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

From Our District Commander

Commanders;
Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior.

Commanders, we have had 3 of our brothers go on to be with the Lord this year. Frank Berry had been with this district since the beginning. He trained a lot of us commanders in the 1970's. Some of you will remember him. Also passing was David Mauser, Aide-de-Camp during the 70's and early 80's. He also served as caretaker of Jacksonville's Camp. The other one was Todd Haddix. He will be missed around our FCF fires. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Commanders, look around, as you will see we are missing commanders that used to be very busy and involved. Where are they? They tell us they have burn out. This is hardly a reason to give up on our boys that need more help then ever.

There are 2 reasons for burn out:

1. selfish. You ask how can this be? You get tired of fighting the battles by yourself. You are the only one in your church that cares, you are the only one. Sounds like Elisha

doesn't it? Commanders, that is one of the reasons I ask you to get involved with section and district functions, when you do this you will see that there are more commanders over the next hill as did Elisha.

2. Tired. Never make a decision when you are tired, sick or mad. It will come back to haunt you. You also have to take time to replenish your walk with the Lord. You have to take time to pray for yourself and your church. You need to spend time in the WORD and under your pastor's preaching.

Commanders we are on the front lines. We will get wounded. How you and those around you tend to the wounds is always up to you.

I pray for you everyday, please do the same for me and your district staff.

In His service.
Commander Paul



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Meditate on These Things?

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Flint

Lead Ball

Leather Pouch

Several years ago, I was given a small bag containing several items and told to meditate on these things. As I reviewed the contents, I thought what possible lessons could be learned from these. My first thoughts were of the physical characteristic of each item: a hard shell, a piece of aluminum and lead, a rock and an animal part.



The nut could be tasty if warmed and salted but hard shell was difficult to crack. That would be short lived enjoyment. As I continued to think the nut was actually a seed. When planted, it could become a large tree capable of producing many nuts. Some nuts could be enjoyed as snacks and others producing more trees or lumber for furniture or other items.

The aluminum was in the form of a cross. It was a light weight material and easily bent. Obviously, the item was not strong and could not be used for anything requiring high stress levels. It was not even particularly attractive.

Flint, A rock. It was very hard and very brittle so it cannot be used for building. For any of us who have been to Camporama, it is something that can cut us very quickly if we fall on it. It even taints the water that runs over it.

The lead ball was an item that could be used in a black powder rifle to provide food or as a defense. But lead is even softer than the aluminum and more easily bent. It has been linked with several serious disabilities if ingested.

The antler tip was something was only about three inches in length and 1/4 to 3/8 inch in diameter. It was not something for which I could have much use. With some work, I might be able to make some art items with it.

The leather bag was just something in which to keep every thing. It was easily accessible, flexible but would deteriorate over time.

As I pondered these items, God began to reveal more spiritual meanings to each item. He often sends the common items to bring forth the highest form of glory to Himself.

The nut also represented the Word of God. Our faithful witness plants the seed of His Word in the hearts of those to whom we speak. Many cannot comprehend the Word but the Holy Spirit will crack the shell and allow them to feast on the delicious content of the Bible. Those who come to Him will produce others who will follow. Some will

serve as faithful local followers while others will travel the world doing His work through missions work.

The metal cross had a significant spiritual application. We all have different strengths and abilities. We are easily bent or broken by stress. But since it also represents the strength of Christ's death on the cross which provided our salvation, our value in not in the physical appearance but how we appear to God through His eyes. We can now be forgiven and filled with the Holy Spirit making us capable of standing up to and even defeating Satan's attacks. Our strength is not in ourselves but in God. We cannot depend on our own strength (as we often tend to do) but must rely totally upon God to make things happen according to His own special plan for each of us.



The flint, instead of brittle and inflexible, represents our unwavering commitment to the assignments God has given each of us. Isaiah 50:7 states "Therefore, I shall not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." God wants us to complete the tasks he has sent us to accomplish. The psalmist declared that God is the rock of our salvation.

Lead is one of only six metals listed in Numbers that can come out the fire cleansed. It represents our ability by God's grace to go through the fire and not be destroyed. We must be sure the things we keep in our life will be able to go through fire.

The antler tip symbolizes strength. The horn is used by the buck deer to defeat potential competitors to the does. The horn of the ram (the shofar) is used to call people to worship. We typically don't worship enough. Worship is the strength of our Christian walk.

Things are not always as they appear. Those strange combinations of items can come together to present a new perspective of worship and serving God.

And the pouch? The pouch is the Holy Spirit that holds all these things together to accomplish His will. It is given freely. You add the contents.

Yes, meditate on these things!

Randy Woods
NTD Missions Coordinator

Sectional Ranger of the Year Results

From South Dallas Section

Bruce Wadsworth, Section Commander

Discovery Rangers

Forrest Wyly Outpost 211
Trevor Cahill Outpost 211

From North Fort Worth Section

Jack Woods, Section Commander

Ranger Kids

Dylan Davis, Outstanding Outpost 77
Jonathan Appenzeller, Outstanding Outpost 77
Joshua Riddle, Excellent Outpost 147
Zachary Harper Outpost 147

Discovery Rangers

Joshua Collins, Excellent Outpost 32
Casey Kuklenski Outpost 3

From Mid Cities Section

Rod Sanchez, Sectional Commander

Ranger Kids

Joseph Millican, Outstanding Outpost 524
Jacob Jeter, Outstanding Outpost 524
Brandon Davis, Excellent Outpost 220
Philip Grayson Outpost 410

Discovery Rangers

Timothy Parker, Outstanding Outpost 220
Michael Houk, Jr. Outpost 410
Jerry Nava Outpost 220

Adventure Rangers

Timothy Beene Outpost 410

From South Fort Worth Section

Rodney Briggs, Sectional Commander

Ranger Kids

Tanner Farley, Excellent Outpost 55
Austin Marshall, Excellent Outpost 55
Zak Smith, Excellent Outpost 55
Isaiah Adams, Excellent Outpost 55

Discovery Rangers

Max Nelson Outpost 55

Adventure Rangers

Jackson Duke, Excellent Outpost 55

From Denton Section

Allen Armentrout, Section Commander

Discovery Rangers

James Albritton, Outstanding Outpost 108
Steven Armentrout, Outstanding Outpost 108

