



North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

January 2003



Greeting Commanders and Pastors,

It is hard to believe that another year is done. This is a good time to sit back and evaluate what you have accomplished in Royal Rangers.

Fill out the Commanders Award form in this issue of the Signal Fire. Did you earn it? If so, you are doing your job. If not, use this as a guide to help you do a better job next year.

Take note of the upcoming events: Regional Conference in San Antonio and the Academy of Ranger Training. Each of these events are designed to help you do a better job as a leader.

Be sure to make plans to attend the district commanders conference in April. It will be held the 25 and 26 of April at Bethesda Community Church in North Fort Worth. This is an important meeting where you will hear the latest on the changes to the program. We will be teaching a number of excellent classes, including some of the new LTA modules.

Just a note of thanks to Brian Philpott for his service as FCF president. Brian has recently decided that he needed to step down as president, so Clint Grant, the FCF vice-president, will be assuming the office of president effective immediately. Thanks Brian, and welcome to Clint.

Effective January 1 we will have 21 sections (up from the current 18) and 7 new divisions (up from 5). This is quite a change from the way we have done things in the past. Work with us as we all get used to the new sectional and divisional boundaries. Thanks to all of the sectional and divisional commanders who have worked so well with us in the past, and welcome to the new ones that have been appointed.

Finally, if you have not yet chartered for 2002-2003, do it today. It's the right thing to do, and the district and national offices are counting on you.

In His Service,

Paul Patterson, paul@royalrangers.net
North Texas District Commander

2003 District Calendar

January	3-4	District Staff Meeting with Divisional Commanders
	4	District Staff Meeting with ALL Sectional Staffs
	24-25	Regional Conference, San Antonio
February	21-22	Academy of Ranger Training
March	7-8	FCF Brush Poppin
	29	Sarge SIT Camp
April	5	District Ranger of the Year
	25-26	Commanders Conference and Awards Ceremony
May	1-4	Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC)
	24	Pow Wow Workday
	31	Sarge SIT Camp
June	6-8	District Pow Wow
	22-27	Sarge Training Academy
August	15-16	Academy of Ranger Training
September	5-6	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	26-27	Commanders Campout
	9-12	National Training Camp (NTC)
October	6-12	National Royal Rangers Week
	21	Light for the Lost Banquet, in each section
	24-26	FCF Family Days, Lakeview Camp
	14-15	District Winter Camp (5 different divisional locations)
November	14-15	District Winter Camp (5 different divisional locations)
	6	District Staff Banquet
December	6	District Staff Banquet
	13	FCF Family Banquet

Academy of Ranger Training

ATTENTION All Royal Ranger Commanders! All Commanders get on board the "train of opportunity" to receive education at the February 2003 ART that will enhance and help you as local Outpost Commanders with the transition of the new Royal Ranger programs starting in 2003. Be sure to **pre-register** to get the best price. New Commanders have the opportunity to attend two different camps - LTA Outdoor Skills Camp Out and LTA Ranger Kids Skills. If you already have received this type training, then for all other Commanders, ART offers Black Powder Shooters course, First-Aid / CPR, and six new exciting Advanced classes that will give you the greatest opportunity of all to discover how to efficiently, financially, and economically handle advancements, fundraising, stewardship, 21st Century low-impact camping, and different successful Council Fire techniques for soul winning purposes in your local Outpost. So, don't get off the "train" completely here. Just, keep checking the Signal Fire for future updates regarding the next August 2003 ART that announces more new training opportunities to assist and support your efforts as an Outpost Commander.

See you at ART!

Samuel Kellum, lonthorn@t-oe.com
Deputy District Commander

Pow Wow 2003

Like nothing seen before! That's one way to describe Pow Wow 2003. Plans are under way to showcase some exciting events, groups, and more. Our speaker this year is Eric Reamer. Eric is a minister who uses illusions to share the gospel. He travels the country using his skills as an exciting tool to reach people with the gospel news. You can find out more about Eric and his ministry in this newsletter. Don't miss this exciting Pow Wow and only hear about it. More to come...

Jeff Kersey, jeff@royalrangers.net, NTD Productions Coordinator



Pow Wow Speaker

Eric Reamer is the Children's Pastor of Grace Community Church in Denver, Colorado, and a professional Christian Illusionist. He has toured all around the world, presenting the Gospel through the use of modern stage illusion and object lessons.

Eric is the author of several books on the topic of creatively illustrating the Word of God, and has made several television appearances. He served 3 consecutive terms as the President of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians, Rocky Mountain Chapter, and is a featured speaker/performer on the mainstream Christian conference circuit. Eric lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado with his wife, MeLinda and two sons, Steven and Sterling. When not performing or working at his church, Eric enjoys golfing, skiing and coaching his boys in their athletic endeavors. He is also the sole developer of his very popular website, www.illustratedillusions.com.

Sarge Training Academy 2003

It's time again to start making plans for Sarge Training Academy 2003. After a year off for Camporama, we're ready for another year of training boys at Sarge. The staff is already coming together and plans are well under way to make this the best Sarge ever. We again have South Texas coming up to help us staff the camps, and to also bring their boys up for the camp. We're adding a new camp this year, Junior Canoe Expedition. This will be open to boys who have previously completed JLTC, and are looking for adventure and training through a 4 day river trip. More details are coming together and will be available in future mailings, and on the website at www.royalrangers.net/ntd. You'll find an application form inside for your boys. If you have questions about Sarge in any way, or if you are interested in helping with Staff in some way, feel free to contact me at jeff@royalrangers.net or at 817-249-7790. Look for more information in this newsletter about each camp.

Jeff Kersey, jeff@royalrangers.net, STA Coordinator

2003 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

The 2003 24-Hour Prayer Vigil has been scheduled for March 7-8, 2003. We will be praying for the NTD officials, RR activities, NTD RR Staff, leaders and many other important issues. Please be in prayer about this event.

