

Southern Missouri District Royal Rangers

Pow-Wow 2025

GOLD RUSH

Searching for the Prize



Leader Guide

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ARRIVAL & SET-UP

The camp will officially open at 9AM on Thursday morning. Outposts are free to arrive and begin setting up their campsites any time after that time. Campsite assignments will be made at check-in. Outposts are asked to camp only in designated camping areas. A campsite map is available at registration.



No organized activities will be available on Thursday although outposts are free to hike the trails, fish in the FCF pond, visit the Eldon Aquatic Center swimming pool (about 15 min. away), or conduct their own activities as they choose. Limited activities will be available on Friday, but most activities will be conducted on Saturday. See the camp schedule for details.

REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

All campers attending Pow-Wow must register with their outpost and check-in at the registration desk upon arrival at the camp (except for staff & RRA as noted below). Registration may be made online up to one week before the camp, or on-site at the time of check-in. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. Please note that the free meals will only be provided to outposts that pre-registered online. Online registration closes Thursday, May 29th (one week before Pow-Wow).

Registration Fees:

- Standard Registration: \$50.00 per person (boys & men)
- Discount Registration: \$40.00 (for chartered SoMo outposts)
- Indoor Housing Option:*add \$20.00 per person (includes all meals)

**Indoor housing requires pre-registration online by May 29th.*

Pow-Wow attendance is open to men and boys only. Adult ladies may attend if serving as an approved member of Pow-Wow staff but must be housed off site.

Adult Registration Requirements:

Every adult attending must provide a completed "*Adult/Leader Registration Form*" indicating the approval of their pastor to serve as a children or youth worker in their church. These forms must be turned in at check-in for every

adult attending. This applies to those registered online as well as those registering on site.

One Senior/Lead Pastor (or another pastor tasked with oversight of Royal Rangers) may attend for FREE from each church. However, an *Adult/Leader Registration Form* will still be required.

Boy Registration & Check-in

When registering online, only the total number of boys attending is needed. But once you arrive at the camp, a “*Registration Roster for Boys*” will be needed, a single form listing the name and age group for all boys. All boys must attend with an outpost and remain under the supervision of their adult outpost leaders at all times during the event. Boys must be in 3rd grade or older to attend. Younger boys may attend only if accompanied by their father or legal guardian for the duration of the event.

All registration & medical forms for adults and boys can be found on the website at SoMoRangers.com/PowWow.

Staff & RR Alumni Registration

Staff and RR Alumni members who have been approved via the current district application and screening process may register using the Staff & RRA Registration form. Any boys attending with them must register as described above.

MEDICAL FORMS

An “*Emergency Medical Information & Authorization Form*” (medical form) should be completed for every person attending (including adults) to ensure all necessary information is on hand in the event of an emergency. Outposts should collect these forms from everyone in their group and keep them on hand throughout the event, including travel to and from the event. In the event someone needs medical assistance, this form will be needed by the staff at the First Aid station on site.

FIRST AID & MEDICAL CARE

Limited medical assistance is available on site at the First Aid station in the gym. If an attendee needs medical treatment beyond First Aid, or is in need of transportation to a medical facility, those arrangements



are the responsibility of their outpost leaders. Emergency medical facilities are available nearby in Eldon (10 min away) or Osage Beach (30 min away).

The following emergency numbers are provided for your convenience in the event of an emergency.

- All medical or security emergencies – call 911
- Lake Regional Medical Clinic, Eldon MO – (573) 392-5654 (about 15 min away)
- Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach MO – (573) 348-8000 (about 30 mins away)
- Rocky Mount Fire Department – (573) 392-4301
- Miller County Sherriff, Tuscumbia MO – (573) 369-2341 - for Camp Millhouser
- Morgan County Sherriff, Versailles MO – (573) 378-5481 - for Cross Pointe Retreat Center

EMERGENCY STORM PROCEDURES

In the event of severe storms or similar hazardous conditions all attendees must take shelter in the dining hall, main shower house, or amphitheater basement. These buildings provide the best shelter on site during storms.

An emergency alert siren may be used to alert everyone if a storm is approaching. If weather conditions allow, a test of this siren alert system will be conducted at 12:30PM on Saturday during the lunch period to help make your boys familiar with the sound. Please instruct your boys as to what to do if they hear the siren at other times.

