

ROYAL RANGERS

Assemblies of God Boys Program

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

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We are very grateful for the phenomenal achievements of the Royal Rangers program over the past thirteen years. Many kind things have been said about the dreams and vision God gave me for the Royal Rangers program. However, as important as visions and dreams may be, unless dedicated men are willing to assist in the promotion and implementation of the program on its various levels, it will not advance very far. We are therefore, very grateful for those who played a vital role in the program over the years. Progress and growth are two things that have characterized the Royal Rangers program this past year. This has resulted in outstanding gains in almost all areas.

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS:

This past year nine National Training Camps for Royal Rangers leaders were conducted. These camps were attended by 415 men, representing 40 districts. Our thanks to the staff of each of these camps. They did a great job!

NATIONAL TRAINING TRAILS:

Three National Training Trails were conducted in 1976. The trails were enjoyable, but rugged--just ask someone who attended! Our thanks also to the outstanding staff on each of these trails.

NATIONAL CANOE EXPEDITIONS:

National Canoe Expeditions, designed to give leaders training on how to conduct canoe trips, was conducted in the beautiful boundary waters of Minnesota and Canada, and the Okefenokee Swamps of Georgia and Florida. All those attending were very pleased with these training experiences.

ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP:

The third Advanced National Training Camp was conducted on September 15-19, 1976, near Marshfield, Missouri. The Advanced National Training Camp picked up where the NTC left off. One of the features was multimedia first aid training. Each trainee received an official Red Cross card plus instructor status. Other subjects included "pioneering," "survival training," "search and rescue," "CPR," plus others.

Trainees were present from all regions of the nation. It was an outstanding experience. An Advanced National Training Camp will now be conducted every year.

SECOND NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS:

The second National FCF Rendezvous was held in Dogwood Valley, near Blue Eye, Missouri, July 27-31, 1976.

Since this was our bicentennial year, our theme for the rendezvous was "The Spirit of 76."

Over 400 members from across the nation participated in FCF contests, brush arbor services, ceremonies, pageants and council fires. This was no doubt the most colorful event in Royal Rangers history.

FIRST NATIONAL AQUATIC CAMP:

The first National Aquatic Camp was conducted at Camp Strake, near Conroe, Texas, on May 17-22, 1976. The camp included training in all phases of water activities. One feature was Red Cross certification in "lifesaving," "canoeing," and "CPR" for each trainee.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING REPORT:

The training program is growing rapidly and effectively. A total of 20,018 have enrolled in the Leadership Training Course as of November 1, 1976. A total of 4,413 men have earned their Leader's Medal of Achievement. From February 1, 1976 to November 1, 1976, nine hundred and eighty-six people have earned their Leader's Medal of Achievement. This is an increase of 29 percent over 1975, based on ten months of 1976.

A total of 1,157 Commander's have completed the Advanced Training Course. Two hundred and forty have completed the Advanced Leadership Training Course in the ten month period of 1976, which is a 76.7 percent increase over last year.

A total of 688 adults have now obtained Training Chief Status as of November 1, 1976. This is an increase of 131 men over last year.

Royal Rangers boys are working diligently towards the Gold Medal of Achievement. A total of 278 boys now hold this highly prized achievement. A total of 69 boys have earned their Gold Medal of Achievement in 1976, as of November 1, 1976.

Nineteen seventy-six was and is a year to be proud of the heroic deeds of our Royal Rangers. Nine Medals of Valor and eight Certificates of Valor were presented to outstanding brave men in 1976.

STRAIGHT ARROW PROGRAM:

Another new endeavor this year was the launching of a new program for 5-6 year old boys entitled, "Straight Arrows." The program will have an Indian theme, and will meet a very vital need in our churches.

EVANGELISM:

An estimated over 18,000 boys found Jesus Christ as their personal saviour this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

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