

# The Long Rifle



Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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## Avalanche 2025



### Restore the Roar

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> year of our RR Winter Camp. Originally started as the Snowflake Invitational, but was renamed as Avalanche in 2013. It is our annual winter gathering of men and boys!

This year it will be moved to **February 28 – March 2** weekend and to a new location in Rodney, Michigan.

Our event speaker will be **Jason Forsman**, Youth Alive Director for the state of Michigan. Jason is great speaker, father and challenger.



The big change for Avalanche is the new location: Cran Hill Camp in Rodney, Michigan. The camp is located in central Michigan, west of Mt. Pleasant. This camp offers many new features and improvements.

### Why the Change?

Over the past few years, the quality of the facilities, food and amenities at Avalanche declined.

Even though the camp felt like “home” because of our long history at the camp and familiarity with cabins, there was a dissatisfaction among the campers.

### What will Change?

**Cran Hill Camp** is a Christian ministry camp with a dedicated staff. Although the camp may be a farther drive for some, it offers great modern facilities and cabins.

#### Cabins

All of the cabins are modern brick buildings with heat, water, bathrooms and showers. Also included is a small kitchen area and lounge area in each cabin.

#### Ministry Center

We have a dedicated Ministry Center for services, indoor games and special rooms. This Ministry center includes large screens, lighting and modern audio.

#### Dining Center

The Dining Center has great food, self serve beverages and comfortable seating.

#### Target Sports

The ranges include 22 rifle, archery and slingshot target.

#### Other Camp Options

The camp provides horseback riding, trail hiking and a large outdoor pavilion for games or campfire. There is a large indoor games room and outdoor courts and 2 ice arenas (ice skating, hockey or broomball).

### Weather Dependent Activities

Other camp features include 2 lakes which could be used for ice fishing. There are 2 sledding / toboggan hills with supplied tubes. Of course for our camp dates we won't know if the weather will 20's with snow or 40 to 50's.

### Proximity

The cabins, Ministry Center and Dining Center are easy walking distance for the most part of our camp agenda.

Pictures of the buildings and camp setting will be available via email and **michrr.com** website.



### What will Remain the Same?

We will keep a similar camp agenda for services, meal and activities. Our District staff is dedicated to bring quality games, challenges and spiritual ministry to the campers at Avalanche.

Our theme is 'Restore the Roar' from **Hosea 11:10** based on grit and dedication to follow the Lord and be bold as Lions.

We invite all boys and men to join us for this great winter camp!



# New Michigan District Director



The Michigan Ministry Network has announced a new Michigan District Director for Royal Rangers – **Frank Fenbert**.



Frank started in Royal Rangers at Connection Church as a Ranger Kid Commander and Treasurer. He was promoted to Sr. Commander at Connection Church. He moved onto to serve at River of Life (Belleville) and headed up many MS Sectional events. He then served as District Training Coordinator for many years. Recently he began serving as Great Lakes Regional Training Coordinator. Frank has great creativity - making several Escape Rooms, games and activities at Sectional and District events. Congratulations to Frank!

**Marty Lawhorn** served as



District RR Director from 2017 to 2024 (8 years). He continues to serve as an outpost commander at

Compelled Church. He is stepping down to spend more time in retirement and travel with his wife. Thanks to Marty for your great investment in Michigan Royal Rangers.



# Planning for 2025

This is the time of year to look forward and plan for 2025.



## Michigan District Royal Rangers 2025 Calendar of Events

February 28 – Mar 2	Avalanche Winter Camp	Cran Hill, Rodney, MI
March 20-22	RR National Conference	Springfield, MO
March	M/MS Royal Ranger Derby	River of Life, Belleville, MI
March 29	MW Royal Ranger Derby	Brightmoor, Novi, MI
March / April	Royal Ranger Derbies	Sectional locations
May 2-3	Men's Conference / Invincible	Brightmoor, Novi, MI
Aug 3-6	Junior Training Camps / JTC / AJTC	Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI
Aug 8-11	Summer Adventure Camp	Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI
Aug 22-23	National Elem Education Camp / NEEC	Kettering, OH
Sept 19-20	Men's Encounter Conference	Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI
Sept 26-27	Metro Area Fall Camp	Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI
Oct 6-13	National Royal Ranger Week	District Wide

# Everyone25 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MARCH 20-22, 2025 EVANGEL UNIVERSITY - SPRINGFIELD, MO



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## 2025 National Conference, March 20-22

For 2025, the National LEAD Conference for Royal Ranger leaders has been replaced by an 'EveryONE25 Leader Conference'. This new conference will be held in Springfield, MO at Evangel University.

National Boys Ministries and National Girls Ministries departments of the Assemblies of God are coming together to equip boy's ministry leaders, girl's ministry leaders, Royal Rangers leaders, Mpart Club and Teen Girl leaders, and anyone with a passion for applying the principles of gender-specific ministry through relational discipleship.