



Royal Ambassadors: Father & Sons

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As the dad of 3 sons growing up in Deer Park's First Baptist Church, the Royal Ambassadors program was very important to our family. My sons were allowed the opportunity to be involved in Christ-centered activities that were both fun and educational.

I will always remember the RA campouts I participated in with my sons. These memories are a very important part of my time as a dad. I especially remember the good competition that our church's RA program had with neighboring churches - especially the bow and arrow contest.

I remember the good, clean competition of the Challenger Basketball program. The competition was tough and each team wanted to win, but before each game both teams joined hands to pray together. At the end of every game, good sportsmanship was expected and reflected by each team - win or lose. I remember each boy played, no matter what their level of experience and skill. Our sons were taught that winning wasn't the only thing that mattered. I remember going to the State tournament in Belton as a sponsor and how tired the boys were after all the games. Their fatigue allowed me to sleep well each night!

I especially want to single out the RA leaders at DPFBC, Mark Rains and Larry Davis. These two men took an enormous amount of time with the boys and showed God's love to my sons and to many other boys. My boys are men now (ages 22, 25, and 28), but when I see Mr. Rains and Mr. Davis, they still ask about each son by name.

Royal Ambassadors is a great program. It is especially important to me since it was something that I did not participate in as a boy, but was allowed to participate in as a dad.

*Editor's Note:

You can read the RA Testimonies of Todd, Brent and Max, now all adult men, also on this site.