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Fellow Royal Ranger Leaders,

Here is information for some of the National Training Events coming up for 2010.

All of our events currently are at **0** or close to it. I know there are a lot of changes going on in the area of training but that is no excuse to put it off. If you have not attended any of these events, I personally challenge you to go. You will not be disappointed. Just as you ask your boys to advance, you as leaders need to advance. I feel so strong about these events that I am serving on staff at 4 of them. That's because I believe in the importance of training and how it has changed leader's lives. These are exciting times. We just completed to first ever Ranger Essentials at National Council and it was great. The National Staff received very positive feedback from this new training format. We are now building relationships and not PowerPoint files. I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

There will be a **WCO** (World Class Outpost) in Wayne, NJ on May 21-22. *This seminar is designed to expose the outpost leadership team to a successful set of practices, methods, strategies, and tools that will enable them to develop into a "World Class Outpost".* The outpost leaders are encouraged to attend and complete this event together. WCO is a requirement for the "ADVANCED" level of the new Rangers Ministry Academy and will go toward the new LME (Leaders Medal of Excellence). The minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make this seminar a go is 24 by April 22 and we currently have **0**.

There will be a **NCE** (National Canoe Expedition) in Northwood, NH on **May 27-30**. *This camp is designed to give leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and to provide outstanding adventures in some of the most beautiful canoe country in America.* A leader must have attended National Training Camp before enrolling. The minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make this camp a go is 20 by **April 26** and we currently have **3**. This will be your last opportunity to take NCE so I know that we will have no problem filling this camp up too.

There will be a **RKTC** (Ranger Kids Training Conference) in Falling Waters, WV on July 16-18. *This conference is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will also receive training in various aspects of the Ranger Kids ministries.* It will count toward the current LMA (Leaders Medal of Achievement) or the "TRAINED" level of the new Rangers Ministry Academy and will go toward the new LME (Leaders Medal of Excellence). The minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make this camp a go is 24 by April 16 and we currently have **0**.

There will be the new **NRMC** (National Ranger Ministry Camp) in Whiteford, MD on August 20-22. *This camp will give instruction in basic outdoor skills and activities providing leaders with the skills needed to take their Ranger boys on exciting outpost activities outside their normal weekly meeting times. Instruction in effectively implementing the team/patrol method will be offered as a means to facilitate junior leadership development. Also, leaders will be challenged to connect with God and explore spiritual manhood.* It will count toward the current LMA (Leaders Medal of Achievement) or the "TRAINED" level of the new Rangers Ministry Academy and will go toward the new LME (Leaders Medal of Excellence). The minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make this camp a go is 24 by July 21 and we currently have **0**. Be a part of Royal Ranger history and be one of the first leaders to attend this camp.

Finally, there will be another **WCO** (World Class Outpost) in Ghent, WV on September 10-11. *This seminar is designed to expose the outpost leadership team to a successful set of practices, methods, strategies, and tools that will enable them to develop into a "World Class Outpost".* The outpost leaders are encouraged to attend and complete this event together. WCO is a requirement for the "ADVANCED"

level of the new Rangers Ministry Academy and will go toward the new LME (Leaders Medal of Excellence). The minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make this seminar a go is 24 by August 12 and we have **0**.

As you can see, the National Office has a minimum required number needed by the pre-registration deadline to make these camps a go and camps have been cancelled for not having enough commanders. Please **DO NOT** procrastinate. Send in your application now. You will not lose any money if the camp is cancelled and if for some reason you cannot make the camp, the money can be transferred to a future camp. With this in mind, I am asking the Districts to post this information on their websites and promote them at their upcoming District events. You can reach the leaders that need this training and together we can make these camps happen. The National office is now posting more information on these training camps on their website. You can find out the status of each camp and print out an **APPLICATION** and a information packet with a map to the campground. Check it out at www.royalrangers.ag.org/training/schedule/. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

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