

Mission Action Camp (MAC)

Thursday, December 29th 2022 to January 1, 2023, the South Texas Royal Rangers is offering eligible men and boys an opportunity to participate in a MAC! ***Please note that this camp is limited to sixteen (16) boys.*** Fathers that are coming with their boys do not count against that number, but must pay the full registration price.

In Royal Rangers, the process of preparing young men for leadership and engaging them in leadership roles is an integral part of what we do. Action camps are an integral part of this journey, and one of the requirements for boys to complete the “Trail of the Saber” offered by the national Royal Rangers office.

Action Camps are district-sponsored training events in which both young men in grades 9-12 and adult men can attend. Together they will learn exciting skills to take back to the local outpost. These activities can be ideal for fathers and sons to attend together. JTC and AJTC completion is desired, but not required.

The MAC prepares you for home and world missions service. Instructions range from construction skills and the history of AG Missions to community outreach including puppeteer work and skits. Training will be divided between instruction and application. Witnessing skills are taught and practiced. There will be a special emphasis on determining the call God has placed on your life. After this action camp, you will be encouraged to take part in missions opportunities on a regular basis, spreading the love of God to others both at home and around the World!

All men 18 years and older who plan to serve on staff must be listed on their church’s “2022 STXRR Certified Worker Form”

Trail of the Saber

The Trail of the Saber is an award giving special recognition to boys who take full advantage of the junior leadership development opportunities available in their outpost and district. The award acknowledges the growth in servant leadership experienced in this process, starting in Discovery or Adventure Rangers and continuing through Expedition Rangers. Although this award may only be earned by boys, the award medal and ribbon may continue to be worn on the Royal Rangers uniform after a boy graduates into the ranks of adult leadership (See the order of wear on the national Royal Rangers website).

Trail of the Saber Requirements

The following requirements must be met before reaching 18 years of age in order to qualify for the Trail of the Saber award.

1. Be at least 14 years of age and a graduate of the 9th grade.
2. Earn (8) leadership merits of any color (red, gold, or sky blue).
3. Complete Junior Training Camp (JTC) and Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC).
4. Complete two Action Camps or Junior Academy (JA) and one Action Camp.
5. Read all 72 leadership distinctives as found in the 18 leadership merits. These may also be found in the book “*A Guy’s Journey to Servant Leadership*”.
6. Read the book “*Next Generation Leader*” by Andy Stanley.
7. Submit a Trail of the Saber Award Application to the national office for processing.

It should be noted that the Trail of the Saber award is represented on the uniform by a medal, ribbon, or patch and does not represent an actual saber. However, recipients may be presented with a saber as a symbol representing the award. For guidelines relating to the wearing of a saber with the uniform, please refer to our [Saber Usage Parameters](#).