Due to the new section and division boundaries, the schedule will not be published until January 2003. Hopefully, it will be available at the staff meeting January 4. The division commanders, section commanders and area commanders should be contacting the local outposts to coordinate the prayer effort. To be completely effective, we need every hour covered with someone in prayer.

Please include your boys in this vigil. Boys need to understand that God listens to their prayers the same (or more so) as the adults. Participation in this vigil will not only help reach boys but will draw the participants closer to God (if you let it).

If you have not received the schedule or have not been contacted by February 1, please contact your section or area commander or me.

Randy Woods, Harvest Task Force Coordinator

2003 Ranger of the Year Testing

This year's District Ranger of the Year testing will be April 5, 2003. This year's testing will be held at Christ Church Assembly of God in South Fort Worth. Each sectional commander will have the details to give each winner from their section. We will be testing all 5 age groups so make sure you prepare your boys and send them to their sectional testing. One boy from each age group will then come to district testing. I would like to see one boy from each age group from every section. This will be the last year we test the boys over the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos materials. Commanders, we also need you to help test our boys. If you are interested in assisting us with district testing, please contact me so I can get you signed up. We will be sending all 5 age groups to Regional testing this year. I would like to see North Texas well represented and the only way we can do that is for you to have your sections send your boys. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact me. Robert Johnson, rwjohnson3@msn.com, 1511 Speedway, Wichita Falls, TX 76301, or at 940-723-6210

2003 North Texas District Commanders Conference

The details for this years commanders conference are still being finalized. However, mark your calendar for April 25-26, 2003. This coming commanders conference will be located at Bethesda Community Church in North Fort Worth. There are many classes planned. Look for more information coming to your mailboxes soon. If there are classes you would like to see taught, please contact Marty Reese 972.937.5529 or ntxdtc@hotmail.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S QUILL:

HOLDING DOWN THE FORT

In Acts 1:8 we read: *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Christ's early church was given a mandate and carried it out...partly. They waited until they were endued with power and then they became witnesses in Jerusalem. Great numbers were added to the church daily, they had all things in common, and they did a great job of holding down the fort for a few years.

Now let's switch the numbers around. Let's go from Acts 1:8 to Acts 8:1: "...At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were scattered throughout all the regions of Judea and Samaria..."

Christ had said that they should be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. But they were content to hold down the fort at Jerusalem, so God sent persecution and scattered them thru all of Judea and Samaria, that His Word could be accomplished.

Compare this New Testament example to us today. We here in the North Texas District have sat under the best training available to Royal Rangers. We have been "endued with power"; and we have done a great job of holding down the fort. Now it is time for us to launch an offensive against Satan and take the Kingdom of Heaven by force, which is exactly what the theme of our next camp will be:

BRUSH POPPIN' 2003

March 7-8

LAUNCHING AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST SATAN

MATT. 11:12

"...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

This year's camp will be at Fort Vision behind "That Church" in Corsicana, TX. This event is open to all old-timers and young bucks interested in FCF, and the cost is \$10. This year we will have a "Trade Show" with members demonstrating and competing in their respective FCF trades, crafts, and skills.

NEW FCF STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome a couple of new members to our FCF staff. They are: Lee Fogleman-Wilderness Representative and Allen Bennett- Buckskin Representative. We're really looking forward to seeing the fruit of their labors as they enter into this new season with us.

FCF PHASE TWO- FRONTIER ADVENTURE, Feb. 21-22, 2003

There were fifteen people who passed FCF Phase One Testing at Winter camp and are advancing to Phase Two Testing in Feb. This will be the first time we have had this camp on its own, as we have generally held it in conjunction with Pow Wow. This year it will be held in conjunction with ART. This will allow FCF to do more at Pow Wow than we ever have before. If anyone needs to work this adventure for a step in advancement, please contact me.

AROUND THE BEND...

Here are some things to look for and pray about in the near future of our Chapter:

8. Buckskin Registry- some of you have expressed an interest in a list of trades of people in our chapter to do some swappin' with, so we are delivering!
9. Trapper's Brigade Camps- these will be Frontier style work camps at Lakeview Camp, giving you a chance to earn points while building the Kingdom of God!
- : . Brigade Trapper of the Year award- One for old timer and one for young bucks, to be awarded in April at the Commander's Conference.
- ; . Formation of specialized brigades in our chapter to help with camps such as Pow Wow, open to old-timers and young bucks alike!

If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas, please call me, I am here to listen!

Clint "Tinker" Grant, clintwgrant@hotmail.com

FCF President, 214-287-4655

Buckskin Update

Congratulations to all the new FCF Buckskins: Michael Avrit, Larry Moore, David Havel, and Steve Phipps. This is no small accomplishment and is a giant step toward the servant hood aspect of Royal Rangers. These Old Timers and Young Bucks have shown themselves to be a part of the proven by reaching a little further and striving a little harder than the average Ranger.

Now that you have your kudos, let me encourage you to live out the ideas of Royal Rangers and FCF. Do something with your trade. Share it with others. Mentor others in the skills of Rangers and FCF. Find a way to serve in your local church and your community. Be an example to others.

Frontiersmen, it is time for you to look toward becoming a Buckskin. Take a look at the requirements in your FCF handbook or go to the North Texas District web site at: <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/fcf/fcf.htm> to see if you have what it takes. I believe you do. Let me know if you intend to try for your Buckskin at Brush Poppin in March. You can contact me at mtcreekrr@aol.com or 972-296-8919.

Blessings,

Allen "Tahlequah (Two Is Enough)" Bennett, District Buckskin Representative

Battle at Kingsland

The afternoon of November 8, 2002 was cool and clear as warriors gathered at the appointed meeting place in the heart of the Texas hill country in preparation for battle with the evil one. The warriors for Christ had been preparing for this moment for a long time and were ready mentally, physically, and spiritually. The warriors were inspected by seasoned leaders to make sure they had the proper weapons and gear for the coming fray. Victory was in the air for the warriors of Christ; even the deer could smell it and came to watch in vast numbers.