From North Dallas Section

Dick Harris, Section Commander

Discovery Rangers

Hunter Brooks, Excellent
Stuart Slayton, Outstanding Outpost 11

Adventure Rangers

Jeremy Caldwell, Excellent Outpost 11

From Plano Section

A.P. Warne, Section Commander

Discovery Rangers

Thatcher Townson, Outstanding Outpost 535

Adventure Rangers

Graham Townson, Excellent Outpost 535



North Division Rangers of the Year

District Ranger of the Year Results

Discovery Rangers



Matthew Kohn
Outpost 294, Florence

Steven Armentrout
Outpost 108, Flower Mound

Stuart Slayton
Outpost 11, Garland

Thatcher Townson
Outpost 535, Celina

James Albritton
Outpost 108, Flower Mound

Timothy Parker
Outpost 220, Bedford

Cody Arn
Outpost 163, Hearne

Grant Dikes
Outpost 163, College Station

Caleb Saucedo
Outpost 65, Round Rock

Adventure Rangers

Spencer Phinney
Outpost 65, Cedar Park

Stephen Warne
Outpost 65, Hutto

Graham Townson
Outpost 535, Celina

Steven Outland
Outpost 336, Caldwell

Caleb Schneebeli
Outpost 336, Caldwell

Jeremy Calwell
Outpost 11, Garland



Expedition Rangers

Chris Trower
Outpost 377, Hewitt



Spencer Phinney
Outpost 65

Chris Trower
Outpost 377

Matthew Kohn
Outpost 294



Great Texas PowWow May 31—June 3, 2007 Lakeview Campgrounds



Pow-Wow 2007 will be like nothing ever seen before. That's because North Texas, South Texas, and West Texas districts will all come together for one big Pow-Wow.

Lakeview Campgrounds will be the scene of this never before held event. It will be a 4 day camp beginning on Thursday May 31st and carry into Sunday June 3rd.

Council Fires are being planned along with activities and all things worthy of this anticipated event.

Some details are starting to come together. The cost for this event will be \$55/camper. This will cover registration, patches, and all meals. This is the first time a Pow-Wow will include meals. This will help with space for campsites. We are anticipating as many as

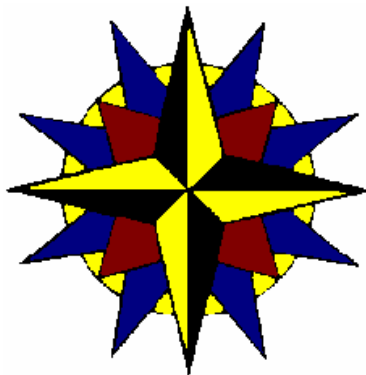
2000 campers at this event so all the camp space is needed. With all meals provided, your outpost will be able to leave equipment such as your kitchen and kitchen tools. Start your fundraising early for your outpost. There will be an early registration time similar to Camporama so a count can be estimated.

An exciting list of speakers is coming together, including Pastor/Evangelist Steve Hill, Evangelist Randy Ruiz, and others. This will be an exciting time of fun and activity with evening council fires/pageants that will challenge your spiritual life.

Watch for more details and info in upcoming newsletters and announcements.



Pastor/Evangelist Steve Hill



Evangelist Randy Ruiz

CAMPORAMA 2006

I've always told the Rangers that Camporama is the camp of a life time, whether you're a boy or over 50. And it didn't disappoint! The Eagle Rock facilities were excellent, (most) of the meals were great, the games were enjoyable, the FCF village was awesome, and the services....well you just had to be there.



6000 hearts combined in worship, well it's indescribable. The Tuesday night service was especially significant for our outpost. Each of our eleven boys were moved by the Spirit. Each of them grew amazingly. Our campsite was changed after Tuesday night, and kept on through the remainder of the week.

Hat pins! Oh my, if you have never been to



Camporama you just can not imagine. If you have been, you've gotten the hat pin bug. Our Rangers may have had more fun trading and learning how than anything else. The games were fun, the exhibits were cool, but trading hat pins was like panning for gold. Our Royal Rangers are still wearing their hats and Camporama t-shirts.

The boys living together was quite interesting. You can spend the night with your buddy or go on a Royal Rangers camp for the weekend, but nine days with folks you don't normally live with is an adventure. It wasn't all pleasant, we certainly had our moments, but



after a week of living together and having to solve the issues of the day, the relationships in our Outpost are better than ever. Cliques and rivalries became unimportant. The boys' tolerance for those around them has grown incredibly. And when the older boys change like this, it runs throughout the Outpost.

Hat pins, games, pizza, car trip, swimming, sight seeing, rain, water guns, hot summer, three new places to camp, new friends, I tell you, Camporama 2006 was the camp of a life time. No matter how old you are.

Pat Reilly

NTD WINTER CAMPS

November 10-11
\$10.00/camper

Flow Out



Winter Camp 2006 East Central Division

East Central Division Winter Camp will be held at Lakeview Camp grounds. The cost is \$10.00. We will have with us as a guest Terry Newman, from Gospel Light House, outpost 211. He works for Home Land Security and will tell us some things about how they track down people. We are planning some very different games for Saturday morning. Come expecting a good time.

This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So you must never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. 2nd Timothy 1:6-8

Winter Camp 2006 – North Division

by Martin Smith, North Divisional Commander

Get ready, Rangers! This year's Winter Camp for North Division will be at the shores of Lake Texoma. We're going to Texas Instruments' Texins Texoma Club, 137 Gateway Rd., Pottsboro, TX 75076. This is a gated park-like community where we'll have access to the lake, outdoor recreation and an awesome camping experience as we explore our camp theme – "Flow Out" from 2 Tim. 1:6-8. The image to the left is an evening shot taken from the west shore of the grounds at Sunset Park.



Activities will include food-sharing (as opposed to a food fight – or maybe not...) and games which will be loads of fun but at the same time facilitate a flowing out from the boys (witnessing, church-building, visiting the sick/incarcerated/shut-ins) where they collect points and win prizes at the end. This could even involve a boat racing competition right on Lake Texoma!

Getting to Texins Texoma Club:

Go north on US 75 (central expressway) past Sherman
Take exit 70 which is FM 84
Go west (turn left) on FM 84; go 2 miles
Turn left (west) on FM 406; go 4 miles to Fink

Turn right (north) on FM 120. Follow FM 120 until it dead ends, approximately 7 miles from Fink (the last two miles will be county maintained and it is rather rough and winding).
Turn right on Sunset road/Preston Bend Ave and go about 100 yards,
Turn left onto Ridgecrest Road. (There is a very large sign at the corner of Preston Bend Ave and Ridgecrest Road the "Texins").



Follow the signs to "Texins" (about 1 mile) and you will end up at the gate.

Bring your tents, Bibles, favorite desserts and tackle boxes, 'cause we're fixin' to have a great time at Winter Camp 2006! See everyone there...

NTD- WINTER CAMP

West Central Division

November 10-11, 2006

Camp Burnett

Cost: \$10.00



GAMES CHALLENGE

POUR OUT!

FREE ALASKA
HAT FOR FIRST
120 Boys!



Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We've worked extra hard to make the West Central Division Winter Camp an **experience to remember**. If you liked collecting hat pins at Camporama, you'll go crazy here. Each activity will have it's own special giveaway, and we have at least 6 special hat pins everyone can get, and some collector's items in the way of special Alaska hat pins. **And for the first 120 boys, a free ALASKA HAT**, and for the first 120 to complete all activities, a special Activities Patch.

