

OUTPOST 50
FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CENTER
BURLINGTON, NJ



PARENT'S INFORMATION PACKET
2010/2011

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ROYAL RANGERS MISSION	Page 3
MEMBERSHIP	Page 4
Registration	
Medical Forms	
Handbooks	
Uniforms	
EXPECTATIONS	Page 6
Attendance	
Council of Achievement	
Discipline	Page 7
AWARDS AND MERITS	Page 8
JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM	Page 9
YOUR ADULT MENTORS	Page 10
REGISTRATION FORM	attached
MEDICAL FORM	attached
UNIFORM ORDER FORM	attached

*Please Note: This information packet, as well as all of the forms attached, are available on our Outpost website.
www.flcnj.org/royalrangers/index.html*



THE ROYAL RANGERS MISSION

Welcome to Outpost 50's Royal Rangers program. Thank you for taking in interest in this most valuable program that helps us "EVANGELIZE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER the next generation of Christ-like men and lifelong servant leaders".

The Royal Rangers program is divided into four groups based on the boy's grade level; **Ranger Kids** (grades Kindergarten to 2nd grade), **Discovery Rangers** (grades 3rd to 5th), **Adventure Rangers** (grades 6th to 8th), and **Expedition Rangers** (grades 9th to 12th).

The mission or purpose of Royal Rangers is three-fold:

1. To evangelize boys for Christ.
2. To develop the total boy for Christ (spiritually, physically, mentally and socially).
3. To mentor and shape future leaders for our churches and our world.

We fulfill our purpose by striving for the following goals:

1. *To instruct in Bible Doctrine.* When a boy participates in Royal Rangers he will have a basic knowledge of what the Bible teaches. We will partner with his parents, Sunday school teachers, and spiritual mentors to instruct him "in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6).
2. *To challenge for Christian service.* When a boy completes this program he should be ready to take his place in the area of Christian service where God wants him to be. This is accomplished through the many merits and Advancements and we will provide opportunities to practice Christian service with a Servant Attitude throughout the year. There are also opportunities to develop leadership skills through our Junior Leadership Training program that will not only benefit the Outpost, but carry with him throughout his entire life.
3. *To inspire a belief in the fundamental beliefs of our church.* When a boy completes this program he should be Christian in belief for the remainder of his life. This is our highest calling and we have failed completely if this is not prayerfully executed.

4. *To satisfy the boy's basic need for activity.* A boy engaged in this program should have enough interesting activities to do to prevent him from being tempted to engage in unwholesome activities. The activities of Rangers are not a goal unto itself nor are the awards that the Rangers earn but they are tools for achieving the first three goals.

If your vision and goals for your son are the same as our goals then he belongs with us on Wednesday nights.

MEMBERSHIP

Registration

The membership process for Royal Rangers is very simple. First please fill out an official "Registration Form" for each boy joining our outpost. **The \$20.00 fee for registration and dues are collected twice a year in September and again in January.** All required forms are available at our meetings or from our website.

Boys are always welcome to participate in our meetings on Wednesday nights regardless of whether they choose to officially register or not. However, only Rangers who have up-to-date registrations will be eligible to receive awards or patches.

Families with more than two boys in the Rangers program are only obligated to pay \$40.00 per registration cycle. If the registration fee is a financial hardship for your family, please let us know because there may be scholarships available.

Medical Form

Next, please fill out a medical form for each boy. This form is very important! Our policy prohibits us from allowing your son to participate in any activities outside regular meetings without this completed form in our files. At the beginning of each year (September), all Rangers must update their medical forms.

Handbooks (for all groups except Expedition Rangers)

Handbooks are also very helpful in allowing your son to get as much benefit out of Royal Rangers as he can. Our outpost does keep a small stock of these books available, and they may be purchased directly from us or from the GPH (Gospel Publishing House) website.

Uniforms

Your son will also want an official Royal Rangers uniform to wear to meetings and other special events. Uniforms should be worn with pride with all the appropriate patches sewn or fabric glued in the right locations. Proper patch placement can be found in your son's handbook.

The Royal Rangers uniforms have a new, more standardized format across all of the age groups. There are now only two types of uniforms; the Utility uniform and the casual uniform.



The Utility Uniform is worn for ceremonies as well as meetings and less formal events. The shirt is a light-weight fabric with a vented back of mesh lining which allows for ventilation. Roll-up sleeves with button tabs help you adapt to changing temperatures. Embroidered Royal Rangers logo is on the left sleeve and additional patches also should be purchased and sewn onto the shirt to complete the uniform. Official Tactical pants can also be purchased or the shirt can be worn with khaki pants, blue jeans or shorts.



The casual uniform and consists of a Royal Rangers T-shirt with or without a ball cap. T-shirts should be worn with jeans, slacks, cargo pants, or shorts (not sweat pants) with an official Royal Rangers web belt. T-shirts should also be tucked in.

The awards vest is navy blue and the Royal Rangers emblem and specific age group patch are sewn onto the front. Vests should be worn at all ceremonies but wearing them to meetings is optional.

The purchasing of uniforms is highly encouraged among our Royal Rangers and is an important part of building unity and pride in the program. If you need assistance in outfitting your son, do not hesitate to talk to Adam Gee to see if aid is available.

EXPECTATIONS

Attendance

Outpost 50 meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm starting at the beginning of September to the end of June. We break from regular meetings for about 3 weeks in December and usually about 2 weeks around Easter. Rangers are expected to attend all regular meetings as possible. Utility or Casual uniforms are to be worn at meetings, and Rangers should bring their Handbooks as well.

