



There is no doubt that the financial resources of our churches are being stretched further and further, but relief is on the way. Many small and financially-limited churches will soon be able to enjoy the benefits of Royal Rangers for the first time ever. Royal Rangers is still a viable and effective ministry to boys and men and changes are in progress to make it more affordable for all churches, regardless of size.

In regard to uniforms, Royal Rangers has been, and is planned to continue to be, a uniformed ministry. However, churches should be provided uniform options. For the center city church that is reaching out to dozens of boys in an economically depressed community, perhaps the uniform they would chose is simply a ball cap, t-shirt, and eventually maybe even a vest. For a church ministering largely to our distinguished military personnel, they may choose our current khaki uniform. Yet a church ministering to affluent young professionals might feel they need an alternative. For that reason we are planning to introduce a line of uniforms from simple and low budget to sports uniforms to a new utility uniform all while keeping our current full khaki uniform. The church as a whole, or groups within the church, would choose which uniform(s) to wear, based on the people they are reaching in their community. The key, though, is that we encourage our leaders to expect boys to wear the uniform they have chosen to weekly meetings and events. This will bring the unity and group identity that uniforms provide.



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How will churches that choose, say, the t-shirt uniform provide recognition to their boys and young men?

Royal Rangers is planning to introduce a new product for each group and for leaders, too. It will be called an advancement logbook, which is a full color, very attractive, folder. The cover has a place for the boy's name and group information. It also has a list of new member advancement objectives and a place to adhere a sticker of the Royal Rangers emblem once the objectives are met. The inside has the group's advancement trail and requirements laid out in a very visual manner and a place to adhere stickers once the requirements are complete. This can help reduce or even eliminate the cost of buying all those merit patches to sew onto vests, making it a very economical approach for the churches and families with limited financial resources.

Some churches have more resources to devote to ministries like Royal Rangers, others less. Some want a strong emphasis on camping, others on sports, others on technology, others on handyman skills, and still others want to emphasize some or all of these. Some want a spit-shine look to their uniforms, others a more functional image, others are content simply with t-shirts or no uniform at all. We are adjusting our ministry to accommodate the full spectrum. Churches need options that will fit their budgets, available manpower, and interests of their leaders, boys, young men, and the demographic the church is trying to reach. We feel if the church can run Rangers around the interests of their men rather than our one nationally-determined focus on camping and if they can offer Rangers to their boys for the cost of a charter, a logbook and sticker sheet, and a t-shirt, many small and financially-limited churches can begin to enjoy the benefits of Royal Rangers for the first time ever. The logbooks will address a variety of concerns—advancement recognition and economizing Rangers, just to mention two great benefits. The logbook will facilitate growth. Churches, if they wish, can most certainly run the program on the bare minimum and still enjoy all the life-changing effects of Royal Rangers.

There are many improvements that are being or will soon be made to the Royal Ranger ministry that will benefit every church that wants a viable ministry to reach their young men and boys. To see more of what is being planned visit <http://royalrangers.ag.org/nationalcouncil> and read or download Seek and Save! The 2008 Royal Rangers vision for taking Royal Rangers to the iPod generation.

Coming Events in 2009:

**JLTA JUNIOR
COMPUTER CAMP**
Altoona, PA
Feb. 20-22

**DISTRICT LEADERS
CONFERENCE**
First Assembly of
God, York, PA
March 28th

**PENN-DEL RR
CAMP WORK DAY**
Honey Grove, PA
April 18th

**INSTRUCTOR
CERTIFICATION
SEMINAR**
TBA
April 25th

**GEORGE WASHINGTON
CHAPTER FCF
SPRING TRACE**
Honey Grove, PA
May 1-3