We have:

- * special winter tattoos
- * balsa planes
- * special BSA patches FROM ALASKA,
- * special edition first day issue postcard from a camp in Mt. McKinley!
- * Give-a-ways from the State of Alaska



You may find yourself: harpoon throwing to catch a whale, panning for gold, running remote control trucks, fishing for salmon, matching for patches, constructing a necklace, or just learning about the vast wildlife in Alaska. Whatever you do, expect to have fun!

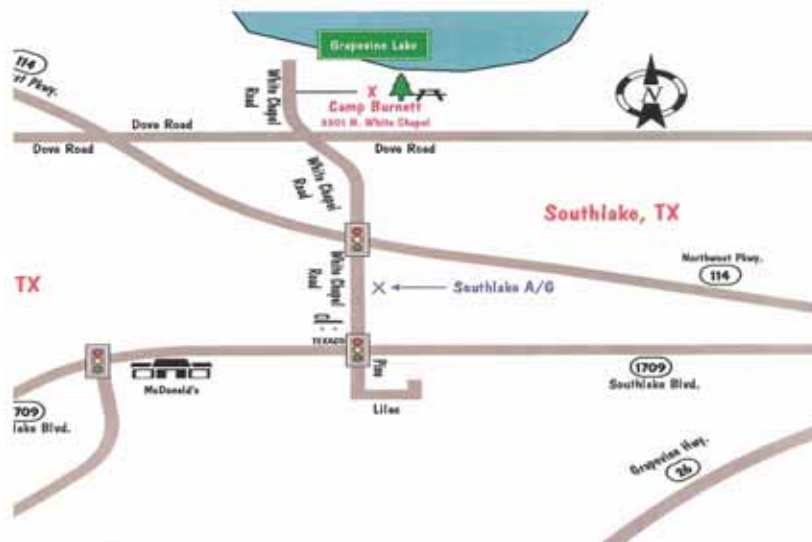
We will also have some special presentations, and a couple of exciting auctions! SEE YA THERE!

WE HAVE OVER 700 SPECIAL HAT PINS THAT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY DURING THIS CAMP!

- Rick Beebe

West Central Division Commander

Will **YOU** be among the first 120 boys to complete all activities to earn this special patch?



ACADEMY OF RANGER TRAINING (ART)

By Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander



Commanders, Proverbs 22:6 says, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it”* (NIV). This scripture applies to adults likewise. The training I received and the lessons I learned as a child and later as a Royal Rangers commander definitely have influenced my life time and time again.

Because training is so essential to becoming qualified leaders, every year we offer all **NEW** Royal Rangers commanders working with Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers the necessary training tools to reach their potential goals in giving boys a memorable camping experience. Already, preparation is in the works for our next **“ART”** training event in **February 2007**.

The **LTA CAMP-OUT Module** is held annually at Lakeview Camp located in Maypearl, Texas as an alternative camp to attend instead of a National Training Camp. Also, in order to achieve the LMA award, this is a required Module and held only **ONE TIME** during the year. Mark the date February 16-17, and check the NTD web-site for continual details. In the meantime, refer to the following:

LTA CAMP-OUT PURPOSE – SKILLS – UNIFORM:

- The purpose of this camp is to provide trainees with the basic outdoor skills necessary to safely and effectively take a group of boys on an overnight camping activity
- All classes and activities will only focus on introducing and developing basic camping skills and will not include any material relating to more advanced outdoor skills or the use of the Patrol System
- Camp Cooking, Fire Craft, Tool Craft, and other interesting skills will be taught
- All Trainees must wear the "Class B" Royal Rangers uniform during the Trainee Orientation at 6:00 PM; at the 8:00 AM Morning Assembly, and at the 4:00 PM Afternoon Final Assembly

LTA CAMP-OUT EQUIPMENT LIST:

- **CLOTHING:**
1 Complete “Class B” Royal Rangers uniform; 1 Royal Rangers T-shirt (traditional style, white with large emblem centered on front); 1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt (for cold weather camps only); 1 pair blue jeans or fatigues; 1 pair camp-type shoes or hiking boots; 1 rain poncho or other rain clothing; Socks and underclothes; Light jacket if needed; Extra clothing as desired
- **PERSONAL ITEMS:**
Sleeping bag or blanket with pillow; Personal hygiene kit (soap, shampoo, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, razor, etc.); Towels and washcloth; Watch (or small portable alarm clock); Small personal mess kit (including plate, cup, bowl, and silverware); Insect repellent; Flashlight with extra batteries; Pocketknife; *Adventures in Camping* handbook; Small Bible or New Testament; Paper and pen; Canteen or water bottle
- **CAMPING GEAR:**
Cooking equipment (utensils, pots, pans, cook stove, dish-washing equipment, etc.); Tent or tents (enough for you or your group which you came with); Lantern, tools (shovel, axe, saw & hammer)



RANGER KIDS SKILLS MODULE:

- **PREPARATION** currently being made again to offer to all potential Ranger Kids Commanders the **Ranger Kids Skills Module** at our **2007 ART** training event
- **PURPOSE** of this Module focuses on the hands-on skills needed to safely take a group of Ranger Kids on a fun and exciting outing; *This Module can be taken in lieu of a Ranger Kids National Training Conference (RKTC)*
- **RECOMMENDED** for Commanders working with Ranger Kids to take before planning any type of extra activity
- **ITEMS** needed to bring: pen, pencil, Royal Rangers Leaders Manual; Optional items: Ranger Kids Leaders Guide, LTA Binder
- **TIME SCHEDULE** - Saturday morning **8:00 AM until 2:45 PM** Saturday afternoon
- **EVERY CLASS SESSION** must be attended; complete Workbook and any hands-on work
- **PRE-REGISTRATION OR AT-CAMP REGISTRATION**

Covers the cost of Workbook and Lunch; save money by pre-registration; (Keep checking the NTD web-site for more news)



ADVANCED CLASSES:

- **Black Powder Shooters Card:** Registration starts on Friday at 5:00 PM; Class begins at 6:00 PM Friday; Class ends at 4:00 PM Saturday; *For Commanders and FCF Young Bucks ONLY*
Note: All participants need to bring own personal shelters to sleep-in
- **Black Powder Instructor's Course:** Registration starts on Friday at 5:00 PM; Class begins at 6:00 PM Friday; Class ends at 4:00 PM Sunday; *For Commanders ONLY*
Note: All participants need to bring own personal shelters to sleep-in
- **Silver Merit-Black Powder:** Registration starts on Saturday at 8:00 AM; Class begins at 9:00 AM; Class ends at 6:00 PM Saturday; *For FCF Young Bucks ONLY*
Note: Young Bucks need to bring own personal

RIFLE, Accessories, and Black Powder

- **First Aid - CPR Course with cards:** Registration starts on Saturday at 8:00 AM; Class begins at 9:00 AM; Class ends at 5:00 PM Saturday; *First Aid Book is required*

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:

- Only, LTA Camp-Out Module, Ranger Kids Skills Module, and Advanced Training Classes will be taught at ART 2007
- No over-night camping for Advanced Class participants in the Commanders' Lodge
- Visit the NTD RR web-site ntd.royalrangers.net to obtain the Registration Form, and to get the Deadline Date to send the Registration monies to the District Office
- Only Certified Instructors will be teaching at ART
- All interested Certified Instructors in teaching, please contact Samuel Kellum, ASAP samuel.kellum@royalrangers.net
- NO OTHER MODULE TRAINING will be taught at ART. For other modules, attend the NTD Module Training 2007

Commanders, be obedient to the Holy Spirit and don't miss this great opportunity. Start now by making preparations to attend and to receive this outstanding training. God bless you and I'll see you at **ART 2007**.

