

ROYAL AMBASSADOR WILDERNESS CHALLENGE



Home Edition
2020

Hello RAs!

It is hard to believe we are not together this year for RA Wilderness Challenge this year due to the Corona Virus. It was a sad decision to have to cancel BUT that does not mean we can't have a little Wilderness Challenge fun this weekend. We are providing two devotionals that you can do with your family and two Campcraft projects you can do from home. Let's have some fun at home no matter how far we are away from each other.

This packet has two days of devotionals and campcraft activities for you to do and have some Wilderness Challenge fun with your family.

Parents: Are you looking for resources of things you can do with your RA and family? Here are some great resources you can use after the RA Wilderness Challenge Home Edition.

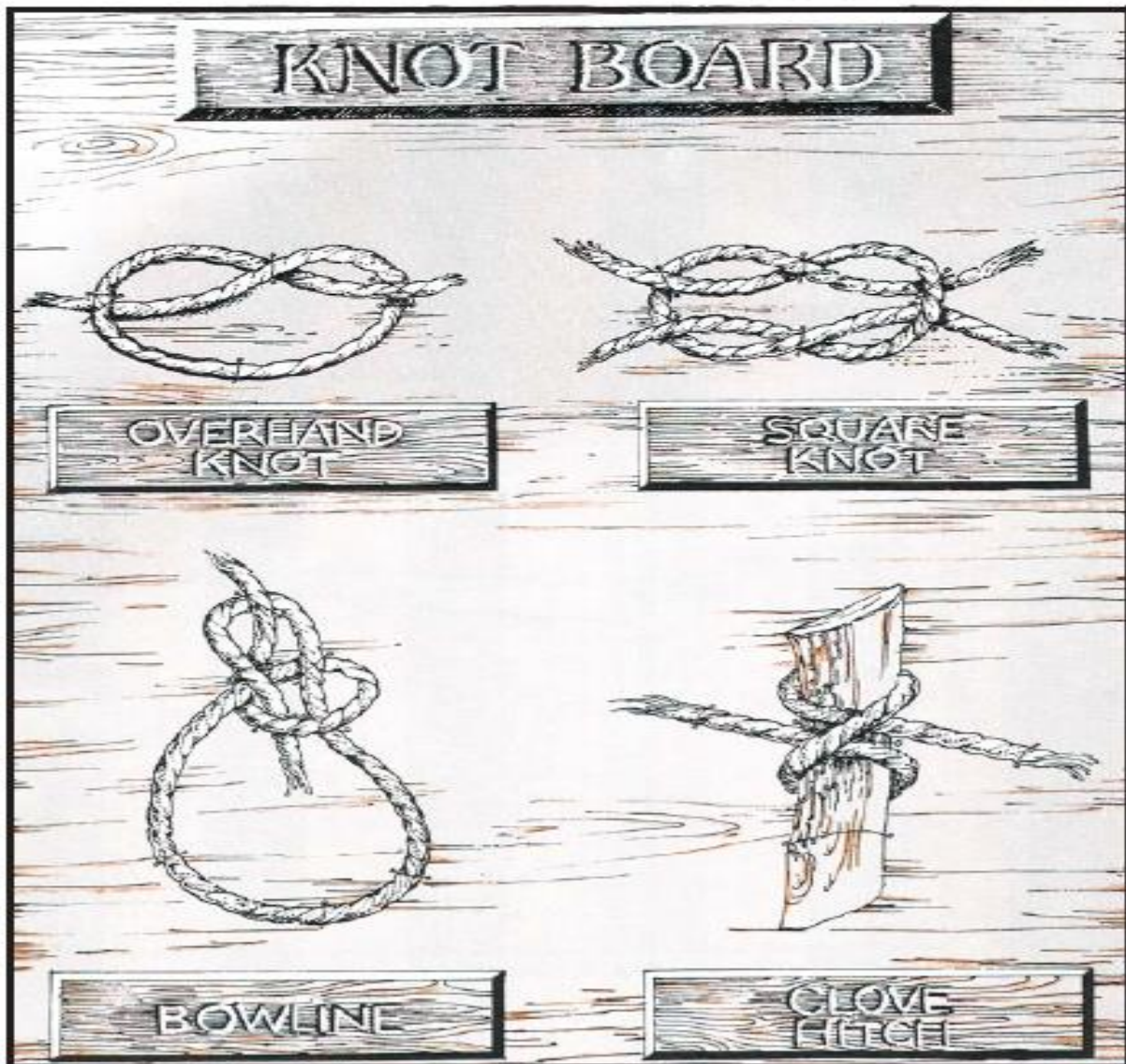
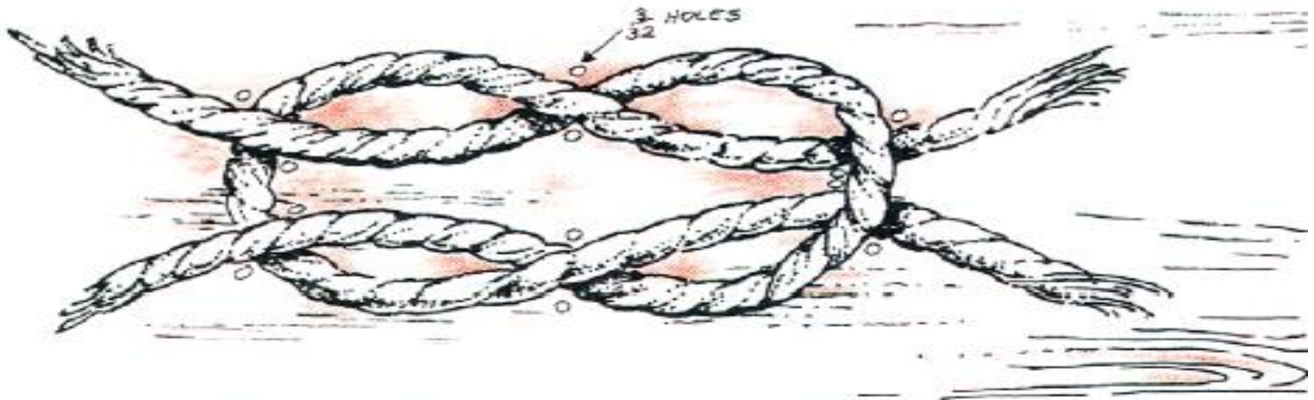
Go to <http://www.nashvilleras.com/CovidFun.html> for links to classic RA Campcraft and Activity books that are full of games and activities