As the warriors were led deep into the wilderness to dig in at their appointed positions, anticipation was heavy of what lay ahead for them during the coming night vigil. The warriors were all prime and they prepared their battle positions in record time. As they ate their last meal before the battle, distant songs of coyotes echoed as if to announce the beginning of the conflict.

The warriors were anointed one last time and the battle began! The enemy came full force at the warriors. All night the battle went on as the call of the coyotes came closer and closer. We heard the victory horns of the warriors all night at their prescribed time, so the leaders knew they were still standing their ground and doing battle.

As the dawn of the next morning came, the victorious warriors returned one by one to the base camp, where a feast had been prepared and devotions were offered up to the living God. The deer that had come to watch the battle were now leaving and heading to their homes to tell of the glorious victory of God they had witnessed that night!

Celebration continued into the evening, where the warriors and leaders met with Christ, our war chief, and the warriors told of their night in battle. Christ was praised for His great victory and all were in good cheer!

We are honored to welcome our new Wilderness members, strong warriors for Christ!

Curtis 'Shinning Spark' Woods
Daniel 'Steady Mallet' Dillow
Robby 'Black Hands' Osborn
Art 'Roaring Thunder' Riley

Please take a moment to congratulate each of these warriors the next time you see them and ask about the battle they fought. I am sure each of them would be glad to testify.

Till next time,

Gary Bierschwale, FCF Territorial Representative

Sarge Training Academy for Boys

(June 22—27)

Discovery Adventure Camp (DAC), \$85.00

DAC is a 3 night camp geared just for the Discovery Ranger age boy who has completed grade 3. This camp gives special emphasis in the following skills: Rope Craft, Fire Craft, Tool Craft, First Aid, Compass, Nature Study, and Cooking. The classes are designed to cover the basic camping skills.

The DAC 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 an opportunity for spiritual growth. We have seen true Pentecostal experiences in the past and pray that God continues to bless in this area.

Junior Training Camp (JTC), \$115.00

JTC is a 5 day camp for all Royal Rangers who have completed the 7th grade, and have completed the camping merit. The boy must be a member of an up-to-date chartered outpost. JTC 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 their 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.

JTC offers training in these specific areas: The Patrol Method, Rope Craft, Lashing, Nature Study, Tool Craft, Fire Craft, 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.

JTC 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 time to unwind, and, most importantly, 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), \$115.00

AMC is a camp designed for the purpose of helping boys earn advanced merits on their way to earning their Gold Medal of Achievement. Each boy can choose from a list of advanced merit classes offered. AMC can be attended by boys who have completed 4th grade and DAC,

or have completed the 5th grade.

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.

The list of merits that are typically offered include: Carpentry, Hobby, Leather craft, Wilderness Survival, Wildlife, Hide Tanning, Beginning Swimming, Advanced Swimming, Home Repair, Plumbing, Hiking, Pathfinder, Home Safety, Safety, Camp Safety, Boating, Sailing, Canoeing, Pioneering, Computer Science, Amateur Radio, Journalism, Weather, Puppeteer, Bible, Christian Service, Church, Tool craft, Fire craft, Cooking, Rope craft, Music, Nature Study, and many more.

Advanced Junior Leadership Training Camp (AJTC), \$115.00

AJTC is a 5 day camp for all Royal Rangers having completed the 8th grade who have successfully completed a JTC. Boys interested in this camp will apply for an invitation. Only 16 boys will be invited to attend this camp.

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

The following is a list of AJTC classes: Advanced Leadership, How to Teach a Class, Soul Winning, Council Fires, and The 16 fundamental truths. Participants will also have an opportunity to complete two or three of the merits offered at AMC, including Wilderness Survival, Pioneering, Rope craft, Advanced Fire craft, and Pathfinder. In addition, boys participating in AJTC will help instruct one of these courses to gain practical experience in teaching skills to other boys.

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.

Junior Training Trails (JTT), \$135.00

JTT is a 5 day camp for Royal Rangers having completed 8th grade and successfully completed JTC. This course is designed to provide basic instruction in backpacking skills. Those participating in JTT will assemble on Sunday at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, TX, and will travel for the backpack trip. Once there, you will enjoy four full days of trail packing before the return trip. While on this trip, campers have the opportunity to work on such merits as the Wildlife, Astronomy, Nature Study, and others. Graduation from JTT will be held with the rest of the camps Friday evening at Lakeview Camp.

All participants must be pre-approved to attend this camp, and will be personally interviewed by the Camp Commander and Sarge Training Academy Program Director.

In order for JTT not to be canceled, we need any boy interested in attending to sign up early.

Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE), \$135.00

JCE is a 5 day camp for Royal Rangers having completed 8th grade and successfully completed JTC. This course is designed to provide basic instruction in canoeing skills and water safety while traveling and camping on the river. Those participating in JCE will assemble on Sunday at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, TX, and will travel for the expedition. Once there, you will enjoy four full days of canoeing down the river, finding the campsite, and experiencing the power of God during nightly services. While on this trip, campers have the opportunity to work on such merits as the Wildlife, Astronomy, Nature Study, and others. Graduation from JCE will be held with the rest of the camps Friday evening at Lakeview Camp.

All participants must be pre-approved to attend this camp, and will be personally interviewed by the Camp Commander and Sarge Training Academy Program Director. In order for JCE not to be canceled, we need any boy interested in attending to sign up early.

2002 Service Awards

Have you earned an award for 2002? Enclosed are the forms for the awards that commanders are eligible to earn. THE DEADLINE FOR SENDING THE AWARD FORMS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS MARCH 15, 2003. Please note \$10.00 for the first year medals and \$2.00 for additional year pins is due when you send in the forms. After you send the forms in, plan to attend the Commanders Conference & Awards Ceremony on April 25-26 to receive your awards. Other new award forms can be found at www.royalrangers.net/ntd and select FORMS on the menu. Since the national office has changed the requirements for all awards, new forms will need to be used for award applications.