Ready in His service,
Samuel Kellum,
Deputy District Commander and ART Coordinator

Feeling Tempted?
Know this: you are not the first [to be tempted], nor will you be the last. And do not despair; it doesn't indicate that you are failing spiritually. The fact is, it indicates that you are on the right track. You might be surprised to learn that it even happened to Jesus. After the dove came the devil. After the blessing came the trial. Immediately following His baptism, Jesus marched into the wilderness to be tempted. Yet Jesus, as our champion and representative, met Satan face-to-face—and won. We can both share in His victory and follow His example. Matthew 4

North Texas District Waterpark Fun



Nobody said it was that fast!!



It's how deep at the bottom?!?!



Don't you wish you were cool like us?



2007 South Central Regional Conference



January 26-27, 2007
Fort Worth, Texas

WHAT IS IT? The South Central Regional Conference is an annual conference for commanders throughout the region. This includes commanders from the following districts: Central Latin, Gulf Latin, Kansas, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas, and West Texas. This conference is a great time for training, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Many commanders will also bring their wife and make this a mini-vacation. Your wife is welcome at the worship service Friday night, and Saturday she can join the other wives as they have a fellowship time, and then spend the day in Fort Worth.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND? For training, learning about updates to the new program, for fellowship with commanders from across the region who have a common desire to reach boys for Christ, and for your own personal spiritual renewal. You will also get to see and experience at this conference activities in which you can involve your boys and which will hold their interest for a lifetime. We will have a representative from the national Royal Rangers office on site with whom you can speak personally. In addition, vendors representing a wide variety of products and services that you need for your Royal Rangers ministry will be present at the conference. Come join us as we share the joy of this great ministry together.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Everyone! If you are involved in Royal Rangers at any level – local outpost or some staff position – the regional conference is for you. Everyone will find a variety of classes that should be interest for you, and that will help you in your ministry to boys.

WHERE IS IT HELD? For 2007, the conference will be held at Christ Church A/G in Fort Worth, Texas. Details are currently being work for local hotels and room rates that will be comparable to previous years.

WHEN WILL IT BE? January 26-27, 2007. Our conference is always the last full weekend of January. Feel free to come early, or stay later; the hotel will honor the special rate on rooms for several days before and after the conference.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP? Registration information and class schedules will be posted to the regional web site (<http://scr.royalrangers.net>) no later than September. Take advantage of our pre-registration discount by registering early for the conference. And then join us in Fort Worth for another great regional conference.

To be added to the South Central Region email distribution list, please send your name, district, and address to Jonathan Trower at Jonathan@royalrangers.net

South Central Region Royal Rangers
scr.royalrangers.net

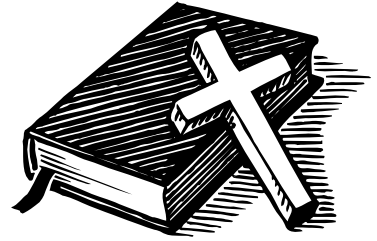
Wisdom in The Word

Have you ever heard the saying “that kid’s a pistol?” It is generally associated with poor behavior. However, it may be quite true. The Bible tells us in II Corinthians 10:4 - “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;” KJV One morning in prayer, God brought to my mind a phrase that I had been hearing much in the news - “weapons of mass destruction.” The Lord then showed me that the weapons that we have available to us are far more powerful than any that man could produce. How do we obtain these and effectively use them?

1. Know Jesus.
2. Take Him at His Word.
3. Build the Word in your heart.
4. Pray the Word.

Commanders, God has entrusted into your care the building of a GREAT ARMY, one that is capable of changing the world. Let us not see the children through limited eyes of faith. Instead, I challenge you to let God show His Glory to this generation. Take Him out of the box that doubt and unbelief

have tried to keep Him in. We must let Him be God! These boys can grow up knowing the Word of God, believing it and putting it into practice. When you come before your outpost recognize that you stand before the most powerful arsenal that can be used against the enemy.



Let each of us search our hearts and let Him fill us fresh with His Spirit and power and then see the children the way that God sees them. They shall be witnesses, they will lay hands on the sick and see them recover. Plant the Word of God firmly into their hearts letting them know that He is the supreme and only answer to this world’s problems. God’s Word is and always will be the FINAL AUTHORITY.

Thank you for letting me share my heart. May the Lord continue to bless each man, woman, boy and girl in this Royal Rangers family.

Sincerely,
Denise Patterson

Karla’s Koncepts

1. A general idea derived or inferred from specific instances or occurrences.
2. Something formed in the mind; a thought or notion..
A scheme; a plan:
And here is the article that had been floating around in my mind.

TEACHER PERFORMS LIFE CHANGING ACT!



In reading the press release on a new book, I notice that it proclaims that a teacher brought about a dramatic change in this author’s life. Well, I am a teacher, so I can hardly wait to get the book! I can’t help pondering what wonder this teacher did to cause such a miracle, what innovative plan of action he must have put in place. Could I be so brilliant as to dramatically change one of my student’s lives?

You see, Frank Peretti, author of several international bestsellers, was born with a defect that caused him to have a deformed tongue, a speech impediment and a small stature. These were all elements that made him the perfect target for bullies. His home and church environments had been safe havens for him in spite of his difficulties. But then came school and everything changed. PE classes especially became a nightmare that made him sick with dread. Those in authority said he had no choice but to go to school, take PE, “ignore” the bullying, be a good Christian, and don’t snitch. But one day in junior high, after

being sprayed in the face with a can of deodorant by a kid that worked at the corner store, he desperately cried out to God that he could take it no more.

I read faster, knowing I am coming to the part of the hero teacher!

A few days later Frank was in particular despair going to PE class and it must have showed. A teacher, that was not even his teacher, stopped him for a brief moment and inquired if he was feeling okay. Frank was shocked at the caring attitude expressed by someone in authority. Maybe there was hope! He summoned the courage to write a multiple page letter to his PE teacher chronicling the abuse and humiliation he had suffered. Through this, he was given a medical release from PE and allowed to take drama in which he learned to celebrate being him self and develop his creativeness. It was a pivotal time in his life.

What? That’s it? Just a teacher taking the time to notice a student that needed a caring, compassionate word?

