



Quarterly Newsletter for RA Leaders and Their Boys

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Adding to the List

Change should have been added to the list a long time ago with taxes and death. But, that's hind sight and possibly speculation. All three of these things catch us off guard, come without notice, inevitable, and/or cause regret if they're totally neglected. The harsh reality that may come with change causes strong emotions, bad feelings, and often comes without options at all.

Paul "The Apostle" was an example of what change can do to a person in the roughest way. Concluding he as an example of a Christian being someone that's constantly in trouble.

It's easy to forget that change can be a way to a means that God uses. That's hard to recognize when there's a remote chance that God may have something to do with change. With that in mind, the Christian isn't so bad off after all.

So, change is one of those things that "...came to pass."

Rick Hollis
RA Mission Education Team Leader
Southeast Region



RA Chapter Meeting Extras

2015-2016 RA Updates

International Mission Study

I know it's the middle of the summer, but some churches are already thinking about the International Mission Study, held in most churches in either November or December. This year, the focus is on Indonesia. There is an International Mission Study Leader Guide and an International Mission Study Kid's Booklet. These will be available in early August from wmustore.com. In the days ahead, there will be more information about WMU's overall approach to the International Mission Study posted on www.wmu.com/IMS.

The [All for You Promotion Pack](#) provides a look at the year ahead. This pack contains posters, skits, meeting ideas, etc. to help leaders know what's coming each year.

The [Children's Missions DVD 2015–2016](#) is a great product for RA® leaders and their chapters! One child-friendly video is included each month on an IMB or NAMB missions-area featured in *RA World* and *RA Leader*. The DVD is included as a “value added piece” (free) in the regular-priced resource kits for Royal Ambassadors. The DVD is also available for individual purchase (\$7.99).

The new [All for You patch](#) is available from WMU Store. All for You is the theme for 2015–2016 in RAs. This patch recognizes boys who participate in the All for You activities in the local church.

Children's Ministry Day™ will be here before you know it! Suggested for February 2016, CMD is a great way for boys to move outside the church walls into ministry in your community. Boys who participate in CMD may earn the [Children's Ministry Day patch](#).

The [2016 Chevron](#) is available. We like to get this into leaders' hands early so they can begin thinking of ways to present to their boys.

We have updated the [Global Hunger Relief Patch](#) to match the new name for the offering! Formerly, the World Hunger Patch, this new patch is a nice patch for boys who help with the offering.

The [RA Promotion Pack 2015–2016](#) contains an attendance chart, the motto, Scripture verse, virtues, and a chart showing the various patches and awards available for RAs. This pack offers great visuals for any chapter room!

There are plenty of other new products that could be mentioned, I suppose, but I don't want to fill this entire email with new products (If you visit www.wmystore.com and type RA in the search line, you'll see the complete inventory of RA products). I simply wanted to give you a sense of what's new for the upcoming year. As you have opportunity and need more information, you can also look through the WMU Catalog found inside the WMU Year Book or available from WMU Customer Service at 1-800-968-7301.

September/October Resources

I should let you know that the September/October *RA World*, *RA Leader*, and *RA Leader Kit* have all shipped from the printer. Leaders/churches may be receiving their materials already, or will in the very near future. Our goal is for materials to be in leaders' hands 5 weeks prior to the beginning of the first unit's date. In September, we are focusing on San Diego, California, and all that God is doing there. In October, the focus shifts to Cambodia, and the countless needs in that country. Take a few minutes today to browse through the materials and see what you think.

November/December Survey

In the weeks ahead, I'll try to share more information with you about a survey that will be highlighted in the November/December 2015 *RA Leader* magazine. At the present time, we are re-examining everything we print for RAs and how those materials are being received by leaders across the country.