New Divisional Boundaries

With the new sectional boundaries, there was also a need to realign the divisions. There will now be 7 new divisions (up from 5). Each division is shown below with their respective sections:

Northwest Division—Abilene, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls Sections

North Division—Denton, Greenville, North Dallas, and Plano Sections

Northeast Division—Longview, Texarkana, and Tyler Sections

West Central Division—Mid Cities, North Ft. Worth, and South Ft. Worth Section

East Central Division—South Dallas and Waxahachie Sections

Southwest Division—Austin, San Angelo, and Waco Sections

Southeast Division—Bryan, Lufkin, and Palestine Sections

APPLICATION FOR SARGE TRAINING ACADEMY

**North Texas District Royal Rangers
Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, Texas**

All blanks must be properly filled in, and this application mailed to the North Texas District Royal Rangers post marked no later than June 2, 2003. Any applications received after this date, will be considered late registrations and subjected to an additional charge of \$25/camper.

Because of the limited size and advance cost of setting up camp, a \$60 (for DAC), \$85 (for AJTC, JLTC, and AMC), and \$100 (for JTT, JCE) pre-registration fee must accompany this application. This fee will be applied toward the total camp fee of \$85.00 for DAC, \$115.00 for AJTC, JLTC, AMC, or \$135.00 for JTT or JCE, respectively, which is due upon arrival to camp. The registration fee is not refundable, but is transferable, if notification is given by phone or mail 2 weeks prior to camp. Remember, if your application is not post marked by June 2, an additional \$25 will be added to your registration cost, \$50 extra for a JTT/JCE registration.

Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Church Name _____ Outpost Number _____

Home Address _____
(Street or Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Camp Attending: DAC () AMC () JTC () AJTC () JTT () JCE ()

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Sarge Training Academy and will follow the instructions of the Staff at all times.

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendations: We believe the above boy is mature enough spiritually, mentally and emotionally to successfully attend Sarge Training Academy.

PARENTAL RELEASE

My Son (or Legal Ward) _____ has my permission to attend the North Texas District Royal Ranger Sarge Training Academy at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, Texas.

I am aware that he will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of Sarge Training Academy and will be under the care of the Staff and will be expected to obey and follow instructions at all times. Serious, unresolved disciplinary problems could result in his early dismissal from camp.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness to Signature _____ Witness name (please print) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Other Emergency Number _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION: (Allergies, Medications, Limitations, etc.) _____

**Mail to: North Texas District Royal Rangers
P.O. Box 1188
Hurst, Texas 76053-1188**

Academy of Ranger Training Pre-Registration Form

February 21-22, 2003

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Outpost Number: _____ Current Position In Rangers: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Check Areas You Are Participating In:

	Pre-Registration Price	At Camp Registration Price
Classes Starting Friday Evenings		
Outpost Camping Skills (Arrive Friday at 5 pm, classes start at 6 pm)	\$20.00	\$30.00
Black Powder Shooters Course (Arrive Friday at 5 pm, classes start at 6 pm)	\$20.00	\$30.00
Classes Starting Saturday Morning		
Ranger Kids Skills (Arrive Saturday at 8:00 am)	20.00	30.00
Advanced Training Classes (Arrive Saturday at 8:00 am, classes start at 9 am) Classes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> € Outpost Computer Records € Outpost Fundraising € Outpost Financing € 21st Century Low-Impact Camping € Outpost Council Fires – 7's 	\$20.00	\$30.00
First Aid / CPR (Arrive Saturday at 8:00 am, classes start at 9 am)	\$25.00 (renewal)	\$35.00 (renewal)
First time student must add \$15 for first aid book	\$40.00 (first time student)	\$50.00 (first time student)
Total Paid		

NOTE: All Checks Made Payable To – North Texas District Royal Rangers

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED if you plan to attend any of the above classes. At Camp Registration fees will be higher. Please mail this form along with your payment at least 7 days before ART to:

North Texas District Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst TX 76053

Check
 Cash
 Total Paid

OUTPOST LEADER'S SERVICE AWARD



Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ OP# _____
 Telephone Number _____

This is my _____ year for this award. (Count each year you have received award.) This award is for Lt. Commanders, outpost councilmen, and Chaplains who have demonstrated outstanding ability in achieving the goals of the Royal Rangers Ministry.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. The commander must be faithful to his local church in attendance and support.
2. His personal life and Christian example must be above reproach.
3. His Pastor or Senior Commander must sign this form.
4. A minimum of 150 points are required to qualify.
5. Member of a chartered outpost.

The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this Award. All points must be earned during the calendar year applied for except the Leadership Training modules and National Training Events.

FILL IN POINTS EARNED IN THE RIGHT COLUMN

ADVANCEMENT/TRAINING	
EARNED THE LEADER'S MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT: (10 MAXIMUM) Must have completed at least Ranger Basics. 5 points (LMA 5 additional points).	
COMPLETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING MODULES: 2 points (After LMA) (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT/CAMP: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ACTIVE FCF MEMBER: 5 points	
FCF ADVANCEMENT: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Must be taken or earned in the past year. New level in Trappers Brigade, Buckskins or Wilderness advancement, Pathfinder or R.I.M. trip.	
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 45 – 52 Times: 10 points 35 – 41 Times: 6 points 25 – 34 Times: 2 points	
ACHIEVEMENT OR MERIT AWARDS TAUGHT IN THE PAST YEAR: 2 points (32 MAXIMUM)	
HOLD CURRENT FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION: 10 points	
A ADVANCEMENT/TRAINING POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
ACTIVITIES	
ATTENDANCE WITH OUTPOST AT DISTRICT/DIVISION/SECTION/OUTPOST: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ATTENDANCE AT A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENT: 5 points (10 POINT MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
WEARING PROPER UNIFORM: 10 points Must be worn at all Royal Ranger activities.	
PARTICIPATION IN A FATHER/SON EVENT: 5 points each (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ATTENDANCE AT A MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	

