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KENYA PATHFINDER TRIP

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The Royal Rangers national office will host a mission construction trip to Kenya on Nov. 3-11, 2017, as part of our 2017-2018 Catapult 700 mission emphasis. We would be excited to have you on our team! Couples are welcome.

Catapult 700 is the largest Master's Toolbox project tackled by Royal Rangers to date. Launched in January 2017, Catapult 700 has 3 goals:

1. Launch 700 new outposts in East Africa
2. Translate the Ranger curriculum into Swahili
3. Help bring the East African Royal Ranger Training Center to completion

To meet this third goal, a team from the United States will be traveling to Kenya in November to finish the first floor of the East Africa Royal Rangers Training Center. We expect to tile floors, paint walls, build bunk beds, run electrical conduit on the main building, and construct metal or block walls on a secondary building. Recently, the Kenya Men's Fellowship Department held their national meeting in the unfinished training center. While there, each of the men personally committed to support financially the construction and to partner with Royal Rangers until the training center is complete.

The Royal Rangers construction team will leave the United States on November 3 and return on November 11. The cost of the trip is \$850 plus your round-trip airfare, passport, and tourist visa to Kenya. The \$850 fee covers all hotels, meals, water, and snacks for job site, medical insurance, and transportation while in Kenya. Souvenirs and incidentals are the individual's responsibility.

If you are interested in being a part of this life-changing, nation-impacting trip, forms and applications can be found on line at www.royalrangers.com. (Click on the box "Kenya Trip.")

"This is going to be a great experience," says National Director Karl S. Fleig. While visiting the site last year, his heart was stirred overwhelmingly for this center and the vision the Kenyan national director has for it. "We are blessed with such an incredible facility at Eagle Rock I wanted to help them have their own place. I'm excited about the team God is putting together. I'm looking forward to taking this trip with them and what we are going to accomplish in Kenya as well." Please begin praying for the team and this trip now.

Let's get ready. It's going to be a great adventure!



*Karl Fleig
National Director
Royal Rangers USA*

Kenya Pathfinder Missions Trip

November 3-11, 2017

The National Royal Rangers Office will be hosting a missions construction trip to Kenya as part of our 2017-2018 Catapult missions emphasis. We would be excited to have you on our team-couples are welcome! We will be traveling to Kenya in November to finish the first floor of the East Africa Royal Rangers Training Center. We expect to tile floors, paint walls, build bunk beds, run electrical conduit on the main building, and construct metal or block walls on a secondary building. We leave the USA on November 3, 2017 and return on November 11, 2017. To keep this trip as affordable as possible, we will be handling the costs once in Kenya, but you are responsible to book your own plane ticket and visa.

In Kenya the cost is \$850. This includes hotels, meals, water, and snacks for job site as well as medical insurance and transportation while we are in Kenya. **Pay this to Royal Rangers.** You can pay this all at once or in three payments (see the schedule below).

You are responsible to purchase your round-trip plane ticket from the airport nearest you to Nairobi and back. You also are responsible for your tourist visa to get into the country as well as any incidentals, such as souvenirs, meals while flying to and from Kenya, or extra's you may want while we are in Kenya. Information on purchasing your plane ticket and tourist visa are below. Please do this as early as you can. Ticket prices go up as you get closer to your date if they are even available. Airlines book up! The earlier you buy a ticket the more secure your space is.

If you don't pay the total \$850 up front, you will need to send a \$300 deposit to secure your place as the team is limited to the first 30 people. Important travel details are supplied below

In order to participate in this trip, you will need to carefully follow the steps below:

1. **Passport:** You will need a current passport with at least 6 months of validity left from our travel month (November). This means your passport must have an expiration date of May 15, 2018 or beyond, or you will need to apply for a new one. If you need to renew or do not already have passport, please use this link to get started:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>. Please send us a copy of the photo page of your passport with the Pathfinder Mission's Application.
2. **Deposit:** A \$300 deposit is required with your application to secure your place on the team. (This is part of the \$850)
3. **Additional Payments:** The second payment (\$300) is required by July 24, 2017. The final payment (\$250) is required by September 30, 2017.
4. **Vaccinations:** The only vaccination that is recommended (but is not required) for Kenya is Yellow Fever. Please consult with your doctor or a travel health clinic if you have questions or concerns about travel to Kenya.

5. **Insurance:** Included in your payment is mandatory medical insurance provided through the MAPS Office for this trip that will cover the 9 days from November 3 to November 11, 2017. This is in addition to your regular health insurance; it does not replace your insurance. Please review the 3 attached insurance documents. You will want to print and carry the MissionAssure-Travel Card.
6. **MAPS Forms:** You will need to read the Code of Conduct and Assumption of Risk forms. Then, complete and sign the attached "Team Member Signature" form and return to me.
7. **Visa:** Once you have your passport, you will need to purchase a \$50 tourist visa for Kenya that covers our dates (Nov 3-11, 2017) via this link: <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>. Please send me confirmation that you have completed the tourist visa process.

Plane Tickets: Ticket prices to Kenya range from \$1,250 to \$1,450 per person. Please book early! This will get you the best price and ensure the flight does not sell out! When booking your tickets, be sure to fly through Heathrow (London) or Amsterdam as instructed below so you can meet with the rest of the team. If you are unsure or don't understand, please call us; don't assume.

