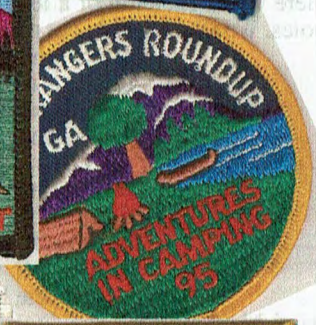

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Patches


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Ranger Kids
Field Day
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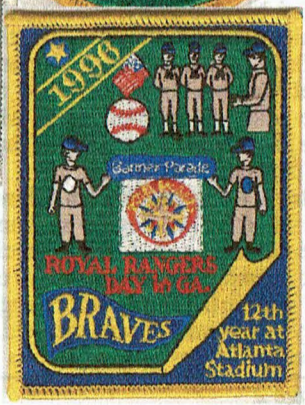

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ADVENTURES
IN CAMPING
95


Royal Rangers
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Day


GEORGIA XV POW WOW
OKEFENOKEE CHAPTER
85


1996
ROYAL RANGERS
BRAVES
12th
year at
Atlanta
Stadium

Patches - a fascinating part of Royal Rangers

By Norman Cooper

Since the early days of Royal Rangers, patches have been a part of most every event that has been held on a national, regional, district, divisional or sectional level.

The one single souvenir a boy or leader cherishes is "the patch" they received at the events they were a part of.

Many take their patch collecting very seriously. Others taking it to a more moderate level and others have a so-so approach.

Many patches from the early events are rare and considered collectors items.

Others patches are plentiful, but still a cherished memento of the occasion.

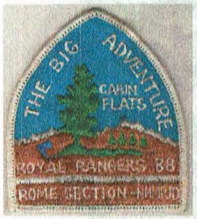
Sharing the thrill of patches is something this scribe has done for decades. It was suggested that those stories be put in a written form and shared, thus this publication.

Herein the reader will see patches designed by the author and in some instances, special stories about those patches are told.

The Big Adventure

Several of us in the Rome Section of the Georgia District embarked on a backpacking trip to the Great Smoky Mountains.

At a primitive area known as Cabin Flats, there was a skeleton of a lean-to made of poles. We all pitched in our ponchos to create a shelter on the frame. A couple of ponchos were used as flaps on the front.



The next morning, one of the participants fired up his stove to fix some coffee - before getting up. It was at the edge of the lean-to. The wind blew slightly, moving the poncho, which touched the stove, which produced a flame. If you look closely at the patch, that blue poncho and the red flame is on the patch. In addition, those who went on the hike had the first initial of the first name as part of the patch.

Royal Ranger Day with Atlanta Braves

I had the privilege to start and for years the honor to coordinate a special night at the Atlanta Stadium and then Turner Field.

Before the game, every Ranger man and boy would walk around the field. Each Outpost would design a banner as part of the banner parade. The governor of the state would issue a proclamation designing that day as "Royal Rangers Day in Georgia." We would have various people throw out the ceremonial first pitch - among them National Commander and Founder Johnnie Barnes and National FCF President Fred Deaver. We had color guards, Ranger commanders singing the national anthem and this scribe serving as master of ceremonies, which included the reading of the proclamation. There are some great memories of those nights.



In the 12th year, a special patch was made. Two boys carrying a banner is front and center. There are four figures standing. On the left (with a flag) represents the color guard. Second, the special guests who threw out the first pitch. Third, district staff who stood on the field and the person who sang the National Anthem. The person standing sideways is the master of ceremonies reading the proclamation and explaining to the fans in the stands about the group and the pregame activities.

Patch trading at National Council

During the 1980s, patch trading was big when the National Council was in session.

For a couple of years, I had a goal of obtaining a patch from every district in existence in the United States. I would trade a patch I designed to another leader from another district.

It didn't matter if it were Powwow, field day, FCF, whatever, as long as the name of the district was on it.

During that second year, I had a complete set. See the photo of the set on page 8.

Patch trading at National Camporama

Three kinds of patches interest me. Those I design, the set I obtained at National Council, and those from events I attend.

I do not have an interest in collecting patches just for the sake of collecting patches.

But a lot of people do. Especially boys.

Extra patches I obtain do not get wasted. From local events to National Camporama, I give them to the kids to get them interested in patches. Patches are colorful, exciting and creative - all three of interest to boys and men.

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District Training Academy
Undated
North Carolina

National Royal Ranger Training Center
Georgia Patch

The Natonal Staff asked for each district to design a patch that would be part of a national collection. This patch includes Georgia's flag, mountains, lakes, coastline, state flower, state bird, state tree and an arrowhead.





North Carolina Pow-wow
2001



North Carolina Pow-wow
2002



North Carolina Pow-wow
2007

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It is remarkable to watch kids get a handful of patches at National Camporama and head out to trade. Numerous boys have grown an interest in patches from trading with others.

Rules about patches

There are simple rules about patch collecting to keep in mind. If you attended the event, keep a patch. You will always cherish it. If you like to collect patches, swap them with others who have a similar interest.

Many collect patches much in the same way people collect baseball cards, coins or stamps. Collectors see something they like and do what is necessary to obtain it.

