

## 12 Steps to Planning an Associational RA Congress

Spring is the time to hold an associational RA congress, but fall is the time to begin planning for one of these great events. Below you will find 12 steps that will help you plan, and implement, a Royal Ambassador congress for your association.

- Recruit a church with RAs to serve as the host.
- Work with the church to set a date in the spring for the congress.
- Work with the host church to plan a simply meal.
- If the church does not have a race track, borrow or purchase one to use for the RA Racer event (for information on conducting the racer event, please go to [www.kywmu.org/raresources](http://www.kywmu.org/raresources)).
- Invite a missionary (local, associational, national, international, collegiate) to speak to the boys.
- Determine what other activities will be done (knot tying, missions shootout, missions fair, etc. – Be creative!). Set a schedule that will allow the boys to race their cars, hear the missionary speaker and do the other events.
- Set a budget and determine where the funding will come from (donations from individuals, churches, and the association; or a meal charge and event fees).
- Decide on and secure awards for competition events.
- Recruit volunteers to work the various activities you are having at your event.
- Promote the event in the churches and to RA chapters and invite neighboring associations if they aren't holding a congress.
- For additional guidance and help, please contact Jon Auten at [jon.auten@kybaptist.org](mailto:jon.auten@kybaptist.org) or at (502) 489-3451.
- Have a great time at your RA congress!

Finally, take the step that isn't listed above, but should always be a part of any Royal Ambassador event planning that you do. Pray! Pray that God will speak to the hearts of the boys who will attend the RA congress. Pray that the boys will surrender their lives to Jesus and follow Him into the world to share the Good News.