

# Royal Rangers - Northeast Regional Staff Meeting – 11/9/24

## National & Regional Calendar

- EMPOWER25 (Harrisburg, PA) January 17-18, 2025
- AGLC\_(Branson, MO) January 28-31, 2025
- EveryONE25 (Evangel University\_Springfield, MO) March 17-18, 2025
- General Council (Orlando, FL) August 5-8, 2025
- Next Gen Conference (Location TBD) September 22-24, 2025
- Ranger week, October 5-11, 2025
- Prayer Vigil, October 10-11, 2025
- Territorial Rendezvous (Honey Grove, PA) October 16-19, 2025
- Regional Planning Meeting (Location TBD) November 8, 2025
- EMPOWER26 (Camp Hill, PA) January 16-17, 2026
- AGLC (Branson, MO) January 26-30, 2026
- ➤ Camporama Work Week, July 5-11, 2026
  - AGLC – Assembly of God Leadership Conference (District/Network leadership typically attends with District Supervisor)
    - Luis Velazquez said there isn't much of interest for RR Leaders if there is no scheduled RR focus.
  - EveryONE25 conference date is March 20-22, 2025
    - <https://ag.org/everyoneconference>
  - Regional planning meeting (Nov '25) will be an in-person meeting, likely at the same location as last year.
- National Updates
  - Every Boy Initiative <https://royalrangers.com/everyboy>
    - Dave M. came out of his last National meeting very encouraged
      - Karl is excited about what is happening with the AG Executive Committee, they are including RR in their discussions
        - He reports directly to Rick DeBois
      - We need to realize that things move slowly when working with a large organization
    - We are at ~40% and it needs to get to 70% for things to start happening
    - This is the direction we are going and there is no going back
      - We need to promote this at every event, at every outpost, etc. That is part of our job as regional leaders.
      - There are churches, without RR, that are contributing because they see the value of our ministry.
      - A large mailing is being prepared.
- Eagle Rock Update <https://campeaglerock.com/donate/> and <https://www.facebook.com/camp.eagle.rock.mo>
  - No longer owned by the Assemblies of God (sold to a group of RR leaders)

- Tom Sessente? Is the camp manager.
      - Was originally supposed to be there for a short period of time but it has now been ~ 3 years.
    - When Tom arrived we were renting ~ 22 camps/year
      - This year we had 77 camps
      - Sold-out for 2026
      - Moved to a donation only billing process (with guidelines)
      - 250 campers was the largest
      - The Green pavilion has been enclosed and air-conditioned
        - Can bunk 45
        - Also looking to close in the Red & Blue pavilions to do the same thing.
        - Bunks will be cleared out for meal serving during Camporama
      - The new Tabernacle is being used every night for services and activities during the day.
        - Looking to get permanent electricity run to it (\$14k)
      - Using interns during the summer to help with maintenance
      - RV campers are being used for camp development projects
    - Main Kitchen Fire
      - Destroyed the building and its contents
      - Deciding how to move forward, which will be needed for the Camporama (the only time it is used is for Camporama, once every 4 years)
      - National Rendevous utilized the lodge, serving in two shifts
  - Ready Foundation <https://www.ready-foundation.com/>
    - Set up after a meeting with Rick Debois (3yrs ago)
    - Purpose is to grow contributions to establish a monetary base (\$1m) from which the interest will be used for charitable grants to Royal Rangers
    - Working on the 1,000 endowment program
      - 1,000 people to give \$1,000 apiece
    - Will take anything of value for donation
    - Close to getting their 1<sup>st</sup> \$100,000 (10%)
  - EveryONE2025 (March 20-22, 2025) <https://ag.org/everyoneconference>
    - Open for registration (phone only, on-line available soon) and hotel reservations
    - Evangel University
      - They are not housing us so we'll need hotel accommodations
        - Make reservations early as the Girls Ministry will also be meeting at the same time
  - Mobile App Update
    - 80 outposts are piloting the app right now
    - Using the money coming in from the EveryBoy initiative to keep this moving ahead
- Empower25
  - Meeting Facility
    - Earlier in the year RedLion said they would not be able to host us in Jan '25 due to sale of the venue
      - Two weeks later they let us know that they weren't going to close until the end of March so they could still take care of us.
      - The hotel is being turned into a rehab center
    - They do not charge us for the meeting room, which would cost us at least \$2k anywhere else.

