

## **SUMMER CAMPS**

June 8-11th, 2023 is the next opportunity for your boys to attend South Texas Royal Rangers Summer Camps!

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. This year's Summer Camps will provide 4 different levels of leadership training camps and a fun merit camp.

This year, we are also excited to announce a Canoe Action Camp for boys pursuing the Trail of the Saber that will follow the normal summer camp lineup from June 11-13th. Please see details below on who is eligible to attend.

The camp descriptions are as follows:

### **Merit Camp (MC)**

MC is designed as a transitional camp where boys will be introduced to our district junior leader training. This will be a fun and exciting camp geared towards the Discovery Rangers who have graduated from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. MC will introduce boys to the patrol system while he explores fun and adventurous subjects in an outdoor setting.

### **Ranger Training Camp (RTC)**

RTC is designed to help prepare boys for leadership in the local group and outpost. It is not a prerequisite for Junior Leaders Development Academy (JLDA) attendance but is recommended for all boys who will be entering 5th-6th grade in the fall. Ranger Training Camp (RTC) is a district leadership training event for boys who have graduated the 4th grade but not yet in the 7th grade. RTC prepares boys to serve as junior leaders in a boy-led, adult-facilitated outpost.

RTC will help boys discover answers to these questions:

- What is my role in my patrol and group?
- What are some of my God-given (natural) talents and strengths?
- How do I add value to my patrol and group?
- What responsibilities can I undertake to help my patrol and group?

### **Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA)**

JLDA is designed to assist a boy in his leadership journey. It consists of several events that will give boys fun-filled, intentional leadership training, along with powerful spiritual development opportunities. This training experience is designed to be a catalyst and springboard of spiritual encouragement. The following is a current list of the JLDA events endorsed by the National Royal Rangers Ministry:

### **Junior Training Camp (JTC)**

JTC is for graduates of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. JTC focuses on leadership development in the local patrol and group. JTC will help boys discover answers to these questions:

- What are my God-given (natural) talents and strengths and how am I developing them?
- Do I have what it takes to be a godly man?
- What is God's plan for my life?

## Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC)

AJTC is for graduates of JTC and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Boys are taught skills that build upon what they learned at JTC including:

- Serve as a junior leader at patrol/group/outpost levels
- Utilize some of his God-given, natural talents and strengths in service to others
- Group Leadership Team (GLT) meetings
- Group/outpost service projects
- Finding ways of helping others in the group/outpost, church, community and ministry partner

## Junior Academy (JA)/Staff

If you are a graduate of AJTC or a current Royal Rangers adult leader, we invite you to attend Junior Academy and to serve on staff at Summer Camps. All adult staff will need to have at least 1 utility uniform with official Royal Rangers tactical or convertible pants. You will also need the brown field hat and will be issued staff t-shirts at camp. Staff and JA report to camp on Tuesday, June 6th to begin training and camp preparations.

Those who complete the Junior Academy will be challenged to answer these questions:

- How do I help others to find God's plan for their life?
- How am I helping to develop godly character in others?
- Who are those in need and how can I serve?
- How am I improving as an instructor?
- Am I emulating a Christlike life worthy of following?

## ACTION CAMPS

Action Camps are district-sponsored training events in which both boys who are graduates of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and adult men can attend. Together they will learn exciting skills, such as backpacking, canoeing, survival, winter camping, etc., to take back to the local outpost. These activities can be ideal for a father and son to attend together.

Boys do not need to complete JTC or AJTC prior to attending an action camp.

## Canoeing Action Camp (CAC)

CAC is for those who want to learn basic and advanced canoeing skills as well as how to conduct canoe trips. Topics to be studied include water-related first aid, swimming safety, canoe safety, waterproofing of gear, canoe care, and portaging. After attending some important training classes, trainees and staff will set out on a water expedition. Much of the instruction is based on the requirements from the green Canoeing merit. Canoeing rivers and lakes can be a fun and adventurous way to explore nature.

The CAC will start at the conclusion of the JLDA on Sunday, June 11th, 2023 and conclude with a graduation at 6 PM on Tuesday, June 13th.

The CAC will be limited to the first 12 boy registrations, plus fathers, on a first-registered, first-served basis.

***All men 18 years and older who plan to serve on staff must be listed on their church's "2023 STXRR Certified Worker Form"***