



Florida RA Zone

**Newsletter for RA Leaders and Their Boys
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Just a Thought

Remember some of the dates we had. Remember the final one we were interested in because they were the “Heart Throb” of our life? We wanted to see more and more of our heart throb and get to know him or her more and more. What started out as a date and ended as a pursuit (of love).

The one thing that’s an encouragement to the Christian is knowing first hand God is in pursuit of each of us,

Individually all the time. What makes it more assuring to the Christian is reading in God’s word and seeing Him admit He’s a “Jealous God”. That should make us take notice. He really love a “Whole Bunch”.

This pursuit God is actively doing all the time is to set us apart from the rest of the world so he can have us for His own. That’s called “Sanctification”.

The whole thing of God pursuing each of us on a regular basis is an indicator for the assurance of our. How about that?!!!!!!!

Rick Hollis

RA Mission Education Team Leader

Central Florida Region

Okay

Often I get amazed how God is in charge of everything; Sunday School, worship service, a long trip, or whatever comes up, it doesn't matter. It may catch me by surprise, God was already been there, finished, and never left.

From my point of view, the outcome can be good or bad. In either case, I've a tendency to start asking questions and listen to God before and/or after the results are in.

Whether or not we have time with God, He's committed to us and we're committed to Him. Although our commitment to Him can waiver and He understands that. So, it's important to talk to Him even if we're late. Whatever I find out whatever God convey to me, good of not so good, the best answer to say to Him is: "Okay." I've been content with answer. It never been disappointing.

The "Okay" answer parallels with the same word "Amen". The meaning of booth responses is "So be it" which is acknowledgement to God to show satisfaction or recognition,

So, okay is simple and I can live with it. Also, it's up-to-date with today's modern speech.

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RA Field Day in Jacksonville

Southside Baptist Church in Jacksonville hosted the RA Field Day March 18th. There was plenty of fun and learning to go around. All of them had a chance to go around the world and not leave the church.

The boys and their leaders had a chance to go to four different stations to watch, learn, and have some fun. There was the Ethiopian Mission Field Station. They learned about Ethiopia and the country's culture, its people, the needs in the area, and the missionaries that were there to help the people in Jesus name.

Next, there was Camp Craft station. At this station the boys learned how to lash a cross with wire and concrete nails together. After the boys lashed the nails together they added a touch of their decoration skills to make the cross an extra special gift ready for the "Jacksonville Sea Farer's Ministry" which was the next place they were going to.

Then came the Sea Farer's Ministry at the Port of Jacksonville. This ministry was a ministry that was world-wide. The boys and their leaders learned that this ministry covered a large scale of ocean going ships. The merchant marines,

Ocean liners, cruise ships, barges, tankers, sail boats, and so on. Amazing, huh? Some of the people that were on these ships could be on some of these ships at a time and not see home--somewhere in the world. To add to this adventure, they made survival kits that included the crosses they made earlier in Camp Craft.

After the Sea Farer's Ministry, they went to the Disaster Relief trailer parked outside of the church waiting for them. The boys and the leaders learned this ministry was always there at a disaster to help the people that went through a tough time in the aftermath of disaster. Even though it may seem the end of the world for some victims in a disaster, the Disaster Relief was there to make life easier for the victims by showing the love of Christ.

Then there was lunch. No one turned down that! After lunch was the RA Racer Derby. What a time for close calls. There were plenty of them. It would be fair to say, "It was hard to say who was the most excited--the boys or the adults." The awards were given out and no one went home a loser.

In the Kingdom of God, every one of God's kids are winners!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Central Florida Region

Just a Reminder About RAs

Fall is coming and now is the time to order your RA Material. Here's a grocery list of things to consider:

1. RA Leader Kit
2. RA Leader and RA World
3. RA Trek (Leader Guide, RA Member Log for grades 1-3 and 4-6)
4. Patches, Pins, Vests, etc.
5. Campcraft Book from Texas Baptist Men (Optional)

<http://texasbaptistmen.org/Portals/0/TBMDocuments/RoyalAmbassadors/Campcraft%20Manual%20Updated.pdf>

Other RA Material (Optional)

<http://texasbaptistmen.org/Ministries/RoyalAmbassadors/RAResources/Campcraft/userid/208>

