



# National Program Update

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## National Recommendations Concerning the Ranger of the Year Program

In March 2008, the National Royal Rangers Ministries enacted a five-year pause for the Ranger of the Year program in order to be able to refocus time and resources into developing and implementing vital ministry aids as well as to re-evaluate the ROTY program. With local and district support, this refocusing of resources could add great impact to Royal Rangers in the next few years.

When the ROTY program is reintroduced after Camporama 2012, it will have a different format than the current structure. The current methods and guidelines will be evaluated and simplified into a streamlined, effective program. This means ROTY will be quite different when it is reintroduced than it has been in any previous form. When changing from one format to another, there can be a discomfort and adjustment period. The national ministry believes it is better to do that now rather than just before the new format is reintroduced. It is therefore recommended that the ROTY program be continued at the local outpost level only, and not be continued at any other level until the new program is introduced.

In light of this policy, the national office recommends the following:

- Outposts are encouraged to continue the ROTY program at the local level. Information concerning outpost ROTY is available on the national Royal Rangers website at [royalrangers.ag.org](http://royalrangers.ag.org).
- Encourage local outposts to use those additional dates for local events or activities.
- Districts are encouraged to utilize dates previously used for ROTY evaluations to provide other events or activities that include the greatest number of Rangers.
- Leaders are encouraged to continue focusing boys on the advancement trail for each age group and promote the pursuit of the "Trail of the Saber" in Adventure and Expedition Rangers, which encourages boys to develop their leadership skills and spiritual life.

**Note:** The national ministries office will not provide evaluation materials or other support for continuing the ROTY program above the outpost level until ROTY is reintroduced after 2012 Camporama.