

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SIGNAL FIRE

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Paul Patterson presents Brother Dubose a gift from the Royal Rangers at his recent retirement reception



Reaching, Teaching, and Keeping Boys for Christ in the North Texas District



From our District Commander

Greetings, As you can see on the front cover, Bro. Dubose has retired. The North Texas District Royal Rangers presented Bro. and Sis. Dubose a print from Fred Deaver called "The Vision." Bro. And Sis. Dubose have been a blessing to me and the Royal Rangers in this district. We will miss them greatly, but join me in prayer that God will bless them in this time of their lives. Bro. and Sis. Dubose, we salute you and will be praying for you.

We had a very successful Pow Wow earlier this month. I am glad that you enjoyed all the activities and the speaker Eric Reamer.

I wanted to share with you a little about the theme of our Pow Wow: "The Mighty Fortress." As you noticed, we had a B-17 on our poster. The B-17 was noted as the "flying fortress" because of the way it protected the crew inside. It may have come back all shot up, but it brought the crew back. They would talk about how it protected them and how they took the war to the enemy.

As that aircraft protected that crew so will the blood of Jesus protect you. Jesus said that He would protect and hover over us like a mother protecting her child. He also gave us the Holy Spirit as our offensive weapon. With the protection of the Blood of Christ and the offensive weapon of the Holy Spirit we can take the battle to the enemy. We may get shot up and bruised, but He will bring us back to fight another battle. He will always protect us, and someday will call us home with the words: "Well done thy good and faithful Ranger, welcome home."

Looking forward to the rest of the year, there are several events yet to happen that also promise to be exciting and rewarding for you and for your boys. In this issue of the Signal Fire, look for information on ART in August, where you will receive instruction to make you a better commander. Also, there is information about the Divisional Commanders Camp-outs which are a relaxing time for you to fellowship with other commanders in your division, and FCF Family Days, which is open to everyone. This is the one camp we have each year where we can bring the entire family.

There are also application forms in this Signal Fire for National Training Camp (NTC) and Ranger Kids Training Conference (RKTC). NTC is for leaders of Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. If you haven't yet attended NTC, you need to. This one will be at Lakeview Camp, so it should be easy for you to get to. RKTC is for commanders in Ranger Kids. This conference will be held in Oklahoma.

Finally, we welcome Gary Bierschwale back to the district staff. I have asked him to rejoin us as the FCF president. Please welcome him back, and come out to the FCF events to help support him.

In His Service,

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

2003 District Calendar

July	7-11	Territorial Rendezvous
August	15-16	Academy of Ranger Training, Lakeview LTA Campout Basic Ranger Training Advanced Ranger Training
September	5-6	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	26-27	Commanders Campout (contact divisional cmdr)
October	9-12	National Training Camp (NTC), Lakeview Camp
	6-12	National Royal Rangers Week (your church)
	21	Light for the Lost Banquet, in each section
	24-26	FCF Family Days, Lakeview Camp
October 31—Nov. 2		RKTC, Turner Falls, Oklahoma
November	14-15	District Winter Camp (contact divisional cmdr)
December	6	District Staff Banquet
	13	FCF Family Banquet

LTC-Trained Transition Module Deadline

Instructors have until December 31st to get current LTC-trained leaders through the Transition Module so that they may earn the new LMA. After this date all current LTC leaders who want to earn the new LMA will need to complete the required modules for the new LMA. The Transition module is 6 hours long. Nothing less than that qualifies a LTC-trained leader for the new LMA. If you have questions about what the Transition Module consists of, check with the district training coordinator.

Instructor Certification Seminar

Instructors, if it has been 4 years since your certification then you need to attend this ICS on September 6th. If you're not sure if you fit in this category then give Marty Reese a call at 972-937-5529 to verify your Instructors status.

Academy of Ranger Training

August 15-16, 2003

Commanders, now it the time to get the training you need. We are continually finding new classes that commanders are interested in taking. If you have one you would like to see taught, contact Sammy Kellum at longhorn@t-oe.com.

We will be having lots of classes to choose from. Whether you are a new commander taking the LTA campout or interested in one or more of the other classes, you will be sure to find something that you can learn more about.

LTA Campout will begin at 6 pm Friday night. Registration starts at 5 pm so please arrive early enough to register. This will cost \$20 and you will be done by 5 pm on Saturday.

