

## ADVENTURE CAMP at RANGER MOUNTAIN

Adventure Camp at Ranger Mountain is just a few short months away, June 17 - 19, 2021 and your attendance is invited, welcomed, and anticipated! This year Adventure Camp promises to be exceptional! There will be amazing games and incredible prizes given away throughout the weekend. And you can expect the spirit of the Living God touching the hearts of men and boys from all walks of life, as well as life in the great outdoors, how could it not be one of the best weekends of the summer?

Whether you have an active Boy's Ministries in your church or not, we want to extend a personal invitation to you to bring some men and boys see what Adventure Camp at Ranger Mountain has to offer.

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\*Thursday nights meal is being provided by BGMC (Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge). If you have any questions, please feel free to call Network office (406) 652-2417

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### COST

The cost to participate in Adventure Camp is \$35.00 per person (boy or man). If your church has a chartered outpost, you will receive one free adult registration for every 7 boys registered. Remember, this is just the cost of registration to the Network. Other costs such as; food, transportation should be accounted for separately. You may pre-register or bring your check with you to Adventure Camp.

#### CAMPSITE ENTRANCE

Be creative as you design your campsite entryway. Be sure to include your students while doing it! There will be a trophy for the best decorated camp entrance. The church with the best entrance will receive a free registration for the following year.

#### SCHEDULE

Registration will be from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY June 17, but your outpost may arrive any time you desire before Adventure Camp and may stay as long after as your schedule permits. Adventure Camp will conclude by noon on SATURDAY. Schedules will be available at registration. Attendance at all scheduled services is mandatory.

#### JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP

Junior Training Camps will start on Monday. This is a great place to get your boys trained for your group's leadership. If you have students interested please go to the website at [montanastudentministries.com](http://montanastudentministries.com) for the application. All related and needed information is on the application on the website.

#### PASTORS AND VISITORS DAY

Pastors and Visitors Day: FRIDAY is Pastors and Visitors Day. We encourage you to invite your Pastor for the day as a guest. No registration fee is required. Ladies are also welcome as guests for the day.

#### EVENTS, GAMES AND AWARDS

There are various Adventure games and events which provide opportunities for participants to earn awards and win prizes. Men and boys, should come prepared to work both individually and as a group. These prizes will be things such as bicycles, camping gear and more. You must be present Saturday morning at the closing ceremony to receive your award. If you leave Adventure Camp too early, your prize will be awarded to the next person. There will also be prizes given away randomly this year, so don't be late for anything!

## WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER

From your Church:

Youth worker forms on file at your church for EVERY adult attending Adventure Camp (See your pastor about the form your church uses – if none are available call Rebecca at (406) 652-2417 for a sample form. You do not have to bring these but must have them on file at your Church)

From the Church leader: (bring the following to registration with you)

Registration form filled out

Signed copy of permission slip for each student

Signed copy of knife and shooting permission slip for each student

Check for payment of registration fees

Guest pass form (if any non - paying guests)

Registration will be from 2:00 – 5:00 pm on the porch of Headquarters Building (new building) ! Large outposts or pre-registered outposts may register early by appointment (schedule time with Pastor David when you arrive)

## LEGAL AND SAFETY MATTERS

### INSURANCE

The Montana Network requires each church to provide their own insurance. Please mail or fax a copy of your insurance binder to the Network Office at 406-652-2453 prior to Adventure Camp or bring a copy with you. We must have proof of insurance from your church before you can register for Adventure Camp.

### CAMP SAFETY

Absolutely NO boy should be found wandering around by himself at Adventure Camp. Also, tool craft safety will be emphasized. Remember, all boys must have a "Cut and Chop" card to use camp tools.

Boys earn these cards by completing the Knife and Ax course. If you do not use the merit system we are offering a Knife and Ax course in which the boys and earn the "Cut and Chop" card on THURSDAY from 3pm to 5pm in the FCF village.

### ROAD SAFETY

No boy is allowed to drive or be on ATV's at Ranger Mountain. Only Network Staff approved adults are allowed to drive ATV's on our roads.

### FIREARMS

We ask that no firearms or side arms be worn/carried by anyone unless in FCF outfit as part of the outfit (if they are worn in outfit they must NOT be loaded). Please make your leaders aware of this rule! Network leadership is literally "loaded for Bear" so please, for safety sake, leave all firearms home. If there is a predator sighting, contact Network leadership immediately!

**ZIP LINES/ROPE COURSES:** Zip lines or other activities where boys are held or transported above the ground at a height higher than the boy's own height require that the boy be securely connected to the transport device or other safety system to prevent a fall. Boys must be secured in such a way that they cannot come loose or let go, either intentionally or unintentionally. Zip lines further require a braking system to prevent an impact at the bottom end of the line. Homemade courses will not be allowed. All of these activities will be checked by our safety officer.

## WHAT TO BRING

**Bring the Necessities:** Remember that you need to bring your own camping equipment, cooking utensils, and food for the duration of your stay. You should also be prepared with proper equipment and clothes if it should happen to turn cold or rain (and it does like to rain up there!). Bring rain gear. A roll of plastic is useful for many, many things around the camp.

You will need to bring your own toilet paper to Adventure Camp, as the Network does not supply it. You will also need to remind your boys to carry it back and forth with them. The keys to the latrines are hanging outside on a nail under an eave.

