The Adirondack Chapter will be conducting the **SWAP MEET** on May 15 – 17. Plan on bringing your entire Outpost. The swap meet is an open FCF event. Members and non-members can attend and enjoy all of the colonial activities, competitions and crafts.

**SUMMIT** April 10 – 11 at the Owego Treadway. Bring your leaders, AR and ER boys to this training and resourcing event that will captivate, motivate and prepare your team to facilitate the best Outpost ever. To make a room reservation, please call the hotel at 607.687.4500

**JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY:**

**JUNE 5 -7 and JULY 13 – 16**

The Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA) is a program for equipping Junior Leaders with a variety of outdoor skills as well as encouraging leadership, teamwork, and personal development. For information concerning the JLTA events, please visit the training page of our website.

**POW WOW** JULY 16 – 19

This annual event takes place at the District Royal Rangers campgrounds in Greene, NY. This unique event brings together men and boys from across the state to enjoy four days of fun activities in the scenic Appalachian Mountain Chain of Chenango County. For registration information go to: the Pow Wow 2015 page.

**RANGER KIDS LEADERS TRAINING:** April 10 - 11

We will see you at the **Summit**. Register today for great RK Leaders training Seminars. Our instructors will be Ken and Pam Obert.
The Hunter’s Horn

New York District Royal Rangers

Spring 2015

Greetings pastors, RR leaders, boys, moms, dads, friends of Royal Rangers… I am happy to write to you from our Hunter’s Horn. Some of you may remember that the Hunter’s Horn was last published in 1999. It had been our publication for announcing New York District Royal Ranger news and events. For 15 years, we have been hoping to re-establish this communication platform and here it is. Praise God! I hope that you will enjoy reading it for years to come.

Blessings to each of you,

Steve Monez - District Royal Rangers Director

A Note From Our District Superintendent

Watching the stock market or your retirement fund investment can be like a ride on a roller coaster. Questions always come; will there be any security in my future? Will I ever be able to afford to retire? What if? What if? What if? But what investments will pay us the biggest dividend?

I am convinced that the only things I can take with me to heaven are people! Those that I live with and love are my greatest treasure. My wife, my children, my grandchildren (they are the best) and those with whom I share Life! They are life’s most valuable resource to me.

As I think of the men and women who are leaders in our Royal Ranger program, I am grateful for your investment into the treasures and potential of these young men who, through your leadership, will be mighty men of valor! The Ziklag men of David’s day; those who are faithful and faith-filled; pure; obedient; reverent!

As you ramp up for a new year in the New York District Royal Ranger program I want you to know that you are loved, prayed for and fully supported as you make those lifetime, Kingdom investments. Only eternity will reveal the incredible impact each Ranger event has on each life.

Together, we will raise tomorrow’s leaders with a sense of divine destiny and an imagination that whatever God asks can be accomplished through the power of His Presence, Word and Spirit. These young men who will clearly articulate the message of Christ’s gospel will be world changers. That makes our New York District Royal Ranger Leadership Trainers of World Changers! What an awesome privilege. What a great day to be ministering to boys. Just sayin’ I’m glad we’re in this together!

Dr. Duane P. Durst


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www.nyroyalrangers.org

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY IN CORPORATE PRAYER, THAT GOD WOULD BLESS THE NEW YORK ROYAL RANGER MINISTRY.
The **LAKESHORE SECTION**: Ranger Derby will be held on March 28 at the Living Word Assembly. The Camporee will be held on June 12-14 at Letchworth State Park.

The **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION**: The Ranger Derby will be held on March 7th. We have been advertising all over town and we’re getting many who are not in our outpost or church. May God bless this outreach!

The **NEW YORK CITY SECTION** reports: Its latest GMA recipients. We are proud of the five young men from Outpost 234 of Calvary A/G in Ozone Park for making this outstanding achievement. Our prayers go with these Rangers; Christopher Chan, Robert Lakhan, Joel Madray, Christopher Ramrup and Matthew Singh.

The **LONG ISLAND SECTION**:
Ranger Kids Day will be held on February 28 at Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle.
Ranger Derby will be held on March 14 at Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle.

The **CAPITOL SECTION**:
Ranger Kids Day will be held on June 13 at John Boyd Thatcher State Park.

The **SOUTHERN TIER SECTION**:
Sectional Leadership Merit overnight - Feb 27 and 28 at Riverside A/G in Wellsville
Ranger Derby will be held on April 25 at Riverside A/G in Wellsville.
Ranger Kids Day will be held on May 23 at Dalton A/G in Dalton NY.

