



North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS “Signal Fire”

April 1996

Commanders,

It's time to get ready for your Commander's Conference. There are several exciting classes planned for you and to “top things off” a **first class awards ceremony**.

Enclosed, you will find a pre-registration form along with a list of classes available. Please pre-register - it helps tremendously in knowing how much food to prepare. I will be looking for you there!

GET READY FOR POW WOW 1996! Many great things are planned for this event. The theme this year is “Empowered by God”. Packets and posters will be sent out shortly with all of the information.

Let me just say that each of you are very appreciated and loved. My prayer is that we will all be strengthened by God and be able to continue to “work until he comes”.

In His service,

Paul Patterson
District Royal Ranger Commander

WANTED: Secretary for the District Commander in the Royal Ranger department at the District Office. Sixteen hours per week. If interested, please call: 817-284-4856.

1996 District Calendar

April	26-27	Commander's Conference/Awards Service
May	18	Work Day for Pow Wow - Lakeview
May 31-Jun. 2		District Pow Wow - Lakeview
June	29	Work Day - Lakeview
July	13	Staff Meeting - Sarge Sellers
	14-20	JLTC Sarge Sellers Training Academy
	15-19	National FCF Rendezvous
Aug.	10	Work Day - Lakeview
Sept.	6-7	Instructor Certification Seminar
	27-28	Commander's Campout - Lakeview
Oct.	25-27	FCF Family Days
Nov.	15-16	Divisional Winter Camps
Dec.	7	District Staff Christmas Banquet

**** **EVERY** Saturday is Work Day at Lakeview ****

District Ranger of the Year

We would like to congratulate all of the Royal Ranger Boys who participated in the Ranger of the Year Testing. There were 62 boys registered while 60 boys participated. Each of these boys worked hard and are to be congratulated for their accomplishments. The following boys placed and the District Ranger of the year will now compete at the Regional testing.

Straight Arrows

Wesley Flach	District Ranger of the Year
James Hodge	1st Runner-Up
Lee Bortner	2nd Runner-Up

Buckaroos

Caleb Ambrose	District Ranger of the Year
Jordan McKnight	1st Runner-Up
E.J. Spears	2nd Runner-Up

Pioneers

Andrew Potts	District Ranger of the Year
John Flach	1st Runner-Up
Bodie Gilbert	2nd Runner-Up

Trailblazers

Joshua Teel	District Ranger of the Year
John Stanley	1st Runner-Up
Roy Cruz	2nd Runner-Up

Air-Sea-Trail Rangers

J.J. Molock	District Ranger of the Year
Jeremy Haynes	1st Runner-Up
Courtland Edmonds	2nd Runner-Up

COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE AND AWARDS SERVICE

The Commander's Conference and Awards Service is scheduled to meet April 26 and 27 at Bethel Assembly of God in Arlington. The cost of the conference is \$15.00 (which includes Saturday breakfast and lunch). Please mail in the form below in order to pre-register. It is very important that each commander pre-registers in order to get a count for the meals.

Special events are being planned by our Commander's wife, Denise Patterson, and are explained in more detail following the schedule below.

The men's schedule is as follows:

Friday	Registration	6:00 pm
	Evening Devotions	7:00 pm
	Meeting with Sectional Cmdrs. & Staff	8:30 pm
	Adjourn	10:00 pm
Saturday	Breakfast in Gym	7:30 am
	Devotion	8:30 am
	Introductions	
	Breakaway with Div. Commanders	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Break	10:30 am
	Breakaway classes *	10:45 - 11:45 am
	Lunch in Gym	12:00 Noon
	Breakaway classes *	1:30 - 2:15 pm
	Awards Ceremony (in sanctuary)	2:30 pm
	Dismiss	4:00 pm

* Breakaway classes: Gold Medal Presentations, Internet Class, Boat, Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Day Camps, Ranger of the Year, Public Relations class, Pathfinders, Gold Track, "Why Should I be in FCF", and Straight Arrow/Buckaroo crafts.