There are many classes that will be offered on Saturday. The cost will be \$20 and you can take a morning class and an afternoon class (unless you are taking canoeing). The classes are:

- Ranger Kids activities (8 am—noon),
- Discovery and Adventure Rangers activities (8 am—noon),
- Safety and the Church (1—4 pm),
- Expedition Rangers activities (1—5 pm), and
- Canoeing (9 am—5 pm)

The challenge course will also be available on Saturday. The cost for the challenge course is \$35. If you decide to take this class, you will need to fill out a Challenge Course release form and send it in with your pre-registration. You can find the form at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/documents/forms.htm>. This form will need to be sent to the district office with your ART pre-registration form.

The final classes that will be offered are Black Powder Classes.

1. Black Powder Shooters Card (Friday 6 pm – Saturday 4 pm) - \$30
2. Black Powder Instructors - (Friday 6 pm—Sunday 1 pm) - \$150

Instructors, make sure you are prepared and fill out a registration form when you arrive at camp.

If you have additional questions, please contact Sammy Kellum at longhorn@t-oe.com or 972.296.6406.

Academy of Ranger Training Pre-Registration Form

August 15-16, 2003

Name: _____ Outpost Number: _____

Email Address: _____

	Pre-Registration Price	At-Camp Registration Price
Classes Starting Friday Evening		
LTA Camp-Out <small>(Arrive Friday at 5 pm, classes start at 6 pm)</small>	\$20.00	\$30.00
Black Powder Shooters Card <small>(Classes start Fri. at 6 pm – Sat. 4 pm)</small>	\$35.00	\$45.00
Black Powder Instructor <small>(Classes start Fri. at 6 pm – Sun. 1 pm)</small>	\$150.00	\$175.00
Classes Starting Saturday Morning		
Challenge Course (low/high ropes) <small>(Must also complete the challenge course release form - Arrive Saturday at 8:00 am, class 9 am – 5 pm)</small>	\$35.00	\$45.00
Canoeing <small>(Arrive Saturday at 8:00 am, class 9 am – 5 pm)</small>	\$20.00	\$30.00
LTA Training Modules <small>(Arrive Saturday at 7:30 am, classes start at 8 am)</small> Circle a morning and an afternoon class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger Kids Activities (8 am – noon) • Discovery and Adventure Rangers Activities (8 am – noon) • Safety and the Church (1 pm – 4 pm) • Expedition Rangers Activities (1 pm – 5 pm) 	\$20.00	\$30.00
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. ~~As~~ 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

2003 Pow Wow Highlights

Everyone thought the 2003 POW WOW was very exciting, and I do agree. The roar of motorcycles, the show and shine of classic cars and the buzzing of airplanes really got our attention. Among all the bikers one really got our attention real quick. It was the oldest bike and our newly appointed Divisional Commander was riding it. Yep! Commander Wayne Word.

Hot Rods! That was something to see. All those old cars and pickups fixed up. Might mention something about the OLE' black model A Ford and share some history about it. Came from North Dakota. The owner has owned this car since 1962. He courted his wife, Cheryl Klopfenstein, in it 37 years ago. Oh! He bought it for \$150.00. Don't believe you can purchase one now for that price. Did you see that 1938 Ford. It was EST. \$100,000.00. It was nice. Thanks, Christian Classic Cruisers, for bringing back the memory of the 40's, 50's, and 60's.

Greater Southwest Aero Modelers from the mid-cities. The remote control helicopter and airplanes really kept us on edge all the time. I thought at one time the combat planes were going to have a mid air collision. One of the planes did crash in the field. They said it buried the nose down into the ground. The combat was a great success and we know it took a lot of skill to fly them. We thank you Steve French, Club member, for putting together a fantastic show for us.

I want to extend our gratitude of thanks for all the bikers, Christian Classic Cruiser and the remote control airplane pilots for coming and sharing their time with us. Everyone of them want to came back next year. I vote for that.

District Commander Support: As many of you know there is a need for a full-time District Commander. Many of you agreed to help in this. We do need your commitment and support through a monthly pledge of \$10.00 per month or more. This pledge can be from a church or individual. God will richly bless you for your contribution to this ministry. Let's all do our best to support our District Commander. We do have the best in the World. There is none better. Don't forget to send in your pledge. Pledge forms can be found at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/misc/contributions.htm> and once you make your pledge, make your monthly checks payable to NTDC-Royal Rangers and designate it for account 011-4606.

