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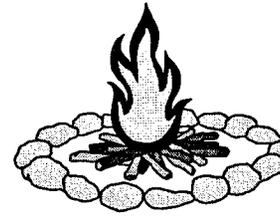
NEWS NEEDED

Is there anything specific you would like to learn more about? If you have some ideas or articles to place in the Signal Fire, the next deadline to receive news is May 21, 2000. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglenn Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or moliver@csc.com.

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North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS "Signal Fire"

April 2000

Greeting Commanders!!

This year we will be having a Commanders awards banquet instead of the usual commanders conference. I encourage each of you to bring your spouse and be recognized for the work you have done in the Royal Rangers Ministry. Remember, your boys must see you also earning awards in order to motivate them. We must lead by setting the example. This will be a very special awards ceremony so plan on attending now.

Pow Wow will be here before we know it. This year's theme is "It is Well". In order to reserve a campsite for Pow Wow, you must come to the Pow Wow workday on May 6. You will also need to bring \$25 for pre-registration. I would like to encourage every commander to start praying for this camp so we can see many boys saved again this year. Our speaker will be Robert Jimenez (Two Belts) from Arizona. Get ready to be blessed with his great messages.

Sarge Training Academy will also be here before we realize it. Our camps will be filling up again this year so if you have boys in your outpost who will be attending, please make sure you get their application into the District office soon.

I look forward to seeing each of you at these exciting events. Plan now to attend.
Paul Patterson, District Commander

Commanders Award Banquet

This year, the North Texas District will be holding a Commanders Awards Banquet. This is a time for you to be acknowledged for all your work this past year. We encourage everyone to come and receive the award you have earned. We invite you and your spouse to attend the Banquet and Awards ceremony. Please fill out and return to the District Office the Award Banquet Attendance Form by April 22, 2000. This years banquet will be held at First Assembly of God in Colleyville. The church is located at 4309 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, TX. The church phone number is 817-281-5465. The schedule is:

When: April 29, 2000
 Time: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
 Cost: \$10.00 per person

Schedule:	12:30 – 1:30	Banquet Meal
	1:30 – 2:45	Awards Presentation
		Commander Awards
		Sectional Commander Awards
		Area Commander Awards
		Service Awards
		LMA Certificates
	2:45 – 3:00	Devotion / Dismissal

Awards Ceremony Attendance Form

Attending Awards Ceremony _____ (yes/no)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____

List awards receiving at ceremony

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Commanders -- it's almost certain that your Outpost needs camping gear...

- New Tent
- Lanterns
- Cook grill
- Camp tools
- Stove

and more.

Right now, The Coleman Company is offering **WHOLESALE** pricing to Royal Ranger Outposts.

At our Regional Seminar the Coleman company distributed several hundred catalogues and wholesale price lists to the Commanders that attended. Your Section Commander has a catalogue and price list for you.

Contact Allen at 316-832-8757 and he will forward the information to you for only \$3.50. Or you can locate your Section Commander and borrow the copy sent to him.

Coleman also regularly has discounted "seconds" in their whole range of camping gear. Call Allen and tell him what is on your shopping list and see what he has to offer in this reworked gear.

The right prices, right now! Contact other local Outposts. The larger the order the lower the price and shipping.

If you encounter problems or have specific questions you can contact Pat Reilly by email at cmdrreilly@yahoo.com, or Mark Oliver by email at moliver@csc.com.

Take advantage of Coleman's special pricing list and update your camping gear now.

Sarge Training Academy

Sarge Training Academy is getting closer and closer. Preparations are under way, staff being gathered, registration starting, and preparing for the week with prayer. The dates this year are July 9-15. There are 5 camps for all ages and advancements of the khaki boys. Pioneer Training camp for boys 9-11 who are new to Rangers and need basic training in skills, Advanced Merits Camp for boys 10 and older who are needing to earn advanced merits toward their Gold Medal of Achievement, Junior Leadership Training Camp, Advanced Junior Training Camp, and Junior Training Trails. We have several staff and boys coming from South Texas, New Mexico, and who knows where else. Now is the time to start preparing for fundraisers, days off, whatever is necessary. An application is included in this newsletter, fill it out and get it in to the District office soon. Some camps do have a maximum limit. It takes a lot of men to staff this camp, but the impact it has on boys' lives is indescribable and it's because men like you take the time to give to their lives. If you have any questions, please contact me. Let's start getting our boys ready for a camp experience they won't forget, and ourselves to help them in whatever way possible.

Jeff Kersey
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Prayer Vigil Update

I want to thank each of you who participated in the 24-hour prayer vigil on March 10-11. Our district officials will benefit from your prayers. Our superintendent is always under Satanic attack because of the leadership role he holds. The other officials also receive buffeting. These attacks come in the form of physical health, financial setbacks, betrayal of trust and attack on their families. These men would rather battle Satan themselves than see their families attacked. Your prayers have helped in this battle. Because of your dedication, Satan was defeated again. He really is not very smart to attack those who with God's anointing can crush his assault.

