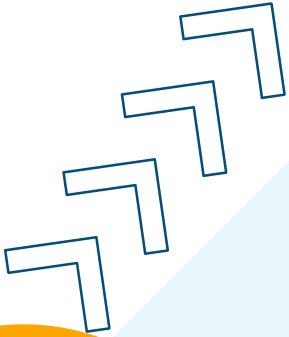


# NORTHEAST REGION



# LEADERS EMPOWER24

*Conference*

JANUARY 19 & 20, 2024

RED LION HOTEL  
HARRISBURG, PA



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**girls**  
ministries  
*her heart ... her world ... His purpose*



**JOE DALLAS**

**Guest speaker**

**IMMOVABLE 1 Corinthians 15:58**

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



# EMPOWER24



## EVENT DATES:

January 19-20, 2024

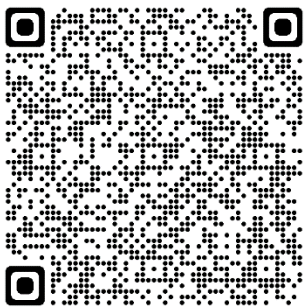
## LOCATION:

Red Lion Hotel  
4751 Lindle Road  
Harrisburg, PA



## REGISTRATION LINK:

[Events — Northeast Region Royal Rangers](#)



### Who should attend EMPOWER? You!

Royal Ranger Leaders - Girls Ministry Leaders

Local Outpost Leaders - Sectional Leaders

District Staff – Pastors - Youth Leaders

Childrens Leaders - Spouses

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Hello Leader,

I would like to personally invite you to attend EMPOWER24. Our leaders' conferences are designed for all leaders. I believe you will be touched by this year's guest. Joe Dallas has an amazing testimony and will be a great resource to all of us as we face challenges that are new to many of us. This year we are offering a wide range of seminars to help you minister to children in a variety of ways. Come for a time of refreshing as we come together to worship and hear God's word on Friday night, followed by a time of fellowship. We will also have an expanded exhibit hall and will offer our Mission's breakfast once again. I'm hoping to see you in January.

I know that you will not be disappointed in your decision to attend.

May God's blessings be upon you, your family and ministry.

Northeast Coordinator, David Machado

## SPECIAL GUEST

### Joe Dallas



Joe Dallas is an author, conference speaker, and pastoral counselor. He's the founder of Cloudfire Ministries in Tustin, California, which is a counseling ministry for men dealing with sexual addiction and other sexual/relational problems. He also serves on the Elder Board of Mesa Church, and received his Master's Degree in Christian Counseling from Vision University. Joe is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, hosts a weekly video podcast called Christians in a Cancel Culture, and a weekly Facebook Live teaching series called Sound Doctrine Bites.

Joe has authored nine books, and is a contributing writer for The Christian Research Journal and the online magazine The Stream. His articles have appeared in Christianity Today (cover story June 1993), The Journal of Christian Healing, and The Southern California Christian Times. His work has also been featured in The Los Angeles Times, Moody Monthly, New Man Magazine and The Boston Globe.

For over three years, Joe taught and conducted the nationally recognized Every Man's Battle 5-Day conference as the originating Program Director. From 1991 to 1993, he served as the President of Exodus International. He was also a regularly featured speaker for 13 years with the Focus on the Family Love Won Out conference.

Joe has represented the Christian viewpoint through a number of media appearances, including Focus on the Family Daily Broadcast, Family News in Focus, ABC Evening News, The Bible Answer Man, New Life Live, The 700 Club, Jay Sekalow Live, and Concerned Women of America. He has addressed conferences, churches, and universities across the country, including the Promise-Keepers Men's Conference, Moody Bible Church of Chicago, The Christian Association for Professional Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Experience Conference. He has also lectured and debated in Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, Mexico, Hong Kong, Canada, Geneva, and Spain.

Joe is the father of two sons. He and his wife Renee reside in Orange County, California.

**Come and join us at this year's Missions Breakfast as we raise funds for Pathfinder's Missions.**

**We will be serving the All-American Breakfast at 7:30 am SHARP.**

**This is a ticketed event and ticket must be purchased in advance.**

**Space is limited so purchase early.**



# Top 5 Reasons You Should Attend EMPOWER 24

**1. Build your foundation to develop the next generation.**

The next generation needs you. They need you to be so grounded in the Word of God that you are equipped to change hearts and lives through your weekly meetings. Build your foundation and grow!

**2. Connect with leaders who share your passion.**

Fellowship is a big part of who we are. Everyone at this conference has the same passion; to mentor the future men and women of God. Connect with those around you who have that same goal in mind.

**3. Become a part of something bigger.**

Royal Ranger, Girls Ministries, and Student Ministries are so much bigger than just us. It's even bigger than our local church. We have the same mission in mind. Let's change the world one boy and girl at a time.

**4. Refocus and Rejuvenate in the presence of God.**

We focus so much on the how and the what that we forget about the why. At the end of the day, it's all about our relationship with Christ. Join us for a time of worship and be challenged by our guest speaker.