Challenge Course Facilitators Needed

Would you like to become a Facilitator for the Challenge Course at the campground? If so, there are currently openings for those interested. Get involved with running this course for our Royal Rangers boys as well as outside organizations.

We are planning a training course for those who are ready. The cost for the training and the equipment you will own is \$550 per person. If you are interested, please contact Paul Patterson at 817.589.0082 or paul@royalrangers.net immediately. A \$300 deposit is required by the end of July 2003 in order to get you registered for training.

Don't miss out on this opportunity because this will be the only team that will be accepted for the next couple of years. Call Commander Paul today because its time to get started on getting you trained.

Welcome to the world of FCF!

Wasn't the Pow Wow fantastic! There was all kinds of activities going on to hold your interest from RC plane dog fights to a Care Flight landing! Although my favorite was the 1812 war re-enactment...

Don't rest yet, as there are more FCF activities left in the year for your interest and enjoyment. The next event will be Academy of Ranger Training, August 15-16, at Lakeview Camp. The available activities will be LTA training camp out, Basic Ranger training, and Advanced Ranger training. There are always very useful and challenging classes taught at this camp for the commanders. There will also be an NRA black powder course taught during this camp that will last from Friday evening through Sunday. Make plans now to attend this camp and get some much needed training and experience to take back to your outposts!

The FCF Family Days will be held at Lakeview Camp on October 24-26. This camp can be attended by all Rangers and their families regardless if you are in FCF or not. The entire camp is set in a pre-1840 atmosphere with activities and dress of the same period. It is wonderful fun for the entire family! There will be an area set aside for modern camping if you cannot afford a primitive lodge yet. There will be lots of prizes for all sorts of activities and some really good music and fellowship. There will be a pie auction Friday night for a fund raiser.... so bring your best and lets see who can bring-in the most for their special desert! I will see you and your family there!!

Our annual FCF Christmas Banquet will be at Lee "Prospector" Fogelman's church in Greenville. Lee is heading-up the banquet this year and wants to do something we used to do and had fun with. He would like all participants to make a small gift to exchange at the banquet. Each man, woman, and child should bring a handmade gift (handmade by their family) to exchange with others. Lee has some wonderful activities for us this year and I know you will not want to miss it! There will be more information coming out in future issues.

Well, that's about all the news I have for you right now. I hope to meet each of you and shake your hand at the next doin's!! Until then.....

Your servant,

Gary "WildWind" Bierschwale, FCF President, Acts 2:2

LTA Training Brochure

The national office has a new LTA training brochure available online. You can look at it at <http://www.ag.org/royal-rangers/lta-brochure.pdf>

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Family Camp

Have you marked your calendars? Family Days 2003 is round the corner! Held October 24 - 26 at the Lakeview Camp, this great event is one you don't want to overlook. This year's theme, "Bringing in the Sheaves" is taken from Psalms 126:6. What a wonderful way to spend quality time with your family. Don't miss this relaxed, fun weekend. Remember, you do not have to be an FCF member to attend this camp. It is open for you to bring your family and find out more about FCF and relax with your family for the weekend.

I would like to encourage everyone (especially young bucks!) to bring your family and invite friends. Any "pilgrim" is welcome to visit for the day or spend the night. What a great way to introduce your church family and potential Rangers to FCF.

The first event of the weekend is our PIE AND DESSERT AUCTION, held Friday evening. After the auction, the desserts are shared for a great time of fellowship. Your dessert can be brought with you or made at camp, which ever is easier for you. In years past, members have donated other FCF-type items for auctioning. Feel free to bring a donation and your checkbook. All proceeds go to the Chapter.

Don't forget to pack your TRADE GOODS. We all look forward to buying, selling, trading and giving away, right men?

As always, we look forward to our awesome church services with great music and The Word, so don't forget to bring your Bible.

If you have an idea for a fun game or event, please let me know. Some of our events will be:

- Games such as horseshoes & washers, old-fashioned clothes washing race, hunker hog and knife & 'hawk throw
- Help your family create the true checkerboard game (supplies will be provided) and enjoy the camp-wide checkerboard competition
- Quilting bee
- Saturday Night's Campfire Cooking Competition - main dish and dessert (Note: Plan your dish ahead of time so you don't miss out.)
- Black Powder Shooting Contest
- Much, much more!

Saturday night's camp-wide dinner is always a great feast. Plan to cook enough to share and bring your appetite!