	OUTPOST MEETINGS ATTENDED: ½ point per meeting (25 MAXIMUM)	
	ATTENDANCE AT ANY OTHER DISTRICT/DIVISION/SECTION/OUTPOST EVENT: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
B	ACTIVITY POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSITION		
	PROMOTIONAL DISPLAYS OR PRESENTATIONS HELD: 2 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	COUNCIL OF ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS CEREMONIES ATTENDED/CONDUCTED: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	ATTENDANCE AT OUTPOST STAFF MEETING: 2 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE PROJECT AT OUTPOST: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN A MISSIONS PROJECT: 5 points (10 POINT MAXIMUM) Light for the Lost(LFTL), Boys & Girls Missionary Crusade(BGMC), Home Missions, World Missions	
	NEWSLETTER OR ARTICLE PUBLISHED PROMOTING ROYAL RANGERS: 1 point (5 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN RANGER OF THE YEAR AT THE OUTPOST: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM)	
	FOR EACH 100 MILES YOU TRAVELED ON BEHALF OF ROYAL RANGERS: 1 point (10 MAXIMUM)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS LEAD TO THE LORD: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS RECRUITED TO LOCAL OUTPOST: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS-YOU DIRECTLY ASSISTED-WHO PASSED 3 ADVANCEMENT STEPS: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	ATTENDANCE AT PATROL STAFF MEETINGS: 1 point (10 MAXIMUM)	
C	RESPONSIBILITY POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
	ADD ROWS A, B, AND C: Total should not exceed 300. Minimum of 150 points required.	Total

Pastor/Senior Commander/District Commander's Signature _____

Date _____

Completed form must be received by the District Commander by _____.

Include the cost of medal or year pin with this form.

£ _____ for medal

£ _____ for year pin

OUTPOST COMMANDERS AWARD



Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ OP# _____
 Telephone Number _____

This is my _____ year for this award. (Count each year you have received award.) This award is for group commanders who have demonstrated outstanding ability in achieving the goals of the Royal Rangers Ministry.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. The commander must be faithful to his local church in attendance and support.
2. His personal life and Christian example must be above reproach.
3. His Pastor or Senior Commander must sign this form.
4. A minimum of 150 points are required to qualify.
5. Member of a chartered outpost.

The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this Award. All points must be earned during the calendar year applied for except the Leadership Training modules and National Training Events.

FILL IN POINTS EARNED IN THE RIGHT COLUMN

ADVANCEMENT/TRAINING	
EARNED THE LEADER'S MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT: (10 MAXIMUM) Must have completed at least Ranger Basics. 5 points (LMA 5 additional points).	
COMPLETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING MODULES: 2 points (After LMA) (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT/CAMP: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ACTIVE FCF MEMBER: 5 points	
FCF ADVANCEMENT: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Must be taken or earned in the past year. New level in Trappers Brigade, Buckskins or Wilderness advancement, Pathfinder or R.I.M. trip.	
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 45 – 52 Times: 10 points 35 – 41 Times: 6 points 25 – 34 Times: 2 points	
ACHIEVEMENT OR MERIT AWARDS TAUGHT IN THE PAST YEAR: 2 points (32 MAXIMUM)	
HOLD CURRENT FIRST AID/CPR CERTIFICATION: 10 points	
A ADVANCEMENT/TRAINING POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
ACTIVITIES	
ATTENDANCE WITH OUTPOST AT DISTRICT/DIVISION/SECTION/OUTPOST: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
ATTENDANCE AT A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENT: 5 points (10 POINT MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
WEARING PROPER UNIFORM: 10 points Must be worn at all Royal Ranger activities.	
PARTICIPATION IN A FATHER/SON EVENT: 5 points each (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	

	ATTENDANCE AT A MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	OUTPOST MEETINGS ATTENDED: ½ point per meeting (25 MAXIMUM)	
	ATTENDANCE AT ANY OTHER DISTRICT/DIVISION/SECTION/OUTPOST EVENT: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
B	ACTIVITY POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSITION		
	COUNCIL OF ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS CEREMONIES ATTENDED/CONDUCTED: 5 points (20 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	ATTENDANCE AT OUTPOST STAFF MEETING: 2 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE PROJECT AT OUTPOST: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN A MISSIONS PROJECT: 5 points (10 POINT MAXIMUM) Light for the Lost(LFTL), Boys & Girls Missionary Crusade(BGMC), Home Missions, World Missions	
	NEWSLETTER OR ARTICLE PUBLISHED PROMOTING ROYAL RANGERS: 1 point (5 MAXIMUM) Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____ Location: _____	
	PARTICIPATION IN RANGER OF THE YEAR AT THE OUTPOST: 5 points (10 MAXIMUM)	
	FOR EACH 100 MILES YOU TRAVELED ON BEHALF OF ROYAL RANGERS: 1 point (10 MAXIMUM)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS LEAD TO THE LORD: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS RECRUITED TO LOCAL OUTPOST: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	NUMBER OF BOYS-YOU DIRECTLY ASSISTED-WHO PASSED 3 ADVANCEMENT STEPS: 1 point each (NO LIMIT)	
	ATTENDANCE AT PATROL STAFF MEETINGS: 1 point (10 MAXIMUM)	
C	RESPONSIBILITY POINTS EARNED Maximum allowed: 100 points Write the total in right column.	
	ADD ROWS A, B, AND C: Total should not exceed 300. Minimum of 150 points required.	Total

Pastor/Senior Commander/District Commander's Signature _____

Date _____

Completed form must be received by the District Commander by _____.

Include the cost of medal or year pin with this form.

£ _____ for medal

£ _____ for year pin

**PASTOR'S
AWARD**

PASTOR



Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ OP# _____

This is my _____ year for this award. (Count each year you have received award.) This award is for Pastors in recognition for their support of the Royal Ranger Outpost.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. A minimum of 60 points are required to qualify.
2. Chartered outpost.

The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this Award. All points must be earned during the calendar year applied for except the Leadership Training Course and National Training Events. A is required for this award.