**5. Come expecting the unexpected!**

There's a lot of planning that goes into this conference to make sure that you're prepared for all that EMPOWER has in store. Each year we like to shake things up a little bit and surprise you. You have no idea what is up our sleeves for this year. Don't miss out!

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## Testimonials:

*"My experience as a first timer was amazing! I was encouraged through meeting new people and fellowshiping together. The adventure of raising funds for missions was exciting. I definitely felt that I received more than what I gave. God is doing great things!"*

*"The EMPOWER conferences are always a great experience, and last year's EMPOWER did not disappoint! I thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills in areas like discipleship, group leadership, and first aid. The speaking and worship sessions were powerful, Spirit-filled events that have left a lasting impression on me. I can't wait to do it all again at EMPOWER."*

*"EMPOWER was an amazing experience as a new Ranger Commander. Being able to talk with experienced and likeminded men and women was invaluable for me as I continue to grow as a leader. The seminars, worship, and devotions were all excellent and my only complaint is that EMPOWER had to end. I'm very excited for the year ahead and can't wait to see everyone at the next EMPOWER!"*

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

- 4:00 PM Check-in (on-site lodging)
- 5:00 PM Dinner (on your own)
- 7:00 PM EMPOWER24 registration opens



## FRIDAY

- 7:00 AM Registration continues
- 7:30 AM Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:00 AM Educational session, F1
- 10:30 AM\* General session-Lancaster Room
- 12:00 AM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 PM Educational session, F2
- 3:00 PM Educational session, F3
- 4:30 PM Dinner (on your own)
- 7:30 PM\* Evening service
- 9:00 PM Dessert reception



## Saturday

- 7:00 AM Registration continues
- 7:30 AM Missions breakfast
- 8:30 AM\* Morning devotion
- 9:45 AM Live missions auction
- 11:00 AM Educational session, S1
- 12:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 PM Educational session, S2
- 3:00 PM Educational session, S3
- 4:15 PM Closing celebration
- 5:00 PM Head home or (dinner on your own)



\*The Exhibit Hall (Pennsylvania Ballroom) is closed during these times.

# Educational schedule

Friday	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
Full-day Classes >> 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	First Aid/CPR	Ranger Foundations	Training Academy
Session F1 9:00 AM	Children w/Disabilities	Interactive Classroom	
Session F2 10:30 AM	Sublimation, How To	Healthy Ministry Through Improved Pastoral Relationship	
Session F3 1:30 PM	General Session with Joe Dallas		
Session F4 3:00 PM	How to Run a Lego Derby Part 1	What's a GM Leader to do?	

Saturday Classes	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4
Session S1 11:00 AM	Children W/Disabilities	Paint Ball	LEGO® Derby Part 2	The Helping Hand (GM Leaders)
Session S2 1:30 PM	Kid's Crafts/Activities	Sublimation (limited \$10)	Recruiting & Retaining Leaders	Paint Ball
Session S3 3:00 PM	Interactive Classroom	Kid's Crafts/Activities	Recruiting & Retaining Leaders	What's a GM Leader to do?

➤ Sessions above are 60 minutes unless listed otherwise.

**MISSIONS AUCTION:** The live auction is one way of raising funds for missions. This will take place on Saturday morning. This year, all funds will go to Pathfinders Missions, Propel Peru. Please consider donating something extra special for the auction.

**SILENT AUCTION:** We will have a silent auction throughout the conference in addition to our live auction on Saturday. Please consider donating an item for this auction.

**MISSIONS BREAKFAST:** We hope you will consider being a part of our annual Missions Breakfast on Saturday Morning at 7:30 AM in the Capital Ballroom. Space is limited so make certain you buy your tickets early. (\$30.00 per person) They can be purchased at registration.

**OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION:** Join us for some sweets and fellowship Friday evening after the service.

**UNIFORM/DRESS:** Although a dress code is not required, leaders are recommended to wear the Royal Ranger or Girls Ministries attire (casual) during the conference. If you don't have these items, come anyway and dress business casual.

# EDUCATIONAL SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## **First Aid/CPR – (8:30 AM Start-time) - Friday Only, all day - \$50.00**

A certified course in standard First aid, adult CPR, and AED will be offered as one course. Certification will be valid for 2 years. Cost of the course must be paid in full at time of registration. Space is limited.

## **Training Academy– (8:30 AM Start-time) *THIS CLASS IS BY INVITATION ONLY* \$ 30.00**

This seminar prepares leaders to teach other leaders in the Rangers Ministry Academy and is a prerequisite for attending all other academies. Training academy will take place during all Friday and Saturday Education Sessions.

## **Ranger Foundations– (8:30 AM Start-time) - Friday Only, all day - \$20.00**

The initial course for new ranger leaders, ranger leaders who have not yet begun their training, and seasoned ranger leaders who need to stay informed. Ranger Foundations (RF) is an online or a combined online & hands-on classroom experience that teaches new leaders the foundational principles of how to run successful outpost meetings, how to use & access the Royal Rangers curriculum and advancement system, program structure, uniforms, and much more.

