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I. UNIFORMS

- A. Uniforms are to be worn at all Outpost activities with the exception of campouts. At campouts, special instructions will be provided regarding uniform use. Royal Rangers are to wear a class B uniform to the meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and a class C uniform at all other activities unless instructed otherwise.
- B. Uniforms are ordered at the time of registration at the beginning of the school year and three weeks preceding each council of achievement (award ceremony). There is a uniform exchange program. **Uniforms in good condition may be exchanged for another used uniform if the size is available.**

For detailed uniform descriptions and patch placement please refer to the Discovery, Adventure, or Expedition Ranger handbook.

Class C uniforms are the most casual of all uniforms. They consist of a group or Royal Rangers T-shirt, and jeans, khaki pants, or shorts. The awards vest and a cap or beret can also be worn.

Class B uniform:

Ranger Kids group class B uniform consists of a red button up shirt, jeans, and bolo tie. The vest and baseball cap may also be worn.

The class B uniform for Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers consists of the khaki Royal Ranger shirt, khaki pants, and bolo tie. The vest and baseball cap or beret may also be worn.

II. AWARDS

- A. Every quarter, each boy will be expected to progress through their advancement trail(see handbook for explanation).
- B. Merit badges will be presented at the next meeting after they are earned. The badges are to be affixed to the boys vest as indicated in their group handbook.
- C. Advancement trail badges will be given out at the next council of achievement after they are earned.
- D. Merit, advancement bars and drape medals will be awarded either during formation or at the council of achievement only if a Ranger has a class B uniform to wear them on.
- E. A parent who would like to work with their son on a merit should check with their son's group commander to insure that the group will not be working on the same merit. The parent must then be sure that their son completes every requirement of the merit. Upon completion, the work should then be presented to the group commander so that he can sign off on the requirements and award the merit at the next meeting. If the merit is not in stock, it will be ordered and presented by the next council of achievement.

III. EVENTS

- A. A Ranger may participate in an event if he attends one Wednesday night meeting in the previous month, has a current registration on file, and has a signed permission slip for the event.
- B. A Ranger may participate in a campout if he attends four Wednesday night meetings in the previous two months, has a current registration on file, and has a signed permission slip.
- C. One of the objectives of Outpost 55 is to train boys to take leadership responsibilities whenever possible. Because of this boys are strongly encouraged to attend the leadership training camps (DTC and JLTA) that are made available to them.

IV. CAMPING

- A. Tent assignments will be made and can only be changed by the Senior Commander or Senior Guide.
- B. Rangers with a firecraft merit may sign up to start and maintain the fire.
- C. Knives and hand axes may only be used in cut and chop area by a Ranger carrying a "Cut & Chop Card". Only ONE person is allowed in the cut and chop area at a time.
- D. If a safety rule is broken when a boy is using a knife or axe, a corner will be cut off their "Cut and Chop Card". If all four corners are cut off, the boy's card will be taken away and the tool safety merit will have to be completed again.
- E. Only adults may sanitize cookware in the boiling water.
- F. All campers are expected to participate in all of the duties assigned to their duty team.
- G. The buddy system is used at all times and at all events. No one is permitted to go anywhere without a buddy. No Ranger Kid, Discovery Ranger, or Adventure Ranger is to leave the campsite (anything beyond the bathhouse) without an adult from the outpost. If a boy's supervising adult leaves an activity, the boy must leave with them unless the adult transfers responsibility for the child to another adult from our outpost.

V. DISCIPLINE

- A. It is the objective of Outpost 55 that the Royal Ranger program be enjoyed by every person involved. For this to occur, it is important that there is respect for others and for the guidelines provided by the commanders.
- B. Inappropriate behavior will be handled as follows:
 - 1. Warning from a commander.
 - 2. If behavior persists, the boy will be pulled out of the activity and spoken to by two commanders.
 - 3. Behavior that continues to be disruptive will lead to a meeting with Children's Pastor and notification of the boy's parents.
 - 4. If #3 does not solve the behavioral problems, the boy's parents will be asked to attend Royal Ranger activities with their child.

VI. PARENT PARTICIPATION

- A. The goal of the Royal Ranger program is to Reach, Teach, and Keep boys for Christ. Outpost 55 understands that this goal should also be the goal of a Christ centered family. Because of this, the Royal Ranger Commanders desires to join with parents and to help them raise and train boys to follow Christ. Parents are strongly encouraged to get involved because they are best positioned to use this program for their son's benefit.
- B. There are many ways for parents to get involved. Parents can:
 - 1. Attend campouts.
 - 2. Join the parents' board.
 - 3. Attend special events.
 - 4. Give an hour and a half a week on Wednesdays and become a commander.
 - 5. Work with their child on merits he needs to achieve his advancements.
 - 6. Financially support the outpost with equipment purchases and scholarships for families in need.
 - 7. Pray for the commanders who invest time and energy working with these boys.
 - 8. Foster relationships between boys in the group by inviting other boys and their families to join them in their family recreation.
 - 9. Communicate appreciation with their boy's commander for his time and ask for insight into how their son is doing in the group.

VII. ATTENDANCE

- A. Every week the Commander has a plan for advancement. Missing a week makes it difficult to catch up and can easily cause even the most dedicated boys to fall behind the rest of the group. Attendance is the key to advancement in the Ranger program.
- B. The boys in the patrol are a team that each one plays an important part. When one boy is missing, the patrol suffers by losing the opportunity to build camaraderie when working and playing together.