

THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT



INDIANA  RANGERS

Mentoring the next generation of Godly men and life-long servant leaders!

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Nehemiah was a man whose heart was moved by God to come and rebuild the defenses of Jerusalem, for the sake of the inhabitants of the city who lived each day in fear. Fear of the unknown, fear of their enemies who surrounded them, and fear of what their future would be. Nehemiah, filled with compassion and courage set out to change their world.

Project Nehemiah was born out of days of prayer and fasting by the Indiana Ranger Leadership team. It is a call to men such as Nehemiah who saw a hurting generation

and set out to change their world for the glory of God. Just as Nehemiah saw a hurting people, we have an entire generation of young men who have lost their vision for manhood.

The Need

It's painfully obvious. Boys have lost their way on the journey to manhood. The statistics tell the story. Compared to girls, boys are:

- 3 times more likely to be registered drug addicts
- 4 times more likely to be diagnosed as emotionally disturbed
- 6 times more likely to have learning disabilities
- 12 times more likely to commit murder
- Boys make up 90% of those in drug treatment programs and 95% of minors in the juvenile court system.



This generation risks carrying unresolved problems with them into adulthood, impacting our families, churches, communities and places of employment. The best time to build a man is while he's still a boy, but the path from boyhood to manhood is no longer clear. Fathers are often absent or disengaged.

Project Nehemiah is a building project that will create an area at our Lake Placid Christian Conference Center that will be geared specifically to today's boy. It will be a place that local outposts can come to, churches can come to, unplug from the technology that all too often consumes our life, and chase after the God who created us!

The building site is on 15 pristine acres of Indiana woodlands. It also has the advantage of being directly attached to the Lake Placid property. In Figure 1 Below, the building site is marked by a blue rectangle.

With this project, a 100' by 48' structure will be built on this property. The structure will consist of a 64' by 48' open air pavilion that will attach to an existing stage and open air auditorium. At the other end of the building will be a 36' by 48' enclosed finished space with showers, restrooms, a small kitchen, and a storage area on the ground floor.

This space will be used to coordinate weekend adventures where young men will be challenged and shown that they have what it takes to be men of character. During this weekend adventure they will be challenged to be men who will exemplify honor, courage and service to their communities. They will be trained to be leaders in their communities, churches, and workplaces



Figure 1: Building Site Location

The Name

The facility will be named the Pierce Pavilion in honor of Jim Pierce, a lifelong mentor to boys and men across Indiana during his many years of dedication to Indiana Royal Rangers. Jim dedicated his life to helping young men know that they were created for a purpose, and that they were called to adventure by their Creator. There would be three levels to the building: the first floor, the second floor, and the basement. Each of these levels have a unique function that they will serve.

First Floor

In figure 2 is a blue print of the building's first level. In it you will see the access points to the upper and lower levels as well as the many amenities that will help make this ministry function to meet the challenge that stands before us. It will have two separate bathing and restroom facilities, one for the leaders and one for the boys. This is for the protection of the leaders as well as the boys. The first floor will also have an office area for boys and men to come to for information during events. It will also be an area that will serve as climate controlled storage for materials that will remain at the campground.

