GIRLS MINISTRIES AND ROYAL RANGERS TOGETHER

A GREAT SOLUTION

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LEADERSHIP

For the Together Plan to work effectively, one male and one female adult should be chosen to lead each combined group plan, while utilizing teenagers to assist when possible. Curriculum recommendations and start-up costs are given on the back page of this brochure.

Combined quarterly and annual leadership planning meetings are essential. Girls Clubs units and Royal Rangers advancements can be paired for the best combined activities and closest match of biblical/topical lessons.

Training is essential for any Girls Clubs program or Royal Rangers Outpost. With the Together Plan we recommend cross training for all leaders if at all possible. The *Girls Clubs Leader Training Guide* and the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual* would be the most immediate tools for training. Attending a district training event is recommended.

STRUCTURE

Both Royal Rangers and Girls Clubs in a traditional setting have a multi-point lesson plan structure. We have paired these points to facilitate a combined structure.

GROUP PLANS

DAISIES AND PRIMS AND RANGER KIDS

Daisies and Prims require 27 units, providing lessons for 108 weeks.

Ranger Kids requires 3 Advancement Trails, providing lessons for 108 weeks.

1. Preclub Activity/While the Boys Arrive (together)
2. Club Distinctives/Patrol Corners (separate)
3. Bible Time-Activity Time/Devotion (separate - Daisies-Prims work on lesson/ RK work on Advancement)
4. Recreation-Closing Activity/After the Meeting and Activity Page (together)

As Rangers complete their Advancement Trails, Daisies and Prims can complete any units as only the Bible Time (use Ranger Kids material) and preclub and closing activities are combined.

During week 13 Council of Achievement (Ranger Kids), girls could complete an Adventure.

FRIENDS AND ADVENTURE RANGERS

Friends requires 18 units, each with 6 lessons. These provide lessons for 108 weeks. Six additional units are available for completion to keep the girls on queue with the boys or they may use additional time to complete unit projects.

Adventure Rangers requires 12 Bible merits, each with 8 lessons providing lessons for 96 weeks. Additionally, Rangers need to earn 14 skill merits and 4 leadership merits.

1. Icebreaker/Pre-meeting Activity (together)
2. Club Distinctives/Patrol Corners (separate)
3. Lesson-Closing Prayer/Devotion-Bible Merits (separate, include Journal Page for Friends)
4. Activity Time (together - work on skill and leadership merits which consist of Life Skills, Personal Interest, and Leadership activities)
5. Closing Activity/Recreation-After Meeting (together)

STARS AND DISCOVERY RANGERS

Stars requires 27 units, each with 4 lessons (108 weeks). Honor Stars are required to complete 9 Honor Steps. These could be completed during the Bible/Lesson time in 9 additional weekly meetings, thereby providing lessons for the girls for 117 weeks. Any additional time can be used for girls to complete unit projects.

Discovery Rangers requires 12 Bible merits, each with 8 lessons, providing lessons for 96 weeks. Additionally, Rangers need to complete 14 skill merits and 4 leadership merits.

1. Preclub Activity/While the Boys Arrive (together)
2. Club Distinctives/Patrol Corners (separate)
3. Lesson-Discussion-Prayer/Bible Merits-Devotion (separate, include Activity Page for Stars)
4. Activity Time (together, skill and leadership merits — Life Skills and Personal Interest activities)
5. Recreation-Closing Activity/After the Meeting (together)

GIRLS ONLY AND EXPEDITION RANGERS

Girls Only requires 20 units, each with 6 lessons. These provide lessons for 120 weeks.

Expedition Rangers requires 75 Spirit Challenges (Bible units) with varying lesson lengths (150 Spirit Challenges available to choose from). Additionally Rangers need to earn 14 skill and 4 leadership merits.

