



# Royal Rangers Handbook

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## About Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers is a mentoring program for future men. We provide Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment. Our mission is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders.

The Royal Rangers program provides an effective means of discipling boys by utilizing direct personal relationships between men and boys, developed around a core of shared interests and experiences. Activity-based ministries are essential to the spiritual development of boys.

Boys will be boys! They are God-designed to be assertive, competitive, and energetic. Our experienced mentors provide needed guidance, discipline, and structure, using the following methods: Friendship, activities, advancement system, interactive learning, uniforms, patrol system, and service and ministry outreach.

For more information on Royal Rangers, please visit [www.royalrangers.com](http://www.royalrangers.com).

## **Classes**

### **Ranger Kids**

Ranger Kids is a fun and exciting program for boys in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Boys in this age group participate in great fun and stimulation that will allow boys to develop their interests and needs as well as mold their character. Boys in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Ranger Kids I) meet weekly in room Z-5 at Northland Cathedral. Boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Ranger Kids II) meet separately in room Z-6 since their development skills vary from those of the younger boys. All Ranger Kids boys are combined for recreation.

### **Discovery Rangers**

Discovery Rangers is a fun and exciting program for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Boys will learn various skills, make new friends, and enjoy recreation. Additionally, boys in this age group can attend over-night events outside of the weekly meetings. Discovery Rangers meet weekly in room Z-8 at Northland Cathedral.

### **Adventure Rangers**

Adventure Rangers is a fun and exciting program for boys in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Boys participate in group Bible discussions, learn various skills, and enjoy recreation. Adventure Rangers can attend Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA) Camps and join Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF). Adventure Rangers meet weekly in Z-7 at Northland Cathedral.

### **Expedition Rangers**

This class for young men in High School meets with the Adventure Rangers as the common goal is to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement.

### **Frontiersman Camping Fellowship**

As part of the weekly meetings, boys in Adventure Rangers and Expedition Rangers will work on skills and crafts relative to the 1800's in pursuit of advancement along the FCF trail. These activities will occur in Z-10 at Northland Cathedral.

## **Ranger Kids**

### **Ranger Kids Advancement**

The Ranger Kids curriculum was revised in 2003. The Trail to the Elk, the Trail to the Wolverine, and the Trail to the Cougar are the 3 trails against which boys earn advancements by completing pre-determined objectives. Some of the requirements for advancements will be earned during the weekly meetings while others will require extra effort at home. Requirements for each advancement step are found in the Ranger Kids Workbook on the "Check-off Page" for each advancement badge. Some requirements are omitted due to the developmental capabilities of Ranger Kids boys; however, each boy is required to complete the same objectives for each advancement step.

### **Ranger Kids Achievement Awards**

In addition to earning advancements, Ranger Kids can earn awards for learning about the outdoors and games, important things about church, how to help others, and more. Parents can assist their son outside of the weekly meetings to earn any of the 53 Achievement Awards. Requirements for each Achievement Award are located in the Ranger Kids Workbook, and workbook pages are available upon request.

### **Gold Trail Award**

Boys who earn the Trail to the Elk, the Trail to the Wolverine, and the Trail to the Cougar while in Ranger Kids will receive the Gold Trail Medal.

## Discovery Rangers

### Discovery Rangers Advancement

The Discovery Rangers curriculum was revised in 2003. There are 3 trails against which boys earn advancements. They are the Gold Falcon, the Gold Hawk, and the Gold Eagle. Each advancement trail requires a boy to earn a combination of Bible Merits, Skill Merits, and Leadership Merits. Some of the merits will be earned during the weekly meetings while others will require extra effort at home.

The Bible Merits have an orange border and focus on the Bible and cover several Old Testament books, the Four Gospels, and the book of Acts. The Leadership Merits have a red border and teach leadership skills. The Skill Merits have a blue border and cover skills, interests, and hobbies. The Skill Merits now encompass all of the merits that were previously identified by a red border.

In addition to earning merits, boys are required to serve in leadership positions in Royal Rangers.

