

# The Long Rifle



Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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## Spring Camps for Boys



The spring camping season begins with two great training camps for boys – Adventure Training Camp (ATC) and Discovery Training Camp (DTC). These two camp will be offered on the same weekend at a central location in Clio, Michigan of Ligon Center.

The **DTC** camp, April 30-May 1, is open to boys in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> and is an indoor camp for learning team skills, working in patrols and making good spiritual choices.

The **ATC** camp, April 30-May 2, is open for boys in grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and is outdoor tent camping experience working on primary camping skills - ropecraft, lashing, toolcraft, firecraft, compass and basic first aid.

Much more information and forms are posted on the [michrr website](#). Pre-registration is required for these camps so we can plan meals, staff and training materials. We also welcome commanders and dads to participate. Bring your boys to these camps – it will make a difference in your outpost!

## 2010 Spring Commander Conference Report



At the Spring Commander Conference we had a great attendance with 88 leaders and about 30 outposts represented. The main focus was the new Ranger Essentials which is a foundational course for the new four levels of leader certification from the National RR Office. This six hour course concentrated on discipleship, relationship building and outreach opportunities.

In addition, the conference included a review of the 2010 calendar and upcoming events, discussion about new National Royal Ranger changes and a presentation of 2009 Commander awards.

**READY**  
**SAFETY**  
**TRAINED**  
**ADVANCED**

## Summer Training Camp Opportunities



The Michigan District Junior Training leadership is offering three special camps this summer for your older boys to attend. These camps will develop great leadership skills in young men as well as great adventure and challenge.

Junior Training Camp (JTC) and Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC) will both be offered on **June 21-24** at D-A Scout Ranch in Metamora, Michigan. JTC is for boys in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above and strengthens camping, leadership and soul winning skills. AJTC (requires JTC camp first) teaches advanced camping techniques, orienteering and pioneering skills.

Junior Training Trails will be offered on **July 21-24** at Yankee Springs State Park. The focus of this camp is trail hiking, backpacking and new camping skills. More information is available on the [michrr website](#) or by contacting Mark Vandenberg at 269.792.6177 or 616.822.3128 (email: [mark\\_a\\_vandenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_a_vandenberg@hotmail.com))

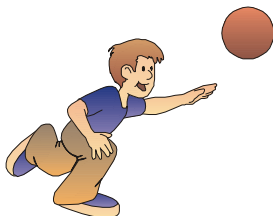
## RK/DR/AR Field Day & Overnighter



Metro and Metro-South Sections are conducting a Field Day and Overnight camping event at the “Farm” for boys of all ages and their families on **June 4-5<sup>th</sup>** in Canton, Michigan.

The Real Life Farm is offering a Friday overnight camping (bring your tents!) on the grounds with a campfire, cookout and hay ride for \$5. Then on Saturday the fun and competition begins with events such as obstacle course, hockey shoot soccer kick, ball toss, etc. The Saturday field day event cost \$5 and includes lunch, prizes and event patch. In addition the Farm includes many animals to touch and pet – rabbits, chicks, kittens, dwarf goats and much more! Bring the whole family!

The Friday campout starts at 6 pm and the Saturday field day starts at 9am registration and events run from 10am to 1:30 pm. Real Life Farm is located in Canton at 48700 Geddes Rd. Contact Metro South Sectional Commander – Don Fraser for questions. (cell: 734-564-8288 email: [farm1@comcast.net](mailto:farm1@comcast.net))



## Pow Wow: Date Change to August



Pow Wow is making a major date change to **August 11-14, 2010!** This is a reminder of the change from June to August for Michigan District Pow Wow. The location is the same – Lost Valley Camp, Gaylord, Michigan.

We continue with a great military theme and events – “Training for Battle” and look forward to seeing you there. Keep checking the michrr website for information.

### Upcoming Event Reminders

**April 30–May 2** ATC / DTC camps at Ligon Center

**June 4-5** RK/DR/AR Field Day at Real Life Farm

**June 21-24** JTC & AJTC at D-A Scout Ranch

**July 21-24** JTT at Yankee Springs State Park

**July 17** Michigan Adventure Theme Park

Visit the ‘michrr.org’ website for information and details!

## What is



There are many changes in process from the National Office. National Commander Doug Marsh and his staff are updating many aspects of Royal Rangers for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This includes training, curriculum, chartering and overall vision.

**TRaCclub** is Royal Rangers online delivery (internet) of new meeting curriculum and merit lessons. It stands for “**The Rangers Curriculum Club.**” It will consist of 5 tracks—one for each age group and one for leaders to supplement the Leader Manual. Each of the 5 tracks will be offered on an annual subscription basis.

Each age group track will include weekly meeting guides and merit lessons (including skill, leadership and Bible) or achievement award lessons specific to that group. The leaders track will contain supplemental materials to the Leader Manual to include devotions, activity ideas and planning helps.

Beginning in **August**, this will be the new way to receive your meeting plan and boys workbook materials. GPH will continue to carry other materials in print format – Leaders Manual, Boys handbooks and Adventures in Camping but all other curriculum material will soon be available in this internet delivery method. This will eliminate the delay in shipping books, updates to materials and introduction of new merit and devotion lessons.