Throughout the year we will also schedule outings, service projects, and even camp-outs. These events are very special and lots of fun, plus they give the boys opportunities to earn additional awards and merits. We strongly encourage participation and may also ask you for additional help in chaperoning these events.

Council of Achievement

Two times each year (three for Ranger Kids), our Outpost holds a special ceremony to honor your sons for their accomplishments. Parents, Grandparents, and supporters are invited to cheer on our boys and congratulate them for their hard work plus enjoy some refreshment and fellowship. It is during these ceremonies that your son will receive the actual badges that he worked so hard to earn.

Dress for the Weather

In addition to wearing a uniform on Wednesday nights, it is pretty common to take a break from classroom instruction by going outside for recreation time. During warmer weather, please have boys wear sneakers (no sandals or flip flops). During cold weather, make sure your boys have coats and hats. If there is snow outside, make sure he has appropriate gear to play in the snow. Always assume that there will be some part of the evening that will take place outside regardless of the season.

Discipline

The policies dealing with disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior are tailored for each age group and will be enforced consistently and lovingly throughout the year. In general, we employ a three step system in dealing with disruptive behavior:

Step 1: Warning. The Ranger is spoken to and the infraction is explained.

Step 2: Time Out. The Ranger is taken aside, gently spoken to, and prayed with.

Step 3: Removal. The Ranger is escorted to you and we ask that you come and discuss the situation with us after the meeting has ended.

We also ask that the following rules be respected for the protection and enjoyment of all Rangers and Commanders:

1. All rules that would apply to a normal school classroom setting should be followed such as:
 - a. No calling out
 - b. Respect your fellow Rangers
 - c. Listen to instructions
 - d. Sit still during lessons
 - e. Etc.
2. Personal items (such as toys, games, snacks, etc.) other than Achievement projects or Ranger books are to be left at home.
3. Pocket knives are not permitted during Wednesday night meetings unless the Group Leader specifically requests boys to bring them for an activity. In these cases or on outings, only Rangers who have passed our specific training program for bladed tools called "Cut & Chop" may bring a pocket knife. **This training is not available or appropriate for Ranger Kids.**

This policy will also be enforced during outings and other events except that at step 3, the Ranger will be removed from the activity and required to be within arm's reach of a Commander for the remainder of the event or a parent may be called to pick up their son. Depending on the circumstances, the Ranger may not be permitted to attend the next scheduled event.

AWARDS & MERITS

Ranger Kids

There are two different types of badges that Ranger Kids can earn-- Advancement and Achievement. Advancement badges are broken down into three Trails, and each Trail has four steps. The Trails are Elk for Kindergarten, Wolverine for 1st grade, and Cougar for 2nd grade. **It is our goal to make sure that all Ranger Kids advance at least 1 step in their respective Trail each quarter.** Many of the requirements for these Advancements involve work to be completed at home with your assistance.

Achievement badges are not directly tied to the Advancement badges but are fun to earn and cover a wide variety of interests and personal growth. Currently there are 53 different Achievement badges available. **We would like to see each Ranger Kid earn at least 2 Achievement badges each quarter.**

Discovery Rangers

In Discovery Rangers, awards earned by the boys are called merits. Merits are required to be earned in order to progress in the advancement system. Specific details as to which merits that need to be earned for each advancement can be found in the Discovery Rangers handbook.

Discovery Ranger merits are divided into two groups; Orange Bible merits and Blue Skill merits. The Bible merits are divided into books of the Bible and are mainly covered in class on Wednesday nights. The Blue Skill merits cover a wide variety of subjects and skill development and some are covered during class time but others are meant to be worked on at home independently or in small groups on special outings.

Adventure Rangers

Like Discovery Rangers, Adventure Ranger merits are divided into Brown Bible merits and Green Skill merits. These merits are directly tied to the advancement system as well as leadership training and community service projects. Details can be found in the Adventure Rangers Handbook.

Expedition Rangers

Skill merits for Expedition Rangers are silver and cover a vast variety of interests and skill development which is age appropriate for High-School boys. Bible study is covered each week in "Spirit Challenges" that encourage the boys to develop into Christian men.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

We are very excited to introduce the new Junior Leadership Training Program into Outpost 50. The vision of the JLT program is to make our Outpost into a boy-lead, adult-mentored program.

Your sons will have the opportunity to grow into Christ-like servant leaders through taking on leadership roles within their respective groups, earning special Leadership Merits, and attending the New Jersey District Training Academy in August of each year (starting when he has completed 4th grade).

As your sons gain more and more training, they will be empowered to take on more responsibility within the Outpost until, ultimately, they are practically running the whole program (with adult guidance, of course).

There are more details on the Junior Leadership Training Program in each of the respective group's handbooks.



YOUR ADULT MENTORS

John Larocco

(609) 386-1032

Outpost Coordinator
48 Fountain Blvd. RD 2
Burlington, NJ 08016

Adam Gee

(609) 239-4321

Outpost Administrator
635 Bordentown Road
Burlington, NJ 08016

Charlie & Wendy Cosme

(609) 499-4140

Ranger Kids Group Leaders
132 7th Ave.
Roebing, NJ 08554

Rick Kington

(609) 499-0420

Discovery Rangers Group Leader
504 W. 2nd Street
Florence, NJ 08518

Mike Collazo

(609) 448-1938

Adventure Rangers Group Leader
155 Canterbury Ct.
East Windsor, NJ 08520

David Doughty

(856) 662-1535

Expedition Rangers Group Leader
6136 Pleasant Ave.
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

To receive calendar updates and reminders via e-mail, contact Commander Rick Kington to get on our e-mail list. His e-mail address is: asdg.rlk1@comcast.net .