To earn each advancement step, a boy must earn:

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|----------------|---|
| White Falcon:  | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Red Falcon:    | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Bronze Falcon: | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Silver Falcon: | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Gold Falcon:   | 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits |
|                |   |
| White Hawk:    | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Red Hawk:      | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Bronze Hawk:   | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Silver Hawk:   | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Gold Hawk:     | 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits |
|                |   |
| White Eagle:   | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Red Eagle:     | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Bronze Eagle:  | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit                        |
| Silver Eagle:  | 2 Bible Merits and 1 Leadership Merit                   |
| Gold Eagle:    | 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits |

## Gold Eagle Medal

To earn the Gold Eagle, the highest advancement in Discovery Rangers, a boy must:

- Earn all 24 Bible Merits
- Earn at least 4 Leadership Merits
- Earn all 3 Required Skill Merits
- Earn 11 additional Skill Merits
- Complete 12 months of leadership in Discovery Rangers
- Be able to recite from memory the Royal Rangers Pledge, Code, Motto, the meaning of the points of the emblem, and the Golden Rule.
- Be able to present the plan of salvation.

## Adventure Rangers

### Adventure Rangers Advancements

The Adventure Rangers curriculum was revised in 2003. The Bible Merits were revised in 2010.

The 3 trails against which boys earn advancements are the Bronze Medal, the Silver Medal, and the Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA). Boys receive national recognition when each medal is earned. Each advancement trail requires a boy to earn a combination of Bible Merits, Skill Merits, and Leadership Merits. Some of the merits will be earned during the weekly meetings while others will require extra effort at home.

The 24 Bible Merits have a brown border and cover several New Testament books and Jeremiah, Psalms, and Proverbs. The 6 Leadership Merits have a gold border and teach leadership skills. The 72 Skill Merits have a green border and cover skills, interests, and hobbies. The Skill Merits now encompass all of the merits that were previously identified by a gold border.

In addition to earning merits, boys are required to serve in leadership positions in Royal Rangers.

To earn each advancement step, a boy must:

Powder Horn: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Bowie Knife: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Tomahawk: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Long Rifle: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Bronze Medal: 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits

Pine: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Cedar: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Oak: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Sequoia: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Silver Medal: 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits

Second Class: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
First Class: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Advanced: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Skill Merit  
Master: 2 Bible Merits and 1 Leadership Merit  
Gold Medal: 1 Leadership Merit and 1 of the 3 Required Skill Merits

## Gold Medal of Achievement

To earn the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest advancement in Adventure Rangers and similar to the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout, a boy must:

- Satisfy all requirements prior to his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or graduation from high school, whichever is later
- Earn all 24 Bible Merits
- Earn at least 4 Leadership Merits
- Earn all 3 Required Skill Merits
- Earn 11 additional Skill Merits
- Complete 12 months of leadership in Adventure Rangers
- Be able to recite from memory the Royal Rangers Pledge, Code, Motto, the meaning of the points of the emblem, and the Golden Rule.
- Be able to present the plan of salvation.
- Complete an 8-week Capstone Project

## Special Programs

### Junior Leadership Training Academy

The Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA) is a multi-year program designed to instill leadership in boys and assist them with earning their Gold Medal of Achievement.

There are currently six Junior Leadership Training Camps from which a boy may choose.

Junior Training Camp (JTC) is the pre-requisite for all other camps excluding Junior Frontiersman Camp. This camp teaches boys teamwork, time management, and camping skills. Spiritual growth is fostered through Council Fire Services each night.

Junior Frontiersman Camp (JFC) is for boys who wish to join Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF). Boys will live like a Frontiersman, throw tomahawks, shoot Black Powder Rifles, and make crafts.

Junior Training Trails (JTT) is all about hiking. Boys will go on a 20 mile hike and learn about hiking, backpacking, and trail cooking.

Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE) is a canoeing camp. While canoeing about 40 miles, boys will learn water safety, canoeing, and emergency preparedness. Exploring caves, enjoying nature, and swimming are some of the fun activities.

Junior Survival Camp (JSC) requires a boy to live completely off the land for a few days. From nature, he will provide his own food and make his own shelter.

Junior Missions Camp (JMC) focuses on being a servant. Boys are taught and experience God's great commission of helping one another. This camp is intended to be the fourth camp.