#	REQUIREMENTS	Points	Earned
A.	Current chartered outpost. (Required)	50	
B.	Attendance with Outpost at District Camp/District Pinewood Derby/District Day Camp/Division Camporee/Division round-up/Division Pinewood Derby. May be a one day visit. 10 points		
C.	Attendance at one Outpost/Section campouts/day camps. 5 points 2 points for each additional.		
D.	Spoke at or gave devotion at a Royal Ranger event. 5 points for each event		
E.	Attended Ranger Basics or earned Leaders Medal of Achievement. 5 points for Ranger Basics 10 points for Leaders Medal of Achievement.		
	TOTALS		

Completed by _____ Date _____

Evaluation form must be received by the District Commander by _____.

Include the cost of medal or year pin with this form.

£ : _____ for medal
 £ : _____ for year pin

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DUE: _____
SNT: _____

2003 NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____
 EMAIL _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____
 RELATIONSHIP _____

OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 [] | FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | JAN. 30 – FEB. 2 |
| 2 [] | WISCONSIN | WAUPACA | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | MAY 1-4 |
| 3 [] | ARIZONA | MCNARY | (PARADISE BOYS CAMP) | MAY 8-11 |
| 4 [] | MONTANA | HUNGRY HORSE | (GLACIER BIBLE CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 5 [] | N. CALIFORNIA | MINERAL | (MT. LASSEN CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 6 [] | MARYLAND | WHITFORD | (BOY SCOUTS CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 7 [] | TENNESSEE | GOODLETSVILLE | (CAMP AMBASSADOR) | MAY 22-25 |
| 8 [] | S. CALIFORNIA | TWIN PEAKS | (PINE CREST CHRISTIAN CONF. CENTER) | SEPTEMBER 4-7 |
| 9 [] | NEW JERSEY | WOODSTOWN | (CAMP ROOSEVELT) | SEPTEMBER 4-7 |
| 10 [] | GEORGIA | FORSYTH | (FAMILY LIFE CENTER) | SEPTEMBER 25-28 |
| 11 [] | TEXAS | MAYPEARL | (LAKEVIEW CAMP) | OCTOBER 9-12 |
| 12 [] | FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | JAN. 29 – FEB. 1, 2004 |

You must be **male, 18 years old or older, and in good health** in order to participate in the strenuous activities of this training camp. Therefore, you **must** have a physical examination. ****A medical record of the exam must accompany this application****. After the examination, please sign the following statement: **"After consulting with my physician, I know of no physical limitation that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities."**

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Any medical facts we should know: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$50** pre-registration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee of **\$175**. You will receive a **\$25 discount** if you pre-register no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Please submit your application as early as possible. **Low enrollment of these camps will be determined at 4 weeks prior to camp start date. At such time these camps will be cancelled with a total refund.** Should you need to cancel you must notify the National RR office no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Your pre-registration fee or total camp fee if paid in advance, will be refunded **minus a \$20** administration fee. Cancellation after this date is nonrefundable! Or should you choose, your fees may be applied toward another camp of your choice. Postmark will determine such dates. A map and additional information will be sent after your registration is approved by the National RR office.

WALK-INS will not be authorized/permitted unless permission is granted by the National RR office.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Royal Rangers, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802-1894

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2003 ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____
 EMAIL _____
 OCCUPATION _____
 DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____
 RELATIONSHIP _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____
 APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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|------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 01 [] FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | FEBRUARY 6-9 |
| 02 [] TEXAS | MAYPEARL | (LAKEVIEW CAMP) | MAY 1-4 |
| 03 [] MINNESOTA | PILLAGER | (LAKE PLACID) | MAY 15-18 |
| 04 [] MISSOURI | EAGLE ROCK | (CAMP EAGLE ROCK) | SEPTEMBER 11-14 |

You must be **male, 18 years old or older, have attended a National Training Camp, and in good health** in order to participate in the strenuous activities of this training camp. Therefore, you must have a physical examination. ****A medical record of the exam must accompany this application****. After the examination, please sign the following statement: **"After consulting with my physician, I know of no physical limitation that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities."**

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Any medical facts we should know: _____

Date and Location of the National Training Camp you attended: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$50** pre-registration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee of **\$200**. You will receive a **\$25 discount** if you pre-register no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Please submit your application as early as possible. **Low enrollment of these camps will be determined at 4 weeks prior to camp start date. At such time these camps will be cancelled with a total refund.** Should you need to cancel you must notify the National RR office no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Your pre-registration fee or total camp fee if paid in advance, will be refunded **minus a \$20** administration fee. Cancellation after this date is nonrefundable! Or should you choose, your fees may be applied toward another camp of your choice. Postmark will determine such dates. A map and additional information will be sent after your registration is approved by the National RR office.

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MEDICAL RECORD NATIONAL ROYAL RANGER TRAINING CAMPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

A physical examination by a physician is required for enrollment in a national training camp. Persons arriving at a camp without having had a physical examination will be required to have such an examination at personal expense by a local physician. This form is to be completed and mailed in with the application, or brought with you to the camp. The National Royal Rangers Office has the prerogative to accept or reject any person based upon his medical health.

HEALTH HISTORY	To be completed by the applicant and/or the physician. Answer YES or NO to the following and briefly explain all yes answers under "REMARKS."				
Sinus Condition		Shortness of Breath		Exposed to Infections	
Ear Problem		Skin Infection		A) Disease Past Three Weeks	
Lung Problem		Hearing Difficulty		B) Hepatitis Past Six Months	
High Blood Pressure		Bad Eyesight		Any disorder Preventing	
Allergy - Asthma		Do you wear contacts		Strenuous Activities	
Fainting or Dizzy Spells		Any Medical Care		Taking Prescription Medicine	
		Within the Past Year		Any Reaction to Drugs or	
		Any Surgery Within Past Year		Medication of Any Type	

REMARKS AND MEDICAL FACTS WE SHOULD KNOW IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Give Latest Date of Inoculation or Vaccination Against the Following	Tetanus	Small Pox	Measles	Typhoid	Diphtheria	Polio
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I know of no physical reason that would restrict me from participation in camp activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Physician Please Note: Trainees enrolled in outdoor activities are exposed to strenuous physical activity. Therefore, the applicant must be physically sound and strong enough to engage in such activity.