See you there!

Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods, FCF Historian

Jesus is missing!

By Randy Woods, North Texas Deputy District Commander

Recently, I listened to a man who spoke of taking his family to Eureka Springs Arkansas. They greatly enjoyed the mountains, forests and other natural wonders in the Ozark mountains. While there, they also visited "The Christ of the Ozarks." This gigantic statue represents Jesus looking over the valley. To a small child at the base, the sight was overwhelming; in fact, frightening. The man's small son was quite ready to leave this statue and go to more friendly places.

After riding for a while, the father asked the family to look across the valley. There in the distance was the statue from which the young man so desperately wanted to leave only a short time ago. As the boy looked, somehow, from a distance of some miles, it seemed less frightening, even interesting. The boy stared at the statue as long as he could. He said nothing about what he saw. Soon, it was out of sight.

The next morning, the family once again left for a day of sightseeing. After a short drive, they passed the same location where the evening before they had seen the Christ of the Ozarks statue in the distance. The boy, still drawn by the sight from yesterday, stared across the valley to see it. But today, he could not find it. He cried out to his father "Jesus is missing!" The father was somewhat surprised and asked the boy to repeat what he had said. The boy replied, "Jesus is missing!" Startled by this revelation, the father asked why he said that. The boy replied that yesterday Jesus was standing on the hill across the valley but today He is not there.

The father turned in the direction of the statue. The boy was correct. Jesus was not there. The father began to chuckle. He explained to the young man that yesterday late in the day, the sky was clear but today is early and a fog still covered the valley. He promised the young man that by the time they returned in the evening, the sun would dry the fog and Jesus again could be seen.

Late that afternoon, the family was heading back to their vacation residence. As they crossed the valley, the father had forgotten his prophecy to his son. Soon the young man cried with excitement and comfort "Jesus is back" "Jesus is back." The father was again startled but as he looked across the valley this time, the statue was in the same place as before just as he had predicted.

What a lesson this can have in our lives! Have you at one time seen Jesus across the valley or even up close but now say Jesus is missing? He is still in the same place. Only a fog has covered what you have seen before. Cry to God to clear the fog that Satan has placed before you. One day soon, we will all look across our valley and cry with excitement and joy "**Jesus is back!**" Look forward to that return. Reach for the young men in your church, your neighborhood and your city. Let them share in the excitement without fear and shout, "**Jesus is back!**"

Divisional Commander Campouts

September 26-27

This year we will have 7 divisional commanders campouts going on at the same time. Please plan to take the commanders from your church for this time of relaxing and socializing. The cost of this divisional campout will be \$10 per person.

NORTH DIVISION

The North Division was created this year, as were most of the divisions. It is made up of Denton Section, Plano Section, Greenville Section, and North Dallas Section. The Denton and Plano Sections are both new, they were created from splitting the old Denton Section into two sections.

Our only Division activity to-date, has been Pow-Wow workday. What a turn out. There must have been 35 or 40 men and boys from our division cleaning up camp for Pow-Wow. I appreciate the great turn out as do the outposts that did not make it to workday. Camp was in great shape for Pow-Wow. Our next division activity will be Commanders Camp. This camp is designed just for you commanders. Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon September 26th and 27th.

Our camp will be held at Eisenhower State Park on Lake Texoma. From Highway 75 going north out of Dallas, take exit #72 to State Highway 91 North to Denison Dam to FM 1310W and traveling 1.8 miles to Park Road 20 entrance. The park gate closes at 10PM. There is a \$1 entrance fee to enter the park. There will be instructions at the park entrance notifying you of the camp location. If you can not make Friday night, come Saturday for breakfast or just show up for lunch on Saturday.

Our camp cook is Commander Steve Hyatt (Thundering Buffalo). When he cooks, even the dishwasher tastes good. This guy will take care of us. We are staying in the screen shelters. You will need to bring a cot, and a chair, unless you want to sleep on the ground and stand up during camp. Bring your questions and answers – you probably have already solved the opportunity we have at our outpost. We will visit, talk Royal Rangers, tell tales, talk about Jesus, and make some new friends. Bring a new commander and introduce them around. Being a new Royal Ranger Commander can be hard, bring them on, we will help you indoctrinate them.

I need ideas for our Winter Camp location. Room for at least 100 campers!

