

SUMMER CAMPS

June 6-9th, 2024 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.

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 3rd or 4th Grade. While not a prerequisite for RTC, it is recommended boys graduating 4th grade attend MC before RTC if this is his first Summer Camp experience. MC will introduce boys to the patrol system while he explores fun and adventurous subjects in an outdoor setting.

Ranger Training Camp (RTC)

Ranger Training Camp (RTC) is a district leadership training event designed to help prepare boys for leadership in the local group and outpost. RTC is recommended for all boys who have graduated the 4th or 5th Grade. While not a prerequisite for RTC, it is recommended boys graduating the 4th grade attend MC before RTC if this is his first Summer Camp experience. RTC is also open for graduates of the 6th grade not yet entering the 7th grade who are experiencing Summer Camp for the first time as a suggested, but not required, option before entering the JLDA. 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 at least the 6th grade and is the first camp for JLDA. While not a prerequisite for attending JTC, it is recommended graduates of the 6th grade who have not yet entered into 7th grade attend RTC first if this is his first Summer Camp experience. 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. 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 serve on the Summer Camp Staff. 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 4th 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?

All men 18 years and older who plan to serve on staff must be listed on their church's "2024 STXRR Certified Worker Form"