- We've been there for 10 years because nothing else we've looked at can meet their price.
- Jan '26
- Will be partnering with Girls Ministries

## EMPOWER24 REVIEW

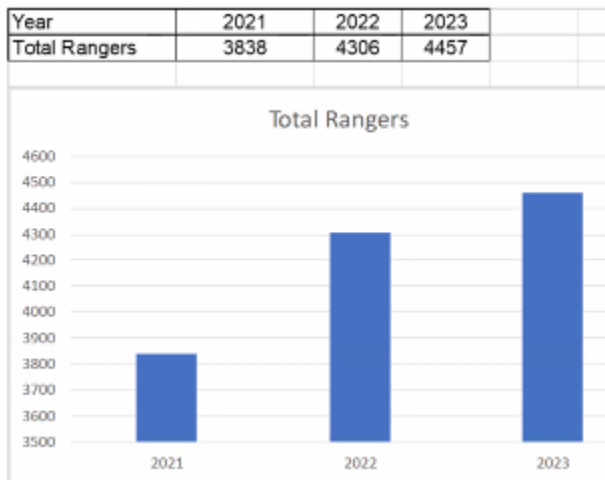
### Northeast Regional Conference Registration Report

District	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		Average	Average	and Observations
	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Virtual	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	Harrisburg PA	2020-2024 (5 years)	2014-2024 (10 years)		
Appalachian	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	5	4	12	1	3												1. Offered On-Line Registration only.
New Jersey	22	30	20	30	32	30	28	52	50	44	27	34													2. Added sessions on Friday
New York	54	25	20	20	41	48	35	39	48	46	32	38													3. Only one guest speaker
Northern New England	0	0	0	2	4	4	6	2	2	3	1	2													4. Guests registered and are therefore included in overall attendee count.
PennDel	54	46	54	48	37	50	61	43	72	72	48	54													5. Included Girls Ministries for the sixth time.
Potomac	50	24	24	19	29	24	34	27	40	41	29	31													6. Non-NER & Other includes Guests.
Southern New England	40	34	31	46	26	22	14	14	15	10	35	25													7. Total Leaders calculated based on District Registration. Total Attendees is Total Registered + Spouses + Kids + other.
Spanish Eastern	67	42	35	57	103	132	79	88	89	69	61	76													Indicates the winner of the District Excellence Award (started in 2006)
Non-NER Districts	4	0	4	21	0	2	2	2	1	8	6	4													
<b>Total Leaders</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>267</b>													
Spouses	9	13	10	0	9	10	19	17	67	42	8	20													
Kids	0	0	0	0	19	21	20	12	28	25	4	13													
Other (Guests, Exhibitors, etc.)	2	6	6	0	11	2	8	6	5	1	5	5													
<b>Total Conference Attendees</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>304</b>													
For Reference Only - already counted in numbers above																									
Girls Ministries	47	33	48	45	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		42	42													
Royal Rangers	231	171	175	216	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		164	164													
Junior Leaders	13	6	0	16	8	5	13	11	11	11	9	9													
No Shows	0	6	N/A	2	17	0	10	13	13	7	6	8													
Total Training Hours	1294	1023	778	1,656	2,322	1,087	1,599	1,911	2,237	2,218	1415	1613													

- District Assistance request
  - 2024 Event Patches to Brian Miller
  - Regional Support - \$1.00/Outpost (which is what Dwight Walters was asking for)
    - Dave is not looking for this but is asking for any support the Districts can send
      - Thanked NY District for their donation
    - There is no Regional fail-safe, we need to meet our expenses
      - Our trainings and conferences are run to make some profit to fund the Region
  - Empower25 should be promoted by us
    - The #1 reason people attend is by work-of-mouth
    - Get the information out to our Outposts and leaders
    - Get it on the District calendars (web-sites) with a link to the conference
    - Girls Ministries will be attending
    - Auction items donated by each District are appreciated
      - Only the best 10 items are put into the live auction
      - Mission supported will be Pathfinders and "Coins for Kids" (50/50), which is related to both boys and girls.
    - Friday night offering will be split between our visiting missionaries
    - Missions Breakfast Sponsors are wanted
      - This would pay for the breakfast so that the bulk of the \$30 ticket price can go to missions
    - Our feedback is desired (survey)
      - What can be done differently or better
- District Reports
  - New Jersey (Hector)
    - Improvements
      - Communications – getting website created and keep their Facebook updated
    - Goals
      - New leaders to fill in as the existing leaderships ages
      - Getting leaders to attend trainings
  - New York (Rory Dudley)
    - Successes
      - We've appointed a Communications/Outreach coordinator Patryck Jones

