

Outpost:

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Introduction  
to Royal Rangers

*OUTPOST LEADER ORIENTATION*

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## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Royal Rangers ministry. We are excited that you have chosen to serve as a Royal Rangers leader in your local church. We trust that this orientation process is informative about the new journey you will embark upon as being a Royal Rangers leader.

There are four requirements to complete the Royal Rangers Outpost Leader Orientation.

1. Be recommended to be a Royal Rangers leader by your pastor or someone authorized in church leadership and be in good standing with your church
2. Have the new leader read the “Welcome to Royal Rangers” letter from National Director Karl Fleig
3. Go to the Royal Rangers national website and review the “About Us – What is Royal Rangers?” at <https://royalrangers.com/about>  
OR  
Go to the Royal Rangers national website and watch the first two Introduction Videos at <https://royalrangers.com/introductionvideos>
4. Have a meeting with your pastor (or church staff member who oversees Royal Rangers in your church). The outpost coordinator could be invited to attend. This meeting will cover the following topics:
  - A.) The expectations set forth for the local outpost leader, such as attendance, time commitment to events, and conduct in leading a Royal Rangers class
  - B.) Show your ability in presenting the plan of salvation

Once you have completed all 4 requirements, the outpost coordinator will notify the Royal Rangers district staff of your completion of the Royal Rangers Outpost Leader Orientation. The district will then email you a digital copy of your Certificate of Completion.

Welcome to the Royal Rangers ministry. We hope you find the Introduction to Royal Rangers presentation informative in starting your journey as a newly appointed leader.





## OUR RESOURCES

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The following is a brief summary of the resources you'll need to get start.

### CURRICULUM

Royal Rangers utilizes a combination of print and electronic curriculum components to achieve the optimum balance between flexibility, accessibility, and ease of use. Most of our curriculum is made available online through [TRaCclub](#), our online resource delivery system, while some components are available in print or e-book format for ease of use.



#### ONLINE CURRICULUM

[TRaCclub](#) includes a variety of materials primarily intended for use by local Royal Rangers leaders. However, boys or families may purchase memberships to TRaCclub if they choose to use the curriculum at home, outside of the regular weekly meeting. Many families use the Royal Rangers curriculum as part of their homeschooling program to further enhance their sons' education through the diversity of fun, hands-on skills. Others purchase memberships to help their sons complete materials they may have missed in class or to complete additional work at home. TRaCclub includes everything a leader needs to teach the Royal Rangers curriculum:

- Weekly Meeting Guides – an outline for weekly Royal Rangers meetings
- Skill Merit Activity Guides – material for teaching and learning content on a specific subject, such as archery, backpacking, auto mechanics, model rocketry, or basketball
- Bible Lessons – written specifically for today's boy and young man to serve as the core of the Royal Rangers discipleship process and to serve as the focal point of the weekly meeting
- Leadership Merits – provide instruction on leadership and teamwork skills with application projects to be completed by the group
- A variety of other resources, such as award artwork, record keeping materials, supplies checklists, and additional devotions

For more information on TRaCclub, including sample content and a user's guide, visit our [TRaCclub](#) page at [www.tracclub.org](http://www.tracclub.org).



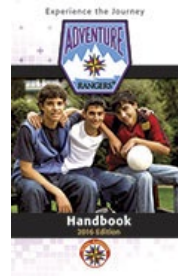
**PRINTED CURRICULUM** Royal Rangers Leader Manual – a complete resource on the Royal Rangers program, including an overview of the weekly meeting, the advancement system, uniforms, training, and resources

Ranger Kids Handbook – an introduction to Ranger Kids for boys in grades K-2, including information on the Ranger Kids advancement trail, uniforms, etc.

Discovery Rangers Handbook – an introduction to Discovery Rangers for boys in grades 3-5, including information on the seven experiences of Royal Rangers, the Discovery Rangers advancement trail, the patrol system, uniforms, and junior leader training

Adventure Rangers Handbook – an introduction to Adventure Rangers for boys in grades 6-8, including information on the seven experiences of Royal Rangers, the Adventure Rangers advancement trail, the patrol system, uniforms, and junior leader training

Expedition Rangers Handbook – an introduction to Expedition Rangers for boys in grades 9-12, including information on the seven experiences of Royal Rangers, the Expedition Rangers advancement trail, the patrol system, uniforms, and junior leader training





## UNIFORMS

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Uniforms are one of the seven methods Royal Rangers uses to mentor boys into Christlike manhood. But the form of uniforms a group uses is a matter of choice. Churches are free to select the type of uniform that is most suitable for them.

Utility Uniform – a full uniform with patches and insignia, representing everything a boy or leader has accomplished in the program

Special Uniform – a lower-cost option without insignia and awards, which can be a unique T-shirt, polo, or other customized shirt for an outpost

Awards Vest – a versatile option that combines the full display of awards and accomplishments with the low cost and ease of a vest





## WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR CHURCH?

Royal Rangers believes in being adaptable in how our ministry best serves churches and their communities. There are various options in how to conduct Royal Rangers within a local church. You can choose which one of the options below best suits your outpost and church needs.