Also at <http://www.nashvilleras.com/ra-bible-telling.html> for guided instructions on how to use hand motions to learn and accurately tell Bible Stories. It is a fun way to learn Bible stories as a family and have a tool to share Christ with the world around us.

We miss you guys and can't wait to see you in 2021!

Day 1 Campcraft Activity: RA KNOT BOARD

Learn to tie the four basic camping knots as illustrated that we use in competition at Wilderness Challenge each year. Practice them until you can tie them well. Display them on a knot board made from a square of peg board (or plywood) or even a piece of cardboard, white nylon cord, and fine wire. The knot board makes an attractive display for your room at home.



Day 1

RAWC Virtue Devotional: Two Stories One Virtue

Perseverance:

“Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with PERSEVERANCE the race that lies before us,” Hebrews 12:1

Hi! My name is Matthew and I want to tell you about my friend, Toby. Toby and I have been friends for years but it did not start out that way. You see, Toby was handicapped in an accident and he was not dealing with it very well. Toby was actually better at making enemies than friends.

One night during RA’s, we learned about perseverance and keeping focused on our goals. That night God put Toby on my heart, and I decided that I would make friends with him.

The next day I walked up to him and said hello, just sure that he was going to respond the same way. Well, he screamed at me and called me names. It was not what I expected, but I was not going to give up. The next day I tried again. Was it a success? Nope, he dumped his lunch in my lap. This went on for some time. I wanted to quit but God kept the desire to make friends strong. Finally, we became friends and not long after that he became a Christian. Having Toby as a friend has been worth the trouble it took.

Sometimes we have to endure hard times when we share about Jesus. Staying “safe at home” is another example of how we have to endure and persevere through hard times. This week many of you learned that school has been closed for the rest of the year. Being home is with your family alone is very hard to take for a long period of time. We all want to see our friends, even your parents! Today and RA named David said “I miss going to school and all of the special events this year like field trips, school concerts and 5th grade graduation. I also miss going to the movies and sports events too. It makes me sad but I can be OK with not being able to do those things. I just want to know when I can see my friends again.” Probably many of you have said the same thing. This “Stay at Home” thing is not fun after being that way every day for weeks already. We all want to see our friends. This is another instance of how perseverance is a very important RA Virtue for us to hold on to. It is different than the first story but it requires the same virtue to accomplish your goal. Matthew has to use perseverance to make a friend and tell him about Jesus while David has to use perseverance to be able to safely go out and see his friends.

Can you think of someone who has endured hardships for Jesus? Write down a list of people in the Bible who had to persevere through trials and see how God blessed them through it. Here is an example Paul and Barnabus in Jail. They sang and praised the Lord while in Jail! Check it out in Acts 16.

PRAYER TIME: Is there someone God has put on your heart to tell about Jesus? Write their name on a piece of paper and keep it by your bed and pray daily that God will show you opportunities to carry the message of Christ around your world today. Make a list of your friends that you have now that you miss seeing and write their names on that piece of paper too. Pray for one of them each day that they are safe and well and that they know they are not alone. After you have prayed for your friend, find a way to reach out to them and talk to them (not just text CALL). Hearing each-others voice will help you persevere during this crazy season.

