

RANGERS NOW



GMA Capstone 2012 Update

As you near the end of your advancement trail in Adventure Rangers and begin to look ahead to the final requirements for the Gold Medal of Achievement, you will be required to complete a Capstone Project. The objective of

the project is to help solidify your understanding of the material studied in Adventure Rangers by applying it to real life situations.

The Capstone Project represents a process of

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Letter From Doug

Have you ever heard someone say this? "He's a man with a plan!" We admire men with purpose and direction.

To be a man who makes things happen, you need two things: 1) a well thought out *plan* and 2) the *determination* to work hard until you reach your goals.

People follow confident

men who know where they are going and how to get there.

The most important plan you can develop is how to become the man God designed you to be.

To that end, I've written a book I'd like you to read. It's called *A Guy's Journey to Manhood*. It describes what a real man looks like and

how to become that man.

I hope you will determine to read the book and take the journey to godly manhood with me. After all, that's what being a Ranger is all about.

Doug Marsh
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learning, reflection, self-evaluation, personal goal setting, and public presentation. Although the process is ultimately a private one between you and God, you will also work with a project counselor. This counselor can be a leader, parent, pastor, or other adult who assists you through the process of completing the project.

In 2012, we updated the Capstone Project by moving away from the Fire Institute. We have created a unique project, based on your involvement in Royal Rangers and the process of learning and growing into manhood in the same four ways Jesus grew. These four ways are described in Luke 2:52 and are represented in Royal Rangers by the four gold points of the Royal Rangers emblem:

Mentally – through the new knowledge and abilities you have

developed by earning skill merits

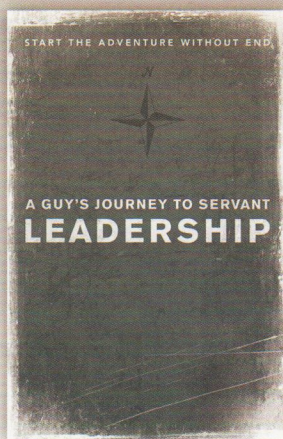
Physically – through earning the required green HealthyBody merit and by participating in the variety of physical activities involved in many of the skill and leadership merits

Spiritually – through the completion of the “journey to manhood” represented by the brown Bible merits

Socially – through participation in the patrol system (outpost leadership) and by completion of the leadership merits, including their related service projects and activities

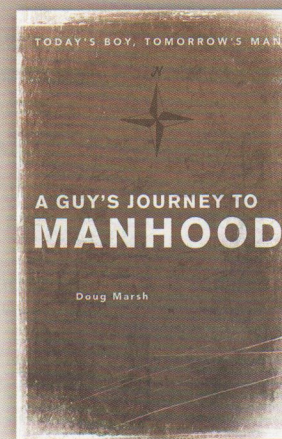
For full details on the 2012 Capstone Project update, visit the national Royal Rangers web site at RoyalRangers.com/programs/advancement/adventure/.

Destination: Manhood



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Take the journey.



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Fundraising 2.0

Have you ever done a fundraiser for your school or church before? You probably had to go door-to-door and ask your neighbors to buy what you were selling. The problem with this is that every time you need more money, you have to go door-to-door again. What if you could sell something to one person one time and get money all year long? That's exactly what Royal Rangers is doing with "Make The Case" Hands First hand sanitizer.

The secret to this new fundraiser is that you sell a case of hand sanitizers to a local business that already is buying a hand sanitizer. They already know they need it, so now you simply ask them

to buy your hand sanitizer, which is a better product and supports a worthy cause at the same time. The business will use the hand sanitizer



all year long, and when they run out, they will buy it from you again and again.

So how do you start selling Hands First in your outpost?

The first thing you can do is ask your Royal Rangers leader or a parent to download the information packet from RoyalRangers.com/MakeTheCase.

The second thing you can do is to think which businesses could possibly buy your hand sanitizer. There are three places to start. The first is your church. Most churches use hand sanitizer, so talk to your pastor about your fundraiser and how it will help your outpost. The second place to look is for a business owner in your church. Third is to ask your parents to think of someone they know in a business. Once you find the businesses, you'll never have to go door-to-door again.



Bible Merit 2012 Update

Since their first introduction in 2002, Bible merits have been earned when all five lessons associated with a particular book of the Bible were completed. Merits bore the name of the book on which the lessons were based.

In 2012, the structure of the Bible merits for Discovery and Adventure Rangers was changed to provide greater flexibility and more complete recognition for boys. This new system of Bible merit recognition is reflected in the 2012 *Discovery Rangers Handbook* and 2012

Adventure Rangers Handbook. Bible merits used in this new system are referred to as “numbered” Bible merits (represented by merit patches bearing a sequential number) as opposed to those of the previous system now referred to as “named” Bible merits (bearing the name of a specific book of the Bible).

Under the new system, boys complete eight lessons for each numbered Bible merit rather than five lessons for a named Bible merit. However, only one numbered Bible merit will be required for

each advancement step rather than two named merits. Furthermore, the eight lessons required for each numbered merit may come from any “lesson set” (previously referred to as a merit) in the appropriate color category (i.e., brown or orange) for the group. In addition, up to two of these lessons may be “lesson alternatives” chosen by the group leader.

For more information on transitioning from named to numbered Bible merits, visit: RoyalRangers.com and search for the Bible Merits page.



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