INDOOR HOUSING OPTION

Indoor housing is available in the gym for an additional fee of \$20.00 per person which includes all meals, from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. Pre-registration is required due to limited space available. Indoor campers must bring their own bedding, cots, etc. to sleep on. Electricity is provided but NO open flames, stoves, or cooking is allowed in the gym.

To register for indoor housing, download & complete the registration forms and email them to rangers@somoag.org or mail them to 528 W Battlefield Road, Springfield MO 65807. Indoor housing registration forms must be received by the pre-registration deadline stated above.

PARKING & TRAILERS

Outposts may keep their vehicles near camp during setup and teardown but must move them to the designated parking area near the front entrance of the camp before dark on Friday. Detached equipment trailers may remain in the campsites provided they are safely secured from moving. Outposts are free to move vehicles back into camp on Sunday morning after sunrise to begin teardown.

GOLF CARTS & TRANSPORTATION

We recognize the need by individuals with mobility limitations or special assignments to make use of golf carts or similar vehicles during the event. Personal golf carts are allowed during the event provided all operators complete a **Golf Cart Driver Agreement** at the security office and agree to comply with the following standards:

1. All operators must be 18 yrs of age or older.
2. All operators must drive safely and responsibly and carry a current drivers license.
3. All riders must be seated in a regular passenger seat any time the vehicle is in motion.
4. Vehicles must not exceed 16 miles per hour.
5. Key must be removed & secured when the vehicle is not in use.
6. All operators must.

Any violation of these standards will result in the loss of golf cart driving privileges for the remainder of the event.

PRODUCTS & CONCESSIONS

A concession stand will be available with a variety of candy, popcorn, cold drinks, and snack items. Pizza is also available for groups if requested in advance. A camp store will also be open with a variety of Royal Ranger supplies, T-shirts, and basic camping items. Refer to the camp schedule for store hours.

Pocketknives may be available for sale in the camp store but may only be purchased by adults. Outpost leaders are responsible for the safety and supervision of boys while using knives and other sharp tools.

MEALS & CAMPFIRES

The following meals will be served in the dining hall to all PRE-REGISTERED campers:

- Friday breakfast (for those already on site)
- Friday dinner
- Saturday breakfast
- Sunday breakfast



Your outpost must be pre-registered by Thursday, May 29th to receive these free meals. If you do not pre-register, you are still welcome to attend Pow-Wow, but you will be responsible for all your meals.

These meals are provided to assist you during camp setup as well as getting your outpost started each morning. All other meals are the responsibility of your outpost, even if you are pre-registered.

Open campfires are allowed but must follow current Fire Craft merit safety standards. Campfires must be attended at all times. Campfires should be fully extinguished before leaving your campsite for morning assembly, evening services, or going to bed.

When you break camp on Sunday, please clear your fire area of all rocks and debris (including fire rings). Rocks and firewood may be neatly stacked near the trees so the area may be easily mowed after the camp. A Royal Ranger always leaves his campsite better than he found it.

PLEASE NOTE: *It is recommended that all firewood be taken from dead or downed trees in the wooded areas of the camp. Please DO NOT cut any live green trees. Per Missouri Department of Conservation guidelines, firewood may not be moved into Missouri from out-of-state and should not be moved more than 50 miles from where it was originally cut to prevent the spread of damaging insects.*

TRASH

A large trash dumpster is available near the dining hall for your use in disposing of your trash. Please place trash in bags and place the bags inside the dumpster.

You are encouraged to burn all paper products in your campfire to reduce the amount of trash being hauled away, but please do so carefully.

MEAL GUESTS

Outposts may earn extra points toward the “best overall outpost” award (see “Outpost Competitions” below) by inviting members of the camp staff to share meals with their outpost. Our staff are always eager to join you for mealtime and meet all your boys and leaders. Sign up at the registration desk at least an hour before any meal if you are interested in having a guest join you.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome during visiting hours from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday. No fees are required but all visitors must check-in at the registration desk upon arrival and receive a visitors wristband. Visitors are welcome to tour the activity areas, including the dining hall and gym but may not participate in competitive events or visit the camping areas. Visitors should use restroom facilities in the dining hall. All visitors are asked to check out before the leave and must exit the camp by 4pm.

SHOWERS & RESTROOMS

Showers and restrooms for boys and leaders are available in the main shower house, the south shower house, and the gym. All adults ages 18 or older must use the rooms for MEN while boys must use the BOYS showers and restrooms. All shower stalls are individual/private stalls with curtains. Campers must bring their own towels & soap. If you forgot something and need assistance, let us know. We have extras. Ladies' restrooms for staff and visitors can be found in the dining hall.