Day 2 Campcraft Activity: HOMEMADE COMPASS

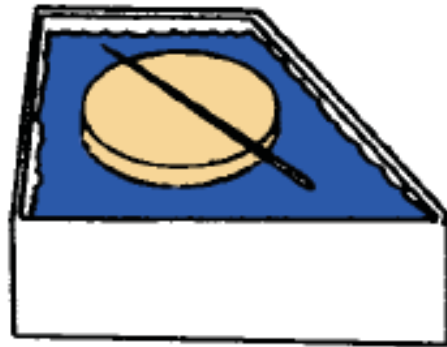
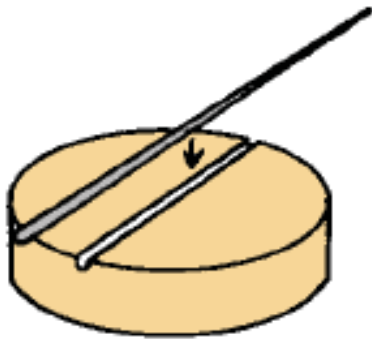
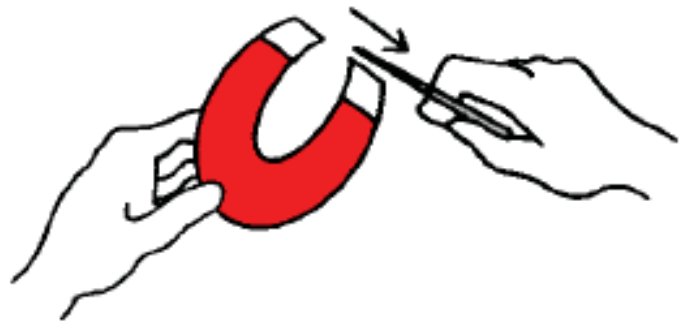
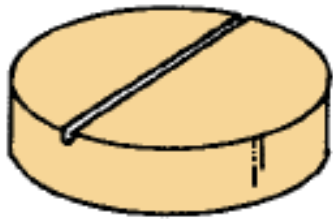
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Try making this simple compass. You will need:

- A dish of water
- A needle
- A thin flat cork
- A magnet

Follow the steps below:

- Carve a small groove in the top of the cork. Make it just large enough for the needle to fit in it.
- Rub one end of the needle on the magnet. Do not rub it back and forth or sideways. Rub the needle in one direction only, from the center to the end of the magnet. Rub it 20 or more times.
- Lay the needle in the groove of the cork.
- Place the cork and the needle in the dish of water. The needle will point to magnetic north and south.



Day 2

RAWC Virtue Devotional : Being Giant of Faith

Faith:

“By faith Noah, after he was warned about what was not yet seen and motivated by godly fear, built an ark to deliver his family. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the one who had promised was faithful.” Hebrews 11:7-11

There are Reports of a giant that is roaming the woods at RAWC. He is telling people about an invisible man. Fearing the worst, officials call Inspector R.A. Holmes to investigate. As the Inspector begins to follow the clues, he discovers the giant’s footprints which lead him to the to the playground. Suddenly, he notices that a huge shadow has just blocked out the sun. In fear, he spins around to see the giant standing over him. The inspector looks into the eyes of this giant as he smiles and says “Jesus Loves You”. The inspector is so shocked that he almost passes out!

“My name is John, and I am here playing basketball and telling people about Jesus. I use sports to get people’s attention and then I share my faith with them. Faith is very important to us. I had to step out on faith to come here, but that’s nothing compared to the faith it took guys like Noah and Abraham needed to follow God. Even though I can’t see Him, I know that Jesus is right beside me to give the courage to follow His plan for me.” said the giant.

The solution to this mystery is elementary, we are to step out on faith to serve God. We are called to share God’s love with others. In times like we are going through now with the Corona Virus it is hard to see what God’s plan is. That can make it easy for us to question our Faith in Him but we know that He has a plan and will do what is best for us in the long term. I know that this is a scary time for all of us but we can have Faith in God to lead take care of us and love us no matter how hard things may get. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.” We may not see it but He is in control, we just have to trust Him!

Remember that just like the compass you built in the campcraft project always points North, Jesus will always be with you to guide you in the right direction.²

Are you willing to step out on faith to tell others about Jesus? What are some ways you can use your talents to share others with Jesus today?

PRAYER TIME: Read our focus scripture and pray that God will help you step out on faith in your world today! Pray that God will heal those who are sick with the Corona Virus. Pray for the Doctors and Nurses who are caring for the sick. Pray for the families who have family and friends who are sick as they are worried about them and can’t be with them. Lastly, pray for those who do not know Jesus as their Savior that they come to see their need for Him in their lives today.