Pat Reilly, North Division Commander
214-348-5010, reilly1@airmail.net



**Northeast "Minute Men" Division
P.O. Box 1953, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-1040**



Commanders,

Our Northeast "Minute Men" Divisional Commanders Camp is scheduled for September 26th – 27th. We will meet in the piney woods of Tyler State Park off on Interstate 20. Make plans to attend this annual camp. We guarantee it to be a time to encouragement and relaxation. We will host a special council fire for the commanders and a time of communion.

I also want to encourage all commanders to invite their pastors to attend this camp. It will give your outpost a new thrust for the next year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 903-521-5636 (cell).

Reaching Boys for Christ,

Jody Fauss, Northeast "Minute Men" Divisional Commander

West Central Division

CAMPS - Commanders Camp - Sept. 26th & 27th 2003, Camp Burnett in South-lake Texas. Meals will be furnished, Bring only a cot and sleeping bag, no tents needed. Come and enjoy a great time in the Lord, and fun and fellowship with your fellow Commanders.

DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS NOTES

Greetings West Central Division. I am looking forward to getting around and meeting those of you that I have not had the opportunity to meet yet. I will be attending some of your sectional meetings, training events, and also I hope to see each and everyone at Commanders Camp. We are going to be working together to make the West Central Division one of the strongest Divisions in the District, but I can't do it without your help. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have something that I may help you with.

May God richly bless each of you.

Roger Stewart, West Central Divisional Commander
Home # 817-421-0012, Cell # 817-437-1336, rstewart@itexas.net

If you are in one of the following divisions, you will need to contact your divisional commander for information about your division's commanders campout.

Northwest Division (Abilene, Cross Timbers, Wichita Falls) - Robert Johnson - 940-723-6210

East Central Division (South Dallas, Waxahachie) - Wayne Word - 972-564-4405

Southwest Division (Austin, San Angelo, Waco) - Ken Farley - 817-483-0565

Southeast Division (Brazos Valley, Lufkin, Trinity Valley) - James Kemp - 979-272-5017

Convoy of Hope Coming to North Texas

Are your boys interested in earning their Green Convoy of Hope merit? If so, there is a Convoy of Hope planned for October 25th, 2003 in the Fort Worth area.

In order to make this Convoy of Hope successful, we need at least 200 men and boys to help prepare 5,000—7,000 bags of groceries. Your outpost will need to arrive by 6 am to start working and cleanup should be completed by 3 pm. We are asking that all Royal Rangers either wear their t-shirts or uniform.

In order to start preparations, please email or contact Mark Oliver with your name, outpost number, and the number of boys and men that will be attending. Then as detailed information is being released, we can notify each outpost directly. You can contact Mark at mark@royalrangers.net or 817.263.7229.

This will give the boys an experience they will not forget and the opportunity to earn an extra merit while they work.

Green Convoy of Hope Merit Requirements:

1. Answer the following questions about Convoy of Hope:
 - A. When was it created?
 - B. Why was it created?
 - C. What type of outreaches and projects is Convoy of Hope involved in? Name at least four.
 - D. How can individuals partner with Convoy of Hope?
2. Be a volunteer worker at a Convoy of Hope event (for a minimum of 6 hours). These hours cannot be applied to the Bronze and Silver Christian Service hour requirement.
3. Write a three-page report on the Convoy of Hope event that you assisted as a worker.
4. Give three scripture verses that refer to missions.

2004 Regional Training Conference will be here before you realize it

Plans for the 2004 South Central Regional Conference are shaping up. It will be held January 30-31, 2004 at the Omni Hotel in Richardson, Texas. We will have special classes Friday afternoon for those who want to attend. The evening service will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday night at the hotel, and on Saturday we will have a full schedule of classes.

Our special speakers for the conference include:

- Randy Ruiz, an evangelist who was called into the ministry while attending a Royal Rangers camp where Fred Deaver was the speaker. Randy was the keynote speaker at the 2003 National Royal Rangers Council.
- Richard Hammar, the general legal counsel for the Assemblies of God.
- Marshall Bruner, coordinator of ministry development for the Children's Ministries Agency in Springfield.

Make plans now to attend the conference. You will enjoy the ministry, fellowship, and training that you receive, and you will return to your church charged up for ministry to the boys in your outpost and community.

