



Tips for Leaders: The Closing Ceremony gives the boys the opportunity to respond to the Devotion. Even if you are ahead of schedule, go ahead and allow this response while the boys are sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Then give them time to work on other things until it's time to go. Keep the boys in the building until a parent arrives to avoid them getting hurt or their parents assuming they are out of control. Parents want to see their boys come up to them with a smile. This helps increase the trust you need from each parent.

Make contact with the parents during this time. Give them reports, remembering to share positive things about their son. Inform them about what the boy is learning and what he needs to work on at home. Use notes to keep parents up-to-date about their boy's advancement.

1 WHILE THE BOYS ARRIVE Leader: _____

Have a display of nature items for the Rangers to look at. Some examples might be leaf, rock, or insect collections.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Leaf, rock, or insect collection

2 OPENING CEREMONY Leader: _____ **1–5 min.**

Read the Conservation Pledge: *“I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country—its soil and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.”* Then read Job 12:7–10 and explain what stewardship is. Open in prayer.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Bible

TIPS FOR LEADERS

Boys need friends, opportunities to give to others, and love.

3 BUSINESS/PATROL CORNERS Leader: _____ **3–10 min.**

Use this time to make announcements and plan for upcoming events. Patrol leaders take attendance and collect dues or offering for their patrols.

Announcements: _____

Patrol Assignments/Projects: _____

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Patrol attendance sheets
- Pencils

TIPS FOR LEADERS

Be sure to keep the boys occupied during this time with meaningful activities.

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4 BIBLE STUDY* Leader: _____ 15–20 min.

Select a Bible lesson from the orange Bible merit section of TRaCclub and refer to that lesson for this segment of the meeting.

Bible Lesson: _____

5 PROGRAM FEATURE* Leader: _____ 15–25 min.

Select a skill merit from the blue or green skill merit sections of TRaCclub and refer to the lesson plan for that merit during this segment of the meeting.

Skill Merit: _____ Notes: _____

6 ADVANCEMENT Leader: _____ 5–10 min.

Refer to the material in the *Merit Activity Guide* for the merit you selected.

Notes: _____

7 RECREATION* Leader: _____ 10–15 min.

Option 1: Bounce Ball

Line up the boys at one end of the room. Each player will try to bounce a ball over a chair and into the wastebasket. Give each boy five to ten tries. Set up your own scoring system.

Option 2: Tennis Ball Golf

Prior to the meeting: Locate or cut a 1-foot square from 1/4-inch plywood. In the center of this square, drill nine 2-inch holes in three rows of three, each hole 1 inch from the other holes. Number the holes 1 through 9. Place one side of the board on a 2-inch high brick to make a slanted game board.

Each of nine players is assigned a number. (More boys can play if two boards and balls are set up and used.) The object of the game is for the players to attempt to roll a tennis ball into the hole with his number on it. For each successful roll, he receives one point and rolls again. If the ball rolls into a hole with another player's number, that player takes possession of the ball and attempts to roll the ball into the hole with his number on it. The player with the most points wins.

NOTE
Meeting elements identified with a "★" represent core elements that should be included in every Royal Rangers meeting.

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- Merit lesson plan from blue or green merits
 - See lesson plan for additional materials

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- *Merit Activity Guide*
 - See merit lesson plan for materials needed

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- Chair
 - Wastebasket

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- 12" x 12" piece of 1/4" plywood
 - Drill with 2" hole-cutting bit
 - Permanent marker
 - Brick
 - Tennis ball



8 DEVOTION* Leader: _____ 5 min.

(Hold up the life preserver with the rope attached to it. Ask the boys what it is and what it is used for. They will know what it is and give you pretty good answers on how it is used. Explain that the life preserver is used in any modern-day camping situation where there is water. It is a device that is designed to help people who are in water and appear to be drowning.)

(Play-act the following scenario. Choose a volunteer to pretend he is drowning. Have him call for help. Toss him the life preserver and pretend to pull him to safety.)

(Write the word Jesus on the life preserver. Explain that God knows we are all drowning in our sins.)

That’s why God the Father “threw” His Son to us in the form of a man. Jesus died on the cross that we might be saved from our sins. Every person who grabs hold of Jesus and lives for Him will be saved. God will forgive their sins.

God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth in order to be the life preserver to save us from our sins. We are drowning, but Jesus can save us. First John 1:9 tells us that, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.”

Do you need God’s life preserver, Jesus? Let us pray with you.

9 CLOSING CEREMONY Leader: _____ 1–5 min.

Have the boys from each patrol form a circle around their patrol member who came forward. Each member should place a hand on his shoulder. Close in prayer.

10 AFTER THE MEETING

After the meeting instruct the patrols to put the meeting room back in order and put away all equipment and supplies. Take time to meet with your Group Leadership Team (GLT) to review the meeting and make plans for next week.

Leader Notes: _____

Additional Meeting Notes: _____

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- Ring-type life preserver with rope attached
 - Marker

- TIPS FOR LEADERS**
- Here are some tips that will help you guide the boys in obeying the rules.
- Praise boys who follow the rules.
 - Smile at the boys who are following the rules.
 - Pat them on the shoulder.
 - Don’t overly correct disobedience, otherwise you teach that attention can be gained through disobedience.

- TIPS FOR LEADERS**
- Always be ready to take time to pray for special needs as requested by your boys. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray and talk with the boys about their needs and how God can meet them.

- TIPS FOR LEADERS**
- Remember to show appreciation to everyone involved in making the meeting a success.