- 6 new Outposts have chartered this year (unexpected growth)
  - Pow & Events where the Holy Spirit showed up
  - Camp is doing well
    - Looking at a large improvement project next year
- Improvements
  - Get more leaders trained
  - Sign up more new outposts
- Southern New England (Josh)
  - Success
    - Event attendance has been trending up (400)
      - Keeping a pulse on what the boys want
    - Filled the Outreach Coordinator position this year
      - Made new contacts and expect to get new OP started
  - Improvements
    - Raised the funds to improve their camp roads (additional gravel)
      - Owner of the stone yard took care of providing all the stone needed and took on the entire project himself
        - With the large equipment needed
        - Estimate the cost would have been \$15k
    - The on-line payment portal was charging too much (\$1,500)
      - Went to paper checks
      - Looking to establish a less expense on-line payment process
  - Goals
    - Looking to exceed the 400-attendee target
      - Meeting with pastors to start new Outposts
    - Improving their JLDA
- Potomac District (Craig Powis)
  - Success
    - Generating a lot of new interest from Pastors
    - Have started 2 new Outposts
    - Chartering is down this year
      - Attributed to confusion with how to charter along with the EveryBoy Initiative
    - Fall Trace was great
  - Goals
    - 2025 will be their 50th anniversary Pow Wow and are looking to do it big
- Northern New England (Tim Hatch) – not present
- Penn-Dell (Steve Steffel)
  - Success
    - Have had some new outposts (some are very small)
      - Starting them with the EveryBoy initiative
    - Following up with 4 Pastors who have expressed interest
    - Pow Wow has been increasing over the last few years
    - Two sectional events hit 200 in attendance
    - Over 60 at WCO
    - JLDA attendance has been increasing
    - Pathfinders Missions Trip
      - Helped with their shower house (completed)

- 34 yards of concrete was provided at 75% discount (leader who had started to work for the company)
- Getting closer to finishing their shower house
  - Expect it to be done by Fall of '25
- Tax exemption application was denied, but will try again next year
- Has a great staff with 3 Outreach Coordinators
  - Paul Schaefer and Mark Lance are retiring from their staff positions but there are new appointees ready to step in
- Goal
  - Assist 3 Outposts to reach out to their communities
  - Promoting pray (Warrior Challenge) and bible reading (Swordsman Challenge) to their men and boys
- Spanish Eastern (Luis Velazquez)
  - Success
    - District Camp went up to pre-covid (512)
      - Some came up from KY and OH
    - New FCF President
    - Canoe and Shooting Action Camps were run, that hadn't been run in a while
    - New Shooting Sports coordinator
  - Goal
    - Looking to increase their missions giving
- Dave thanked the District Directors for the work they do and encouraged their staff to continue their support in their efforts.
- Charter Numbers (Post Covid)



- - We are climbing in numbers, as we are Nationally
    - We expect this to be up to 20% underreported due to unchartered RR Outposts
- Training Update (Chris Vincent)

## 2023 - 2024 Training:

- WCO                                      Smithtown, NY                              3/2024                              122 Trainees
- WCO                                      Camp Hill, PA                              5/2024                              64 Trainees
- NRMC                                     Northwood, NH                             9/2024                             Cancelled
- Training Academy                     Harrisburg, PA                             1/2024                             3 New CIs

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- The training cycle goes from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>

- We only had 18 registered for NRMCM, which isn't enough to run the camp

## 2025 PLANNED but NOT YET approved Training:

- WCO Agawam, MA 4/11-12/2025
- NRMCM Tabernacle, NJ 5/30/2025 - 6/1/2025 (Not expecting approval due to cost)
- TA Harrisburg, PA 1/17 - 18/2025 (Empower25 no approval needed)
- We are running into approval problems due to the cost of running them

## NORTHEAST REGION

### Master Training Plan by Year

As of November 1, 2024



Year	NRMCM	NEEC	WCO	JBEI	NRRA	TRAINING ACADEMY
2021	SNE (20)	PD (10)	<del>NV (10)</del>	NER (20)		NER (0)
2022	<del>NV (10)</del>	<del>NV (10)</del>	POT (20)	<del>SNE (10)</del>		NER (0)
2023	POT (10)	<del>NV (10)</del>	NE (10)		NER (10)	NER (0)
2024	<del>NV (10)</del>	<del>NV (10)</del>	PD (10)	<del>NV (10)</del>		NER (0)
2025						NER (0)
2026	<b>NV</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>APP</b>	NER	NER
2027	<b>POT</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>NNE</b>	<b>NNE</b>	NER
2028		<b>SNE</b>	<b>POT</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>NV</b>	NER
2029	<b>POT</b>		<b>NV</b>	<b>POT</b>	<b>SNE</b>	NER
2029	<b>NV</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>APP</b>		NER

Need to get these commitments solidified

Strikethrough means camp was cancelled due to not meeting minimum attendance requirement