Additional information about the conference will be in future editions of the Signal Fire, and will also be posted on the regional web site at www.royalrangers.net/scr

GMA Association

What is the G.M.A. Association? It is a service organization for Royal Rangers who have earned or soon will be earning the Gold Medal of Achievement. Applications will be available soon on the North Texas District Web page, along with more information about the Association. Our purpose is to Reach, Teach and Keep young men for our Lord JESUS Christ and to create an avenue of fellowship for all G.M.A. recipients.

The G.M.A. Association will be at every G.M.A. ceremony, as requested, to induct new members into the Association with the G.M.A.A. Beret and Cords as well as to assist in the service as needed.

The G.M.A. Association is looking forward to a being a part of your G.M.A. service and the fellowship that will follow.

Craig McCracken, GMA Association Coordinator, kcmc84@ev1.net

What Does It Take to Earn the Leaders Medal of Achievement?

Along with the new Royal Rangers program has come a new training program -- the Leadership Training Academy (LTA). Details about the LTA are in a brochure that is available from the national Royal Rangers website (<http://ag.org/royal-rangers/lta-brochure.pdf>).

For Existing Commanders (those with their LMA)

If you earned your Leaders Medal of Achievement (LMA) through the Leadership Training Course, you have one of the "old" LMAs -- either a red one or a blue one. To update yourself on the new program, and to qualify to wear the new gold LMA, you need to complete the LMA Transitional Module. This module takes a minimum of 6 hours to complete, and consists of a quick look at the Ranger Basics module PLUS additional sessions on the new program. Anything less than 6 hours of training, which consists of these two parts, will NOT qualify you for the new gold LMA.

This transitions option for experienced commanders to earn the gold LMA expires December 31, 2003 (this year). After that, all commanders, whether or not you have the red or blue LMA, will have to complete all of the modules required for the LMA to earn the gold LMA.

For New Commanders (those without their LMA)

If you are a fairly new commander, you likely have not had the opportunity to earn the Leaders Medal of Achievement (LMA) yet. To earn your LMA, there is a series of modules that you need to take, starting with Ranger Basics. Here is the list of requirements for you to earn your LMA:

- Ranger Basics (8 hours)
- One of the age-specific activity modules -- RK Activities, DR/AR Activities, or ER Activities (4 hours)
- Discipleship 1 and 2 (3 hours each; 6 hours total)
- Safety and the Church (3 hours)
- Successful Outposts (4 hours)
- First Aid-CPR -- from a certified provider, e.g., Red Cross
- One of the following: LTA Camp-out or NTC (DR/AR/ER Commanders), RK Skills or RKTC (RK Commanders), or National Training Conference (all commanders)
- Any two elective modules (minimum of 2 hours each)

Once you complete that list of requirements, you will qualify to wear the gold LMA on your uniform.

A Note to Certified Instructors

Be sure you uphold the requirements set out in the LTA brochure that are summarized above. These are the national guidelines, and as a certified instructor you have agreed to abide by those guidelines. There is NO WAY for any experienced commander to qualify for the gold LMA in less than 6 hours. Be sure to stick to this guideline.

2003 Sarge Training Academy A Huge Success

What a great time at Sarge! 226 boys came from North and South Texas to attend this years Sarge Training Academy. The newest camp, Junior Canoe Expedition, took 6 boys along a float ride down the Buffalo River in Arkansas, and they all came back. We also saw our largest number ever for the beginning camp, Discovery Adventure Camp, or DAC. This camp used to be called Pioneer Training Camp, or PTC. It had 70 Discovery Rangers for the first ever DAC and what a time they had.

Not only did these campers have a great time learning, they also had a personal experience with God. Over 100 boys received a touch from God through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We had commanders get healed of physical troubles, revelations through the Word that were confirming words to some. And something I haven't seen before. During the praise and worship Tuesday evening, the flood gates just opened. No one had said a word, no gestures had been made, yet there they were, boys, lots of boys, coming to the alter. Not just one or two, there were 50-60 boys that suddenly made the move to the alter. In just a matter of seconds, the seats had cleared and boys and commanders were there seeking God, falling on their face before Him, crying out to the Lord and receiving the gifts from above. God is good, and He answers the prayers of His children.

Now we're making plans for next year. June 27 – July 2, 2004 will be next years camp. If you've wanted to help but haven't been able to, talk to one of the commanders who were there this year and ask them about their experiences. Yes, there will be tales of struggles, but when they talk about the council fire services, watch how they light up talking about what God did. Start looking ahead to next years and expect more great things from God for your boys, and for the commanders who attend. Thanks to all you guys who came out and helped this year.