The **CENTRAL SECTION**:
Ranger Kids Day will be held on May 30 at 1st A/G in Marcy, NY
Fall Camp will be held on September 18-20 at Highland Forest Park in Fabius, NY

The **WESTERN SECTION** hosted the **Western Division Klondike Run on February 20-22**. Starting at this winter’s typical temperature of near 0 degrees Fahrenheit it became “balmy” on Saturday with temperatures in the twenties. The deep snow made this year particularly difficult but everyone worked together so that the boys could have maximum fun. With a weekend attendance of 83, and an additional 17 on Saturday, including many Ranger Kids, we were close to last year’s attendance. On Friday evening 6 boys responded to the altar call for salvation and the weekend was devoted to our theme of 1 Kings 3:5 “Pursue Your Dreams.” The boys and men learned that while pursuing their dreams they should be aligned with God’s plan for their lives.

On February 13-15 the **HUDSON VALLEY SECTION** held their annual winter camp out. The weather was frigid but hearts were warm. Pastor Bobby shared God’s love and three boys accepted Jesus as their savior! We had great fun sledding and building igloos! Our next event is **VRATT (Video Racing All The Time)** on March 21st. Boys will be competing in Video races! Our Sectional Ranger Derby will be held on April 18. We are hoping to use the Galleria Mall in Middletown to allow us to showcase this great event. If the Mall does not work out, we will let you know of the alternate event location.
ON THE TRACK OF LIFE  
By Tom Sember

I remember the first time I sat at the table and watched my father run the transformer that would make this train come alive. With a push of a button, he would make the train go this way and that, backwards and forwards, whistle and when the engine got hot enough the smoke would begin to bellow out as the train went around the track. We spent many hours changing the track to make bigger layouts, add moving cars, scenery and then the big day came…it was my turn to run the engine. Slowly he showed me which levers to move, how to move them ever so gently, to make sure the train didn’t fall off the track going around the curves. Many hours were spent working the trains but also time spent talking life. If it wasn’t for a man name Joshua Lionel Cowen, I wouldn’t have had those memories and learned about life.

Joshua Lionel Cowen was born in 1877, just before Edison’s first electric light. He grew up with real trains and enjoyed them. He grew up to become an inventor and in 1900, he founded Lionel, a model train company for boys and men to play with. Cowen would spend a lifetime stoking America’s imagination with the romance of the rails. He told boys that Lionel would prepare them for adulthood. Soon dads were encouraged to join in the fun of model train enthusiasm, to future father-son bonding.

As I read Joshua Cowen’s story, I couldn’t help but think of the relationship between men and young boys. How having someone there to show them the ropes, makes the difference in the decisions we make as men. Most boys will imitate what they see men do, they make heroes out of men who step up the challenge of life and sadly those who do not.

I am reminded that even Christ had something to say about what He did as a Man. In the Gospel of John, chapter 5 verse 19, Jesus answered by saying “

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

Young men, seeing what their fathers and what other men and women do, will imitate them as they endeavor to continually improve and grow Royal Rangers for local church success. The following list illustrates the many benefits of chartering available to you and your outpost:

- 15% discount on Ranger gear when ordered via the Ranger Online Superstore
- 15% discount on all national and regional training events
- 15% discount on national and regional activities like Camporama, Rendezvous, National LEAD Conference, and more
- 15% discount on district training events
- 15% discount on select district Royal Rangers activities and events
- Each chartered member of your outpost will receive a copy of the Rangers NOW newsletter, the National Royal Rangers Ministry’s official print communication piece
- Your outpost will get one free copy of the Outpost Promotional Kit, which is full of resources like promotional videos, reproducible touch cards, clip art, customizable banners to advertise your ministry and/or decorate your meeting rooms, and more!
- Access to download Outpost Navigator, a data-tracking tool to record and track boys’ and leaders’ advancements
- An official outpost number to wear on your uniform
- Chartered outposts are included in the search results for the “Outpost Locator” search feature on the national website.

In a nutshell: Chartering your outpost benefits your ministry and the financial support that it brings to the National and District Royal Rangers organizations is a huge help as we move forward.

Stay Alive - From the Anvil of Grey Squirrel  
( Vince O’Mahoney)  
“Whoa!!” Sometin’s not right! “I’m not where I thought I was.” Or “They’re not where they’re supposed to be.”  
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Or “Someone moved camp when I wasn’t looking!” Or maybe a twisted ankle is gonna disconnect you from the group. Or a giant comet just devastated the whole dinosaur population. (Although current findings may indicate that happened because of early Royal Rangers inventing BBQ Sauce.)

But something is wrong. You don’t want to be where you are. Get ready. Your body is about to pump full of stress chemicals that will make you want to run the mile in less than five.

And you will be primed to make a lot of very bad decisions in a very short time.

Don’t! Stop! Pray! You’ll see you’re not alone in this.

