



# JUNIOR CANADIAN RANGERS

## Q. Who are Junior Canadian Rangers?

- A. Junior Canadian Rangers are proud skilled youth who are involved in their communities. They are girls and boys aged 12 to 18, who live in remote and isolated communities throughout the Yukon, Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Atlin, British Columbia. Junior Canadian Rangers are not members of the Canadian Armed Forces. *Membership is free!* All costs including uniform, travel and equipment are covered by the Department of National Defence.

## Q. What do Junior Canadian Rangers do?

- A. Junior Canadian Rangers meet once a week to take part in activities that are fun with the objective of imparting the three circles of learning Ranger skills, Life Skills, and Traditional Skills.



### Ranger Skills

- First Aid
- Volunteering and being a good role model in the community
- Using small boats, snowmobiles and ATVs
- Marksmanship



### Life Skills

- Living in a healthy way
- Preventing harassment and abuse
- Public Speaking
- Protecting the environment



### Traditional Skills

- Hunting and fishing
- Living on the land
- Learning about spirituality, language, music and art
- Customs and traditions

## Q. Who supports the program?

- A. The Junior Canadian Ranger program is community sponsored in partnership with the Department of National Defence.

## Q. Who teaches the Junior Canadian Rangers?

- A. Canadian Rangers, adult volunteers from the community and other CAF personnel teach and lead the Junior Canadian Rangers.

## Q. Are there opportunities to attend training outside the community?

- A. Junior Canadian Rangers have the opportunity to travel outside their communities to attend National Marksmanship, National Enhanced Training Sessions, Patrol Exchanges and one of three Enhanced Training Sessions (ETS) during the summer months:

**Basic ETS** (12 to 14 years) - Initiate JCR to group life and make new discoveries in and unknown environment to them.

**Advance ETS** (14 to 16 years old) - To participate in outdoor challenges and adventures to promote a positive individual respect and belonging within a group.

**Leadership ETS** (16 to 18) - To participate in activities as a leader, plan, organize and carry out activities to develop leadership skills.

**How to Join:** To become a member of the Canadian Rangers or Junior Canadian Rangers in either Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon or Atlin, British Columbia contact the patrol leader in your community. Or contact:

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Ranger Patrol Group







## OUR MISSION:

The Canadian Ranger mission is to provide a limited military presence in Canada's sparsely populated coastal, and isolated areas in support of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) sovereignty and domestic operation tasks in Canada.

### Q: Who are the Canadian Rangers?

A: Canadian Rangers are members of the Canadian Armed Forces' Reserve located in remote, coastal and isolated communities across Canada.

1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG) is responsible for Nunavut, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Atlin, British Columbia which account for about 40% of Canada's land mass.

1 CRPG has 1,800 Rangers in 65 communities and more than 1,400 Junior Canadian Rangers in 44 communities across the north.

1 CRPG's headquarters is located in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and reports to 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division, out of Edmonton, Alberta.

### Q. What pay and benefits do I receive as a Ranger?

A. Canadian Rangers are authorized to receive up to 14 days annual pay in addition to compensation for any official CAF tasking. Canadian Rangers also receive reimbursement for wear and tear on their personal vehicles when they are used in support of official CAF activities.

### Q. What do the Rangers do?

A. Canadian Rangers have three main tasks:



#### Conduct and provide support to sovereignty operations

- Conduct, participate in and provide support to sovereignty and surveillance patrols and training in Canada
- Conduct North Warning Site patrols
- Report suspicious and unusual activities
- Collect local data of military significance



#### Conduct and provide assistance to CAF domestic operations in Canada

- Conduct coastal and inland water surveillance
- Provide local knowledge (guide and advise)
- Participate in Search and Rescue (SAR) operations
- Provide support in response to natural or man-made disasters and humanitarian operations
- Provide assistance to federal, provincial/territorial or municipal authorities



#### Maintain CAF presence in the local community

- Instruct, mentor and supervise the Junior Canadian Rangers (JCR). Their work with JCR significantly improves the quality of life of young people in the most isolated areas of Canada
- Participate in and support events in the local community

### Q. How do you recognize the Canadian Rangers?

A. Canadian Rangers are issued a red Ranger ball cap, sweatshirt, t-shirt, combat pants and a C-19 rifle with ammunition by the CAF. Each Canadian Ranger Patrol also holds first aid kits, Global Positioning System (GPS), compass and short wave radios.

### Q. What is the Canadian Ranger motto?

A. Canadian Rangers are the military's eyes and ears in the North hence the motto is "*Vigilans*" meaning "*The Watchers*".



### Q. What training do Canadian Rangers receive?

A. Included in the 14 days of annual training Canadian Rangers may participate in optional training. Training includes:

- Drill
- Marksmanship
- General military knowledge
- Navigation with a map and compass
- First Aid
- Search and Rescue techniques

### Q. What are the requirements to become a Canadian Ranger?

A. Canadian Rangers must:

- be a Canadian citizen, and reside in Canada
- be at least 18 years of age
- be capable of moving on the land and/or water by vehicle or by foot
- not be a member of the CAF or a national policing branch (RCMP, Coast Guard)
- be knowledgeable of the terrain in your local area and personally equipped to survive and efficiently operate on the land
- be free of any current legal prohibitions
- own your own equipment (Snowmobile, ATV, Boat, etc.)
- be physically able to contribute to the patrol