## **The Interactive Classroom**

For all leaders. Explores the process and methods of making your lessons more interactive and thus interesting for your students. Explore why an interactive classroom is necessary for today's children, how to approach making your classroom interactive and, finally start the process with some guidance.

## **Sublimation - Friday**

For all leaders. Learn what sublimation is and how you can put it to use in your group. The Friday session will cover the “How to of Sublimation” while those who choose to try it for themselves, can participate in a Saturday session for an additional \$10 materials fee.

## **How to Run a LEGO® Derby (Part 1)**

For all leaders. Learn the best practices steps to running a LEGO® derby for your group. Learn why this event should be added to your already tight calendar. The focus is primarily on the planning side of the process. Learn the tips and lessons learned by leaders who have been running a LEGO® Derby for several years so you can conduct a smooth-running event of your own. Have some fun, build a car, and run it on Friday evening!

## **How to Run a LEGO® Derby (Part 2)**

For all leaders. Learn how to run a LEGO® Derby for your group. Go beyond the planning phase and learn the “How To” of Race Day! Why should you have the boys or girls build their cars at the event? What are the issues to avoid and what do you need to ensure happens? How do you keep it fun?

## **Healthy Ministry Through an Improved Pastoral Relationship - Friday 10:30 AM**

For all leaders. Your Pastor can, and should be, your number one supporter of Royal Rangers/Girls Ministries. Learn how you can make this a reality!

## **How to Run a Paintball Event**

Primarily for leaders of middle and high schoolers. Paintball is enjoyed by many boys and girls. Don't miss an opportunity to use this event as another ministry tool! Learn the ins and outs of running a paintball event in your group from an experienced leader.

## **Kid's Crafts/Activities**

For leaders of elementary aged children. Younger boys and girls love to be creative and make things with their hands. They love active play time too! Come glean some great ideas you can use in your group from a seasoned leader of this age group.

## **Recruiting & Retaining Leaders**

For group administrators. "It's so hard to find leadership for my group!" "Why won't leaders stay more than a year or two?" Are these the type of questions that you are asking? Come learn the methods of recruiting and retention used by leaders who have been in the ministry for more than 25 years. Why have they stayed? How do they recruit? What do they look for in a potential leader?

## **I have girls in my church, now what do I do with them? (GM Specific)**

Whether you are a seasoned girls' ministry leader or are brand new to the idea of a weekly group, this workshop is for you! We will talk ideas, merging of age groups, how to juggle all the things a woman in ministry needs to juggle, and be rejuvenated by the company of other women working with God's girls.

## **The Helping Hand (GM Specific)**

Learn what discipleship looks like outside of the classroom and how to be intentional about planning lessons for the year according to the secular school monthly observances.

## **Ministering to Children with Disabilities - Buddy Ministry: Friendship, Discipleship, and Kingdom Building This seminar is conducted by Sib Nafziger Charles, Joni and Friends.**



Churches are often unsure of how to integrate children, teens, and adults with various disabilities into the life of the church. Sib is the Ministry Relations Manager for Joni and Friends Pennsylvania. Joni and Friends is an international organization whose mission is to serve individuals and families affected by disability.

Sib is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, a certified Trauma Healing Facilitator through ABS and a founding member of the Lancaster Christian Council on Disability. She co-wrote a book, *Doing Life Together: Building Community*, she travels and speaks around the country encouraging churches, corporations, and small businesses to begin to engage in the life of individuals affected by disability. Sib and her husband Jess Charles – who became a quadriplegic in his late teens following a farming accident – advocated together for the needs of individuals affected by disability during their 30 years of marriage. Sib's passion is to see individuals and families affected by disability not only survive but thrive on their life journey!



## CONFERENCE HOTEL:

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The Northeast Region has been given a **Special Rate** at Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey of **\$91.00 per night + tax per room**. This rate is for one room with two queen beds or a king bed. In order to guarantee the Special Rate, **you must make reservations by January 4, 2024**. To reserve a room, click on this link: [Red Lion Reservation](#)

Or you call 717-939-7841 and be sure to mention Northeast Region Royal Rangers. Please note, check-in is at 4:00 PM. Early check in may be requested, however it is not guaranteed by the hotel.

**MEALS:** There are many options for meals while at the Conference. In addition to the on-site restaurant at the hotel, there are many restaurants close by to the hotel including Chick-fil-A, Capital Diner, Five Guys, Moe's Southwest Grill, Chili's, Panera, Friendly's and many more.



## REGISTRATION PRICES:

Register online at [www.northeastregion.org](http://www.northeastregion.org)

- The first 125 will receive a Special Commemorative Coin

### EARLY BIRD: BY JANUARY 4

- Leaders \$65.00 (Spouses that are not attending seminars - \$20.00)
- Jr. Leader - \$25.00

### STANDARD & WALK-IN: After January 4

- Leaders \$70.00
- Jr Leaders - \$30.00

MISSIONS BREAKFAST: \$30.00 (Saturday morning)

### FRIDAY SEMINARS:

- First Aid/CPR/AED \$50.00
- Ranger Foundations \$20.00
- Training Academy (by invitation Only) \$30.00

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