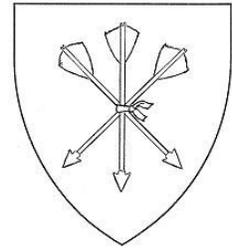


# Royal Rangers



## Order of St. Hubert - Ranger Trial Application

The “Rangers” are an elite sub group of outdoorsmen and women within the East Kingdom Royal Foresters Guild who are experienced in wilderness living and travel or who possess the skills to do so. Known as “The Order of St. Hubert”, they are open to anyone whom has been a member of the guild for at least 90 days and has sworn the Foresters oath to become a member of the Royal Foresters Court. Rangers are the most skilled guild members at outdoor living and wood craft as well as outdoor medieval reenactment. They are based on their medieval counterparts whom were typically high status yeomen who could afford horses and would patrol vast areas. While anyone can be a Forester, few can become a Ranger, and fewer yet wish to do so.

The Ranger applicants are selected annually or as applications are received. The yearly Ranger Trials typically take place over a three day period regardless of weather and are designed to be very taxing and mentally exhausting. Applicants will walk, boat, horseback ride, make camp and use historic outdoor skills over the course of the trial. Successful applicants will be given the opportunity to reflect on their trials and decide if they wish to move forward with the process of becoming a Ranger. Unsuccessful applicants may apply again immediately but must wait until the next annual selection before retaking the trial.

The application paperwork will help the organizers of the Ranger Trials to determine if applicants are eligible and skilled enough to complete the challenges without injury or health issues being a problem. The majority of the trial will be mental so it is best that the candidates be well prepared for great adversity. The Rangers are unlike anything the SCA at large offers both as a challenge and as a group or as an order of merit. It is demanding, physically, and mentally, and it involves great deal of personal sacrifice that some SCA members will be hesitant to embrace.

Applicants that pass the Ranger Trials but whom do not accept the offer to join the group are still respected and honored members of the guild and they may continue through the various guild ranks and are eligible to be selected for office and other orders of merit; they are not considered “Rangers” however. Only those with a willingness to complete their initiation ritual and abide by the “Rangers Oath” will be granted Ranger status. The expectations and inner workings of the Rangers will be explained in full to successful applicants several months after their trial in a special ceremony where Royal Rangers are initiated into the Order of St. Hubert. Ranger applicants may refuse the offer to become a Royal Ranger at any point before the initiation ritual. All applicants will be given a time of reflection before the initiation ritual to make their final decision. At this time they will learn the Rangers Oath and recite it as part of

their initiation. Once initiated, the applicant becomes a Ranger for life and no power or circumstance can relieve them of their life long obligations to their Brother and Sister Rangers.

To accept a position on the Ranger Trials applicants must have ‘minimum’ the following period items;

<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Tools</b>	<b>Gear</b>
Cotton /linen underpants or braes	Hand axe w/ mask	Pilgrim bag/hunting bag
Cotton/linen/merino wool undershirt	Single edge work knife	Bowl/ cup/ spoon
Wool tunic/cotte/ shirt/ dress/ +1 layer	Eating knife	Cloth bag 6”X16” w/ drawstring
Wool hoes/split hoes/ joined hoes/pants	Sewing repair kit (small)	Leather/canvas scrip/bag 8”X24”
Double layer wool hood/ lined hood	Flint and steel/ fire tinder	Belt /Leather purse
Wool blanket/ wool lined cloak	Whetstone (small)	Roll of jute twine
Wool watch-cap/ Monmouth cap/ hat	Small pot/cauldron/pipkin	Jute/ hemp/sizzle rope 50’
Period leather shoes or boots (tested)	Leather/boot repair kit	Sleeping pad (over 40 only)

**Information and questions.** This form should be completed digitally and sent to the Warden of the East electronically. The Warden will contact and forward the applicant information to the Ranger selection committee whom will contact the applicant directly with further questions and to provide further information to the applicant.

**Ranger Information and Questions Sheet**

<b>Name</b>						
<b>SCA Name</b>						
<b>2 Emergency Contacts Info</b>						
<b>Date of Birth/Age</b>		<b>Height</b>		<b>Weight</b>		<b>Gender</b>
<b>Medicare/Health Insurance #</b>	(Not required if you carry proof of coverage on your person)					
<b>Health Issues and Medications taken</b>						
<b>Other information you see as important for safety</b>						
<b>Question #1</b>	<b>Why do you want to be a Ranger?</b>					

<b>Question #2</b>	<b>If you fail at your first Ranger Trial will you apply again?</b>
<b>Question #3</b>	<b>What part of the trial do you think you will fear more; flood fire or foes? Why?</b>
<b>Question #4</b>	<b>For 7 days survival pick only 1 item; garbage bag, axe, bow and arrows? Why?</b>
<b>Question #5</b>	<b>Are mushrooms a good survival food? Why or why not?</b>
<b>Question #6</b>	<b>Will boiling render “most” found water fit to drink? Why or why not?</b>
<b>Question #7</b>	<b>How large (size weight) should a survival kit be and what should it contain?</b>
<b>Question #8</b>	<b>Does the word “Ranger” feel like a title to you? Why or why not?</b>

*This application will be stored in the applicant's digital membership folder and is confidential. It is for internal EK Forester use only and will not be shared by the guild to any outside or governing SCA bodies including the Minister of Arts and Sciences. It is considered a private document of the guild and of the Order of St. Hubert and the Royal Rangers of the East. It is to be considered a protected document with the information of the applicant destroyed upon the request of the applicant upon completion of the Ranger Trials.*