Print Applicant's Name:	Examination Date	Birth Date	Height	Weight	Occupation
BRIEFLY INDICATE CONDITION	HEART	LUNGS	THROAT	EARS	
	EYES	SKIN	HERNIA	BLOOD PRESSURE	

In your opinion, is the applicant physically capable to take training? YES _____ NO _____

REMARKS:

Physician's Name	Physician's Signature
Physician's Address	Physician's Business Phone Number with Area Code

2003 Outpost Ranger of the Year Information Form

Date _____

Circle One - S/A BU PI TB CH

Name _____ Age _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Church Name _____ Telephone _____

Outpost Number _____ Is the Boy Currently Chartered? Y N

District _____ Is the Outpost Currently Chartered? Y N

Section _____ Chartered for the Year Being Tested? Y N

(Circle highest rank achieved in the group being evaluated)

SA - BRAVE TRIBESMAN WARRIOR HUNTER SCOUT

BU - GREENHORN WRANGLER RANGER RIDER TOP HAND

PI - RECRUIT POWDER HORN BOWIE KNIFE TOMAHAWK LONG RIFLE
MOUNTAIN MAN SILVER HAWK

TB - RECRUIT SECOND CLASS FIRST CLASS ADVANCED MASTER EXPLORER GOLD HAWK

CHALLENGER TRAIL RANGER _____ (Name of Highest Rank Earned)

(Circle best answers to the questions below)

Number of merit awards earned? _____ (List each of them on the back of this form)

Number of Red Cross type cards currently held? _____ (List each of them on the back of this form)

Earned GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT? Y N

Earned GOLD BUFFALO? Y N Earned SILVER BUFFALO? Y N

Outpost Attendance: Number of meetings held _____ Number attended _____

Wearing Uniform: Number of events held _____ Number attended in uniform _____ (includes regular meetings)

(List extra outpost campouts or activities on the back of this form)

F.C.F. AND TRAINING ACHIEVEMENTS (Circle only those items that apply)

F.C.F. membership dues current? Y N

FRONTIERSMAN BUCKSKIN WILDERNES TRAPPERS BRIGADE

PATHFINDER AWARD JLTC JTT AQUATIC CAMP LIGHT FOR THE LOST JUNIOR COUNCILMAN
NTC LTC JCE GOD AND COUNTRY PROGRAM

JUNIOR LEADERS SERVICE AWARD

OUTPOST INVOLVEMENT

Outpost conduct and cooperation, was it EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR

Living by the Ranger Code, was it..... EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR

Church and Sunday School attendance: Number of services held _____ Number of services attended _____

Participation in local Church, He is active in YOUTH CHOIR ORCHESTRA DRAMA BIBLE QUIZ

(List other activities on the back of this form) MISSIONS AIMS TRIPS VISITATION

Number of men and/or boys won to Christ this year as a result of the Rangers witness? _____

OUTPOST ENLARGEMENT

List the names of boys who have paid charter dues as a result of this Rangers work. (List them on the back of this form)

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate.

COMMANDERS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

2003 Outpost Ranger of the Year Page 2

--- LIST THOSE ITEMS FROM PAGE 1 BELOW ---

MERIT AWARDS - _____

RED CROSS CARDS - _____

OUTPOST ENLARGEMENT - _____

COMMANDERS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Making a difference

Hello all! Thanks again for all you do. Don't think you make a difference? We'll someday we'll know.. but occasionally we see the fruit of some labor.

Last night I had the honor and joy of leading one of our new Pioneers to the Lord. Words cannot express the feeling that comes over you when this happens.. And every time I get the chance I'm floating on air for days after.

Let me share it with you.. in brief.. My devotion last night was a simple one.. A friend and faithful Commander died last week and I was at his funeral on Monday. In spite of the great loss to his family and to all who knew him, it was one of the most encouraging services I have ever seen.. What a legacy this good man Wes Burns left behind.... and what a challenge to all of us men in the sanctuary to be able to leave such a legacy behind as well.. This was a man with a true servants heart.. Always willing... Always ready to serve... If it needed to be done he was there to do it... If there was a need he found a way to get it filled... Not the sort to complain when circumstances were not just rosy.. He took what he had and made it work. 35+ years he served God in the RR and Lord knows how many lives he impacted over those years.

Well.. the lesson to the boys was in summation that Wes lived the Royal Ranger Motto.. He was **Ready**... and ultimately he was **Ready** to go home.. My joy last night and tonight is that I am **Ready** as well. Should the Lord take me home tonight, I'll be with him.... And my second great joy is that should the Lord decide it is time to take home Bradley or Jacob or either of my Gals.. After I started breathing from the pain again..... I would be able to go on, because I KNOW that they are **ready** as well.. That I'll see them again... and all in my family have a personal relationship with Christ... the message was simple.. When we break to go to games in a second.. If you aren't sure that you are ready than don't leave this room.. Stay with me and let's get things right!

Well lo and behold up he walks as all the boys scramble for the door.. and Tyler looks up at me and says as only a young boy can.. I have no idea what you mean to be ready, will you tell me what you mean??? Well 20 minutes later he was **READY** too!!!

And how much fun when all the boys came back to share this great news with them... to see them rejoice in Tyler's decision..... I think we gave Tyler just a glimpse of what it was like in heaven at that moment as all heaven rejoiced with us !!!

So men.. don't get discouraged... Don't get down... Don't forget why we are doing this... You never know what an impact you are having.. what seeds you are plant-

ing.. and when the harvest will be.

Wes Burns in his passing is still impacting young boys for Christ...!!!! God will do whatever it takes to bring his children to him.... how neat to be a small part of that!