1. Club Distinctives-Warm Up Activity/Patrol Corners (separate)
2. Lesson-Closing Prayer/Spirit Challenges-Devotion (separate, include Journal Page for Girls Only)
3. Activity Time (together- skill and leadership merits — Life Skills, Personal Interest, and Leadership activities)
4. Cool Down/Recreation (together)

GROUP COMBINATION SUGGESTIONS

The Together Plan for Ranger Kids and Daisies/Prims will require some advance planning. The Ranger Kids (grades K-2) curriculum is linear — boys start on the Trail to the Elk and end on the Trail to the Cougar. Daisies (grade K) and Prims (grades 1-2) units can be completed in any order. This Group Combination presents our suggestions for unit completion as paired with the Ranger Kids (grades K-2) trails.

Each quarter the boys complete a series of lessons on one topic; e.g., Outdoors-Conservation. We examined the Daisies and Prims curriculum and selected units that complement that same theme; e.g., Daisies Thanking and Prims Cooking and Plants & Flowers units.

These suggested combinations might not include the same Bible stories or Scripture references, but the topics will be close. This will help when boys and girls come together at the closing time of each meeting to complete merit badges.

Please keep in mind that these are suggestions, not hard fast rules. Please feel free to adjust the combinations as they fit for your groups. (Please see next page for Ranger Kids/Daisies-Prims suggestions.)

The Together Plan for Discovery Rangers (grades 3-5) and Stars (grades 3-5) is more unit based. Following are suggestions for ten combinations that will help you pair the additional 17 units you will need.

CHOOSE ONE FROM THIS LIST...

Stars
Bible Survey
First Aid
Introduction to Missions

Discovery Rangers
Bible
First Aid Skills
Global Missions
Note: required merits

Armor of God
spiritual safety

Cooking

A world missions unit
focus on insect and bird

Camping

Visual Arts or Puppetry

Making Right Choices
spiritual direction

Introduction to Our Church
Coins for Kids emphasis

In His Image
God's design for our lives

Family

TO GO WITH THIS LIST

Safety

Cooking

Lashing, Insect Study, Bird Study

Fire Craft, Weather

Rope Craft, Fingerprinting, Art

Compass, Space Exploration

Church, BGMC

Tool Craft, Rocketry, Models and Design

Family Life

GROUP COMBINATION SUGGESTIONS

	TRAIL TO THE ELK-YEAR 1	TRAIL TO THE WOLVERINE-YEAR 2	TRAIL TO THE COUGAR YEAR 3
QUARTER 1	girls Prims Church Unit Prims Friendship Unit Prims Helpers Unit	girls Daisies Following Unit Daisies Helping Unit Prims Community Unit	girls Daisies Giving Unit Daisies Sharing Unit Prims Missions Unit
	Antelope: Community Church	Beaver: Community City	Lynx: Community Missions
QUARTER 2	girls Prims Bible Unit Daisies Growing Unit Daisies Healing Unit	girls Daisies Believing Unit Daisies Respecting Unit Prims Health Unit	girls Prims Animals Unit Prims Safety Unit Daisies Trusting Unit
	Ram: Animals Strength	Fox: Animals Trust	Cheetah: Animals Trust
QUARTER 3	girls Prims Family Unit Prims Kindness Unit Daisies Loving Unit	girls Daisies Obeying Unit Prims Prayer Unit Prims Women of the Bible Unit	girls Prims Salvation Unit Prims Baptism in the Holy Spirit Unit Prims Divine Healing Unit
	Caribou: Family Family	Coyote: Family Obedience	Panther: Family Life of Christ
QUARTER 4	girls Daisies Creating Unit Prims Nature Unit Prims Earth Unit	girls Daisies Thanking Unit Prims Cooking Unit Prims Plants and Flowers	girls Daisies Praying Unit Prims Creation Unit Prims Art Unit
	Buffalo: Outdoors Creation	Badger: Outdoors Conservation	Tigers: Outdoors Nature

