites this pledge he affirms his commitment to serve others in the name of Jesus. Service to others has always been a core part of Royal Rangers, and that service can take many different forms.

Service can focus on meeting the needs of people in the Rangers’ church, school, or community or on meeting national or international needs. In order to provide a broad range of service and ministry opportunities that outposts can get involved with, Royal Rangers has partnered with other ministries.

Royal Rangers International (RRI)

RRI is an Assemblies of God World Missions endeavor, designed to spread the gospel around the world using the Royal Rangers ministry. RRI is active in more than eighty countries and provides resources and guidance for local and national ministries. Your outpost can help establish and strengthen Royal Rangers overseas by supporting RRI. Visit their web site at royalrangersinternational.org for full information.

Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC)

BGMC is the missions education emphasis for elementary children in the Assemblies of God. BGMC supports our missionaries in their fields of ministry in the United States and around the world with the supplies and tools they need to reach out to the lost through evangelism and discipleship. Ranger Kids and Discovery Rangers participate in BGMC through our joint effort, called Master’s Toolbox. For more information on the Master’s Toolbox, visit the BGMC web site at bgmc.ag.org.



Speed the Light (STL)

STL is the middle school and high school student initiated, volunteer, charitable program that provides much-needed equipment to missionaries across the United States and in more than 180 countries around the world. Since its beginning, STL has raised more than 220 million dollars for missionary equipment around the world. For more information, visit the STL web site at stl.ag.org.



SPEED THE LIGHT

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope mobilizes, resources, and trains churches and other groups to conduct community outreaches, respond to disasters, and direct other compassion initiatives in the United States and around the world. During a Convoy of Hope outreach, free groceries are distributed, job and health fairs are organized, and activities for children are provided. Royal Rangers are encouraged to help at Convoy of Hope outreaches, be members of response teams, and build disaster barrels as outpost projects. For more information on Convoy of Hope, visit their web site at convoyofhope.org.



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Pathfinder Missions

Pathfinder Missions provides missions-related building construction services in the United States and in the most remote areas of the world. Those who participate may serve in a variety of situations and conditions from Native American reservations to rain forests or jungles. They may travel up the Andes Mountains, into scorching deserts, up the Amazon River, or into the heart of Africa. For more information on Pathfinder Missions and the projects currently being planned, visit the Pathfinders web site at pathfindermissions.com.



These ministries and others provide Royal Rangers with excellent ways to serve others through giving, caring, and helping in tangible and valuable ways. Look for ways to get your group involved in service and live out your commitment to *serve God, your church, and your fellow man.* ☺

Mentoring Future Men



**Some of the best investments
are made in stocks, bonds, and boys.**

When you work and invest your time with your local Royal Rangers outpost, you are contributing to a ministry that is dedicated to the discipleship of boys. And rest assured your investment has a payoff — eternal dividends.

Influence More Boys & Young Men Than Ever, More Effectively Than Ever.

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