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THSC Rangers Leader Manual

*A comprehensive guide for club leaders on how to teach and
run a THSC Ranger Club*



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What is the THSC Rangers Program?

With THSC's full support, THSC Ranger leaders will impart the nation's foundational principles and core values while fulfilling a key curriculum requirement for Texas homeschool families: Good citizenship through lessons on civics and government.

The THSC Rangers Program provides a practical learning environment for good citizenship:

- Gain valuable knowledge in a group setting of the US, State, and Local government and the political process.
- Participate in real-life, hands-on projects and opportunities to make that knowledge come alive in a practical and memorable way.

Appropriate for all ages

The THSC Rangers Program is designed for homeschool students of all ages. Although students younger than 12 are not required to register, parents may allow younger students to participate at any level they feel is appropriate for that child.

Class size

The THSC Rangers program can scale to fit almost any class size. Clubs must have at least five students to be listed as an official THSC Ranger Club.

Weekly/bi-weekly class schedules

The Rangers Program is designed to fit seamlessly into the existing class schedule of the average homeschool co-op. Class schedules can also be adjusted for use by independent clubs not meeting as part of a homeschool co-op.

The class schedule is written to match a typical school year with 32 weeks of planned lessons. A bi-weekly schedule is also presented as an option.

Program Materials

The Rangers program comes with two essential resources, each of which serves a distinct purpose:

1. THSC Rangers Leader Manual

The Rangers Leader Manual is a tool specifically for the club leader. From lesson plans and schedules to detailed project instructions, the club leader can find anything needed to help run, teach, and lead the Ranger Club inside the Rangers Leader Manual.

2. The Lone Star Study

The Lone Star Study (LSS), provided free to Ranger Clubs and THSC member families, is the written curriculum used as lesson material for most weeks. The LSS gives students an overview of important areas of government and political/legal philosophy.

Combined, the Lone Star Study and the Rangers Leader Manual provide students and leaders with comprehensive lesson plans that teach students how the governmental and political process works.

Student requirements

Students must be registered for the THSC Rangers program online and are required to complete two projects per semester to remain eligible for student benefits. All required projects are included in the lesson plan schedule with detailed instructions.



Students who are unable to complete a particular project due to extenuating circumstances may be given an excused absence by the club leader and still retain eligibility for program benefits. An excused absence is granted or denied at the club leader's sole discretion.

Please see the "Registering your THSC Ranger Club & students" section for instructions on reporting student progress on required projects.

Policies for Political Participation and Campaigning:

THSC Rangers groups are strongly encouraged to participate in campaigns for candidates on every level of Texas government (school board, city council, county races, state level races, etc.) in addition to the involvement included through class projects.

Clubs may not use the THSC Rangers program name in association with work done on behalf of a candidate or issue not endorsed by THSC. However, students are free to engage in any level of political involvement on behalf of non-THSC endorsed issues and candidates in an individual capacity.

Scriptural Foundation

All governments and all authority are established by God: Romans 13:1 and Isaiah 33:22.

Our United States government is unique in that it is a representative government, founded on the idea that government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Part of our responsibility as citizens of the United States is to elect our leaders and representatives. Citizens must do their due diligence by researching candidates and issues beforehand so that an informed choice is made at the ballot box.

In our country, Christians are free to both pray for and impact their leaders. Isaiah 1 instructs us to "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." In order to seek justice, we must work to have a government that can discern between right and wrong.

We do this by electing leaders who exhibit Godly character. When government coerces its citizens to do things that are in disobedience to God's word, we are to obey God. (Acts 5:29) Citizens also have the ability and responsibility to speak out against unjust laws and educate our elected officials.

Our leaders have a direct impact on our ability as citizens to "live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Tim 2:2) which the Bible says, "pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Psalm 33:12 – "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." In order to be a nation whose God is the Lord, Christians must get involved in the political process and elect individuals who are Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and who support moral, accountable government.

Proverbs 14:34 – "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." For a nation to exhibit righteousness, it must have righteous leaders.

Proverbs 29:2 – "When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice, when the wicked rule, the people groan." America needs righteous leaders. Righteous men and women must involve themselves in the political process, run for office, and speak the truth. Righteous men and women must also vote so that righteous people are elected.



How to use the THSC Rangers Leader Manual

Overall program and class schedule

THSC designed the THSC Rangers Leader Manual as a guide for teaching and operating a THSC Ranger Club. Teaching materials and projects are organized into weekly lessons that follow the normal fall/spring semester schedule.

The Texas political cycle spans two years with the legislative session taking place during odd numbered years and political campaigns taking place during even numbered years (there are limited exceptions).

For this reason, the included lesson plan schedule covers the entire two-year period. Club projects and speakers are tailored as much as possible to give students an in-depth, hands-on look at what is taking place in Texas government at that specific time.

Hands-On Learning Approach

The Rangers Leader Manual combines the lessons and homework in the Lone Star Study with class projects, guest speakers, and a hands-on approach to learning and civic engagement, providing a comprehensive study of civics and government.

THSC intends this manual and the included lesson plan as a comprehensive framework that will fit seamlessly into your homeschool co-op's existing schedule. Although no supplemental materials are necessary beyond what is specified in the Rangers Leader Manual and the Lone Star Study, leaders who wish to integrate other outside sources and materials are free to do so.

A THSC Rangers Leader should use this manual for:

1. Class schedules and lesson plans
2. Instructions on preparing and executing class projects
3. Directions for selecting and scheduling guest speakers
4. Assigning homework
5. Instructions on registering your class online as an official THSC Ranger Club
6. Instructions for online registration of your students
7. Instructions on reporting student progress on required projects
8. Instructions on accessing student benefits and discounts
9. Details on post-high school student opportunities

For any questions about the THSC Rangers program, the Rangers Leader Manual, or the Lone Star Study, please contact THSC at Rangers@THSC.org.

Lesson Plans

Lesson plans incorporate four distinct elements into the schedule of your Ranger Club:

1. Lesson Material
2. Homework Assignments
3. Club Projects
4. Guest Speakers