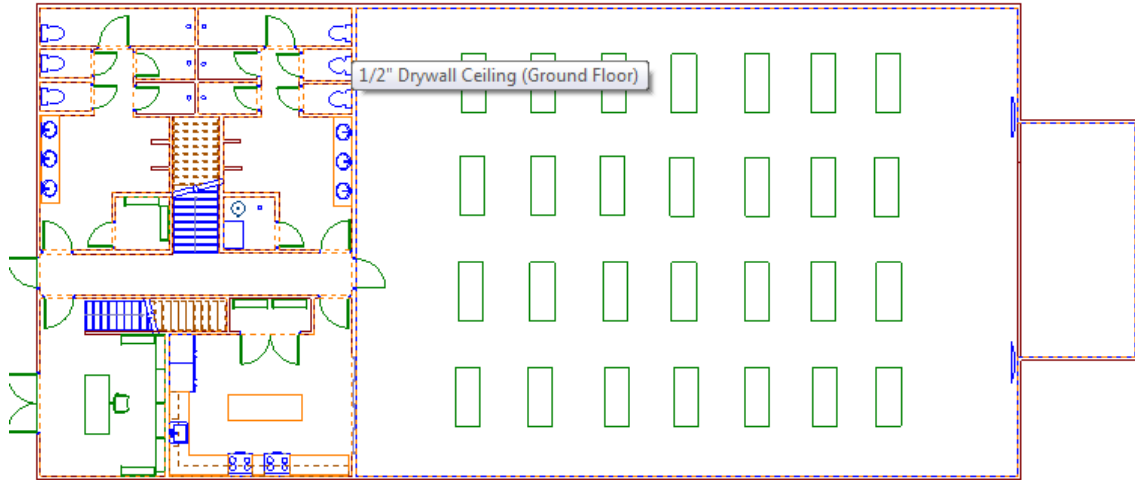


Figure 2: Pierce Pavilion First Floor

Second Floor

In Figure 3 is a blue print of the building’s second level. In it you will see the access point to the first level as well as an access point to a raised deck. The raised deck will allow for a common meeting place for announcements, evening service, special skits, and special moments of recognition. The rest of the second level will be used for staff meetings, and staff lodging. It will provide a common command center for the entire staff to respond to the needs of those present on the grounds. It will also be a place to exhibit over 50 years of Indiana Ranger history and heritage. It will be a place that would be used to honor those who have come before us, and preserve if for those who come after us.

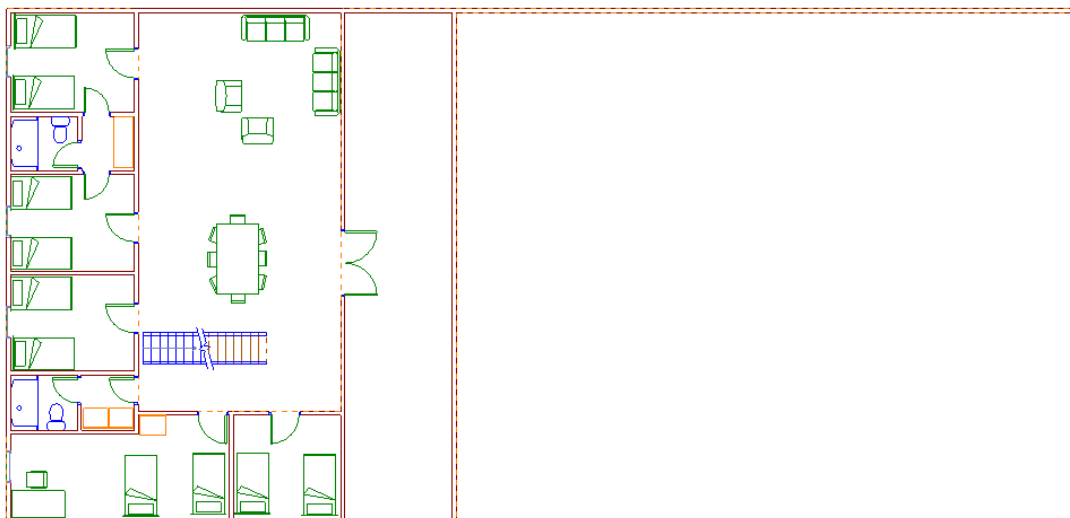


Figure 3: Pierce Pavilion Second Floor

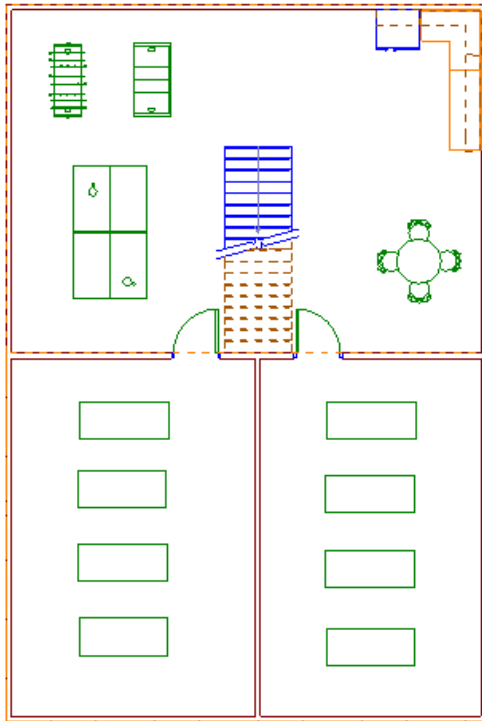


Figure 4: Pierce Pavilion Basement

Basement

In Figure 4 is a blue print of the building's basement. This is an area that will be used as an emergency shelter area for those attending the weekend adventures.