Could I be so brilliant as to dramatically change one of my Ranger Kid’s lives?

[Ephesians 4:32](#) And be ye **kind** one to another, tenderhearted....

Karla Aaron
Outpost 5 Fort Worth
South Ft. Worth Ranger Kids Coordinator



"Ranger" History

Mark "Bladesman" Horner—FCF Historian

The word Ranger brings an aura of almost superhero status whether we talk of Tolkien's character in "The Lord of the Rings" Aragorn who begins the series as a Ranger; or the "The Lone Ranger" or "Walker Texas Ranger" of western fiction fame. We also have an awe of our modern day U.S. Army Airborne Rangers. So let's look at the term Ranger.

The Webster's Dictionary definition of ranger is 1: a warden who patrols forest lands 2: a member of a body of troops who range over a region 3: an expert in close in fighting and raiding tactics. The Bladesman definition is "one who overcomes challenges to reach their goals, and adapts to their environment." Thus "Overcome and Adapt" (my personal motto).

The term Ranger first shows up in the 1670's during the time of "King Philip's War." King Philip, also known as Metacombet, was a Wampanoag War Chief who started raiding and destroying colonial settlements in what is now known as Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. To stop this, a British officer named Captain Benjamin Church asked for men to volunteer to fight King Philip's Wampanoag's with unconventional tactics. Captain Church knew continental (European) combat tactics would not work so he trained his men to range nine to fifty miles on foot(thus the term Ranger) to live off the land and fight like their opponents. The new tactics worked and King Philip was defeated in 1676.

The next time we see the term is during the French and Indian War, when a colonial farmer from New Hampshire named Robert Rogers called for volunteers to fight like their enemies. They were called Rogers Rangers. They wore distinctive green berets as well as green jackets, and their campaigns were very successful. Rogers developed tactics to train his troops known as "Rogers Ranging Rules." Even today our U.S. Army Rangers, and Army Special Forces are trained with the same tactics.

Closer to home we will now look to the legendary Texas Rangers. They were formed in 1823 by the Father of Texas, Stephen F. Austin, to defend his colony. Now their ranging was on horse back yet their tactics were just as unconventional as their predecessors. They would help Texas win its independence, and would go

on to be the oldest (as they are still active) as well as the most respected law enforcement agency in the United States.

We now go to World War II, 1942,(yes I know later than the 1840's) and the U.S. Army needed unconventional troops who were self-reliant, and could survive behind enemy lines with no means of support. Giving birth to the "Airborne Ranger" their

ranging came from leaving (jumping out of) perfectly good aircraft, and landing behind enemy occupied territory. The new Rangers would help in freeing Europe from the Nazi grip of tyranny, from D-day to V-E (Victory in Europe). The Army Rangers continue to serve to protect America's freedoms.

With all this information, where do we go to next. Let's start in 1962. A man known as Johnnie Barnes had a vision for a ministry for boys that would incorporate the best of camping/woodcraft, as well as bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those same young men. He asked for volunteers who could think on their feet, be willing to be unconventional in waging spiritual warfare for the souls of men, and boys. They would also take the fight to the enemy. They would be lead by the King of kings, and Lord of lords. They would be the King's (Jesus) own, thus royal, and they will range all over the world thus Rangers.

Royal Rangers are now all over the world in over sixty countries(with more coming) with over 2.5 million members (I proudly say I am one). We have gone beyond camping, we are in the sea learning sailor skills. In the air earning pilots licenses, we are building churches in far away parts of the globe. We do not surrender, we do not retreat, we leave no Ranger behind. We stand as one, led by the Master Ranger.

I would like to pass on some advice Robert Rogers passed on to all Rangers; "Such in general are rules to be observed in the ranging service; there are however a thousand occurrences and circumstances which may happen, that will make it necessary, in some measure to depart from them, and to put other arts and stratagems in practice; and which cases every man's reason and judgment must be his guide, according to the particular situation and nature of things, and that he may do this to advantage, he should keep in mind a maxim never to be departed from by a commander, vis. to preserve a firmness and presence of mind on every occasion."

With all that said any time you put on a Ranger Uniform whether it be class A,B,C, or Dress Blues, and claim to be a member of the Royal Rangers. Think of heritage you represent and be proud of the title Royal Ranger.

Ready in His service
Mark "Bladesman" Horner



Gone to the Final Council Fire Todd Rodney “Foxtale” Haddix April 24, 1964 - July 19, 2006



Eulogy given at funeral, July 26

Todd “Fox Tale” Haddix was a beloved husband, father, commander, friend, and servant of the Lord. All of us here today have our own memories of Todd that have brought us together to celebrate his homecoming. Todd exemplified what it meant to be a godly man and a man seeking God's will. His life became witness to the character that God had built within.

Todd showed God's call on his life when he began to serve in the Royal Rangers ministry. Todd arrived for a training class with James Harris and Ralph Andrade. The three of them wanted to start Royal Rangers in their church.

He exhibited patience and commitment as he came to every class. 6 months of classes and homework, and even tried to “save” Ralph during the soul-winning practice.

He showed great perseverance during the training campout. The temperature was 13 degrees and there was a burn ban. Cold is not an adequate description. There was Todd, getting up in the middle of the night to put on another layer of clothes, Ralph peering out the hole in his sleeping bag asking what he was doing, and Todd simply replying trying to get something else on to try and stay warm.

He showed his love in many ways. Helping make a pinewood derby car, a school project, teaching you how to throw a hawk, tie a knot, or cook a dump cake in the dutch oven.

He illustrated compassion as he went on mission trips and helped with the ministries of the church.

His humility and servant's heart was seen repeatedly. During Todd's Frontier Adventure where he was joining FCF, Frontiersman Camping Fellowship, it rained a little. And then it rained a lot. It rained so much that tents and air mattress beds began to float. Many people just wanted to get out. Todd helped the other FCF men to ensure that everyone got their equipment out. Knee deep in mud, soaked all the way through, he kept helping to finish the job, before taking care of himself.

He showed his kindness and gentleness, every time he prayed with his family, every time he met a boy at the altar, every time he shared his faith of what God was doing in his life.

Todd's family and friends loved him very much as illustrated today. He was described last week by one of the commanders as a guy everyone wanted to have as a friend. He touched all of our lives in many ways and impacted us in ways that will last a lifetime. One of his rangers, Lance Corporal Harris, took leave from his active duty post to be here today and honor the man who touched so many.



Todd loved his family, his friends, his boys in his rangers class, and he loved to worship and praise his Lord and Saviour.

While we grieve at his passing, let us rejoice in the knowledge that Todd is walking down the streets of gold, dancing around the throne, and singing praises to our God. It is us who are left behind that feel hurt and loss. We are the ones still awaiting our homecoming to join Todd. Todd knows no pain, no hurt, no loss, only the every present love of his God and the joy of worshiping Him all the day long.

Colossians 3:12 represents Todd's life:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

FCF Family Days 2006

Reach Out

Greetings all you Skinners and Skinettes!