Please clip and mail to: North Texas District Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst, TX 76053-1188

COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE REGISTRATION APRIL 26 & 27, 1996

Church Name: _____ Outpost _____

Cost: \$15 per person or \$30 per couple (includes 2 meals)

DEADLINE IS APRIL 19, 1996

Names of Leaders: _____ Amount Paid _____

Commander's Conference Ladies Saturday Schedule

7:30 am	Breakfast with the men at the church (Gym)
8:30 am	Devotion in Sanctuary
9:00 am	There will be a van going to the Parks Mall. We will shop, fellowship, and have a great time! We plan to eat at the mall (or somewhere near).
12:00 Noon	Lunch will be served at the church. If you prefer to eat there, transportation will be provided (or you may follow us to the mall in your own vehicle). If you plan to eat lunch at the church, please indicate on your registration form, along with your money.
2:00 pm	We will return to the church for the Awards Ceremony.
2:30 pm	Awards Ceremony at Bethel Assembly of God Sanctuary.

I am really looking forward to seeing each one of you. The past two years have been a great time to get acquainted and do some serious shopping! Each of you are a vital part in the Royal Rangers Ministry. Whether you are a commander, or a steady support to your husband, I am convinced that God uses you to help this ministry to continue; which means many souls are being won for Christ.

May God richly bless each of you!
I love you!

Denise Patterson

LATIN AMERICA CAMPORAMA PRAYER TASK FORCE

From January 26 through February 2, Steve Landers and Randy Woods participated in a prayer task force in support of the Latin American Camporama. Challenged by large insects, iguanas, cold showers, and Steve's inability to walk on water, these men prayed for the national leaders and Camporama committee members from Panama, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Costa Rica.

Approximately 200 men and boys attended with more than 30 boys saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. The men and boys in Latin America are hungry for God's Word. Steve and Randy went down to serve but were given honor by the churches and those attending the Camporama. The Latin Americans cheered and applauded these North Americans who were willing to come to them and pray for them.

Please keep these men and boys in your prayers.

SARGE SELLERS TRAINING ACADEMY

This years Royal Ranger Training Camps will be held during the week of July 14-19, 1996. We would like to encourage each commander to send their boys to this camp because it will be a very rewarding and spiritual experience. Each camp is described in detail below:

Pioneer Training Camp (PTC) - July 14-17, \$75.00

PTC is a camp geared just for the Pioneer age boy (9-11). This camp give special emphasis in the following skills: Ropecraft, Firecraft, Toolcraft, First Aid, Compass, Nature Study, and Cooking. The classes are designed to cover all the Pioneer advancements.

The PTC camp gives special emphasis to the patrol method. The boys live and work as a patrol. A staff member serves as a Senior Guide, but he is trained to perform as a true outpost Senior Guide, not as a tough guy Senior Guide.

Each evening there are special council fires with opportunity for spiritual growth. We have seen true Pentecostal experience in the past and pray that God continues to bless in this area.

Junior Leadership Training Camp (JLTC) - July 14-19, \$105.00

JLTC is for all Royal Rangers 12-17 years old, who are Trailblazers or Air-Sea-Trail Rangers. The boy must be a member of an up-to-date chartered outpost.

JLTC is designed to give boys training in camping and leadership in their local outpost. It also affords the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the out-of-doors. Through the experience of the Patrol Method, it develops a spirit of camaraderie that the boys take back to his own outpost. Most important, through a Spirit-filled staff and dynamic services and teaching, the boys come to know Christ in a deeper way and come to understand his need for seeking the will of God for his life. This experience will also inspire boys to see the great potential of the Royal Rangers program and to become more involved in service and training.

JLTC offers training in these specific areas: The Patrol Method, Ropecraft, Lashing, Nature Study, Toolcraft, Firecraft, First Aid, Compass, Safety, Camp Layout, Cooking, Sanitation, Soul Winning, Junior Leaders in an Outpost, Council Fires, Model Outpost Meeting, The Advancement Trail, Camp Recreation, Backpacking, and Overnight Backpacking Trips.

