



SETTING

UP

YOUR

ROYAL AMBASSADOR

PROGRAM

FOR

SUCCESS!



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SETTING UP YOUR **RA PROGRAM** FOR SUCCESS

REASONS:

There are three main **REASONS** for Royal Ambassadors –

1. **MISSION STUDY AND MISSION ACTION**
2. **ADVANCEMENT**
(MISSION PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES)
3. **INTEREST ACTIVITIES (TO REACH AND KEEP
“BOYS” INTERESTED - CAMPING, BASKETBALL,
PINEWOOD DERBY CARS AND OTHER “BOY THINGS”).**

RESOURCES:

There are three main **RESOURCES** for Royal Ambassadors-

1. **LEADERS**
2. **MISSION STUDY MATERIALS**
3. **WORKBOOKS – “Advancement” & “Interest
Activities”**

1. Three LEADERS

Leader One: MISSION STUDY LEADER

Leader Two: ADVANCEMENT LEADER/BIBLE SKILLS

Leader Three: INTEREST ACTIVITIES LEADER

2. Two choices of Southern Baptist Missions study material

1. *Short mission lessons, easy to use:
(149 lessons available on a free CD from the Alabama RA Office)*

"BackPack Missions"

Five to ten minute object lessons about missions, using items pulled from a backpack. -FREE-

"SnackPack Missions"

Fifteen to twenty minute lessons about missions. Lessons feature a learning activity, the lesson, and a challenge that encourages children to become more involved in missions. There is also a parent's leaflet. -FREE-

2. *The following materials are longer, more detail, and more difficult to use: (Ordered from www.wmystore.com) Even when using Backpack and Snackpack Missions lessons order at least one copy to keep current with up-to-date missions information.*

RA WORLD magazine
FOR 1st - 6th GRADE BOYS

RA LEADER magazine
FOR THE LEADERS

3. ADVANCEMENT WORKBOOK

(Order from the RA Office of the Alabama Baptist State Board Of Missions, e-mail sstephens@alsbom.org. or call 1-800-264-1225, ext. 268)

Order one for each boy (\$2.00 each) or order one free and make copies of the pages as you need them. Place in a loose leaf binder for each boy.

Also available:

- By download from the RA website www.alsbom.org/ra
- On a free CD from the state RA office, where you can customize the workbook to your church needs.

Recently WMU released **RA TREK** as the new advancement resource for RAs. Though it is complicated, it does have some valuable suggestion. The recommendation is – purchase a copy and slowly work it into your RA ministry.

The Goal of RAs Is To Reach Boys And Keep Them Interested (Interest Activities Leader), To Teach Missions (Mission Study Leader), and help them advance in their missions involvement (Advancement Leader).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH LEADER:

MISSION STUDY LEADER

Needs to know missions, love missions, and have a desire to get boys involved in missions.

They need to be a good teacher – one who can teach the way BOYS learn.

**The Leader's RESOURCES are –*

*BackPack Missions and SnackPack Missions
or
RA World and RA Leader*

**Some additional lesson material can be found at: www.namb.net & www.imb.org*

ADVANCEMENT LEADER is a bookkeeper.

They may not be a “teacher” but they are organized and they can plan good recognition ceremonies.

Women make good Advancement Leaders (a consideration if a man is not available).

**The Advancement Leader's RESOURCES are –*

****ALABAMA BAPTIST ROYAL AMBASSADOR
ADVANCEMENT WORKBOOK FOR ALL AGES***

(First copy is free. Additional copies \$2.00 each from Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions RA Office. Also available free on a CD from the RA office or on the www.alsbom.org/ra web site.

**“The Patch Place” catalog*

(Free from Alabama SBOM or www.ThePatchPlace.com)

**RA Resources/Patches at www.wmustore.com*

**”Chapter Advancement Record” forms as a download*

(From www.alsbom.org/ra - this is the Alabama RA web-page.)

INTEREST ACTIVITIES LEADER

*May not know much about missions, but they like to do the fun stuff.
They lead the activities which catch the attention of boys!*

*(Wood crafts, campcraft, camping, pinewood derby cars, soapbox derby cars,
trips, basketball, etc.)*

*Look for a man who is very competitive and likes to hunt, etc.; but only
has girl children. His wife will appreciate you giving him some boys to
influence.*

**The Interest Activities Leader's RESOURCES are –*

**RA Soapbox Derby Guidebook*

**RA Pinewood Derby Guidebook*

(Free from Alabama RA Office or download www.alsbom.org/ra)

***ALABAMA ROYAL AMBASSADORS INTEREST
ACTIVITIES BOOK** 125 pp

Sections on: *Crafts with a Religious Purpose – Woodcrafts –
Campcraft – Funecraft & Games – Pinewood & Soapbox Derby*
(Order free from Alabama RA Office)

**Campcraft – Outdoor Living Skills*

Camping skills and Biblical applications.

(The manual is a lengthy download from www.wmu.com/ra)

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES ARE:

RA Leader RESOURCE KIT order from: www.wmustore.com

GA/RA DVD a month by month video featuring NAMB and IMB missionaries
studied in RA WORLD. Included in the Leaders Kit (above) or can be ordered separately.

WHY THREE LEADERS ?

When you have three leaders, no one has an overwhelming job. Busy men or women, who already have other jobs in the church, can take on “one” of these, but not all.

A leader (called an RA Counselor or Director) who tries to do it all will find they have to plan two hours or more each week for their 45 minute class, and then they still forget some of what they had planned. Very frustrating! When three leaders share the responsibilities, two hours of planning will carry the leader through the month.

It is not easy to find more than one leader for a group, but the best RA group needs three. If you consider the type of people you need, you will realize they are not all “teachers”.

CLASS OPTIONS:

Option A: RAs are placed in three small groups. As one leader leads his/her part of the session (for instance, the Study Leader) the other leaders help by sitting with a group and directing that group as they do what the Study Leader instructs. Each leader only did the prior preparations for his/her part, but they help one another.

Option B: RAs are in three small groups. Each leaders is sitting with a group and leads their part of the session. Every fifteen minutes or so, the groups rotate to the next activity—study, advancement, and interest activities—all done at the same time.

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