Put October 27-29 on your calendar and make plans to be at the best Family Days yet at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl!

Friday night we will start out with our traditional get-together and dessert auction. We always have awesome pies and other goodies, along with a little pickin' and grinin'.



Get your gear together for the family trace on Saturday morning! The trace will be especially for you and your family to walk through and attempt to make points for prizes! You will need the stuff you would normally go on a trace with... including a shootin' iron.

We'll be having old-time fun and games for the whole family on Saturday afternoon along with fel-



lowship, member demonstrations, and lots of trading, selling, and buying.

Saturday evening we will all come together for the pot-luck meal, praising the Lord with music and singing, and hear a message from our speaker.

Sunday we will have Sunday service, pack-up, and leave.

The cost for this wonderful weekend of family fun and bonding is \$15 for Old-timer's, \$10 for Young-bucks, or \$25 for the whole family. If you are not an FCF member and would like to come anyway, you are more than welcome! The cost for visitors is \$5 each or \$25 for the whole family.

Hope to see ya' at the doin's!!!

FCF Christmas Banquet

December 9

Christ Church A/G Fort Worth
www.christchurch-ag.org

For all FCF members and their families



Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Frontier Adventure August 18-19, 2006

Well, we had a **HOT** Frontier Adventure this year, and I'm not just talkin' about the weather! What a tremendous group of Candidates! They braved the heat and came through with great success! These boys and men showed their amazing skills with flint and steel, cooking, knife and hawk throwing, and blackpowder rifle shootin'!

I am pleased to welcome the following new members into the Shawnee Trail Chapter of



FCF;

Young Bucks:

**Jeremy Caldwell
Ben Mc Connell
Jordan Chapmen
Andrew Carter
Brandon Taylor**

**Marshall Harrup
Graham Townson
Morgan Garrett
David White**

Old Timers:

**Michael Clay
Matthew Carter**

**Daniel Echerd
Steve Dixon**

I also want to take a moment to sincerely thank all our Candidates' Sponsors for all their time, energy, and hard work that they freely gave to help their Candidates hone their FCF skills. Thank you so much. Our Chapter and our Ministry grows thanks to your efforts.

Lastly, I want to thank all the FCF members who braved the heat to work this Adventure. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Our



Adventures would never be possible without our wonderful members who volunteer their time and weekend to help out.

I think this was our best Adventure yet, and I know that it will continue to improve each year because of all our Sponsors and Helpers.

Let us all encourage our new members to come out to Family Days in October. This is always such a fun time of fellowship and learning.



Until I see you then,
Keep your powder dry!

Art "Flintlock" Sullivan
FCF Vice President
Shawnee Trail Chapter

God was in the Details!

By NTD FCF President Gary Bierschwale

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Prov. 3:5-6

What a joyous and humbling experience it is to be used by God and to clearly see His direction in our lives! How blessed we are to serve an awesome God who cares so much for us that He continuously shows Himself to us, even in the smallest details! And how encouraging it is to spend time with people of strong, unflinching confidence who trust in God's ability to make a way through difficulties and answer prayer after prayer! My wife Sheri and I were astonished, delighted, and grateful this summer to have been a part of an incredible adventure where we witnessed God's outpouring of blessings and love on His children.

In July – in the middle of the ninth hottest summer in U.S. history– 27 Royal Rangers made the trip from Germany to Missouri via Texas to attend Camporama 2006. The trip took more than a year to plan and involved dozens of people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Sheri and I watched in amazement and gratitude as Royal Rangers throughout Texas showed their big hearts and generous spirits as they worked tirelessly on behalf of their German brothers and sisters in Christ.



Germ of an Idea

The seeds for this adventure were planted more than four years ago when Sheri's employer sent her to Germany to work for several months. As part of her compensation for the assignment, the company paid for me to join Sheri for a month. I spent wonderful days touring the beautiful German countryside and learning about the places from which my ancestors immigrated to Texas in the mid-1800s.

During the trip, I was blessed to meet fellow Royal Rangers and was invited to several German Royal Rangers outposts where I participated in their meetings and camps, visited their churches, and made friends with many of the leaders. Two very special people I met were Dana (pronounced

"Donna") and Werner (pronounced "Verner") Aufleger. Werner is the "Regionalleiter," or Regional Royal Rangers Leader, for the Frankfurt/Rüsselsheim area of Germany, while Dana serves as the praise and worship leader at their church. The Auflegers welcomed us into their home, their church, and their hearts, establishing an enduring friendship.

During visits with the Auflegers, we suggested that they come to the United States– especially to Texas – for Camporama 2006. In 2002, the idea seemed unlikely to ever come to fruition, but in the spring of 2005, Werner said he began to hear from God that he and other Royal Rangers were supposed to make the trip. He began to pray earnestly for direction and to speak with other leaders in the country about the idea. On June 29, 2005, Dana sent the first of many dozens of e-mail messages to us to let us know what they were planning and to ask for help and advice in putting together an itinerary.

Planning an Adventure

The Auflegers said that not only did they plan to attend Camporama 2006, but they also wanted to spend an additional two weeks sightseeing in Texas. Thinking that only the Aufleger family and a few others would be making the trip, Sheri and I offered them the use of our house and a car while they were here– but God had other ideas! It wasn't long before Werner learned that Royal Rangers from all over Germany wanted to join the adventure. We knew most of the folks coming over would be young people on a very limited budget, and we were determined to help them stretch their euros just as far as they could go!

A Place to lay Their Heads

When we heard that 27 men, women, boys, and girls would be making the trip, we knew that we needed to find somewhere affordable for them to sleep that would be more comfortable than the floor of our house. The Lord placed the lodge at Lakeview Camp in our minds, and when I approached North Texas District Commander Paul Patterson, he was immediately open to the idea and committed the use of the lodge. However, we also needed to find lodging for our friends closer to some of the places in Texas they would be visiting. We knew the group wanted to visit San Antonio, New Braunfels, and Austin, so Sheri got on the Internet and looked for a campground that would be in a central location, while I, knowing one of their destinations was to be Corpus Christi, sent out a plea to our South Texas Royal Rangers brethren.

Almost immediately, South Texas Deputy District Commander Jason Andersen sent us a note that his church, Trinity Worship Center in Corpus Christi, would be pleased to open its fellowship hall to us. To the great delight of our German friends, we discovered that the pastor of Trinity Worship Center and his wife, Jerry and Phyllis Weiss, had been missionaries to Germany for 10 years and spoke fluent German! They were very excited to welcome the German delegation! What a coincidence, huh?

In the meantime, Sheri had talked to the manager of The Mermaid Cove Campground at Spring Branch, Texas, close to Canyon Lake. The campground offered air-conditioned cabins and a lodge with a kitchen and dining area that could easily accommodate the group. Rick, the manager, must have wondered, "What was I thinking?" as he offered to reduce the rates not once, but three times! During the course of several conversations Sheri had with him, he kept lowering the price of the cabins and the lodge, so that by the time an agreement was reached, the price had dropped from \$68 per night per cabin to less than \$45 per night per cabin. That was less than \$11 per night per person! Our God is an awesome God!