JLTC is a camp designed to teach a lot of basic skills in a short period of time. Each day is packed with fun and adventure, but there is also a challenge to successfully complete "spare time projects" in a day already full of things to do. This sounds a lot like everyday

life doesn't it? We hope to prepare these young men for everyday life and we feel this is a good start.

Each day we have some recreation to unwind and most important, Council Fire time. The trainees are challenged to be stronger Christians and better witnesses to their communities. Our services are a taste of old time Pentecost and that is enough to challenge any man, young or old, to serve God more diligently.

Advanced Merits Camp (AMC) - July 14-19, \$105.00

AMC is a camp designed for the purpose of helping boys earn advanced merits. Each boy can choose from a list of advanced merit classes offered.

AMC can be attended by boys 10 1/2 - 17, but the 10 1/2 year old must have passed off his Advanced Pioneer rating.

The AMC camp is a relaxed camp that gives emphasis to passing off advanced merits in a low-key atmosphere. Each day is filled with lots of fun and accomplishment.

Each evening there is a camp council fire with the goal of helping each boy to get a new touch of God in his life. We have seen old time Pentecost poured out each year and there is no reason to expect anything less this year.

Advanced Junior Leadership Training Camp (AJTC) - July 14-19, \$105.00

AJTC is for all Royal Rangers 13-17 years old who has successfully completed a JLTC.

AJTC is designed to give boys advanced skills training, and more intense leadership training. This camp is more relaxed than JLTC, but the training in skills and leadership is more in-depth.

The following is a list of AJTC classes: Wilderness Survival, Pioneering (Ropecraft), Advanced Firecraft, Pathfinder, Advanced First Aid, Safety, 16 Fundamental Truths, and How to teach these skills (Nature, Ropecraft, Firecraft, Toolcraft, First Aid, and Cooking).

This camp will give a lot of attention on how to work with others as an altar worker. Each trainee will be encouraged to be "spiritually fit" so that he can be used by the Holy Spirit each day to reach out to others.

How you can help with these camps

In order to make any of these camps a success, we are in the need of your help. These camps are only successful because we have commanders in our District who have a desire in their heart to give our boys the best they can. Some of the needs we are currently experiencing for this years Sarge Sellers Camp are:

1. Leaders willing to help
2. Instructors for cooking, toolcraft, ropecraft, & nature
3. Counselors
4. 2 staff cooks

5. Tents (4 man wall tents or larger)

If you have a desire to help with any of these needs, please contact either Curtis Earp (214-780-9710) or Dwain Klopfenstein (817-281-0081).

Table Etiquette Continued

A few more pointers on how to conduct yourself proper at a formal dinner.

6. Candles should be used only in evening events and should not obstruct the view of the guest.
7. The number of utensils for each meal are based on simple logic dictated by the courses to be served and the order in which they appear. Forks are placed on the left in order of their use starting away from the plate and working inward. Knives and soup spoons are to be on the right; butter knives are placed on the bread dish. Additional dessert fork and spoon are placed horizontally above the plate with the tines facing to the right and the spoon above the fork.
8. Glasses are set to the right with the taller ones to the inside.
9. Napkins are set either to the left of the fork or directly on the dinner plate.

More on Table Etiquette will continue in the next newsletter. It will explain how the food is to be served.

BSTC Graduates

A total of 34 men and women attended the Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Training Conference (BSTC) this past February. We would like to congratulate the following men and women in completing this conference. They are: John J. Bauman (266), Brady Brackin (112), Wes E. Burns (125), David Elliott (226), Dan Gabbard (145), Lindsay Lang (135), David Little (145), Mark Oliver (55), Betty Jo Pair, John Permenter (266), Bruce Wadsworth (112), and Wayne Word (112).

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NEWS NEEDED

The deadline for the information for the next newsletter is June 7, 1996. Please send us your information as soon as possible to:

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