You will need to book tickets from your starting point (nearest or best airport for you) to Nairobi, Kenya (airport code NBO) via either London Heathrow (LHR) or Amsterdam (AMS). Leave the USA by November 3 and connecting on November 4 on either:

British Airways flight: BA 65 - departing London at 10:05 AM on Nov 4 and arriving in Nairobi at 9:30 PM the same day (this is approx. and 8 1/2 hour flight) (on this option you will meet Karl Fleig and part of the team in London)

OR

KLM flight: KL 565 - departing at 11:45 AM on Nov 4 and arriving in Nairobi at 9:50 PM the same day (8 hour flight) (on this option you will meet missionary Andy Whitman and part of the team in Amsterdam)

Both groups will arrive in Nairobi within 20 mins of each other but on different airlines. We will all join together at the airport for the rest of our time in Kenya. If you need help understanding the connection in Heathrow or Amsterdam, please call us. This is important!

This is going to be a great experience. Karl is excited about what we are going to accomplish over there as well as getting to spend time with you. Please begin praying for this trip now. Let's get ready. It's going to be a great adventure!

Documents

- [Team Member Application](#)
- [Assumption of Risk](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Signature Form](#)

- [Mission Assure Description of Coverage](#)
- [Mission Assure Travel Card](#)
- [ACE Chubb Contact Info](#)

Hello from the National Training Coordinator

May 23, 2017

Greetings from the national Royal Rangers office. It is hard for me to believe that I have been the national training coordinator for almost three and half months. So, who is this guy that came in after Steve Schultz? (Please note, Steve and I are close friends, and I knew if I followed this man big footsteps would have to be filled.)

To start, I'm one of you. I grew up in an AG church and met my wife in that very church. I started as a Royal Rangers leader in August 1994 at Outpost 206 in Dublin, Ohio. Shortly after joining the outpost, I was encouraged to enroll in the LTC to earn my LMA. Thus, my introduction into our world of abbreviations. I attended NTC in 1997, and it was there that my fuse was lit to not only mentor future men but also to train the men who would be mentoring them. I continued training and graduated from National Academy in 1999 and Advanced Academy in 2000 under the watchful eye of Fred Deaver. I've had the pleasure of being senior guide at various NTC and ANTC, being on staff at NRMC and National Academy. Most recently before coming to the national office, I was a national training aide responsible for being the director of the National/Advanced Academy.

I've held positions in the local, sectional, district, regional, and national levels. WHY? Because God called me to this vital ministry, and for the past 20 plus years, He was preparing me for this position. So, I've told you what I now do, but who is this new guy?

I've been married to my best friend Christine (she prefers Chris) for almost 34 years now. We have six children-four sons and two daughters. I can't leave out our three daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, and one more due in June. Were our children involved in gender specific ministries? Well, of course, they were. All four sons earned their GMA and graduated from Ohio's JLTA. Our oldest daughter earned the Girls Ministries Gold Medal, and our youngest daughter earned the Honor Star and is currently in Friends.

I graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.S. in Architecture and Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a M.S.M. in Organizational Leadership. I am a Registered Architect and did that up until I came to the national office. Chris and I have been involved in the Assemblies of God Marriage Encounter (AGME) since 1995 as presenters and on the national board. We are currently finishing up three years as the national presidential couple for AGME. We enjoy ministering together whether at our local church, presenting for AGME, or going on mission trips.

Enough about me. I'm so excited to be your national training coordinator and to work with the incredible national staff. So much work was accomplished before I arrived, and yet there is still so much more to do. We must continue to remain relevant to an ever-changing culture. We will not water down His word or His message, but we will adjust and adapt to our environment. Be on the watch for the upcoming release of the new AJTC and Ranger Basics online.

Mentoring Future Men together,

David Morrison
National Training Coordinator

Skill Merit Updates

May 24, 2017

Much of the success of the Royal Rangers ministry through the years has been the diversity of activities outpost leaders provide to the boys of their churches and communities. Although outposts are always free to create their own activities, outposts commonly do activities that involve the completion of skill merits.

Skill merits represent the "hands-on activity" aspect of the Royal Rangers advancement system and provide great opportunities for bringing men and boys together around topics of common interest. To provide outpost leaders with the most current materials for conducting these skill-based activities, we are constantly updating and expanding the list of skill merits available on TRaCclub. In recent months, several of these merits have been updated, and several more are in process.

The following skill merits have been updated, and the revised versions are now available on TRaCclub.

- Fire Craft
- Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC)
- Fire Arts Festival
- Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ)
- Speed the Light (STL)

Look to see what these revised merits now offer. Some have seen significant changes while others were updated to a lesser degree. As additional new merits are released or existing merits updated, they will be released through TRaCclub.



*John Hicks
National Programs Coordinator
Royal Rangers USA*

Trappers Brigade & Arrowhead Merit Updates

May 23, 2017

In the spring of 2014, a new handbook was released for the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF). This new handbook featured several significant changes to the FCF program, including an update to the Trappers Brigade and the release of a completely new series of advanced FCF skill merits known as "arrowhead merits." FCF members who completed the requirements for a specified number of arrowhead merits would receive a series of Arrowhead Medallions.

Since these initial changes were released, a review of the process was conducted to insure the changes made were clearly communicated and were achieving their intended purpose. As a result, the need for minor updates was identified and have now been implemented.

Trappers Brigade Update

In addition to the four categories previously identified for which members could earn Trappers Brigade points, an additional category entitled "Other" has been added. This change provides greater flexibility by enabling members to earn points for hours of service that do not qualify under one of the four original categories. The number of hours required for each category has also been reduced to make each level more attainable.

Arrowhead Medallions

The number of arrowhead merits required to attain each Arrowhead Medallion has been reduced from four to three (4 to 3). This enables members to earn each of the medallions without the necessity of earning all sixteen (16) arrowhead merits, some of which may be unattainable for some individuals.

These changes are reflected in the latest edition of the FCF Handbook (the 2017 edition) available for purchase from MyHealthyChurch.com (item #020540).



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