\*Changes in bold

\*\*All information has been turned in



No request submitted or not approved



COVID  
Cancelled

#### STRATEGIC PLAN:

**NRMCM** One every year

**NEEC** One every year

**WCO** Two every year and one every three at the Regional Conference

**NRRA** One every five years - hosted by region

**TA** One every year at the Regional Conf.

**JBEI** One every three - five years at the Regional Conference or Annual Meeting

**APP** Appalachian District

**NJ** New Jersey District

**NNE** Northern New England District

**NV** New York District

**PD** Pennsylvania-Delaware District

**POT** Potomac District

**SNE** Southern New England District

**SE** Spanish Eastern District

**NER** Northeast Region

To be discussed w/ the districts

- Those in yellow have no confirmation from the District Coordinator that they will host
  - Chris needs confirmation from each District
- Wold Class District
  - Data Sources
    - Your reports
    - National Reports
    - Future Issue - Boy's Medals numbers
  - Current Status

#### Training Action Team Meeting - March 2025

- Hope to address an update to Ranger Essentials as we are already getting an update to RS
- Anything specifically that needs to be addressed?
  - National isn't tracking boy's medals so it will be difficult to keep reporting on this
    - When the Mobile App is available these numbers, and many others, should be available
- Communications (Marcos Ramos)
  - Is reviewing/evaluating each District's Facebook pages and websites

- For those Districts without a website he will reach out to them to see how they are communicating with their District and help them getting started
- Southern New England and Spanish Eastern are doing a great job with social media posts, i.e. celebrating events and accomplishments
- Instagram is a media that our older boys are moving towards as a social media site
- Share and repost everything related to our upcoming Empower25 conference
- Marcos is a resource for our Districts to assist us in communicating effectively within our Districts
- World Class District worksheet will spell out what items are being looked at for evaluation purposes
- For those using MailChimp should add Marcos so that he can see what we're doing, even though it is not currently used for scoring purposes.
  - Right now it is just scoring web-site and facebook
  - Marcos feels it should include all social media options, which he is working to promote
- The first mailing for Empower25 will go out on Monday (11/11/25) and will be on the web-site as well
- Regional FCF Update
  - We didn't have a very good showing from our Region at the National Rendezvous
    - Attendance was ~ 400

## 2025 TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS

- October 16-19, 2025
- Registration - Will go through National
- Required Background Checks
- Assumption of Risk/Parental Consent
- No Walk-Ins or Onsite Registration
- PA DOH Background Checks
- All 3 Experiences
- Scout Selection
- Competitions
- Blacksmith



- Theme will be "Delivery the Message"

## 2025 TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS

- Scout applications - 100% Completed
- 3 References - 1 Church, 2 non-Church
- Applications in 30 days prior
- Chapters Should select in Spring
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- Has received the event patches from Penn-Del and NY districts
  - NJ has shipped theirs
  - The rest need to send them to Brian ASAP
    - 12 patches from each 2024 events
    - Proceeds go to the Missions

- NSSP Update (Anthony Cannella)
  - An excel spreadsheet has been put together to facilitate his National report
  - NRA Ambassador Program
    - Three boys sent in applications, but they were incomplete
  - The NRA knows about Royal Rangers
    - He will be running a seminar on how to apply for an NRA grant and about “Postal” Matches at Empower25
      - His church has received ~ \$30k over the past few years
      - Dave M.’s church has received \$3.5k in grants
- Outpost Scholarship Fund Report
  - Paul Walters Outpost Foundation is available
 

- **ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST CHURCHES WITH STARTING LOCAL ROYAL RANGERS OUTPOSTS**
    - **OFFER \$1,000 FINANCIAL GIFT FOR START-UP AND OPERATING EXPENSES**
    - **PROVIDE \$250 TO SPONSORING OUTPOSTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF A NEW OUTPOST**

Applications for assistance and donations to this 501(c)(3) charitable foundation can be found at:  
[www.northeastregion.org/paul-walters-scholarship](http://www.northeastregion.org/paul-walters-scholarship)

    - - **30 Outposts in 11 States assisted to date (thru Oct. 2024)**
      - **\$34,000 paid or committed**
      - **Help us spread the word**
      - **\$7,000 raised at EMPOWER 24 Conference in Harrisburg, PA and eBay sales of items donated by the Leslie Family (Franklin Mint Collectibles) in memory of Jim**
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- Missions
  - \$6,692 – BGMC Master’s Toolbox, Pathfinders Missions from Empower24
    - BGMC takes 22% of what is given before going to the end missions
      - Going up to 30%
  - NE Region will be giving \$25/mth to EBI
  - Reach Out to Ron Harrison for sponsoring/attending a bronze, silver or gold trip
    - Could include working at our own camps (bronze trip)
  - Master’s Toolbox project for the coming year is being determined
- District Directors were encouraged to reach out to Dave M. on anything
  - Will schedule a meeting with them at LEAD25

Dave M. closed in prayer at 11:52am