

JLDA (Junior Leadership Development) Camp Schedule and Information

Camp Schedule

(A detailed schedule will be provided on site)

Wednesday	9:00 am or earlier Arrival / Check in / Set up tents 10:00 am Orientation/Opening Ceremony
Friday	8:00 am Breakfast 9:00 am JLDA is dismissed to prepare for Rangerfest
Sunday	9:00 am Council of Achievement for JLDA and Rangerfest 10:30 am Dismissed to break camp

General Camp Information

JLDA participants will be tent camping in the Ranger area and have shower access. Six meals from Wednesday lunch to Friday breakfast are included in the camp fee. A detailed packing list will be provided after registration. Outposts may arrive on Tuesday night, but meals are on your own.

What is JLDA and Why Should I Attend?

Equipping the next generation of boys and young men involves preparing them for leadership. In Royal Rangers, the process of preparing boys for leadership and engaging them in leadership roles is an integral part of what we do. The process of training junior leaders currently takes place both within the local outpost as well as at the district level. Both play a vital role in leadership development in Royal Rangers. Boys and young men who attend the Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA) will be equipped with skills, experiences, and spiritual challenges steering them to become the young men God created them to be. Boys are forged into men through adventure at JLDA:

“Adventure, with all its requisite danger and wildness, is a deeply spiritual longing written into the soul of man. The masculine heart needs a place where nothing is prefabricated, modular, nonfat, zip lock, franchised, on-line, microwavable.”

-John Eldredge

Trail of the Tomahawk (entering Grades 3 to 6)

The Trail of the Tomahawk consists of three camps completed in a maximum of four years. The camps include Merit Camp, Ranger Training Camp (RTC), and Advanced RTC (formerly RTC 2) and may be completed in any order. A cadet who has completed all three camps will finish his Trail of the Tomahawk and will receive a genuine, pre-1840s style tomahawk as recognition of his accomplishments.

Trail of the Saber (entering Grades 6 to 12)

The Trail of the Saber consists of four camps completed in a maximum of seven years. The first two camps, Junior Training Camp (JTC) and Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC), may be completed in any order, but are prerequisites to the third and fourth camps. For the third and fourth camps, cadets must complete any two of the camps listed below. A cadet who completes all four camps will finish his Trail of the Saber (camp requirements), and will receive a genuine, 1860's style saber as recognition of his accomplishments. Please note that completing the Trail to the Tomahawk is not a pre-requisite to completing the Trail to the Saber.

- Cycling Action Camp
- Canoe Action Camp
- Backpacking Action Camp
- Shooting Sports Action Camp
- Survival Action Camp
- Missions Action Camp
- Winter Survival Action Camp
- Aquatics Action Camp
- Outdoor Skills Action Camp (Yellowstone Adventure 2024 - Calvary Temple Outpost 40)
- Mission Trip (e.g. Pathfinders Trip)
- Others as curriculum is developed
- Junior Academy (Serve as JLDA Staff)

Which Camp Should I Register for?

The 2024 Trail of the Tomahawk Camp offered for boys entering Grades 3 to 6 is:

Merit Camp

At Merit Camp, the Discovery Ranger patrol(s) will have the opportunity to earn four blue skill merits. This camp will test a young man in the four ways a boy grows (mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually), move them one step closer to earning the JLDA tomahawk, and propel them along their advancement trail. After this camp, a young man will know he is more than a conquerer in Christ!

The 2024 Trail of the Saber Camps offered for boys entering Grades 6 to 12 are:

Junior Training Camp (JTC)

Junior Training Camp (JTC) prepares a young man to minister effectively through the organization of his local church. Through this experience he will understand church leadership roles, discover how to uncover God's plan for his life, and find how he can serve others.

Survival Action Camp (SAC)

SAC gives young men training and experience in survival in the backcountry. Much of the instruction is based on the requirements from the silver Wilderness Survival merit. The time will be divided between instruction and application. You will learn skills, such as advanced fire craft, primitive beds and shelters, how to find food and water, outdoor cooking, and first aid. Teams will construct and live in survival shelters. This is also a great opportunity to draw closer to God and grow spiritually.

Men who are interested in increasing their Survival knowledge and abilities or doing something cool with their boy(s) are encouraged to attend SAC as trainees. SAC qualifies as a Continuous Learning Elective for leaders who are working toward the Advanced Level of the Outpost Leader Advancement Level (OLAL). SAC also qualifies as a Service Event for leaders who are working on their Organizational Leaders Training. The higher trainee price applies to both young men and men trainees, whereas the lower JLDA staff price applies to the SAC staff.

Junior Academy

The purpose of Junior Academy is to develop Rangers to serve as camp leadership for all Royal Rangers Junior Leadership Development Camps. A young man will experience a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ during his training at the Academy. He will learn things about himself and what he needs to do to follow the Lord's will for his life. Participants learn the importance of assuming their role of leadership within their church, while training other participants to become leaders as well! While no single event can accomplish the overall objective of JLDA, Junior Academy is part of the polishing process that is designed to produce mature young men who are ready to assume increasingly important positions of responsibility in their outpost, church, school, and community.

Notes:

Sixth Grade

6th grade is a flex year, meaning that those going into sixth grader have the option to finish their Trail to the Tomahawk or get an early start on their Trail to the Saber.

Young Men Aging Out of Royal Rangers

The National Royal Ranger office has a firm stance that the only way 18-year-olds can participate in Royal Rangers is as adult leaders. Therefore, after a boy turns 18, it is too late to attend JLDA as a boy and too late to earn a Saber. They must register as an adult and follow all guidelines.

One option for a young man who needs to complete additional Trail to the Saber camps, but who is about to age out of the ministry, is to attend an extra JLDA by going out of state.

A second option is to participate in a Mission Trip (e.g. Pathfinders). Also, young men who go (went) on the Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Park Action Camp sponsored by Calvary Temple's Outpost 40 of Evansville in June 2024 may request credit for the Outdoor Skills Action Camp.

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