



Avalanche 2018



Feb 16-18

Our winter retreat, Avalanche Winter Camp, will be held on **Feb 16-18** at D-A Ranch. The theme for 2018 is **American Frontier**. We will be having many frontier activities such as Knife & hawk throwing, log sled racing, trapping, fire starting, trade station, and cool crafts.

In addition we will be bringing back some of the favorite activities – Gaga ball, shooting ranges, sledding, ice fishing (maybe). This event is a great opportunity to invite new men and boys.



Forecast for a Great 2018



This is the time of year to reflect back on 2017 and layout plans for 2018. What do you want to improve? What events went well but need to be even better? How many boys did you bring to special events? Could you reach a few more? The investment in planning is like the planting of precious seeds that will yield a great harvest in the next year. When we reach boys we also reach their families as well. Plan for a great future in 2018 by working with the leaders in your church to equip, evangelize and disciple future men.

The Michigan RR 2018 Calendar is presented on [page 3](#). Review and plan for ready-made events for your boys and men.

If there are leaders in your outpost that need training and inspiration, contact District Training Coordinator **Frank Fenbert** (michiganjlta@gmail.com) to schedule a [training session](#) that will make an impact.



With the start of the fall season, many Ranger outposts are returning from their summer breaks. This is also the time of the year to re-new your chartering status. The chartering enrollment is open from **August 15th to October 15th** on the National RR website – www.royalrangers.com.

If you missed this window of opportunity, you can still follow up and charter at any time.

This vital step [links](#) your outpost to the National and District organizations to receive support, training, discounts, events and new curriculum. Chartering also gives significant discounts on TracClub – the source for all Royal Ranger curriculum.





New Michigan GMAs

This fall, Michigan District Royal Rangers awarded two new young men with their GMA (Gold Medal of Achievement). This special award is earned by completing the Gold Eagle requirements, reading the complete Bible and completing a special project. The GMA represents years of effort, dedication and service.

Josh Marcum

River of Life, Op# 99



Aiden Pierce

Faith Tabernacle, Op# 235



Red Cross Training



The Rangers program is now recognized as an Authorized Provider for American Red Cross training.

We have good news for those Royal Rangers leaders who are Red Cross certified instructors! As certified instructors under the Royal Rangers Authorized Providers agreement, you can receive a 10% discount from the Red Cross Store.

Many current outpost leaders carry American Red Cross instructor certification and teach CPR/First Aid classes for their boys, outpost leaders, and church workers. We wish to thank those instructors who have provided this service for Royal Rangers and encourage you to continue.

Red Cross CPR/First Aid training can be an outreach to the church and the community. This allows us to become a part of the lives of people in our community by offering local CPR/First Aid classes through the Royal Rangers outpost. It shows our community that Royal Rangers is a practical ministry as well as being a conduit for spreading the gospel of Christ.

Upcoming Event Reminders

Jan 26-27 FCF Business Meeting
Grand Rapids, MI

Feb 1 Deadline for Avalanche Registration

Feb 16-18 Avalanche Winter Camp, D-A Ranch



"They just stepped out for a second... can I take a message?"

SOUP TO NUTZ



BY RICK STROMOSKI





2018 Michigan District Calendar

Plan your 2018 Outpost Calendar



Michigan District Royal Rangers – 2018 Calendar

Jan	Metro/Metro South Klondike Derby	Real Life Farm, Canton, MI
Jan 26-27	FCF Annual Business Meeting	Grand Rapids, MI
Feb 8-10	Royal Ranger National Council	Springfield, MO
Feb 16-18	Avalanche Adventure Camp	D-A Ranch, Metamora, MI
March	Metro/Metro South Ranger Derby	Fair Haven AG, Dearborn Hgts, MI
April 7	District Staff Planning Meeting	Canton, MI
April	Metro West Ranger Derby	Brightmoor, Novi, MI
April	Northern Sections Ranger Derby	Mt. Hope, Gaylord
May 18-20	FCF Spring Adventure Trace	Beaverton, MI
June 1-2	Most Awesome Overnighter & Field day	Real Life Farm, Canton, MI
June 9	District Staff Planning Meeting	TBD
July 16-20	FCF National Rendezvous	Eagle Rock, MO
July 31 – Aug 2	Junior Training Academy	Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI
Aug 2-5	Summer Adventure Camp	Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI
Aug	Metro/Metro South Merit Camp	Real Life Farm, Canton, MI
Aug 25	District Staff Planning Meeting	River of Life, Belleville, MI
Sept 21-23	FCF Fall Trace	Marne, MI
Sept 28-29	Metro Area Fall Camp	Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI
Oct	National Royal Ranger Week	State Wide
Dec 1	District Staff Planning Meeting	TBD

2018 Holidays: Easter – April 1, Memorial Day – May 28, Labor Day – Sept 3, Thanksgiving – Nov 22