

Easy to follow steps to establishing and organizing a  
**Royal Ranger Outpost** in your local church...

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Do you want a dynamic  
ministry that will forever  
change the lives of boys?

If so, read on and discover how you  
can meet the challenge of reaching,  
teaching, and keeping boys for Christ.

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### Acquire Leadership

**THE PASTOR:** The pastor is the key to having a successful Royal Rangers program. If he is fully aware of how evangelically effective Royal Rangers is, he will support the ministry wholeheartedly, but first he must educate himself about Royal Rangers. The pastor then should be the first to initiate the Royal Rangers program in his church. He should discuss with the church congregation the basic needs of the boys and recommend that the program be adopted.

**THE CHURCH:** The congregation should recognize that Royal Rangers is a part of the "total church ministry." Also, they should realize that the men in the church should assume responsibility for the promotion, leadership, and financing of the work.

**MEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE:** The church's Men's Ministries Committee (may be referred to as HonorBound) should promote and administer Royal Rangers. Committee members should also become familiar with the vision, purposes, and goals of this ministry.

**OUTPOST COUNCIL:** An Outpost Council is appointed by the local Men's Ministries Committee or the church board. It is comprised of three to five men who are interested in boys, capable of leadership, and willing to spend time developing the program. This council is responsible to secure leaders, a meeting place, finances and equipment, and to conduct achievement ceremonies.

**THE COMMANDER:** Each outpost group in Royal Rangers needs a leader (called "commander") and, when possible, a lieutenant commander. A survey ascertaining the number of interested boys in each outpost group will help in determining the number of groups and leaders needed. A good ratio is one leader for every five boys.

# STEP 2 Conduct Three Meetings

## — THE FIRST MEETING —

**PREPARATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING:** Obtain the Royal Rangers Informational Packet by contacting the national Royal Rangers ministries at 1-417-862-2781, ext. 4177, or at rangers@ag.org. This packet will include samples of the age-level *Leader's Guides* and boy's *Workbooks*, *High Adventure* publication, Royal Rangers Catalog, Order Form, and promotional brochures. Order this packet at least two months prior to beginning the outpost. This will give time to receive it, study the resources, and prepare for the first evening.

Make arrangements for the first meeting with interested boys and their parents.

**BEFORE THE MEETING:** Leaders should arrive early in order to prepare the meeting room and to give a personal welcome to each boy and his parents or guardians.

### WHILE THE BOYS AND PARENTS ARRIVE:

The commander and all assistant(s) should welcome each boy. It is important to keep the boys busy with games, puzzles, or simple crafts before the meeting begins.

After all have arrived, conduct games for about 5 minutes. Here is a simple pre-meeting game. Have a stack of 8 1/2 x 11" paper in a pile at the door. Arrange the seating into a semicircle. Place a box, small garbage can, or make an X with masking tape, on the floor at least 10 feet in front of the rows of chairs. Instruct boys and parents to make paper airplanes and attempt to fly them into the container or marked area. Remind them that no one is allowed beyond the front row.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Have the leaders present the colors with the U.S. flag in the center and forward, surrounded by the Royal Rangers flag and Christian flag. Lead in the pledge of allegiance. Open the evening in prayer.



**INTRODUCTION:** Obtain the promotional video, "Adventure Begins Here," from Gospel Publishing House (GPH), 1-800-641-4310, to show the many exciting opportunities and activities of the Royal Rangers ministry. The pastor or senior commander should greet the audience and introduce each of the commanders. Ask the families to introduce themselves.

**PROGRAM:** In simple terms, explain the ideals and purpose of the program. Demonstrate to the boys and parents how Royal Rangers will help open doors to adventure, friendship, and fun. Explain to the boys how the commanders work with them to make their activities and programs a success.



The Rangers program consists of four different levels with materials and activities that are age-level appropriate and biblically based.

Obtain additional Royal Rangers catalogs from GPH. Let the boys and parents look at all the exciting uniforms, awards, and accessories. Let the boys know that once they have attended three regular meetings, they are eligible to wear the Royal Rangers uniform appropriate to their outpost age group. Discuss how the boys can obtain their uniforms. Then explain to the boys how they can earn and wear advancements and awards. Show the *Handbooks* to the boys, and describe some of the topics the boys will be learning.

**SPEAKER:** If possible, invite a speaker who is familiar with the program—such as a section or district Royal Rangers commander.

**QUESTION & ANSWER TIME:** Give the audience a chance to ask questions.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** The pastor or guest speaker should end the presentation with some closing thoughts, promotions, and then close in prayer.

