



The Discovery Rangers Advancement Trail

The Discovery Rangers Advancement Trail consists of three annual medals - Gold Falcon, Gold Hawk, and Gold Eagle. Each annual medal is earned upon the completion of four quarterly steps - White, Red, Bronze, and Silver. All Discovery Rangers begin their advancement process by earning the first quarterly step toward the first annual award (the White Falcon). They then progress along the trail, earning awards in sequential order, based on the specified number and type of merits required for each step, until they earn the highest award in Discovery Rangers (the Gold Eagle). Any merit from the specified category may be used to satisfy these requirements. The numbers shown below represent the cumulative total number of merits required for each advancement step.

Year 1: Trail to the Gold Falcon

Advancement Step	Bible Merits (Orange)	Elective Skill Merits (Blue or Green)	Required Skill Merits (Blue)	Leadership Merits (Red or Gold)
White Falcon	1	1		
Red Falcon	2	2		
Bronze Falcon	3	3		
Silver Falcon	4	4	1	1
Gold Falcon ⁽¹⁾	4	4	1	1

⁽¹⁾In addition to earning the merits specified above, boys must also satisfy the following additional requirements for the Gold Falcon award:

- Recite from memory the Royal Rangers Pledge, Code, Motto, meaning of the points of the Royal Rangers Emblem, and the Golden Rule.
- Submit an award application to the national office for processing.

Year 2: Trail to the Gold Hawk

Advancement Step	Bible Merits (Orange)	Elective Skill Merits (Blue or Green)	Required Skill Merits (Blue)	Leadership Merits (Red or Gold)
White Hawk	5	5	1	1
Red Hawk	6	6	1	1
Bronze Hawk	7	7	1	1
Silver Hawk	8	8	2	2
Gold Hawk ⁽²⁾	8	8	2	2

⁽²⁾In addition to earning the merits specified above, boys must also satisfy the following additional requirement for the Gold Hawk award:

- Recite from memory the Royal Rangers Pledge, Code, Motto, meaning of the points of the Royal Rangers Emblem, and the Golden Rule.
- Be a Gold Falcon award recipient for at least six months, or be a graduate of the third grade.
- Serve in one or more leadership positions in Discovery Rangers for at least six months.

- Show your ability to present the plan of salvation to someone.
- Submit an award application to the national office for processing.

Year 3: Trail to the Gold Eagle

Advancement Step	Bible Merits (Orange)	Elective Skill Merits (Blue or Green)	Required Skill Merits (Blue)	Leadership Merits (Red or Gold)
White Eagle	9	9	2	2
Red Eagle	10	10	2	2
Bronze Eagle	11	11	2	2
Silver Eagle	12	11	3	4
Gold Eagle ⁽³⁾	12	11	3	4

⁽³⁾In addition to earning the merits specified above, boys must also satisfy the following additional requirement for the Gold Eagle award:

- Recite from memory the Royal Rangers Pledge, Code, Motto, meaning of the points of the Royal Rangers Emblem, and the Golden Rule.
- Be a Gold Hawk award recipient for at least nine months, or be a graduate of the fourth grade.
- Serve in one or more leadership positions in Discovery Rangers for at least twelve months.
- Show your ability to present the plan of salvation to someone.
- Submit an award application to the national office for processing.

For More Information

Additional information on the Discover Rangers Advancement Trail can be found in the *Discovery Rangers Handbook*, available at MyHealthyChurch.com, item #020615.

Bronze Buffalo Award

Once a boy has completed the Discovery Rangers advancement trail and has earned the Gold Eagle award he may choose to begin earning merits for Adventure Rangers or continue earning additional merits for Discovery Rangers. Boys who continue earning merits for Discovery Rangers may be eligible to earn Bronze Buffalo awards.

Buffalo awards provide additional advancement recognition for boys who have completed the advancement trail in their current age group but have not yet graduated to Adventure Rangers. Discovery Rangers who have earned the Gold Eagle award may earn a Bronze Buffalo by earning the following additional merits:

- Earn one additional RED leadership merit.
- Earn two additional BLUE skill merits.
- Earn one additional ORANGE Bible merit.

A total of two Bronze Buffaloes may be earned. The Buffalo insignia is worn on the cloth portion of the Gold Eagle medal. The award may also be represented as a bronze star worn on the Gold Eagle ribbon.