Moving From Here to There

So, how do you move 27 people and more than 75 pieces of luggage from place to place for under \$2,000? We checked into tour buses, van rentals, camel caravans, and mule trains. Tour buses were too expensive, ditto 15-passenger vans since we'd have to have four of them. Mule trains were too slow, and camel caravans...well, camels spit. We should have known that our Lord had this worked out, too. Our good friend, Mark Woods, the Senior Commander at Terrell Assembly of God, knew a guy, who knew a guy who worked for the Terrell school district's school bus depot. We discovered that it was possible to rent school buses. And so the search was on for a person to drive the bus. This person ideally would be friendly, not prone to running red lights or driving in front of fast moving trains, and have three-weeks of vacation to dedicate to our adventure. We also discovered that in order to drive a school bus, a driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL). We couldn't find anyone who met all the criteria. So, I went to the DMV and picked up the CDL handbook, which I studied for the next three months. I had to pass seven written tests and one driving test to qualify for a CDL. For three months, I had to listen to my wife say, "Think like a bus! Be the bus!" But I passed the tests with flying colors!

Now, here's another marvelous "coincidence." We had been worried about how our German friends would handle Texas heat in July and August. We knew they didn't have any idea of how miserable it could be. We needed air-conditioned vehicles. If we rented 15-seat passenger vans, we would have air conditioning, but we would need four of them, and the price was too steep! Although we could get the school bus for about the same cost as only one van, we knew school buses typically were not air conditioned. We were concerned about the Germans being out in the heat all day at the various activities and then having to get on a hot, hot bus. We were afraid they would all have heat stroke. Sheri kept asking me to find out if any of the buses had air conditioning, but I knew I'd never seen one. I didn't want to ask, because I knew the answer would be negative. One day, as I was at the bus yard for a practice session, I "just happened" to pass a group of bus drivers who "just happened" to be discussing a new bus. "Did you see the new bus the school district just got? It has air conditioning!" Now you know that a school district must plan for the purchase of a new bus and get budget approvals well in advance. Our awesome and all-knowing God knew that our German friends would be coming to Texas in the heat of summer, and He loved them enough to provide an AIR CONDITIONED BUS!

What God needed to do was provide a bus driver who knew how to operate the air conditioner! I had never driven the bus with people in it, and during our trip up to Eagle Rock, I was still getting familiar with the bus. The dashboard on these buses runs from the left side all the way around the steering wheel with all kinds of toggle switches, buttons, and switches. It was rather confusing, but I did the best I could. It was about 103 degrees, and my German friends were about to melt, even with the A/C. About half way to Eagle Rock, I had several of them come to me and say they were very hot in the back of the bus. I told them it was hot outside and the A/C was doing the best it could. Just before we arrived at Eagle Rock, one of the passengers came up front and said, "You have got to be doing something wrong." That was when he noticed that I had the passenger heater on! Those poor hot Germans! I almost created an international incident by cooking them all. I figured out where the heater buttons were and did not make that mistake again.

"Boys want bus! It is cheaper than van, but do you think heat will be too murderous for us?"

- e-mail from Dana

Mom, What's for Dinner?

Dana and Werner told us that they budgeted about \$12 per day per person for food and wanted to know if we thought this was a good estimate. Of course, we didn't! Even a fast food meal can cost almost that much. To help them stretch their food money, we asked for help from the NTD Royal Rangers; in response, we were able to give them more than \$3,000 in donations of food, money, and other supplies! Dana and Werner expressed surprise and gratitude at the generosity of the NTD Royal Rangers and said they were not used to such help. Dana said she didn't understand why we would go to such lengths for strangers. Sheri told her that she thought the answer could be found in Proverbs 3:27-28, "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow" when you now have it with you."

After the delegation arrived in Texas, they were treated to at least four feasts by various churches and groups. Three out of the four were barbeque dinners that, I have on good authority, the Germans really liked! The fact that they were subsisting mainly on sandwiches throughout their visit probably contributed to their enjoyment, but I do believe Texans KNOW BBQ!

Places to Go, People to See

Dana and Sheri worked together for more than a year to develop an itinerary that would give our friends the widest possible view of Texas during their short visit. Dana had prepared a preliminary list of things she thought the delegation would enjoy, and Sheri worked with State officials and park representatives to find German-speaking tour guides and obtain special pricing on many attractions. It was difficult to plan activities that would satisfy the entire group; the ages of the people in the group ranged from nine years old to 47 years old, with most of them being teenagers between 15 and 19. Ultimately, the group settled on the following events and venues:

Visiting Celebration City in Branson, Missouri – Teenagers and go-carts; need I say more?

Touring the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma – The staff at the Center was very helpful and welcoming, greeting the delegation personally and arranging a catered meal of Indian tacos. Our German friends heard the story of the Trail

of Tears and learned a bit of our frontier history.

Driving through Dallas, Texas, at night

The new High-Five Interchange on US 75 was described as something out of the *Star Wars* movies, and the skyline was declared impressive.

Sleeping in real beds at in the air conditioned lodge at Lakeview Camp – Do you take it for granted? According to the group, after a week at Camporama 2006 sleeping on the ground in sweltering heat, this was one of the highlights of their trip! The day after their first good night's sleep in a week, our German friends experienced Texas-style shopping at the Bass Pro Shop and Grapevine Mills Mall, where many of them bought jeans and cowboy boots. Crossways of Life Church in Duncanville welcomed our friends on Sunday for worship. Liz Musquiz and others at the church made sure we were well fed on our Texas adventure!

Tubing on the Guadalupe River

– After months of drought, the river was so low that the kids had to carry their tubes over low spots, and the water was bath-water warm. But, if the photos were any indication, the kids still had great fun.

"It is great present from North District Rangers for us! What can we do for them? It is sooo hard to take present for something that you have not done (can you understand it?)

We Europeans are not used to the grace. We [feel that we] have to earn everything we receive... I feel so much mercy and grace!"

-e-mail from Dana

Playing at Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels

– Sun and water and 105 degrees! We had some very pink Germans, but I don't think they complained much.

Touring the Alamo, El Mercado, and the River Walk in San Antonio

– When asked at the end of their trip what was the most memorable experience, many of the Germans declared San Antonio to be their favorite and wished they'd had more time to spend in this historic city.

Spending a day at Sea World in San Antonio

– Another 105 degree day! The teens were looking for any place where they could be splashed by dolphins.

Swimming and sunning on the beach at Corpus Christi

– The group was warmly

welcomed by the folks at Trinity Worship Center. They visited the beaches, the Texas State Aquarium, and the USS Lexington flugzeugtraeger (aircraft carrier). Pastor Weiss and his family knew from their time in Germany just what the group would be missing and prepared a basket of goodies. German coffee and chocolates, Nutella (a chocolate-hazelnut spread), and other items gave them a taste of home.

