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INSTRUCTORS,

See all of the important announcements below. Also see the attached file with the description of the new ROP Innovative Teaching Methods.

NEW AND RETURNING CHAMPIONS

Champion Training will begin this Saturday at 8am in the Trinity Café. Livescan receipts are required. If you are unable to obtain a livescan by this Saturday, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a \$20 mobile livescan on Saturday, April 11th. Note: the mobile unit requires a minimum of five men. Cash is recommended because no credit cards or debit cards will be accepted.

Returning Champions, if you are interested in helping with the Community Service Ministry this Saturday, see the information below and in the attachment.

ROP ALUMNI

The Community Service Ministry of Faithful Central is looking for volunteers to help pack bags this Saturday, April 4, 2009 for a minimum of 2 hours for the Easter Bag Food Giveaway. It is similar to the packing party that attended for the Thanksgiving Food Giveaway. If you are interested, please call Dr. Scales at 714-267-6137 or escales@juno.com as soon as possible.

GREETINGS TO THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF ROP 2009!

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law he meditates day and night. Ps. 1:1-2 (NKJV). This is the first of the weekly letters that you will receive informing you of activities within, or related to, Rites of Passage. We hope that everyone's journey with ROP this year will be blessed.

The orientation this past Saturday gave you an overview of the ROP ministry and the current ROP 2009 program. Just to review, the ROP program starts this Saturday morning. Sign-in is at 6:45am and will be held outside the west entrance of the Trinity Building (see the attached diagram). Please use the crosswalk. All required documents must be completed before you leave the premises on Saturday morning so that your son is officially enrolled in the ROP program. The required application is available online at www.theritesofpassage.org or by contacting ritesofpassage@faithfamily.org. The

required **Signature Packet** is in the attached file and must be completed before you leave Saturday morning April 4, 2009 after sign-in. Please bring all original documents this Saturday.

If your son has not been interviewed but you submitted an application, please contact Lurecca Jefferson (562-755-2195) to schedule your **intake interview**. Your son cannot participate in the program without the proper documentation in place. The **\$100 initial fee** should be paid at the time of registration. If you have any questions regarding the initial fee payment, please contact Karlene Barnes, Assistant Parent Council Lead at (323-392-8559). Please note that this fee becomes a non-refundable after 2 weeks.

The deadline for any new applications for ROP 2009 is 6pm Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Photographs will be taken of the youth throughout the morning.

No parent letters, as mentioned in the orientation, are requested this Saturday morning. Further details, and a suggested template for you to use, will be provided to you in the next few weeks.

Parents please join the ROP Prayer Team at 7:15 am in the Prayer Chapel.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to seeing you and your son Saturday morning for the ending of ROP week #1. Please review the information below with your son to make sure that he is adequately prepared for the session this Saturday. Also please reply to this e-mail and confirm that you could open all of the attachments. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send a reply to the parent council member that forwarded this email to you.

INITIATES

We hope that you are excited and ready to begin your journey into manhood. Remember to eat a light breakfast and come in gray sweats and tennis shoes. The tennis shoes can be any color. The gray sweats must have **no hood, no emblems, and no zipper!** Also bring the following items with you: a backpack, Bible, light snack, bottle of water, writing paper, pencil, eraser, pen, and the your completed Basic Survival Skills take-home assignment. Be prepared to turn in the completed handwritten assignment to Dr. Scales before or during your morning break, and you will get your easy "A" as mentioned in the orientation. If you no longer have the handout, or you were not at the orientation, a copy of it is in an attached file.

Dr. Erique Emel is a pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente, and he will teach you about Health, Hygiene and Sexuality. He gives a lot of material in a short period of time, so be prepared to take notes. In your second class, Bro. Prince Simmons will show you how to develop your communication and leaderships skills.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday morning!

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 4, 2009 - WEEK #1

Village Elder of the Day: Elder Charles Lemle 310-261-4164

Drill Instructor: Village Elder Roy Green, Gunnery Sgt. James Alexander

Classroom Instructors: Dr. Erique Emel, Bro. Prince Simmons

Parent Council Member of the Day: Lurecca Jefferson 562-755-2195

6:45am	Sign-in (west side of Trinity Bldg, then Trinity Café after 7am)
7:00am	Physical Training (begins on west side of Trinity Bldg.)
7:15am	Prayer meeting (Prayer Chapel)

8:00am Champion Training – David Medley (Trinity Cafe)
8:45am Break for Initiates
9:00am Classroom Instruction (Jr. Light Co.) – Dr. Erique Emel
10:00am Classroom Instruction (Jr. Light Co.) – Bro. Prince Simmons
11:00am Sign-out (Trinity Café)
11:00am Conferences/Detention/Interviews – TBA

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

April 4th 8:30am Packing Party (for Alumni, see attachment)
April 4th 2pm Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (see attachment)
April 11 Evangelism Outing
April 12 Citywide Easter Worship Service (Forum, see attachment)
April 25 Mandatory Parent Meeting (Trinity Café)
May 9 Why I Love My Mother Luncheon

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