The rule for swapping patches is simple.

Trade something someone else wants for something you want. Don't try to take advantage of the other person.

If you are an adult swapping with a youngster, give him the advantage in the trade.

Many collectors have certain guidelines they govern themselves by - such as a Powwow patch for a Powwow patch, or a regional patch for a regional patch. Some will swap anything for anything.

Remember, a good trade is when both people walk away from the deal feeling good about what they got and feeling great for making a fair trade with the other person.

Designing patches

Among the most enjoyable things in life is being creative. To see that creative thought materialize into something you can see is good.

When designing a patch, many things should be included - the organization (name or emblem), the event, the location, artwork, colors, size, type of backing.

Submitting a detailed, full color patch to a company is my preference.

However, those less than artistically inclined can sketch something out and submit it to a patch company - they have an art department which will create the proof before production.

Patches are designed by all kinds of people - youngsters and adults.

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Western Division
Field Day 2000
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2001
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2002
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2004
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2005
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2006
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2007
North Carolina



Western Division
Field Day 2008
North Carolina



FCF Okefenokee Chapter
Trace 1983
Georgia



All four patches can be used individually and they can be grouped together for outdoor scene

Top patch
Georgia Sectional Roundup 1997

Patch on Right
Georgia Sectional Roundup 1998

Patch at left
Georgia Sectional Roundup 1999

Patch on Bottom
Georgia Sectional Roundup 2000



Sectional Roundup
1983
Georgia

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Georgia Pow-wow 1983



Georgia Pow-wow 1984



Georgia Pow-wow 1985



Georgia Pow-wow 1986



Georgia Pow-wow 1987



Georgia Pow-wow 1988



Georgia Pow-wow 1989



Georgia Pow-wow 1990



The Big Adventure 1988 Georgia



North Georgia Camp-A-Ree 1987



North Georgia Roundup 1983 Georgia



Sectional Roundup 1984 Georgia

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The Sectional Roundup patches in Georgia from 1985 until 1994 featured a chapter from the **Adventures in Camping** *book with an 11th patch in 1995 that commemorated the book.*

Each patch had a tree in the center. Items on the patch are covered in the chapters.



Firecraft
Sectional Roundup 1985
Georgia



Cooking
Sectional Roundup 1986
Georgia



Toolcraft
Sectional Roundup 1987
Georgia



Safety & Sanitation
Sectional Roundup 1988
Georgia



Ropecraft
Sectional Roundup 1989
Georgia



Equipment & Shelter
Sectional Roundup 1990
Georgia



Nature
Sectional Roundup 1991
Georgia



Compass & Map
Sectional Roundup 1992
Georgia



Backpacking
Sectional Roundup 1993
Georgia



Survival
Sectional Roundup 1994
Georgia



Adventures in Camping
Sectional Roundup 1995
Georgia

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Patch designing starts with pencil, paper and imagination. I have been amazed when I realized it wasn't just my own thoughts on the page, but that inspiration was a vital part of the finished patch.

11-year series

For 11 years a patch was designed featuring the *Adventures in Camping Handbook.* For 11 years, a chapter was focused on with a final patch commemorating the book. Not many people have a complete set.

A consecutive series of Royal Rangers patches devoted to a particular theme for more than a decade is not common, making the *Adventures in Camping* series unique.

Enjoy

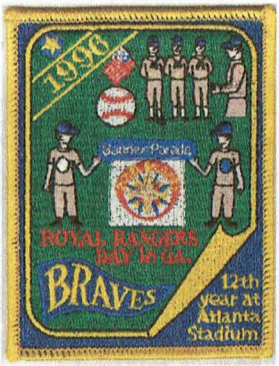
Patch collecting is a subject that could fill a book. Stories behind patch designs and patch collections are endless.

When you attend an event, get the patch and keep it. Make a display of your patches and share the memories with others.

Decide what your special collection will include and enjoy collecting Royal Rangers patches.



Royal Ranger Night at Atlanta Stadium 1997 Georgia
(Patch has wrong year)



Royal Ranger Night at Atlanta Stadium 1996 Georgia



Royal Ranger Night at Atlanta Stadium 1985 Georgia



Royal Ranger Night at Atlanta Stadium 1986 Georgia



Royal Ranger Night at Atlanta Stadium 1987 Georgia



FCF Okefenokee Chapter Georgia Trace 1996



Jubal Early Division Camp-A-Ree 1988 (GA)



North Georgia Camp-A-Ree 1984



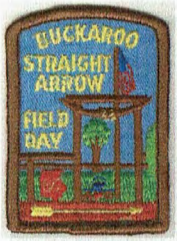
North Georgia Roundup 1982

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A patch of every RR District in the U. S. in the 1980s



These patches were obtained through patch trading at the Royal Rangers National Council during the 1980s. This collection contains a patch from every district in the United States at that time. It took two years to complete this set. The set belongs to Norman Cooper. This collection has inspired others to begin collecting patches.



Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1986 Georgia



Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1988 Georgia



Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1983 Georgia



Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1984 Georgia



Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1985 Georgia



Patches

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Buck-a-roo/ Straight Arrow Field Day 1990 Georgia



Pow-wow Canoe Race 2003 North Carolina

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