

Programs Update 2021

The following provides a brief summary of the changes to the Royal Rangers program and curriculum that have taken place since our last national conference or are expected to take place before the next.

REMOTE RANGERS

In March 2020 the national office began releasing a series of free weekly resources under the title “remote rangers” to enable outposts and families to continue their participation in Royal Rangers in a “remote” form, outside the traditional church setting, during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Several leaders from around the country assisted in the development of these resources which were provided for a total of 19 weeks, ending in July when churches began to resume in-person services.

These resources remain on the national website at RoyalRangers.com/Remote as a resource for outposts still effected by the pandemic, serving as an example of the type of material that could be used to facilitate remote participation in the program when the need arises.

LEADER MANUAL

The Royal Rangers Leader Manual has been revised and reprinted. This is the first reprint since the release of the reformatted manual in March 2019. This update was in progress last year but the reprint has just recently been completed. While most of the manual remains unchanged, other than minor editorial corrections, some chapters have seen significant changes.

- *Chapter 3 – Leadership Merit update (see Programs Update 2020)*
- *Chapter 11 – Utility & Dress Uniform changes (see uniform updates from 2020)*
- *Chapter 16 – Leadership Merit update (see Programs Update 2020)*
- *Chapter 21 – Medal of Courage has changed (see application)*
- *Chapter 27 – Much of this content has been re-written*
- *Appendix B – Formal Uniform changes (see Formal Uniform Update 2020)*

Minor edits were also made to some chapters in Section 3. Updated chapters will be posted to TracClub within the next few weeks.

SKILL MERIT UPDATES

The following skill merits have been updated since March 2020:

- Bible Knowledge (blue)
- Bible Knowledge (green)
- First Aid Skills
- Global Missions (green) – Global Missions (blue) was updated last year
- Presidents
- Space Exploration
- Backpacking (Advanced Backpacking is still in revision)

FCF HANDBOOK REPRINT

The FCF Handbook has been revised and reprinted for 2021.

- Boys requirements for Frontiersman, Buckskin, and Wilderness levels have been updated (see FCF membership update last year)

- Pathfinder information has been removed since it is no longer associated with FCF. Pathfinder information is now in the RR Leader Manual.

SWORDSMAN PROGRAM

The Swordsman program was launch in October of 2020 as a means of encouraging leaders and boys to develop the habit of daily personal Bible reading. Details can be found on the website at RoyalRangers.com/Swordsman.

UNIFORM UPDATES

Insignia representing participation in the Swordsman program are now available in both patch & pin format. Insignia placement has been added to the uniform guide on the website at RoyalRangers.com/uniforms.