Also, the Royal Ranger staff is under attack. In addition to those attacks listed above, also included are attacks on time. There never seems to be enough to do what must be done and keep the priorities of God, Family and RR in proper order. Your prayers can set priorities or bring in more workers to share the load. There is plenty to be done at the camp. There is room for all who want to help.

The boys we love and hope to win for Christ also benefit from your participation. More boys will be filled with the Holy Spirit or accept Christ this year than ever before because you sacrificed an hour. Imagine what that will be like on Resurrection Morning! All the events for the year will have God's hand over them. Safety is not accomplished without God. His anointing will be the result of your prayer time.

But maybe the one that will reap the most benefit from the prayer vigil is YOU! God says "Finally, you have come to me as I have wanted." Spending time alone with God is always a blessing. If nothing for which you have prayed comes to be, you still have built a relationship with God that will literally last for eternity. God

and you are now "Best Friends". It is hard to beat that.
We will be doing a 36-hour vigil at the Pow-Wow.
Start preparations now. Info will be sent out later.

Randy Woods
Harvest 2000 Coordinator, randy.woods@lmco.com

2000 Ranger of the Year Results

Congratulations to each of the following boys for their achievements at this year's Ranger of the Year competition. This year we had 14 sections represented with a total of 56 boys actually testing.

Straight Arrows

Ranger/Year	Nicolas Lofton	North Ft. Worth	
1 st Runner-Up	Tristan Dunson	Wichita Falls	41
2 nd Runner-Up	Cory Statuto	North Dallas	222

Buckaroos

Ranger/Year	Cody Jones	South Ft. Worth	295
1 st Runner-Up	Carlton Williams	North Ft. Worth	
2 nd Runner-Up	T.J. Lewis	South Dallas	39

Pioneers

Ranger/Year	Wesley Flach	South Dallas	72
1 st Runner-Up	Jordan Teel	Wichita Falls	57
2 nd Runner-Up	Ian Reilly	North Dallas	11

Trailblazers

Ranger/Year	John Flach	South Dallas	72
1 st Runner-Up	Jarod Teel	Wichita Falls	57
2 nd Runner-Up	Danny Bradley	South Ft. Worth	62

Challengers

Ranger/Year	Andrew Potts	Austin	65
1 st Runner-Up	Kurt Griffis	South Ft. Worth	62
2 nd Runner-Up	Justin Gell	South Dallas	72

2000 Sarge Sellers Training Academy Application

Church Phone () - - Outpost # _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Camp Selection		PTC	JLTC	AJTC	AMC	JTT
Camp Fees		85.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	185.00
Name	Telephone #					
1.	() -					
2.	() -					
3.	() -					
4.	() -					
5.	() -					
6.	() -					

The camp fee for PTC is \$85.00. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by July 1 and \$35.00 due at camp.
 The camp fee for AMC, JLTC, and AJTC is \$115.00. A deposit of \$75.00 is due by July 1 and \$40.00 is due at camp.

The camp fee for JTT is \$185.00. A deposit of \$125.00 is due by July 1 and \$60.00 is due at camp. All camp fees include meals and insurance only while in camp. Refunds are available 3 weeks prior to camp.

Camp dates: July 9-14, 2000 (PTC is July 9-12, 2000).

Outpost Commanders Name: _____

Phone Number () - - - - - Date _____

A Sarge Sellers Training Academy booklet for each applicant will be sent to the outpost when application is received.

We encourage outpost commanders to come with the boys to camp. This builds confidence and unity within the outpost.

Send application and camp fees to:
North Texas District Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst, TX 76053-1188

Pow Wow Work Day

Pow Wow Work Day will be held May 6. Outposts may come on this day to prepare their campsite for Pow Wow. Only outposts that have pre-registered by this date will be assigned a campsite. We also ask that you come prepared to clear other campsites or help in other ways to help get the campground ready for Pow Wow.

Pow Wow

Our annual Pow Wow will be held June 2-4, 2000 at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. The theme of Pow Wow this year is "It is Well." Pow Wow packets will be sent to your church office in April, and will be posted to the district web site (www.royalrangers.net/ntd) when they are available. The registration fee will be \$15 each. Begin praying now for a mighty move of the Spirit in the lives of the boys and men who attend this camp.

Annual March for Parks

It is the 5th Annual March For Parks! The March is 5k (3.1 miles). The event will be Saturday, April 15, 2000. 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Also if you get the word to me you can camp at Cooper Lake on the 14th. It will take place at Doctor's Creek Unit of Cooper Lake State Park in the Pelican Point Day Use area. Anybody and everybody interested in protecting, preserving, and enhancing our public parks is encouraged to participate in March for Parks (MFP). Free BBQ for marchers (\$5.00 minimum sponsorship), MFP Goodie Bag with \$5 minimum donation, MFP-T-Shirt with \$25 minimum donations, and plenty of Prizes. Don't miss your chance to help Texas Parks! Contact me for information. (lfogleman@pulse.net) or (903) 454-9439.