1: RR LITE	2: RR LITE PLUS	3: RR LIMITED	4: RR FULL PROGRAM
All boys in one group	Multiple groups of mixed ages	RK/DR & AR/ER groups	Separate groups
All boys work on same materials	Each group works on a different skill; boys choose their group	Groups work on merits relevant to their group	Each group follows a unique advancement trail
Teach "skills & activities"	Teach "skills & activities"	Teach actual RR merits	Teach actual RR merits
No awards of any kind	Create your own awards certificates, pins, etc.	Present RR award merits (but not advancement steps)	Merit & Advancement steps
T-Shirt & Jeans	T-Shirt & Jeans, Wall Charts	Utility Uniforms & Awards Vests	Utility Uniforms & Awards Vests





### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF EACH OPTION?

ADVANTAGES	1: RR LITE	2: RR LITE PLUS	3: RR LIMITED	4: RR FULL PROGRAM
	Simple & easy to do	Simple & easy to do	Provides a more balanced advancement process in a limited format	Provides the most full and balanced advancement & recognition process
	Most flexible, no schedule, fixed standard, or expectations	No schedule & expectations, other than those you create yourself	Merits earned are “transferable” to a full advancement system if desired	Enables boys to earn nationally-recognized pinnacle awards (GMA)
	Lowest cost	Provides achievement & recognition, as simple or complex as you chose	Merits requirements, teaching materials, and award insignia are already available	All materials and insignia are provided with no customization required

Potentially low cost

### WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES OF EACH OPTION?

DISADVANTAGES	1: RR LITE	2: RR LITE PLUS	3: RR LIMITED	4: RR FULL PROGRAM
	No achievement or recognition process	Requires effort to create a customized award process	Less flexible than options 1 or 2; leaders must teach RR merits as written and boys must meet stated merit	Requires a separate class for each age group (with more boys & leaders) since advancement trails are unique
	No standard by which to gauge a boy’s progress	Awards would not be recognized outside your church or outpost	Moderate cost for merit patches & vests or uniform	Least flexible; leaders must follow a fixed schedule to ensure boys will complete their advancement trail before graduating to the next group
				Assumes regular attendance by boys, or a potentially elaborate “make-up work” process to keep boys on schedule

Highest Cost



## WHY WE DO IT?

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*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20, NIV

Mentoring means teaching, guiding, counseling, sponsoring, influencing, and so much more. The Royal Rangers ministry gives the perfect opportunity for leaders to invest in the next generation of boy's lives. Studies show positive changes in children and teens from having adult mentors according to MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership:

55% more likely to enroll in college

52% less likely to skip school

37% less likely to skip class

90% more interested in becoming a mentor themselves

130% more likely to hold leadership positions

46% less likely to use drugs

27% less likely to drink alcohol

Mentors give various ways of help, guidance, and support—helping boys excel in school, teaching them everyday life skills, and encouraging community service, church leadership, and missions support. A mentor will help boys connect with other positive influences in the community. When a boy has a mentor, the possibilities for his success are endless.

So why become a mentor? Because it helps young people and the mentors! Mentoring through Royal Rangers provides you a chance to learn more about others, your community, and your ability to work in your local church and community. Mentoring is guaranteed to give you personal satisfaction by helping boys achieve more on with your help than they could have on their own.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

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Upon completion of the Outpost Leader Orientation requirement, your outpost coordinator will contact your district director, district training coordinator, or district outreach coordinator and notify them you have completed all of the requirements. Your district staff will then email you a digital copy of your Certificate of Completion of the Royal Rangers Outpost Leader Orientation. You can also contact your district staff concerning further training that Royal Rangers provides in equipping leaders.



The Royal Rangers Ministry Academy is designed to equip and resource mentors to be effective in ministry to future men. Adults who progress through the various levels of leadership training will be better equipped to enjoy a more fruitful ministry and leave a richer legacy to their boys. The Outpost Leaders Advancement Levels are sponsored by the district and national Royal Rangers offices and offer four levels of development to inspire and prepare your mentors—Ready, Safety, Trained, and Advanced. Leaders are encouraged to complete the Ready and Safety levels as soon as possible and the two remaining levels within two years

First step in Rangers Ministry Academy is to complete the READY Ticket, which consists of the following training courses that are hosted by your local district



### **Ranger Basics**

Ranger Basics is a 1-day, hands-on experience that teaches how to run successful outpost meetings, how to use the Royal Rangers curriculum and advancement system, and how to build healthy relationships with boys and young men. You also learn soul-winning techniques for evangelism.



### **Ranger Essentials**

Ranger Essentials is a 1-day, fun, interactive training event. You will learn how to connect with today's boys and recognize ministry needs and outreach opportunities. You will discover how to give life-changing devotions and how to mentor boys and young men into spiritual leaders.