KEY

girls ministries
Daisies kindergarten
Prims first- and second-grade

Ranger Kids kindergarten — second-grade

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first year program costs

GIRLS MINISTRIES

	Each Student	Each Leader	Each Group
Daisies & Prims (grades K-2)			
Daisies or Prims 9 units @ 89 cents each	$8.01		
Club T-shirt	$8.99	$9.99	
Club Unit Sticker Sheet (1/girl per club)	$0.89		
Daisies Sponsor Guide CD-ROM			$17.99
Prims Sponsor Guide CD-ROM			$20.99
Cost for Daisies & Prims =	*$17.89*	*$9.99*	*$38.98*
Stars (grades 3-5)			
9 units @ 89 cents each	$8.01		
Club T-shirt	$9.99	$10.99	
Club Unit Sticker Sheet	$0.89		
Stars Sponsor Guide CD-ROM			$25.99
Cost for Stars =	*$18.89*	*$10.99*	*$25.99*
Friends (grades 6-8)			
6 units @ 99 cents each	$5.94		
Club T-shirt	$10.99	$10.99	
Friends Sponsor Guide CD-ROM			$26.99
Cost for Friends =	*$16.93*	*$10.99*	*$26.99*
Girls Only (grades 9-12)			
5 units @ 99 cents each	$4.95		
Club T-shirt	$10.99	$10.99	
Girls Only Sponsor Guide CD-ROM			$26.99
Cost for Girls Only =	*$15.94*	*$10.99*	*$26.99*
Total Start-Up Costs =	**$69.65**	**$42.96**	**$118.95**

ROYAL RANGERS *(non-chartered)

	Each Student	Each Leader	Each Group
Ranger Kids (grades K-2)			
RK track of TracCLub ($18 per year)			$18.00
Group T-shirt	$9.49	$10.49	
RK Handbook	$5.85		
Leader Manual		$29.50	
Logbook	$2.99		
Cost for Ranger Kids =	*$18.33*	*$39.99*	*$18.00*
Discovery Rangers (grades 3-5)			
DR track of TracCLub ($31 per year)			$31.00
Group T-shirt	$9.49	$10.49	
DR Handbook	$12.99		
Leader Manual		$29.50	
Logbook (N/A)			
Cost for Discovery Rangers =	*$22.48*	*$39.99*	*$31.00*
Adventure Rangers (grades 6-8)			
AR track of TracCLub ($31 per year)			$31.00
Group T-shirt	$12.49	$12.49	
AR Handbook	$12.99		
Leader Manual		$29.50	
Logbook (N/A)			
Cost for Adventure Rangers =	*$25.48*	*$41.99*	*$31.00*
Expedition Rangers (grades 9-12)			
ER track of TracCLub ($31 per year)			$31.00
Group T-shirt	$12.49	$12.49	
ER Handbook	$12.99		
Leader Manual		$29.50	
Logbook (N/A)			
Cost for Expedition Rangers =	*$25.48*	*$41.99*	*$31.00*
Total Start-Up Costs =	**$91.77**	**$163.96**	**$111.00**

*Chartered RR outposts receive a 15% discount on all products listed.

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Staffing recommendations: For the Together plan to work effectively, one male and one female adult should be chosen to lead each combined group plan, while utilizing teenagers to assist when possible.

It is recommended that leaders complete the training guides for each ministry.

Curriculum recommendations and operating costs are included with each Group Plan.

Both Royal Rangers and Mpact Girls Clubs in a traditional setting have a multi-point lesson plan structure. They are listed below:

While the Boys Arrive
Opening Ceremony
Business/Patrol Corners
Bible Study
Program Feature
Advancement
Recreation
Devotion
Closing Ceremony
After the Meeting

Preclub Activity
Club Distinctives
Giving Time
Lesson Time
Memory Activity
Activity Page*
Crafts, Activities, Games, and Snacks
Discussion Activity
Prayer
Closing Activity

Under the Together plan these are our recommendations for a combined meeting structure.

Ranger Kids/Daisies-Prims Group Plan

Ranger Kids requires 3 Advancement Trails, providing lessons for 108 weeks.

Daisies and Prims require 27 units, providing lessons for 108 weeks.

