



Want to learn more about the history of RA?

Begun in 1908, RA has a rich heritage of providing missions education for boys. As then national WMU President Fannie E. S. Heck declared: "Save the boys for their own sakes and for the future of the gospel." RAs and their leaders have been about that task for over 100 years.

In RA, boys learn

- a biblical worldview
- ways to demonstrate Christ's love to other
- show God is working around the world
- their part of God's plan

RA helps boys grow spiritually, recognizing the varying developmental stages of boys in each grade. RA materials are designed to help younger and older boys have missions experiences that lay a foundation for coming to faith in Christ as Savior and make missions an important part of their daily lives.

The RA Motto: "We are Ambassadors for Christ," not only gives the organization its name, but also gives the boys and leaders a lifestyle goal. This Motto is taken from Scripture, specifically 2 Corinthians 5:20.

RA Virtues: Ten specific biblical virtues that strengthen the motto and the pledge: Loyalty, Friendship, Courage, Responsibility, Honesty, Faith, Compassion, Perseverance, Teamwork, and Self-Discipline. One virtue is highlighted each month.

The RA Pledge: The RA Pledge makes the motto come alive in the daily lives of boys and leaders.

*As a Royal Ambassador I will do my best:
to become a well-informed, responsible follower of Christ;
to have a Christlike concern for all people;
to learn how to carry the message of Christ around the world;
to work with others in sharing Christ; and
to keep myself clean and healthy in mind and body.*

The RA Scripture passage describes the purpose of Royal Ambassadors:

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Now everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; certain that God is appealing through us, we plead on Christ's behalf, 'Be reconciled to God.'" - 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, HCSB

What are the parts of the RA emblem and their purposes?

Organization name and Scripture: An ambassador is a representative in a court or nation other than his own. Royal Ambassadors are representatives of Christ the King bringing good news of salvation to people everywhere. The RA Motto reads, "We are Ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20, HCSB).

The shield stands for faith in Christ (see Eph. 6:16). This symbol represents the journey of faith and a commitment to having faith in Christ.

The crown stands for Christ the King and what He represents (see Jas. 1:12). As a follower and ambassador of Christ, we are to stay focused on Jesus and His message to the world.

The branch is for achievement and victory in the work of being an Ambassador for Christ (see Matt. 25:21). Combining skills and actions help accomplish the goal of carrying the gospel to people needing to hear it.

Blue represents the boy's loyalty to Christ, His church, and each other.

Gold represents the worth of the boy to God's mission.

White represents purity of living, which makes him an effective ambassador.

Royal Ambassadors Groupings:

- Royal Ambassadors (Grades 1-6)
- Lads (Grades 1-3)
- Crusaders (Grades 4-6)

Individual Grade:

- Lad 1 RAs
- Lad 2 RAs
- LAD 3 RAs
- Page 4 RAs
- Squire 5 RAs
- Knight 6 RAs

**Multiple grade combinations possible.*