God Bless,
Lee Fogleman
Division 1 Commander

ICS certifications

The next date for ICS certification will be September 8th-9th. The cost of a initial certification will be \$50 dollars. This covers the LTC Teaching Guide that you will receive and two meals. The ICS pins are not included and will cost \$5 dollars per set. The two meals that are provided will be breakfast and lunch. The certification will start at 8 pm Friday night and end on Saturday at 3:30 pm. For those who will be re-certifying the cost is still \$10 dollars and includes lunch on Saturday. The re-certification will start at 9 am Saturday and end at 3 pm. Dress for the ICS will be class B and you will need to fill out a registration form which you can get from the North Texas District web page or from a District Staff member. Most people forget to get the require signatures they need and this is why you may not have received your instructors card.

LTC Instructors

You still need to send your LTC grade sheets in. One goes to the District Commander, one goes to the National Office and one goes to the District Training Coordinator and you keep one for your records. Please inform your Section Commanders and the District Training Coordinator when you will be holding an LTC along with the dates and who the instructors are as well as the location of the LTC. I would like for the lead instructor to contact me to get a course number to be put on the form. You can contact me either by phone 972-937-5529 or email reese-marty@yahoo.com.

National Training Camp

National Training Camp (NTC) is October 12-15, 2000 at Lakeview Camp. If you work with Pioneers, Trailblazers, or Trail Rangers and have not yet completed NTC, you need to seriously consider this training opportunity. NTC provides you with four days of top-notch training on Royal Rangers camp craft techniques and the patrol method of camping. You will be challenged through this training event, but you will enjoy the fellowship with other commanders and the strong spiritual emphasis. An application form is available on the district web site (<http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd>) or from the district training coordinator, Marty Reese, or your sectional commander.

National Urban Leadership Conference

National Urban Leadership Conference (NULC) is September 14-17, 2000 in San Antonio. If you feel a burden to reach the unchurched kids in your community (whether it is large or small), consider attending this NULC. This training is designed to prepare you to effectively minister to unchurched kids. Thursday evening and Friday are spent in workshops preparing you for this type of ministry, and Saturday will be spent in hands-on ministry in San Antonio with some of the on-going outreaches of Victory Fellowship. An application form is available on the regional web site (<http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>) or from the regional training coordinator, Jonathan Trower, at 254-420-1941.

Work Day at Camp Eagle Rock

Our region has been given a new area to camp for the 2002 Camporama. It will be close to two shower houses, the amphitheater, and a feeding tent. And there will be plenty of shade trees. That's the good news. The bad news is that we need to clear out the underbrush this year so there will be time for grass to grow in this area before the 2002 Camporama. Thus, our region is having

a work day (actually a couple of days) in April to work on clearing this land. We will be working April 14 and 15. You may arrive Thursday evening if you wish, and Sunday will be a day for traveling back home. The region will provide the meals, and you can stay in the lodge at Camp Eagle Rock, or if your wife would like to come with you (to help with the brush or with the cooking) you may stay in one of the tents at the training center, or you can bring your own camping equipment or travel trailer. All you have to do is bring your own bedding and work tools. If you can help us, please contact either John Permenter (jspcpa@flash.net or 214-478-7716) or Marvin Lemke (Marvin_Lemke@odoc.state.ok.us or 405-728-1453). We need to know you are coming so we will have enough food!

NEW COMMANDERS ONLY!

(DON'T READ THIS UNLESS YOU ARE NEW)

I walk around camps and see these commanders with so many awards and stars on their sleeves. I wonder how they accomplish all these awards. I wonder where the additional time comes from to earn awards after you prepare and teach a weekly lesson to Royal Rangers. I listen to them talk and wonder what they are saying. Have you heard them laugh and mention LTC or FCF? Have you been invited to come to STA or the SCR Training Seminar? What, What?

Sometimes it seems like they are speaking in code. It seems like they will never take a minute to explain what they are talking about. It can be difficult to be new, and you can tell you are best not to ask.

Here are some of the acronyms: (I hope it helps)
LTC – Leadership Training Course – This is your first line of information and training. Do it. Start taking it now.

NTC – National Training Camp. This is boot camp for Royal Rangers commanders. You will enjoy your experiences at this camp and your memories will last a lifetime. Remember, plan on attending this to get your feet on the ground.

STA – Sarge Training Academy – A great week of intense training for the boys. It is the second week of July. Go, Do it! There are up to 200 boys and it takes leaders that love them and God to make it work.

PTC – Pioneer Training Camp – The pioneers portion of STA. Pioneers first real taste of independence and success.

AMC – Advanced Merit Camp. Boy who attend this camp can earn up to 6 advanced merits in one week.

JLTC – Junior Leadership Training Course – Advanced Training. These guys come out First class Rangers, Forever.

FCF – Frontiersman Camping Fellowship

SCR – South Central Region – I thought I would never figure this one out. North Texas is a part of the South Central Region.

There are more and some are harder than others. You don't hear "WM" very often. It means Women's Ministries. I have never heard the acronym for Men's Ministries.

There are a lot more information to learn, but this should help you for now. Remember to never directly ask anyone, they will know you are new. Not that your clean uniform won't give you away anyway.

4 the boys,

Anonymous North Texas Pioneer Commander

Name Intentionally withheld (for my own protection)