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Missions:

The NY District Royal Rangers are obeying the Lord’s command. Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...” and we are cooperating with the National RR Missions effort.

Royal Rangers International: Royal Rangers is currently in 91 nations (and working toward another 45). There are 196 nations on earth. That means there are 105 nations that do not currently have Royal Rangers. Pray that God would open doors of opportunity! The ready evangelism force is the financing arm of RRI. Pray that God would bless those who are currently giving and for the RRI leadership team for a fresh burden to reach the lost throughout the world!

There are many opportunities to support missions through your local outpost. BGMC and STL help reach the lost around the world for Christ! Pray that God would stir the hearts of boys and young men in your outpost and across the globe not only to support missions but also to be faithful to God’s call of being a missionary! Many of our boys can and will go on to become missionaries because of what they learned in Royal Rangers.

Pathfinder Missions projects are conducted throughout the world. Many projects are incomplete because of the lack of teams. Encourage your group to pray for these Pathfinder needs. Royal Rangers has missionaries serving around the world! As with Pathfinder Missions trips, pray that God’s hand of protection will be over our Royal Rangers missionaries. Pray that all of their financial needs would be met exceedingly and abundantly. Finally, pray for the missionary families.

What’s the buzz? Tell me what’s a-happening by Richard Franco, District Outreach Coordinator

With all of the new Royal Ranger buzzwords, “Mentor; Evangelize; Equip; Empower”. ...Well, you need to add “Outreach” to your Ranger lingo as well.

It’s not just a word, but a way of thinking that should be ingrained in every leader. No leader is exempt, from the outpost coordinators to the district staff members. We all carry the silent title/designation of being an Outreach Representative. After all, in everything we do serving in this ministry involves some form of outreach. Whether it be reaching boys, reaching out within your community, or out to other churches A/G or not, encouraging them to start a Royal Ranger ministry program, this makes us representative of this ministry. You are the front line, the first contact and maybe the only contact some may ever have for being introduced to Royal Rangers. WOW! What a responsibility... What an opportunity!!!

Today's times and culture could not make the harvest any riper. As such, the sense of urgency must be paramount on every leaders mind and heart. We must share the burden for missions and make every effort to do whatever possible to grow this vital ministry we call Royal Rangers so that we can reach more boys and young men for Christ. Go forth and OUTREACH! Rev. 14:15

PATHFINDER MISSIONS: If you would like to go or give financial support to our NY Pathfinder team, please contact Charles LaShure. flyingbear@hotmail.com

461 RESPONSE of NY (Psalm 46:1) exists to help our churches prepare for emergencies; to be a caring Christian witness by helping their members and communities thru emergencies and disasters. We are partnering with NY Royal Rangers to further these goals, and help boys become mature, responsible, and godly. Our goal is that every Royal Ranger is a blessing in his home, church, and community.
The fundamental goal of training is to inspire, mobilize, and resource leaders to empower them to achieve their greatest success and effectiveness. Royal Rangers training is based on three core values:

1. **Spiritual Development**
   All classroom and event-based leadership training will have a spiritual emphasis.

2. **Ranger Skills Development**
   Training will focus on the seven methods Royal Rangers use to minister to boys. Ranger skills are a key component of this success.

3. **Leadership Development**
   Leadership development will be key as Royal Rangers moves to become a boy led, adult facilitated ministry. It takes a leader to mentor new leaders. Training will help Royal Rangers strengthen its leadership core.

Invest in training. Church leadership believes that well-trained leaders are the key to any ministry's success. Pastors understand that a trained volunteer is much more likely to commit their time and can be counted on to show up every week. For these reasons, and others, the Royal Rangers program places a high priority on leader training.

**461 RESPONSE of NY - MISSION ACTION CAMP**

During Jr Training Camp week, July 13-16, 2015 in Greene NY, we will conduct a 461 Emergency Preparedness and Response Exercise and Training Camp. Disaster response will be addressed, beginning with the more likely scenarios that may be faced. Following orientation and response training, role play(s) and debriefing will give experience and practicality to the training.

**WHY Adult Leader Training**

April 10 – 11, 2015 at the Owego Treadway in Owego NY. Bring your leaders and boys for a training and resourcing event that will captivate, motivate and prepare your team to facilitate the best Outpost ever. Please go directly to our website for more valuable information and registration forms. Book your room at the Owego Treadway.

Call: 607.687.2456

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On July 16 – 19, 2015 in Greene, we will be getting together for our camping extravaganza. The Lord always moves in our hearts during this awesome event. We are expecting God to do great things again this year as we go to our mountain top. Be sure that you bring all of the leaders and the DR, AR and ER boys from your outposts. And remember, pastors come free. So pack your camping gear and hit the trail to Pow Wow. See you there!