OUTPOST COMPETITIONS

Awards will be presented in several categories of competition. Outposts must have a least (5) boys attending to qualify.

Best Outpost Flag: Flags must be 3'x5' and made of cloth, carried on a 7' pole. Pole top ornaments are optional but cannot be taller than 6". Flags must include the church name & city, outpost number, and district. Flags will be evaluated before or after the Saturday morning assembly, so bring it with you to the assembly.

Best Themed Costume: Create or assemble your own costumes based on this year's Pow-Wow theme and wear it to the evening services or other activities. Costumes will be evaluated before the Friday evening assembly, just before the Council Fire Service, so wear your costumes.

Best Campsite Entryway: Entryway must be based on the event theme and include your church name and city, outpost number, and district. Evaluations will be conducted Saturday during the activity time.

Uniform Inspections: A uniform inspection will be conducted following morning assembly on Saturday. Outposts are encouraged to wear their best uniforms to assembly to participate. Participation is optional and outposts may wear any form of RR uniform to participate (full utility uniforms, custom outpost or church T-shirts, awards vests, etc.)

Overall Best Outpost: Outposts will be awarded points for participating in the various aspects of Pow-Wow as listed on the Outpost evaluation scoresheet. Awards will be presented to the highest-scoring outpost in each church-side category just before the Saturday evening service.

ACTIVITIES

Game Room: A game room will be available in the gym for boys & leaders who would like to test their gaming skills against their friends. A variety of board games, card games, and other games will be provided as well as the old favorite – Carpetball!. Come check it out!

Patch Trader's Corner: Patch collecting is a great way to save your memories of Royal Rangers events you've attended. Activity patches from all across the nation and even around the world will be on display at the patch trading table in the dining hall. You might even get some free ones to get you started on your own collection! Come take a look!

FCF Village: Step back through time and visit the early American frontier at the FCF village. Test your skill at knife and tomahawk throwing. Taste some fresh pork rinds and homemade Root Beer! Watch a real blacksmith in action. This and more is in the village.

BB Gun Shooting: A BB Gun shooting competition will be conducted upstairs in the gym, beginning on Friday. Open shooting will be allowed once the competition concludes on Saturday. Outposts and individuals may bring their

own BB Guns for competition but must keep them safely secured when not in use and may only be used in designated areas, at designated times. All participants must provide a Shooting Sports Liability Release form signed by a parent.

Shooting Merits: Adventure and Expedition Rangers will have the opportunity to earn the Shotgun Safety merit. All shotguns, ammunition, targets, and other equipment will be provided. No unauthorized firearms will be allowed.

Registration is \$25 for each participant (boys or adults) and must be paid at the time of registration or check-in. Open shooting may be available for all boys once the merit class is completed. All participants must provide a Shooting Sports Liability Release form signed by a parent. All shooting activities will be conducted under the supervision of NRA-certified Range Safety Officers.

Soccer Tournament (7v7): A soccer tournament will be conducted on Saturday during the regular activity time. Teams must sign up at the registration desk by Saturday morning before assembly as space is limited. Teams can have no more than 7 players on the field at one time, including the keeper.



Tug-O-War Competition: Bring your muscles and prepare to get down & dirty at the world-famous tug-O-war competition on Saturday afternoon. Teams may consist of no more than 10 members with a collective weight of no more than 1000 pounds.

Dodgeball: Bring all your friends and show them your amazing dodge moves as you show them who's the best at the all-time-favorite – dodgeball!

Theme-Based Activities: Additional activities following the Pow-Wow theme will also be provided at various locations throughout the camp. Refer to the list of activities on the activity card each boy received at registration for a list of activities available.

HIKING TRAILS

Camp Millhouser features some hiking trails that lead through some of the more remote parts of the campgrounds. These areas are heavily wooded and property boundaries are not always clearly visible. A map of the hiking trails is available at the registration table in the dining hall. Due to the natural hazards involved

and the possibility of getting lost, boys are not allowed to hike any trails east of the FCF village without direct adult supervision.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The safety and security of everyone attending Pow-Wow is of paramount importance. Trained and qualified First Aid and Security personnel are therefore on site to provide oversight and assistance to ensure everyone involved has a safe and fun experience. Please take note of the following standards and share them with everyone attending to ensure they are aware and willing to comply.

