

RANGERS NOW



Service Project Impacts Community

The Adventure and Expedition Rangers of Sound Life Church (outpost 2 in Northwest district) were working on a leadership merit and needed a community service project.

One of our Ranger leaders is very involved in foster care. He explained to the young men how children come to be in foster care. He used the example of children living in homes where meth is made or the parents

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Letter From Doug

School is starting and that means summer has gone and fall is here. Your summer events gave you a great opening to invite friends to Rangers. I hoped that you took the opportunity to get them hooked on the fun.

Now that school is starting set a goal of influencing your friends for Christ. Invite them to your Ranger meetings or to camps and activities with your outpost. You will learn new things together and serve others along the way. "Invite-learn-serve" is a worthy goal!

Have a great time this school year and enjoy being a Royal Ranger!

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take meth. The children are removed from the homes, are treated at a hospital, and are sent home with a foster parent(s). They aren't allowed to bring any of their personal belongings, including their clothes. They go to the foster home with mismatched clothes that have been left behind at the local hospital. He further explained that in their city (Tacoma, Washington) a Youth for Christ team receives used clothing, washes them, sorts

Over one weekend, our outpost collected enough clothes to pack a 15-passenger van from floor to ceiling. It was amazing how everyone in the church got involved! I thought we might frustrate the donation center by bringing in so much clothing at one time, but they were overwhelmed with tears of joy.

Our lead pastor used the service project as a sermon illustration because the church



them into outfits, and distributes them to foster parents.

Our Rangers heard about this and decided to start a clothing drive. Our goal was to collect a few bags of clothes, but God had bigger plans. Our service project became a buzz, and the whole church helped out.

through Royal Rangers found a way to be involved in the health of the church and the community. The small vision a few boys in our outpost had for their service project grew larger than they could have imagined because they were filling the need that God placed in front of them. Recently, we completed a second equally



successful service project and have a third planned.

Pastors always seem to know about needs in the community from talking to other pastors and organizations. The next time you're looking for a service project, I encourage you connect with your pastor and look at the needs of your community. Reaching out when disasters hit communities all across the country

is a wonderful show of compassion, but there is also so much that can be done right in your community all year long. The service projects your boys do as part of their leadership merits can make an impact on your community. Go seek the opportunity!

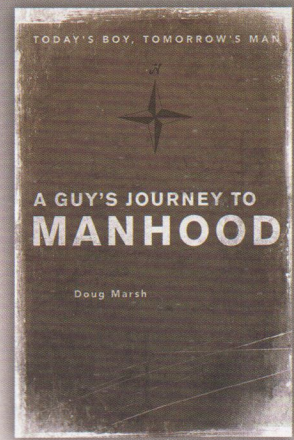
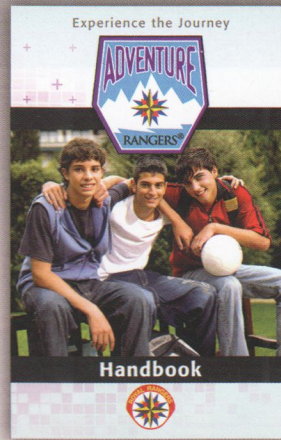
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