Our proposal for combined Ranger Kids/Daisies-Prims:

1. Preclub/Pre-Meeting Activity (together)
2. Patrol Corners/Club Distinctives (separate)
3. Bible Time (together)
4. Devotion/Activity Time (separate - RK work on Advancement, Daisies-Prims work on lesson and Activity Pages)
5. Recreation/After the Meeting/Closing Activity (together)

As Rangers complete their Advancement Trails, Daisies and Prims can complete any units as only the Bible Time (use Ranger Kids material) and preclub and closing activities are combined.

Discovery Rangers/Stars Group Plan

Discovery Rangers requires 24 Bible merits, each with 5 lessons. These provide lessons for 120 weeks. Additionally, Rangers need to complete 10 required Red merits and 8 additional merits that can be Red, Blue, or Green.

Stars requires 27 units, each with 4 lessons (108 weeks). Honor Stars are required to complete 9 Honor Steps. These could be completed during the Bible/Lesson time in 9 additional weekly meetings, thereby providing lessons for the girls for 117 weeks.

Our proposal for combined Discovery Rangers/Stars

1. Preclub/Pre-Meeting Activity (together)
2. Patrol Corners/Club Distinctives (separate)
3. Bible Merits/Lesson (separate, include Activity Page for Stars)
4. Devotion/Discussion Activity/Prayer (separate)
5. Activity Time (together - work on Red and Blue Merits which consist of Life Skills and Personal Interest activity)
6. Recreation/After the Meeting/Closing Activity (together)

Required Red merits are:

First Aid Skills
Cooking
Safety
One from each list below:

- Lashing, Insect Study, Bird Study
- Fire Craft, Weather
- Rope Craft, Fingerprinting, Art
- Compass, Space Exploration
- Church, Junior Light for the Lost, BGMC
- Tool Craft, Rocketry, Models and Design
- Family Life, God and Family

If churches want girls to complete units similar to the Red merits they will be completing with the boys, the following Stars units are available:

- First Aid
- Cooking
- Armor of God (spiritual safety)
- A world missions unit (focus on insect and bird of that region)
- Camping
- Visual Arts/Puppetry
- Making Right Choices (spiritual direction)
- Introduction to Our Church
- In His Image (God's design for our lives)
- Family

Adventure Rangers/Friends Group Plan

Adventure Rangers requires 24 Bible merits, each with 5 lessons. These provide lessons for 120 weeks. Additionally, Rangers need to earn 12 Gold merits and 12 additional merits (4 required red merits and then 8 green, gold, or silver).

Friends requires 18 units, each with 6 lessons. These provide lessons for 108 weeks. Six additional units are available for completion to keep the girls on queue with the boys.

Our proposal for combined Adventure Rangers/Friends

1. Pre-meeting Activity/Icebreaker (together)
2. Patrol Corners/Club Distinctives (separate)
3. Bible Merits/Devotion-Lesson/Closing-Prayer (separate, include Journal Page for Friends)
4. Activity Time (together - work on Gold and Green Merits which consist of Life Skills, Personal Interest, and Leadership activities)
5. Recreation/After the Meeting/Closing Activity (together)

Required Gold merits are:

- Bachelor
- Camping
- First Aid/CPR
- Physical Fitness

Required Red merits are:

- Cooking
- Family Life
- Safety
- Tool Craft

Expedition Rangers/Girls Only Group Plan

Expedition Rangers requires 75 Spirit Challenges (Bible units) with varying lesson lengths (150 Spirit Challenges available to choose from). Additionally Rangers need to earn 15 Silver merits.

Girls Only requires 20 units, each with 6 lessons. These provide lessons for 120 weeks.

Our proposal for combined Expedition Rangers/Girls Only

1. Patrol Corners-Club Distinctives/Warm Up activity (separate)
2. Spirit Challenges/Devotion-Lesson/Closing-Prayer (separate, include Journal Page for Girls Only)
3. Activity Time (together - work on Silver Merits which consist of Life Skills, Personal Interest, and Leadership activities)
4. Recreation/Cool Down (together)

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