1. Firearms are limited to designated security personnel and scheduled shooting sports activities conducted under the supervision of selected NRA-certified Range Safety Officers (RSO). Firearms brought onto the property for shooting sports activities must be unloaded and kept in a secure location such as a locked vehicle until time for use. They must then be presented to the RSO conducting the activity for inspection & approval before use.
2. Edged tools (knives, axes, etc.) are for campsite use only and should be kept secure in a designated tool craft area or other safe location. Supervision of boys while using edged tools is the responsibility of their outpost leaders. Refer to the Tool Craft merit and the Cut & Chop card for details.
3. FCF knives and tomahawks may be worn as part of an FCF outfit but must be properly sheathed and may only be used under the direct supervision of an adult within a designated secure area.
4. First Aid assistance is available in the activities building (gym) 24-hours a day (pending the availability of staff). A lighted outside entrance to the First Aid room is visible on the south side of the building. Please bring the individual medical form with you for any injured person in need of help. If no one is at the First Aid office, go to the registration desk or staff bunkhouse.
5. Ticks, chiggers, and mosquitos are common hazards in Missouri and everyone is encouraged to wear insect repellent at all times at the camp. Long pants are recommended for evening services to avoid mosquitoes.
6. Poisonous snakes are also present at the camp, although they are not commonly seen. Avoid tall grass, old wood piles, rock piles, or other areas where snakes are commonly found.
7. The pond in the FCF Village is available for fishing under adult supervision and may be used at designated times for activities. It is NOT available for swimming and no lifeguards are on duty.

Your assistance with ensuring everyone in your group is aware and complies with these standards is greatly appreciated and essential for ensuring the safety of all our boys.

PETS & ANIMALS

Due to the potential safety issues involved, pets or other animals are not allowed on the campgrounds during Pow-Wow unless they are being used as part of a specific event-related activity and approved in advance.

UNIFORMS & CLOTHING

Uniforms are not required of campers at Pow-Wow although a uniform inspection will be conducted following the Saturday morning assembly for those who choose to participate (see Outpost Competitions above). Awards will be presented for the best uniformed outpost, which may take the form of utility uniforms, outpost T-shirts, awards vests, or any other uniform designated by your outpost according to national uniform guidelines.

Modest clothing is required of all attendees at all times. Knee-length shorts are allowed. Sturdy shoes are recommended due to rough terrain in places. Long pants are recommended for evening services due to the possibility of mosquitoes.

LEADER MEETINGS

A leader meeting will be held in the dining hall at 7PM on Friday and Saturday to share special announcements and ensure everyone is aware of the plans for the camp. At least one leader from each outpost is asked to attend to receive this information.

EVENING ASSEMBLIES & SERVICES

A Friday evening assembly will take place near the hillside stage for a time of camp fun & fellowship. Outposts will have the opportunity to perform skits, stunts, yells, or other fun presentations to earn points toward the "Overall Best Outpost" award. If you've got something to present, sign up at the registration desk when you check in. We will also be recognizing our newest FCF members at this time, sharing information about upcoming events, and more. We will then move directly to the amphitheater for our evening service.

Bench seating is provided in the amphitheater, but outposts are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets, or tarps for seating on the hillside during the pre-service activities on Friday night before entering the amphitheater area.

On Saturday night, we will assemble at the amphitheater for evening service with no hillside assembly.

SATURDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

A Saturday morning assembly will take place at the flag poles outside the dining hall. We will begin with a flag raising followed by a brief devotion and prayer. Announcements and details concerning the day's activities will be given at this time.

Immediately following morning assembly, outposts are encouraged to stay and participate in the outpost uniform inspection and outpost flag evaluations. Points will be awarded for these events (see Outpost Competitions above).

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

On Sunday morning, Sunday School classes will be provided for Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers, and Expedition Rangers. Leaders are encouraged to attend classes with their boys to assist as needed. All campers are encouraged to attend.

BREAKING CAMP & DISMISSAL

The camp will officially end at the conclusion of the Sunday morning classes. No final assembly will be conducted. Outposts are free to break camp and head home whenever they choose. However, you are planning to stay into the evening please notify the District Director.

When breaking camp, please stack all unused firewood against the trees and remove any rocks around your fire ring so the area can be easily mowed. Trash should be deposited in the trash dumpster near the dining hall. Please disassemble all lashing projects and dispose of the poles in the woods.

We're glad you're here! Let's have a great time together!

*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward
what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win
the prize for which God has called me
heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 3:13-14

