



RA Survey

RA Parents,

The purpose of this survey is to help us improve CBC's RA program, and to help us make plans for the upcoming year. Please take a moment to let us know your input, and please return these to the church or an RA Leader as soon as possible.

1. If you could pick 2 overnight trips for your son to participate in for RA's, what would they be? Circle the same answer twice if your answer is you would like both overnight trips to be the same.
 - a) Camping at CBC's campground
 - b) Camping offsite
 - c) Space Camp trip to Huntsville, AL (approx \$ 110 per person)
 - d) USS Alabama Battleship trip to Mobile, AL
 - e) USS Yorktown Aircraft Carrier trip to Charleston, SC
 - f) Georgia Aquarium Sleepover (approx \$ 100 per person)
 - g) Zoo Atlanta Sleepover (approx \$ 60 per person)
 - h) Other: _____

2. For camping trips, which would you prefer?
 - a) Father/son
 - b) Entire family
 - c) Multiple trips throughout the year with a combination of both

3. Camping Trips (read the following statements, then answer)
 - For camping trips, there are various opinions about them being a Friday/Saturday trip, or a Saturday/Sunday trip. Some have even suggested a Friday/Saturday/Sunday trip with us camping 2 nights, but we haven't tried that yet.
 - Friday/Saturdays are tough to get a whole lot of activities done with most people being at work on Fridays (which means by the time a lot of people get there, it's dark) and Saturdays being busy with ballgames or other activities. It is, of course, harder when it's an offsite camping trip.
 - Saturday/Sunday gives us more time for activities, and people can come after their ballgames or other activities, but then Sunday morning is tough because of missing church. On our last Saturday/Sunday trip, some people

stayed only for the Saturday activities, some left Sunday morning in time to get to church, and the rest of us made plans to attend a church near our campsite.

With all of this in mind, which would you prefer?

- a) Friday/Saturday
- b) Saturday/Sunday
- c) Friday/Saturday/Sunday

4. For our next offsite camping trip, where would you like to see us go? There are many parks within a few hours' drive or some that are just down the street.

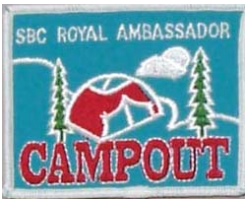
5. Do you have any suggestions or changes for future camping trips?

6. If our RA's participated in the following as a weekend group activity, would you be interested in joining us (circle all that apply)?

- a) Hiking
- b) Paved Trail Riding (Silver Comet Trail, Panola Mountain State Park, etc.)
- c) Mountain Biking (Boundary Waters)
- d) Fishing
- e) Canoeing
- f) Other: _____

7. Campcraft Badges (read the following statements, then answer)

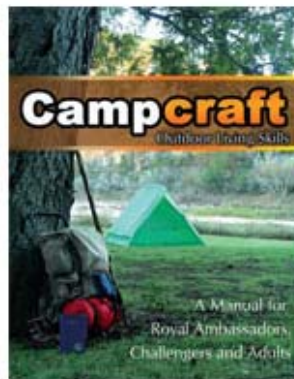
There are a few ways to earn badges in RA's. Those who participate in any campout will earn the Campout badge. Those who participate in our Pinewood Derby will earn the Pinewood Derby badge.



RA's also have the opportunity to work towards Campcraft badges. Each Campcraft badge has a series of 12 activities to complete. It is a guide to learning the basics of outdoor living covering:

- Trip Planning
- Equipment and Shelter
- Rope Craft
- Tool Craft
- Fire Craft
- Cooking
- First Aid
- Safety and Sanitation
- Map and Compass
- Nature
- Conservation
- Fun and Worship

These are activities that kids for the most part will complete at home, and the parents can check them off. The boys need to bring their completed Campcraft books to church to show their RA leader that they have completed the steps necessary to earn the various Campcraft badges.



Having said all of this about the Campcraft badges, we must admit that we are having a hard time getting much participation. In the last 2 years, there have only been 2 RA's other than RA leaders' sons who have earned any Campcraft badges. Many of the Campcraft books we have given out are never seen again. We probably have not communicated these Campcraft badge opportunities well enough. So that finally brings us to our question about Campcraft badges:

Knowing that they are available, would your son like a Campcraft book to work on?

8. There is an RA Camp in Forsyth, GA called Camp Kaleo that has 3-5 day summer camps available for RA's (\$ 102 for Lads, \$ 204 for Crusaders). We have not participated in these before, but we would like to see if there is any interest. Please check out their site at www.campkaleo.org and let us know:

Is this something you would be interesting in us participating in?

9. Please feel free to visit the RA website (www.royalambassadors.org) , browse around and add any additional suggestions on ways we could improve or new things you would like to see Central's RA program consider.

10. Contact Information for (child's name): _____

Parents/Guardian Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone for each parent/guardian: _____

Cell Phone for each parent/guardian: _____

E-mail for each parent/guardian: _____

Which of these is the best way to reach you about RA Announcements? _____