National Camporama
July 18 – 22, 2016

National Camporama is a special event that takes place once every four years at the national Royal Rangers campgrounds at Eagle Rock, Missouri. This unique event brings together men and boys from all across the country to enjoy a week of fun activities in the beautiful Ozark hills of southern Missouri. Additional information on this event will be available soon.
Do you have an interesting activity game or puzzle we can share in our upcoming issues of the Hunters’ Horn? Please submit them to Mike Kellerman.

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Look around. Got friends with you? Yes? Good, work together. No? Good. Take care of yourself. This is the real deal.

It’s your chance to decide what you’re made of.

First- Stop. Sit. Grab a snack from your survival kit. Let the catecholamines (look it up) racing through your system start to burn off. You be a Royal Ranger. You’re in charge, not them.


Are you warm? My information tells me about half of all hypothermia deaths happen when the temperature is above 32 degrees. That can be any summer night in this terrain.

Rain, mist, snow and just sweat can ruin your insulation layers. And kill you. For years the members of Yosemite Mountain Rescue have been calling cotton “Death Cloth” to anyone who will listen because it holds moisture so well. In the middle of the night damp cotton will not be your friend. Thank You Mister Under Amour and all you makers of polypropylene and wool clothing.

So if you’re not warm, Get Warm! And if you are warm, make a plan to Stay Warm!

Next, without moving around and making it harder for your friends to find you, what can you do to make it easier to find you? Or just get help to get to you? Noise! A loud, clear, communicating noise. How ‘bout your Rescue Whistle? Is it around your neck? In your pocket? Back at camp? At home? Oh no! don’t say back at home! Oh Man! Well what about a dry limb against another dry limb? Or against a hollow log? Watch out for Keelers though. They don’t like big people whacking on their roofs. Though the snacks are good if you apologize.

What do you do with your noise? Three groups of three. Tweets, whacks, gunshots. Whatever you got. Three groups of three, followed by a long pause to listen for a response. And it makes your signal distinct. Then three more groups of three. And repeat. Any outdoorsman I’ve met will respond to that signal. Every one I’ve met.

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It’s maybe embarrassing to accept help from a stranger, but get over it. Better than no help at all. Of course it might be a Cro-Magnon hunter thinking your limb whacking is a Mastodon in rut. Even he might share his best rotted jerky with you. And that will be a big trade item at swap.

What is the next important thing to consider in a survival situation? We’ll catch up in the next Hunters Horn, or around the Anvil. See you then.
WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

What better way to invest in the ministry of evangelizing, equipping, and empowering the next generation of Christlike men and lifelong servant leaders than to make a monthly faith promise or a one-time donation? Your prayers and financial support will help us promote and keep Royal Rangers activities in churches throughout our District; to continue supporting missions projects at home and abroad in areas such as Royal Rangers International, Pathfinders Missions, BGMC and Speed the Light; your dollars will also help us develop and maintain our Royal Rangers Campground in Greene, NY—a place where boys and young men are mentored in Christian living while enjoying the great outdoors. Your gift will go a long way in helping us reach our goals. Send your tax-deductible support today, payable to “NY District A/G Royal Rangers” our address is: 8130 Oswego Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090-1520. Thank you for your generous support of this life-changing ministry.

NY DISTRICT RECEIVED HONORS AT 2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The New York District Royal Rangers ministry was recognized for outstanding achievement at the 2015 Northeast Region Leaders Conference – Empower 15 – held January 23-24 in Harrisburg, PA. New York was named winner of the District Excellence Award and placed first in the category of Chartered Outposts in the region. In addition, the Adirondack Chapter of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship was named the EAGLE Award recipient.

NE Region Coordinator Dwight Walters, announced that New York earned the distinction of being this year’s recipient of the prestigious District Excellence Award. This honor is presented to a district that achieved the highest overall standard of excellence in the Northeast Region. The District’s achievements are tracked by regional leadership through a Dashboard system that monitors improvements in several categories. “Many of our improvement indicators were up over the past year,” said NY District Director Steve Monez. “We are extremely thankful for the dedicated leadership that God has raised up in our District – the Lord deserves all the glory!”

Our District also received First Place recognition in the category of Chartered Outposts. The award was bestowed to New York for the highest percentage increase of charters district-wide (103.85%) for the charter period 2014/2013. “This is something that we’ve been working on for quite a while – and continue to work on. The more growth we have in outpost charters, the more opportunities we’ll have to mentor and reach boys for Jesus,” said Monez.

Our Chapter of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship was also honored by being named the recipient of the Northeast Region’s Colonial Territory “EAGLE” Award. This award is bestowed to a chapter in the NE Region that demonstrated outstanding leadership and exemplified the spirit of the FCF through its many activities. An eagle statuette was presented to NY District FCF President Charlie LaShure.