It will also be equipped to have breakout sessions taught in them as a part of leaders training events, boys training events, or other activities.

One of the primary reasons for the building of this facility is for the safety of the boys and their leaders in times of inclement weather. This will be a space that will be used for years to come!

The Purpose

This will be a place that men can go and invest in the lives of young men as they inspire them to go on adventure with God, develop Godly character in their life, and fulfill the Heavenly task that they were created for!

As the men of the church we have a God given responsibility to raise a generation of men to take our place within our churches, communities, and world. This will be a place that we can gather for a consecrated time to pour into the lives of the young men from our community and reverse the moral decay that we see in our current culture. From 2013 to 2015 the percentage of Americans who qualify as "post-Christian" rose by 7 points (from 37% in 2013 to 44% in 2015, Barna Research), bringing the number very near the halfway mark.

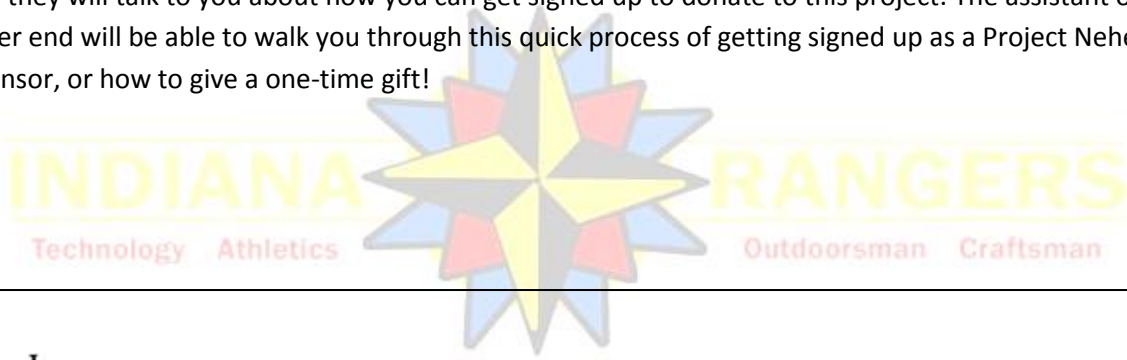
The How

First and foremost the process began and continues with prayer! After that, we are looking for 125 men to pledge \$1000 dollars each by the end of 2017. This comes out to about \$50 a month until the end of 2017. It's taking one meal out a month and investing it in the lives of hundreds of young men. It will be an investment into generations of young men!

Why \$125,000? We are planning on being very frugal with the monies donated. We want this to be a structure that will meet all of our needs and not need any type of major work for years to come. We also want it to be a blessing to the churches of our district. We are planning to save money by having work days led by a general contractor who has offered to donate his time to build the enclosed space of the shelter, with volunteers who are willing to invest in our young men! Some of the work will be contracted out to trade skill professionals as we want to make sure the foundation and basement areas are done to current specifications and built to last! The cost breakdown of the structure is:

- \$10,000 – Power brought back to building site
- \$15,000 – Water and Water Waste lines ran back to building site
- \$25,000 – Basement
- \$20,000 – Concrete Foundation
- \$30,000 – Pavilion Roof, Pole Structure, Trusses
- \$25,000 – Fully Furnished Enclosed Space

How can I give to Project Nehemiah? Contact the Indiana District Office Christian Education Department, and they will talk to you about how you can get signed up to donate to this project. The assistant on the other end will be able to walk you through this quick process of getting signed up as a Project Nehemiah Sponsor, or how to give a one-time gift!



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsorship: \$1000 Man?
 or Monthly Amount: _____
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Is this gift given in memory of someone?: _____

If so, who?: _____

Make sure all donations are designated to the Indiana Ranger Campground Development Fund!
 Place the following designation in the notes or memo line: 155-Royal Ranger Construction

Indiana Rangers was founded shortly after Royal Rangers was started in 1962 by Johnnie Barnes



Over the decades thousands of young men have been impacted by the Royal Ranger ministry and the men who mentored these young men.

In 2017 we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first state wide gathering of Royal Rangers.

This gathering happened at the Lake Placid Conference Center in Hartford City, Indiana.





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