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Ranger Commanders,

Thank you for all that you do for Royal Rangers in your local church and the Conference. Always be reminded that you are reaching, teaching and keeping boys for Christ. What you do today is changing the lives of boys and having an impact on both the church and our communities. Only eternity will show the full impact of Ranger ministry! Please find enclosed several important forms in regard to the Appalachian Conference Royal Ranger Winter Campout.

1. The Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries / Boys Ministry / Royal Rangers assumes no liability for the supervision of your child or outpost. The local church, Ranger Outpost and Ranger Commander is responsible for providing adequate and onsite supervision of their outpost. The Local Church / Outpost is also responsible to provide adequate and appropriate accommodations for their Outpost and Rangers. Please make sure you are fully aware of the risk of Winter Camping and your Rangers are prepared. Please discuss this with your pastor and parents.

2. Appalachian Conference Royal Ranger Winter Camp Out 2019 Participation Form
>all Rangers and Commanders must submit a completed form to participate in the Winter Camp Out
>this release form covers the Appalachian Conference and its staff. All local churches should have a release form signed to cover their local church.
>in the event of an accident the participants personal insurance is primary coverage, the local church's insurance is secondary.

3. Criminal Background Report Form (Please share this information with your Pastor and Royal Ranger Commander) Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries Department Policy requires that all adults 16 years (Ranger Leaders are required to be 18) and older working with minors must have a current criminal background check on file with the local church or conference. The enclosed form should be filled out on all adults, Commanders and Fathers, who will be participating in the Winter Camp-out. ***(No local church information should be sent to the Conference office without first contacting the Conference D. M. Director. In most cases the form is all that is required).*** If you have questions, please feel free to call my office at 540-674-4131 ext. 206.

4. The Appalachian Conference has a strict NO Bullying and NO Cell Phone Policy.
>Bullying can be verbal, physical or sexual. It is important that leaders understand appropriate touch and that at no time is any boy to be hit, shaken, yelled at or verbally abused.
>Leaders should refrain from being on their cell phone when in direct supervision of boys and should be aware of any boys that have cell phones with them. IF IT IS NECESSARY TO BE ON YOUR CELL PHONE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION FOR BOYS SHOULD BE ARRANGED AND MAINTAINED.

Thank you for your help as we serve together.

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