(Excerpts from Steve Heartsill, Managing editor, WMU)

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Ideas to Enhance Your RA Program

Consider adding activities outside of your weekly RA Meeting. For example, set aside two hours once a month on a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon for a special RA Activity. This is an excellent time to mentor and get to know the boys outside of the church walls. Activities could include:

- A Missions fund raising car wash at the church
- A campout. While this is more than a two hour event, it is a great way to get to know your RA's. A campout can be held locally on the church property, or combined with local churches in an annual RA event or at a city or state camp site. Don't forget the Council Fire! More on that later.
- Inviting a guest speaker that is an expert in a specific Campcraft Activity.
 - For example, the Northeast Florida Astronomical Society will actually support your event and bring a couple of telescopes for the RA's to observe the moon, stars and rings around Saturn.
- A Field day where RA's compete in various outside events. This could include BB Guns, obstacle course, soccer kick, hula hoop, and other competitive activities. You could even invite other RA Churches or your own GA's.
- Hosting an RA Racer Workshop with tables set up to help the RA's complete each step of building their Racer. Don't forget to invite the Dads, Grandfathers or even big brothers to assist.
- Taking a field day trip to the zoo, but this time add a biblical twist and quiz the RA's as to whether or not each animal was considered clean or unclean. Don't forget to download a cheat sheet from the internet.
- Sponsoring a World Walk.

Do you want more information or ideas? Contact your Regional RA Representative.

Campcraft Ideas

Teach the boys a skill they can use for life by adding a Campcraft lesson to your meeting.

<http://www.wmu.com/index.php?q=children/royal-ambassadors/welcome-ras>

This can be added to each weekly meeting or as a once a month activity. This does not have to be limited to the lessons in the Campcraft manual. Lessons could include such activities as:

- BB Gun and/or Bow and Arrow Safety Training - include range time where they can practice shooting safely. <http://www.daisy.com/safetyrules>

- Orienteering – at the end of the training, prepare a treasure map(s) and bury a pot of candy or other item with two glow sticks placed in the form of an X over top the treasure. Have a competition and see who can get to the treasure first. <http://www.wikihow.com/Use-a-Compass>
- Astronomy – Contact your local Astronomical Society for a live presentation. <https://www.astroleague.org/societies/FL>
- Knot tying – Add it as part of a 3 legged race i.e. the RA's have to tie their adjacent legs together using a square knot. http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/
- Home Safety - For ideas go to <http://www.safekids.org/safetytips>
- Florida area poisonous spiders, snakes and insects - http://www.seminolesafekids.org/safekids/poisonprevention_animals.asp
- Feel free to search Cub Scout and Boy Scout Merit Badges for more ideas.

Do you want even more information or ideas? Contact your Regional RA Representative.

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If you have an idea that works in your chapter meetings, or want to show and tell about what your RAs did, e-mail your article and/or pictures to Rick Hollis. Contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.



NEW!!

Order your State RA Shirts



Florida Royal Ambassador T-shirts are available now for \$10 each. You choose which color you want- charcoal or gold. Find the order form, by clicking [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

RA Field Day: Event for Boys Grades 1-6 and Their Leaders

September 19, 2015 -- Pine Terrace Baptist Church, Milton, Fla.

Santa Rosa Baptist Association

Panhandle and Northern Regions

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

There will also be training sessions for RA Leaders on topics such as RA Advancement ,Ideas to Plan a RA Chapter Meeting, RA Trek, Camp Craft and other topics about RA's during the RA Field Day.

Xtreme Missions: Event for Children Grades 1-6 and Their Leaders

October 10, 2015 Hiland Park Baptist Church, Panama City

October 17, 2015 Trinity Baptist Church, Apopka

Your group will go through “airport security” upon arrival and make their very own special passport for this awesome adventure! Your flight attendant will give out all of the safety instructions before you depart for destinations all over the world. Travel plans include meeting missionaries, learning about different cultures, making crafts and singing songs. The Missions Store will be open for shopping for fun items and support material. You don’t want to miss out on this fun event!

[Flyer](#) (click for promotional flyer)

[Registration Form](#) (click for registration form)

RA Week: Event for Boys Grades 1-6 and Their Leaders

November 1st--7th, 2015

Week to observe and promote Royal Ambassadors in your church. (Suggestion: Work with church and plan for the boys to be ushers in the Sunday Morning Service passing the offering plates to promote RAs.) Or, do some special event with the boys that week.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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).



TRAINING

If you know a church that would like to begin Royal Ambassadors, please let us know. Each team member can answer questions, and someone can travel to the church to train new leaders. We also can provide updated training for churches that already have Royal Ambassadors. We are here to help!



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THANK YOU

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

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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