The Junior Leadership Training Academy is for boys at least 12 years old and who are pursuing their Gold Medal of Achievement and/or are interested in being a leader among their peers. Additionally, boys should have earned multiple Royal Rangers advancement medals and be actively earning merits.

## Frontiersman Camping Fellowship

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) is a special program of Royal Rangers dedicated to the advancement of the mission and purpose of the Royal Rangers ministry through the development of advanced camping and leadership skills. FCF encourages members to pursue personal growth through the development of woodsmanship, leadership, friendship, achievement, and courage, utilizing the imagery and lore of the early American frontiersman.

Boys will focus on learning frontiersman skills, making crafts, and enjoying fellowship while camping.

Requirements for a boy to join FCF as the outpost level are as follows:

- The ability to explain the four gold points, the four red points, and the eight blue points of the Royal Rangers Emblem
- The ability to explain the A, B, C's of salvation
- Rope Craft
- Fire Craft
- Cooking
- Tool Craft

## Meeting Points

Each week your son has the opportunity to earn points for doing the things that will make him successful in Royal Rangers and successful in his spiritual walk. At the end of each quarter, prizes are awarded to each boy who has earned an average of 50 points a week. Points are awarded as follows:

- Attendance 10 points
- Wearing a uniform<sup>1</sup> 10 points
- Bringing a Bible 10 points
- Bringing his workbook 10 points
- Bringing dues (suggestion of 50 cents) 10 points
- Earning a RK Advancement, Achievement Award, or Merit<sup>2</sup> 100 points
- Bringing a visitor 50 points

<sup>1</sup>A uniform consists of any Royal Ranger T-shirt and/or the awards vest.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes the Ranger Kids trail patches (ie Elk, Wolverine, Cougar) since an advancement patch would be awarded at the same time. Merits only for Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers. There is no limit to the amount of advancement points a boy can earn each Wednesday night. For instance, if a boy earns 3 merits in one night, he will receive 300 points for advancement for that night.

## Miscellaneous

### Advancements for Past Age Groups

If an Adventure Rangers boy completes any of the Discovery Rangers merits and earns Discovery Rangers advancements Outpost 29 will award the boy with Discovery Rangers advancement patches. The Gold Falcon Medal, the Gold Hawk Medal, and the Gold Eagle Medal and all three ribbons will be available for purchase.

### Awards Vest Patch Placement

#### Right Front

Royal Rangers Emblem – 3 inches from top seam and horizontally centered

Advancement Patches – first 3 of each trail on the bottom inner corner and proceeding up and out sequentially with no spaces between patches

#### Left Front

Group Emblem – 3 inches from top seam and horizontally centered

Advancement Patches – last 2 of each trail on the bottom inner corner and proceeding up and out sequentially with no spaces between patches

#### Back

Achievement Awards or Merit Patches – 2 inches from the top seam (back of neck), 8 in a row, and horizontally centered with no spaces between patches

Activity Patches – touching the bottom seam and horizontally centered with no spaces between patches

### Annual Registration

At the beginning of each school year each boy is asked to register in Royal Rangers. Annual Registration helps pay for curriculum and uniforms and helps support the National Royal Rangers Office, which is vital to curriculum development and ministry support. In exchange for Registration each boy will receive an annual publication called Rangers NOW. Also, each boy will receive a t-shirt and workbook if:

- Registering for the first time, unless a t-shirt or workbook was already provided

OR

- Starting Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, or High School

To register, a parent or guardian will need to complete the registration form and submit payment of \$20, checks made payable to Northland Cathedral.

Additional curriculum and uniform items may be purchased for an additional cost.

### Subsidies

Based on the available funds, subsidies are available for high-cost events, such as Pow-Wow and JLTA. These subsidies are reserved for boys who regularly attend Royal Rangers.

## **Additional Resources**

Additional information on the Royal Rangers Ministry is available on the National Royal Rangers website at [www.royalrangers.com](http://www.royalrangers.com).

Parents should consult the Northland Cathedral website for a calendar of Royal Rangers events and event details. This information is available at <http://www.northlandcathedral.org/royal-rangers/>.