**Trading goods:** Leadership should get their license to trade from FCF Scribe at the FCF Village. (Boys do not need a license. Boys need to show the stamp on their wristband in order to trade or buy knives. No stamp, no trading for knives or buying at the trading post. (A commander can be with the boy and buy or trade for the knife, but the commander keeps the knife until you get home!) Encourage the boys to bring some stuff to trade – they all have a closet full of junk they could bring if they know about it ahead of time. Many commanders bring a bag of stuff to give to their boys to get them started trading.

Spending money: Our Camp Store will be set up with items for sale ranging from candy and sodas to T-shirts and hats. Times that the store will be open will be available when you register.

## RULES FOR ADVENTURE CAMP at RANGER MOUNTAIN

Because we want to be good neighbors, please make sure of the following things throughout the weekend with your outpost:

- Keep your campsite clean – especially when you leave. Please leave your campsite spotless – no trash – remember to pack it in AND pack it out. We do have bears visit us so please bear proof your campsites. Refer to the “Campsite Rules and Regulations” page.
- Please keep your students on our property only. We do have other property owners around us and we do not want to be accused of stealing or vandalizing their property. Be aware of where your students are at all times.
- Any of our Network Staff, speakers, and other leadership (identified by a RED hat) would love to have a meal with your outpost and enjoy some time with you and your boys. Feel free to invite one of them to a meal.
- Due to safety concerns, boys will be allowed to wear a “sheathed knife” on their belt as long as the blade is less than 4 inches long. A blade over 4 inches long may only be worn by FCF members in the FCF outfit. The boys will be allowed to purchase a sheathed knife and/or trade them during the trading time only. If a boy does purchase or trade for a sheathed knife with a blade over 4 inches he must give it to his commander until he gets home and the commander gives the knife to that boy’s parents or guardian.
- If possible please bring one gallon of water per person with you when you come to Adventure Camp. This will help our well keep up with the demand for water during the weekend.
- Due to safety and insurance purposes there will be NO PETS allowed at Adventure Camp, without approval from the Network commander.
- There will be a sheriff in town again this year! We will have a Marshall for security and random safety inspections.
- More info will be available during the staff meeting at 7:00 on THURSDAY night. Please report any infractions to the sheriff and we will deal with the problems. He will be identified by a neon glow in the dark vest.
- For security sake we use wristbands to identify both students and men so we know who is supposed to be there. We ask that EVERYONE be registered and payed for so they can receive a wristband.
- We ask that no firearms or side arms be worn/carried by anyone unless in FCF outfit as part of the outfit (if they are worn in outfit they must NOT be loaded). Our Network staff is in contact with the MT Fish and Game Dept. every year and there is protocol to follow concerning bears/predators. We are prepared to handle any animal confrontation. Again – if there is a bear sighting or sign of bears contact the Network Commander immediately and we will handle it.

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## CAMPSITE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations must be followed in order to maintain your campsite at Adventure Camp:

- Sanitation: Dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, wastewater, material, or rubbish by removal from the site or area. Outhouses are for one purpose only. DO NOT put anything in them except what they are designed to handle. Nothing goes through the "johns" that hasn't gone through the body (except toilet paper!) Please do not deposit body waste anywhere except into outhouses provided for that purpose. Please do not leave refuse, debris, or litter in an exposed or unsanitary condition.
- Destruction of Property: No cutting, killing, destroying, girdling, chipping, chopping, boxing, injuring, or otherwise damaging or removing any timber, tree, or other forest product. No mutilating, defacing, removing, disturbing, injuring, or destroying any natural feature or any property of Ranger Mountain.
- Building Fires: Building, maintaining, or using a fire outside of the fire ring provided is not allowed except in a stove, grill, or fireplace. Leaving an uncontrolled fire is inexcusable.
- Buffer Zone: There is a 5' buffer zone from the property line - nothing, not even small bushes, can be cut. No wood may be carried out.
- Cutting Trees: No large trees (over 6' tall) may be cut without district staff approval.
- Constructing Permanent Buildings: Before construction of permanent buildings, signs, etc., approval must be obtained from the Network Staff. Please send request and plans to the Network Office prior to February 1. For the approved color of paint check with the Network Commander.
- Fire Rings: Two (2) fire rings per campsite are available.
- Water Conservation: Please conserve water. Consumption is high so please make sure boys do not waste water.
- Spigots are to fill containers only. Please bring one (1) gallon of water per person to start RMA. This will help our well keep up with the weekend.
- Note: Church names should not be on the boards - only the outpost number in the lower right hand corner.
- Campsite Markers: Churches should have a finished nick-wood carved sign to mark their campsite. Post is supplied at campsite. This helps identify your campsite for better communication. Church names/Town name is welcome on these markers.

- Missed Adventure Camps: If an outpost misses an Adventure Camp for two years in a row, their campsite and everything on it (including buildings) may be transferred to another outpost on the third (3) year being absent at the discretion of the Network RR leadership.
- Bear proof your campsite: Bear proofing your campsite is very important! We have had bears visit us during Adventure Camp the past few years so please take steps to bear proof your campsite. Make sure there is NEVER ANY FOOD in tents (candy, pop, etc.) Secure food in a building, vehicle, or hang in trees (coolers will get opened).
- Remember to leave a dim light burning all night in the kitchen area Burn all grease completely in a hot fire. Do NOT leave dirty dishes out – clean and put away all dishes
- Please report any bear sighting or nighttime visits to the Network Commander (David Alexieff) ASAP
- We do have security patrolling the grounds during the night.