

RANGERS NOW

Leaders Edition



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

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Letter From Doug

When Johnnie Barnes founded Royal Rangers in 1962, he dreamed of influencing future generations of young men for God.

Fifty-one years later, each of us who are called to be Ranger leaders still carries that dream. Our mission is clear: evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders. Thank you for mentoring future men. As you follow Christ with a full heart, you blaze trails that next generation men will follow. Never grow weary living by godly example!

Speaking of example, you are aware by now that in May the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) changed their membership standards. Our office and district leaders all across the nation are busy taking calls and responding to emails from

families and charter organizations seeking alternatives. Let's pray for the BSA, for Royal Rangers, and the families affected by this decision. Please reference the national ministry web site for the official Assemblies of God statement, for resources that will help you transition families into your outpost, and for new chartering requirements that allow more groups than ever to charter. Also notice that chartered outposts now enjoy the benefit of being listed in our Outpost Locator that will help families in your community find you.

As you prepare for the start of another school year with your outpost, let's pray that God will continue to save, call, empower, and direct young men's lives. Chartering season opened on August 15 and ends on October 31. HandsFirst "Make the Case" fundraising materials are available

online, and you can jump into that program anytime to finance your outpost. As you look to the fall, I hope you will take time to "sharpen the ax" by furthering your training. Information is available on our national ministry web site.

Finally, mark your calendar (**July 2014**) and join me at National Rendezvous at Camp Eagle Rock in southwest Missouri. Psalm 29:8, "The voice of the Lord shakes in the wilderness" is our theme verse. Come shake the wilderness with all of your Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship brothers and enjoy amazing services, competitions, games, crafts, and trades.

Thank you for mentoring future men!

Doug Marsh
National Director, Royal Rangers

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the parents 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 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. 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 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!

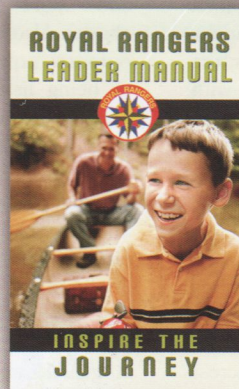
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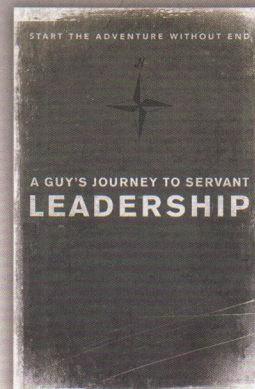
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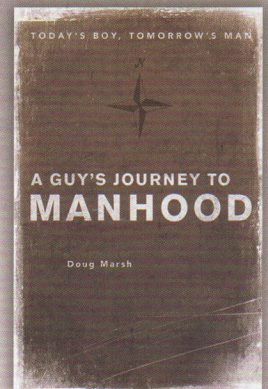
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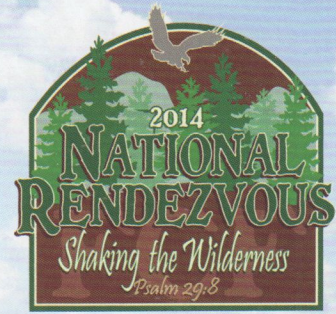
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"I work at the Wal-Mart Corporate Office as an accountant and have just completed their Global Leadership Course for Managers at the Corporate level. I am currently working on my JBEI assignments and the OLT. I am amazed how our Royal Rangers training is right up there with the training managers at the corporate level of the largest business in the world receive. Thanks Royal Rangers, you're hitting it out of the park with the training and resources."

- Kurt Griffis, leader at OP 123



Transition Plan: Boy Scouts of America to Royal Rangers

Over the years, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Royal Rangers have shared a mutual respect for each other's programs. For a variety of reasons, individuals or churches attempt to find a suitable replacement for the BSA. In order to facilitate the transition of young men and leaders from the BSA to Royal Rangers, we have developed a transition plan.

The transition plan includes membership requirements, sponsoring organization policies, uniforms, advancement, and policy on "time of transition." The please visit RoyalRangers.com and search for "BSA transition" to download the full transition plan.



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