Texas Baptist Men Store (Optional)

<https://texasbaptistmen.org/TBMStore>

6. WMU Store for RAs

<https://www.wmystore.com/missions-resources/children-grades-16/royal-ambassadors>

7. Extras from the Lifeway Store for RAs

<http://www.lifeway.com/Keyword/royal+ambassadors+ra>

8. Don't forget to register your RA chapter(s) Contact the WMU headquarters at 205-991-8100 for more information.

If you want to insert an idea, an article, write about your RA Chapter, or something about RAs published in the RA Zone e-mail Rick Hollis. His contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Other Cool RA Things



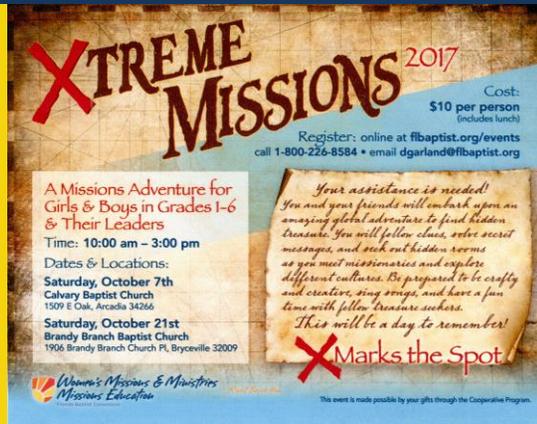
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We have a Royal Ambassador Endowment fund. This has grants that may help with registration fees for RA events and other related missions events for RAs here in Florida. For more information on how to apply for a RA Endowment grant, contact the WMM/Missions Education Team of the Florida Baptist Convention (contact information below).

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RA Calendar of Events:



Xtreme Missions

October 7th, 2017

Host Church: Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

Host Association: Peace River Association

Time Line: 10:00am--3:00pm

This statewide mission event includes a day learning about missions and meeting missionaries, enjoying outdoor sports, and other fun activities. This event is for Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, and Children in Action (Co-ed).

Leader must accompany students. One adult leader or mentor per six (6) students is required. Pants, jeans, knee length shorts may be worn. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person--lunch is included.

There will be sail boat races during Xtreme Missions. To order your sailboats, go to

Make Tracks and print the form to order your sail boats. (

<http://www.royalracers.com/Craftkitorderform.htm>)

Xtreme Missions

October 21st, 2017

**Host Church: Brandy Branch Baptist Church, 1906 Brandy Branch Church Pl.,
Bryceville, Florida 32009**

Host Association: Northeast Florida Baptist Association

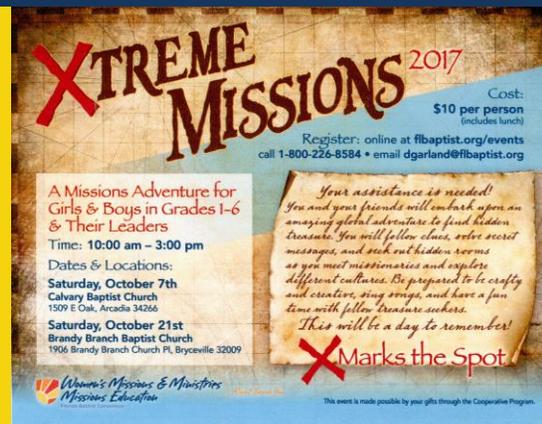
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RA Field Day

Date: November 17th--18th, 2017

Host Church: First Baptist Church Coral Park, 8755 SW 16th St., Miami, FL 33165

Time Line: 4:00pm., Friday--Noon, Saturday

This RA Field Day will have an over-night camp out starting Friday afternoon around 4pm. with Friday Dinner and Saturday Morning Breakfast. There will be a demonstration of how to use the "Buddy Burner". Scheduled after the demonstration will be Mission Celebration, a missionary, and some music for the boys. After the Mission Celebration there will have three activities rotating every 30 minutes. These three sports activities before lunch.

To register online go to www.flbaptist.org/events/ .

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We are committed to help all mission leaders and the church family through training and resources. Please contact us if you have questions and/or needs in your church or association.

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