**AFTER THE MEETING:** Serve refreshments and have a time of fellowship. Be available for further questions. Make sure the outpost is supplied with plenty of *Handbooks*, *Workbooks*, *Leader's Guides*, and flags. Give the proper materials to all group commanders and instruct them to study the introduction and the first lesson of their *Leader's Guide*.

Before the second meeting call all parents and thank them for attending the first meeting. Make sure to call those unable to attend and encourage them to bring their sons to the second meeting.

## — THE SECOND MEETING —

Make sure all commanders are prepared and arrive early. Instruct commanders to begin using the program with the aid of the *Leader's Guide*, workbooks, and boys *Handbooks*.

During the business session collect the chartering dues.

## — THE THIRD MEETING —

Contact your District Commander for a chartering application. Complete the chartering application and follow the instructions under, "Become Chartered."

*Materials list:*

- Informational Packet
- Sample of each uniform
- Charts
- Royal Ranger catalogs
- U.S. flag, Christian flag, Royal Rangers flag, and standards

### PLEASE NOTE:

It is highly recommended that all interested leaders and helpers take the Ranger Basics course. This course can be taken in a classroom setting. This course will help the commander understand the most important aspects of Royal Rangers and will provide a tremendous opportunity to develop the skills for reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ.

### Meeting Suggestions

Your outpost should meet once a week. Your meetings should last at least 1 hour and should last 1 1/2 hours when including recreation. It is important that you and the boys have an enjoyable time together. Every meeting should provide both fun and accomplishment for the boys. Plan a well-rounded program in every meeting so the boys will always be anxious to return. A meeting that has only fun with no accomplishment causes the boys to soon lose interest.

Begin and end each meeting on time. This is good training for the boys in managing their own affairs. It also helps inspire confidence in the boys' parents.

# STEP 3 Become Chartered

Chartering is the annual process of registering your outpost with your district and the national office. Charter fees typically help support the Royal Rangers ministry in your district and they also help support the national Royal Rangers ministry. Each boy and leader in Royal Rangers should charter each year.

Once the chartering requirements are met and the charter application and fees have been received, you will receive a chartering packet. The packet contains a chartering certificate, a database CD, brochures, and membership cards.

### CHARTER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- A qualified leader and, if possible, one or more assistants.
- An Outpost Council comprised of a minimum of three men.
- At least five boys who have met the recruit requirements.
- A registration fee for each boy and adult.
- Charter application is made once three regular meetings are held.

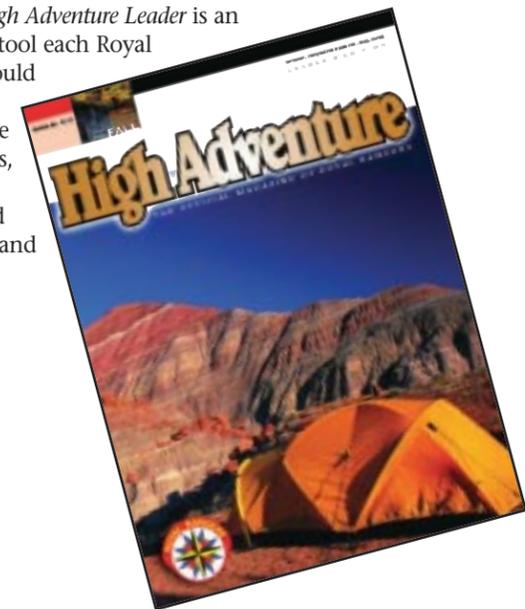
Once chartered, an outpost will be assigned an outpost number, and each boy and leader will receive a membership card.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that the church or Outpost Council order a Royal Rangers patch from GPH for each boy when the charter application is submitted. Conduct a special church ceremony and award each new Royal Ranger a patch and his membership card.

### HIGH ADVENTURE, HIGH ADVENTURE LEADER:

Royal Rangers who belong to a chartered outpost will receive the 16-page *High Adventure* each quarter. The adventure, inspiration, humor, how-to, and craft articles included in each *High Adventure* are designed to help develop the total boy.

The 32-page *High Adventure Leader* is an outpost planning tool each Royal Rangers leader should have. This quarterly magazine contains devotions, crafts, how-to's, news, training and program updates, and much more.



# STEP 4 Learn about the Ministry

Training is the key to a successful Royal Rangers program. Each leader should endeavor to receive all the knowledge available to him about Royal Rangers. A novice leader should obtain, through the Gospel Publishing House, *The Royal Rangers Leader's Manual* and weekly planning guides. Next, he should enroll in Ranger Basics, which will help enable him to meet the challenge of leading boys.

Leaders should also receive national leadership training, such as the National Training Camp. For information on available training programs, contact the national Royal Rangers ministries or visit the national website at [www.royalrangers.ag.org](http://www.royalrangers.ag.org).