Jeff Kersey, Sarge Asst. Camp Coordinator

Chartering Information Coming Soon

Make sure you look for your chartering packets to arrive at your church office the last part of August 2003. Please make sure you return these on time to avoid missing any High Adventures and to avoid late fees. If you have questions about chartering, please contact Teresa at the district office at 817.589.0082 (Monday—Wednesdays)

National Training Camp in North Texas in October

If you have not attended NTC, now is your time. It will be held at Lakeview camp from October 9-12. It is close to home and you do not have to drive very far. If you are interested, send your application in immediately to prevent this camp from being canceled. This camp teaches commanders a lot of good information and shows you how to run the patrol system within your outpost. The application is in this newsletter or you can find more information at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/royal-rangers/training.cfm>

New Training Available for Leaders

Modules available now

Ranger Basics (8 hours) - This module is the foundational module for all new commanders will be encouraged to attend. Ranger Basics will provide a new commander with all the necessary information he/she needs to effectively lead boys in the weekly meeting.

LTA Transitional Modules (6-7 hours) - This module is for those commanders who earned their LMA under the previous LTC program. It consists of a shorter version of Ranger Basics, plus the changes to the new program. This module is available now through December 31, 2003.

LTA Camp-Out - This training module is an overnight campout that is required for those commanders working with the Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. This module will prepare commanders to take boys camping.

Ranger Kids Skills (6 hours) - This module is for Ranger Kids commanders and will focus on the skills needed to safely take Ranger Kids on outings and field trips.

RK, DR/AR, or ER Age-Specific Activities (4 hours) - This module will provide group commanders ideas, skills, and safe practices to follow when working with boy outside the Outpost meeting.

Discipleship 1 and 2 (3 hours each) - This module is intended to provide commanders with in-depth training in soul winning, counseling, and discipleship issues related to ministering to boys.

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (2 hours) - This module will introduce commanders to FCF, its mission, goals, and requirements for membership and advancement. It is designed to encourage men to become members and for them to encourage membership among their boys.

How to Start an Outpost (2 hours) - This module is for those commanders who need to know how to start Royal Rangers in their church.

Outpost Chaplain (2 hours) - This module will equip Outpost Chaplains with the skills necessary to fulfill the spiritual needs of the outpost.

Outpost Councilmen (2 hours) - This module will equip Outpost Councilmen with the skills necessary to administer the Royal Rangers program in their church.

Working with Boys with Disabilities (2 hours) - This module will help commanders effectively lead boys that are mentally and physically challenged.

Safety and the Church (3 hours) - This module will help commanders understand the most important safety issues when dealing with boys during outpost meetings, activities, and while transporting boys.

Successful Outpost (4 hours) - This module incorporates many ideas and best practices a commander can follow to create a successful outpost.

Substance and Child Abuse Prevention (3 hours) - This module introduces commanders to their life threatening aspects of substance and child abuse and how to spot boys currently living in an abusive environment

Teaching Techniques (4 hours) - This module provides commanders with techniques and ideas to effectively teach boys in or out of the outpost meeting.

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2003 NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION



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PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
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NAME _____
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 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 | MENARD | (PARADISE BOYS CAMP) | MAY 1-4 CANCELLED |
| 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.

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2003 RANGER KIDS TRAINING CONFERENCE APPLICATION



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HOME PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

Date _____

- 1 [] INDIANA Hartford City (Lake Placid Conference Center) April 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)
- 2 [] WEST VIRGINIA Falling Waters (Potomac Park Conference Center) April 10-12 (Thursday-Saturday)
- 3 [] LOUISIANA Woodworth (Woodworth Camp) September 19-21 (Friday-Sunday)
- 4 [] OKLAHOMA Turner Falls (Assemblies of God Camp) Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 (Friday-Sunday)
- 5 [] FLORIDA Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness) February 6-8, 2004 (Friday-Sunday)

You must be **18 years or older** and in **good health** in order to participate in this training conference. Therefore, you **must** have a physical examination. ****A completed 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."**

I am in good health and able to participate in this training conference.

(Signature) _____

Any medical facts we should now: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$50** preregistration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee, which will be **\$200**. You will receive a **\$25 discount** if you pre-register no later than **4 weeks** before 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** before 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' Address	Physician's Business Phone Number with Area Code

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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 August 21, 2003. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or mark@royalrangers.net.

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