Don't let yourself grumble and complain when things aren't just rosy in the rooms.. the marker boards aren't right.. or the tables don't work right... or Gee it's too noisy in here... Don't like the new curriculum....these uniforms stink.... It's raining again...Whatever it is... Our God deserves better from us than that..

Cause our time with these boys is very short.. and We have much to do!

Thanks to all and I love you all.. Sr. Commander Ron Nelson

Does Your Outpost Need a Financial Boost?

Dear Fellow Royal Rangers Commanders,

As with many of you, I have thought long and hard for ways to help with the fund-raising efforts to create the fulltime position for Paul Patterson. My wife Carol and I have operated our fund-raising cookie dough company, Simply Scrumptious, for several years. We want to help by offering the following:

€# 5% of the gross sales will be sent to the District for Commander Paul for any group that is referred to us by a Ranger, anywhere, any time.

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€# Contact our office (972-563-BAKE) and we will mail information to the group needing a fund-raiser; (This does not have to be an outpost or even a group within your church. We work with just about any non-profit organization.)

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€# As we work with many different organizations from all over, it is imperative that the group tells us they were directed to us by a Royal Ranger.

If your group does not need fund-raisers, great! However, if you do need a good fundraiser, we'd like to help both your group and Commander Paul. Once again, the 5% of the gross sales given to the District in no way affects the profits made by the group.

Mark Woods, District FCF Historian, mwoods444@aol.com

2003 Regional Conference

San Antonio, Texas

January 24-25, 2003

Plans are well underway for the 2003 South Central Regional Conference. It will be held January 24-25, 2003 at the San Antonio Airport Hilton. Rev. Freddie Espinoza will be the speaker at the service Friday night and for the devotion Saturday morning. A new feature this year will be several 4-hour optional training classes Friday afternoon. Saturday will be full of workshops and classes to provide every commander with new ideas that can be used in the local outpost.



Registration: Registration will be \$22 for those who pre-register, or \$25 for those who register at the door. This fee covers all of the training on Friday and Saturday, and includes a patch and tie tac for each person registered. To qualify for the pre-registration discount, you need to register (via mail or on our web site) by January 14, 2003. Complete application forms are in this newsletter or you can get one electronically at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>

Boys who have earned their GMA and who are willing to assist the regional staff during the conference are welcome to attend the conference as our guest. We ask each of them to pre-register, but there is not a fee for them to attend the conference.

Hotel: All conference sessions will be held at the San Antonio Airport Hilton located on I-410 on the north side of San Antonio. This is the same hotel that served as our host hotel in 2000. A block of rooms has been reserved at the special rate of \$79 per night (1-4 per room). The cut-off date for this block of rooms is January 11, 2003. To make a reservation, call 1-877-377-7227 and be sure to mention the “Royal Rangers Conference” to receive this special rate.

Schedule and Classes:

Friday

- ⌘ Registration opens at noon
- ⌘ Optional classes 1-5 p.m.
 - š Ranger Kids
 - š Productions
 - š Web/Promotions
 - š IT Seminar (will require district commander’s approval prior to attending)
- ⌘ Exhibits set-up begins at 12:30 p.m.
- ⌘ Evening service with Freddie Espinoza 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

⌘ Registration 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

⌘ General session 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

- Freddie Espinoza devotion
- Update on the new program release by the national staff

⌘ Classes 9:45 – 5:00

○ Tentative class topics include:

- š Impressive Council Fire Services
- š Crafts for Ranger Kids
- š Story Telling
- š Publicity for the Local Outpost
- š Puppets in Royal Rangers
- š Pilot test of new Leadership Training Academy modules (the final list may vary a little from this one). Each of these classes would be offered only once during the day on Saturday. Those marked with an * are required for the LMA:

⌘ *Trip Planning

⌘ Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

⌘ *Discipleship

⌘ *Ranger Kids Activities

⌘ *Discovery/Adventure Rangers Activities

⌘ *Expedition Rangers Activities

⌘ Outpost Council

⌘ How to Start an Outpost

⌘ Teaching Techniques

Ladies Activities: Ladies who are not attending the conference are invited to join us at the service Friday night. Saturday during the day, transportation will be provided to area malls as well as to downtown where the Riverwalk and Alamo are located.

Exhibits: If you would like booth space for an exhibit or sales area, contact Marvin Lemke (mlemke@royalrangers.net) for details.

Royal Rangers South Central Regional 2003 Conference

MUST be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN January 14, 2003

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church You Attend: _____

District: _____ Outpost #: _____

May we Email your confirmation? Yes No

**In order to have sufficient space for all sessions you must pre-select those sessions that you wish to attend.
To offer more sessions there is no scheduled lunch time. Please CIRCLE the sessions that you will BE attending.**

Friday Sessions	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
1:00—5:00	Ranger Kids	Productions	Website/Newsletters		IT Seminar
Saturday Sessions	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
8:00—9:30	General Session				
9:45—10:45	Impressive Council Fire Services	Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship	Discovery/ Adventure Rangers Activities	Crafts for Ranger Kids	Outpost Council
11:00—12:00	Story Telling			Crafts for Ranger Kids	
12:15—1:15	Ranger Kids Activities	Impressive Council Fire Services	Publicity for the Local Outpost	Puppets in RR	How to Start an Outpost
1:30—2:30		Discipleship	Teaching Techniques	Trip Planning	
2:45—3:45	Expedition Rangers Activities				
4:00—5:00					Story Telling

Registration FEE:
\$22.00 IF POSTMARKED No Later Than January 14, 2003
If NOT MAILED by January 14, 2003 you must register at the conference—Fee will be \$25.00

Check Number: _____ (Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers)

MasterCard Visa Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card (please print): _____

I Authorize SCR to charge my credit card: _____ Signature: _____

Ladies Activities Will your wife be attending the Friday ladies activities? Yes No Saturday? Yes No

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

John Permenter
 601 Jealousie Way, Suite 2
 Cedar Hill, Tx 75104
 214-478-7716

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