Touring the Texas State Capitol and the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History in Austin – The Germans were politely impressed with the tallest capitol building in the U.S. and admired the inlaid marble state seal, which is reportedly where Johnnie Barnes got the inspiration for the Royal Rangers insignia. The Bob Bullock Museum guided them through various parts of our state's history.

Experiencing cowboy culture at the Double N Texas Longhorn Ranch – John Permenter invited the group to visit his mother's beautiful ranch an hour west of Waxahachie, where our German friends were able to feed and pet longhorn cattle, tour



the house and gardens, and enjoy a delicious barbeque dinner. This visit tied with San Antonio as their favorite experience, and many expressed a regret that they had earlier turned down a visit to a Texas rodeo as being "too brutal."

John and his family gave the Germans what was probably the best view of our state culture and heritage of any other experience.

Free day at Lakeview Camp – The day before our German friends left Texas for Germany, the NTD gave them a day to remember at Lakeview Camp. They experienced the highropes challenge course, shot clay pigeons on the gun range, threw knives and tomahawks, listened to traditional Texas music provided by Ken and Tom Harris and the Gumpert girls, and delighted us with their own singing and music. Pastor Mike Eddy and his beautiful family came from Jackson-

ville to provide a devotional message and join in a delicious farewell dinner.

All Good Things Come to an end

The adventure ended all too soon. Like other much anticipated events, it seemed that the time would never arrive, and then, in a flash, it was over. With heavy hearts and dragging feet, we loaded the bus with our 27 German friends and their many pieces of luggage for the trip to DFW International Airport. It was hard to let go; there were hugs and handshakes, and tears and laughter. One by one, the members of the German delegation, wearing their new boots and jeans, along with hats and bandanas from John Permenter, disappeared through the doors of the terminal following the skycaps and the piles of baggage. Finally, only Sheri and I remained on the sidewalk. We were reluctant to leave, hoping for one last glimpse of our beautiful friends, but finally, we boarded the empty bus and drove away praising God for a wonderful adventure!

The German Delegation



Anica Amedick, Mühlthal
 Werner and Dana Aufleger, Inka and Luca Ganz, Rüsselsheim
 Victor Baumeister, Nagold-Emmingen
 Siegfried, Angelika, Deborah, Rebecca, and Johannes Dengler, Nagold-Emmingen
 David Gens, Rüsselsheim
 Christine Goll, Blaubeuren-Asch
 Nico Hohl, Rüsselsheim
 Manuela and Tobias Karl, Nagold-Emmingen
 Axel Kohler, Nagold-Pfrondorf
 Benjamin Kuhlmann, Rüsselsheim
 Bianca, Semjon, and Silas Maczey, Groß-Umstadt
 Nadine Nicodemus, Ober-Ramstadt
 Bennet Pflaum, München-Fasangar
 Tabea and Joel Rein, Nagold-Emmingen
 David Rolke, Kernlen i. Remstal
 Thomas Vigh, Wicker/Flörsheim

Missions Opportunity

This letter was sent to Commander Paul:

Dear Mr. Patterson

I would like to invite your church to join in this year's Toys for Native Kids Project, a life-changing outreach of Whiteriver Assembly of God that brings joy and demonstrates God's Love to girls and boys all around the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona.

Over the Years, hundred's of hurting children have been blessed. These children live in difficult, even desperate circumstances, and their faces beam with delight when they open their gifts. The Tribe still suffers from alcohol, drugs, and 72% unemployment.

As wonderful as this expression of kindness may be, this project is about sharing with children a true and lasting treasure—the message of God's gift to mankind through His Son, Jesus Christ. Hundreds of children and family members have committed their hearts to Christ as a result of this evangelistic outreach over these past 10 years.

Enclosed is a flyer for you to post at your church. I recommend you put up a tree in your lobby or a box where these gifts can be gathered. We are going to try to distribute these toys on December 16th. Gifts can be sent by ground transport to our street address or by mail to our post office box.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. I look forward to working with you to take the true meaning of Christmas to children around the reservation. If I can be of any assistance please contact me at (928)338-4441 or at wrag@citlink.net.

Sincerely,

Robert Jimenez
Senior Pastor
Nationally Approved Home Missionary

2007 NTD Calendar

January 5-6 Staff Meeting	May 31-June 3 Great Texas Pow Wow
January 26-27 Regional Conference	June 23 Sarge staff due
February 16-17 Academy of Ranger Training (ART)	June 24-30 Sarge Sellers
March 9-10 FCF Brushpoppin'	August 17-18 FCF Frontier Adventure
March 15-17 National Conference	September 7-8 Instructor Certification Seminar
March 24 Pow Wow work day	September 22 ROTY
April 7 Staff in Training (SIT) camp	October 26-28 FCF Family Days
April 21 Commanders Conference & Awards	November 9-10 Winter camp
May 5 Staff in Training (SIT) camp	December 1 Staff Christmas
May 19 Pow Wow Work day	December 8 FCF Christmas banquet

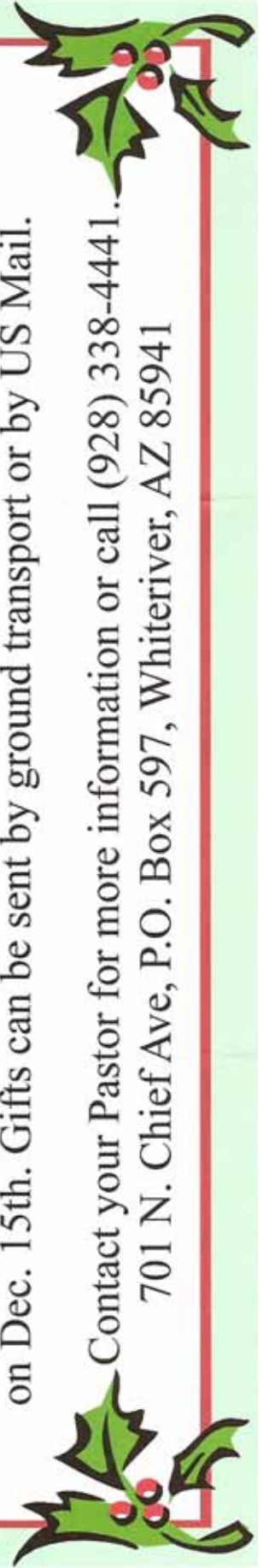


We will be collecting toys for boys and girls of all ages on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona.

This is a life changing outreach of the Whiteriver Assembly of God Church and you can help!!

All Donations can be brought to the church. Gifts will be distributed by Whiteriver A/G on December 16, 2006. Please arrange to have gifts arrive on Dec. 15th. Gifts can be sent by ground transport or by US Mail.

Contact your Pastor for more information or call (928) 338-4441.
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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 November 30, 2006. Please send your information to Jeff Kersey at jeff@royalrangers.net.

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