

WOMEN LEADERS IN THE ROYAL RANGER PROGRAM
(A National Committee Report)

A request was made by the 1972 Aides-De-Camp Council and District Commander's Conference for the National Royal Ranger Committee to make a study on the involvement of women in the Royal Ranger Program; and to issue an official statement on this matter.

The National Committee has completed it's study which included consultation with the National W.M.C. Department, and now makes the following recommendations:

In the event men leaders cannot be secured for the Buckaroo program, women leaders may assume this role. It will be left to the discretion of the local outpost council regarding the availability of men. However, the involvement of women as leaders will be in the Buckaroo program only. These women leaders will be permitted to take the Leadership Training Course and may wear the L.T.C. awards. However, they will not be permitted to attend the National Training Camps or become members of the Frontiersman Camping Fraternity, since these areas are geared for men and older boys. If, however, there should be enough demand for N.T.C.-type training for women leaders, the National Committee would certainly give consideration to developing an N.T.C. experience exclusive for them.

The National Committee also will make recommendations regarding uniforms for women leaders. These uniform suggestions will appear in the next revision of the Buckaroo Leader's Handbook. These women leaders should be extended the same courtesy and cooperation as the men leaders.

The question also arose regarding ladies attending Pow-Wows. The National Committee has recommended from the beginning of the Buckaroo program that 7-8 year old boys not be involved in Pow-Wows or overnight type camping. There would therefore be no necessity for women leaders to attend a Pow-Wow except perhaps as day visitors.

The National Committee wants to assure the women now involved in the program and those who will become involved that we deeply appreciate their interest in boys and their willingness to serve.