



RA Caroling Trip
December 15

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Upcoming Events

Jan 19

Line Glider build day

Jan 26

Line Glider race day

Feb 5

RA Racer build day
(it's a Saturday)

Feb 16

RA Racer race day

(above dates are tentative)

*We are ambassadors
for Christ.*

II Corinthians 5:20

Make a Joyful Noise ...

And boy did we ever. It may not have been on tune, it may not have been on key, and it may not have been the right words, but was it ever joyful. The RA caroling trip was a great success this year. We had a great turn out and had a wonderful time at both of the facilities we visited: Shelby Manor and Somerset Court. The people we went to see truly appreciated the RAs taking the time to come by and spread a little cheer. We even had a chance to spread some cheer to others while we were there. It was a real blessing to know that we were able to minister to many people during this time of the year. We even had a chance to spread some cheer at Dairy Queen afterward; however I imagine we probably spread more ice cream and laughter than cheer.

Up, Up And Away

We'll be working on Linegliders this month in RAs. Linegliders are small rubber-band powered "air craft" that race along a suspended line in friendly competition. While this is not as intensive as the upcoming RA Racers, this is still a fun event in the RA schedule. It gives the boys a chance to work with their hands on a project and an opportunity to participate in a scheduled competition. This will teach them skills and get them ready for the big racing project in the coming months. More information will be given out as time gets closer, so please keep an ear out and have your RA at church on the scheduled days so they can take part in the fun-filled event.



More About the New Curriculum

As we mentioned previously, there have been some changes made in the RA curriculum this year. In addition to merging the two sets of virtues from the Lads and Crusaders, they have also changed how merits are awarded. So for those of you who are familiar with RAs from the past, this will be a little different than what you are used to. Starting this year the RAs will be tracked in 3 areas: Mission Stories, Bible Verses, and Mission Projects/Activities. In order for each RA to achieve their grade level advancement patch, they will need to complete 12 activities in each of these 3 areas (36 total). After they have completed these 36 activities they will have the opportunity to continue completing additional activities in these 3 areas to earn additional grade-level bars and stars. In the past it was customary for each RA to receive their advancement patch and 5 bars to go along with their studied virtues. With this change there may not be as many bars presented at the end of the year, but that doesn't mean we haven't been learning as much or working as hard as years past.

