

## Looking Back



Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1974



Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, 1982

It was a dream come true for the Royal Rangers ministry. In 1974 the first national Camporama was conducted. Excitement filled the air at the beautiful Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

good ol' fun. Bands played, singers sang, and Rangers paraded. Important people such as an astronaut, military and government leaders, and leaders of the Assemblies of God were there to greet the some 1,500 The Camporama provided a time of boys and men who attended the



Farragut State Park, Idaho, 1978

camp-out. More than 40 events made the Camporama a memorable experience for those who attended.

The second national Camporama was held in 1978 at Farragut State Park, Idaho. The attendance increased to about 2,000 people. Then in 1982 the third Camporama was conducted in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. About 3,400 boys and men gathered for this spectacular event.

One special feature of the 1982 Camporama was a day at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Royal Rangers group was the largest to attend the fair.

On July 23, 1986, a long-time vision of Johnnie Barnes, deceased national commander, came true. That day the Commander Johnnie Barnes Lodge was dedicated, and the celebration for the Silver Anniversary (25 years) of Royal Rangers began. This marked the beginning of the National Royal Rangers Training Center (NRRTC) here at Eagle Rock, Missouri.

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Ryon Herron, a trail blazer form Appalachian District, wants to know what's in that Okie gator aid.

A Oklahoma Distrist trail blazer did a good job blowing his thumb like a saxophone.

Okie on Looks by Bob Posey

U.K Delegation
By Phillip Nelson

When the United Kingdom delegation stepped off the plan into the Houston terminal, we were right at home in the cool air conditioning. Then we left the building; it hit us: THE

HEAT! At a humid 97 degrees we thought someone had left the central heating on!

Once we had conquered the Southern Texas Drawl, ("Y'All," etc.), we had a great time exploring the local scenes and sights; although the national commander didn't enjoy the 50 floor skylights!

Blazing a 16 hour trail up to Eagle Rock, we left behind a bunch of bewildered waitresses as we invaded the 24 hour "fast food" joints with the 18 British Rangers: Hot English tea was hard to come bu!

We are thoroughly enjoying the blessing and fellowship, and we are looking forward to a great time.

Australia:

Susanna and the other 24 from Australia, who stopped off in Hawaii for a few days, talked about how different the mountains were. They were just cut out not smooth! Karen, Sonio, Rebecca liked the beach when they finally got around the mountain.

Michell especially enjoyed the Luau. All joined in telling about the flee market at the Hwla Bowl. Rebocks were only \$35, compared to \$160 back home. Sounds to me like their boys are packed with Aloka goodies form Hawaii.

Okie on Look by Bob Posey

By Norm Miller, aide-de-camp, N.C. District

Jon Woodworth, of N.C. District, First Assembly of God, Raleigh \*6, came for activities and fun.

He spent the first night at cheap hotel and spent the second at a great hotel.

Stayed up to 4 a.m. first night to watch movies.

Jeremy Foster GA District, Evangel Temple # 38: Van had two flat tiers

Thought we met Elvis! Meeting new friends.

Jeff Oliver, Mississippi, Victory A/G, Outpost # 93:

First trip to Mountains. First time away from home. Looking forward to meeting different cultures.

Derek Anderson:

Broke both arms 1 1/2 weeks ago. Came because different countries and districts here.

Fourteen hours trip. Stopped at Pine Bluff, Ark. Learned about boat races.

From Cincinnati Section:

Kenny Justice, outpost #72, raised his money from a Bowl-A- Thon.

Dane Moore, Bobby Smith, Eddie Wallace, and Greg Holbrook gave 25 percent of their Camporama money they raised to Cincinnati Teen Challenge. They raised their money at a Basketball marathon.



"TELL ME, BOY .... DO THE FISH IN THIS CREEK KNOW YOU PERSONALLY?"

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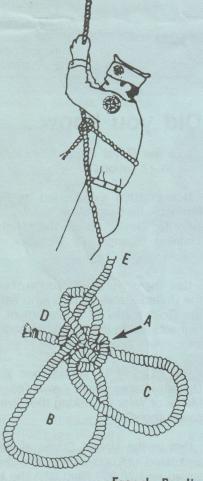
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French Bowline

#### CONSERVATION AND YOU

- . . . Enjoy the beauty of God's world by watching a sunset, a flower or a view.
- . . . Get acquainted with something in nature—a tree, a bird, an animal or an insect. Observe it and learn several facts about it.
- . . . Remember that your life depends upon natural resources for food and shelter.
- . . . Learn how the lives of other creatures depend upon these resources and upon each other.
- . . . Keep alert to learn new things about nature and conservation.
- . . . Practice conservation in little, everyday things.



#### THE CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE CAMPSITE

Cleanliness and beauty are part of conservation. Keep your campsite beautiful.

- . . . Keep your living quarters clean and attractive.
  - . . Pick up papers and trash found around your site.
- . . Burn or carry home all garbage and other refuse on trips, cook-outs, and overnights.
- . . . When hiking, keep to the trails to avoid trampling plants.
- . . . Leave trails and camp sites cleaner than you found them.

#### GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. . ." (Matthew 7:12).

If using private property:

Obtain permission before entering property.

Close gates if you found them closed or leave them open if you found them open.

Treat the property with respect, leaving behind no trash or other undesirable evidence of your use.

For the first time a national Camporama, the fourth national camping event, was held on its rightful grounds—our own training center. The 1986 Camporama was a boy's paradise come to life. The national camp-out was attended by some 3,000 boys and men in "Ozark Mountain Country." The dedication of the National Royal Rangers Training Center will long live in the minds of those who attended that Camporama.

Someday you can tell many stories about the 1990 International Camporama. The Camporama staff trusts that the many exciting activities this year will bring you great joy and a closer walk with our Master Commander, Jesus Christ. Happy camping, fellows!



National Royal Rangers Training Center, Eagle Rock, Mo., 1986

# About the National Royal Rangers Training Center

Welcome to Ozark Mountain Country! You're standing on some of the finest camping grounds in all the United States of America. The National Royal Rangers Training Center (NRRTC) spreads across 1,533 acres of land that lies on the Missouri/Arkansas border. The training center is bordered on three sides by the Mark Twain National Forest, which makes an additional 60,000 acres of public The property fealand accessible. tures meadowland, low mountains, streams, ponds, caves, and extensive forest areas.

The land on which the National Royal Rangers Training Center sits is rich in history. It has been said that a portion of the NRRTC which lies in Arkansas once belonged to a religious group in the 1800s who had fled from the Carolinas due to religious persecution. Much of the NRRTC was once owned by James and Tom Pyatt. James had seven daughters and one son. The son became a Pentecostal preacher.

The land was later inherited by Ray and Walter Farwell. James Pyatt was Ray's and Walter's grandfather. The two brothers later purchased additional acreage before selling the land to the national Royal Rangers ministry.

The rocks used to build the fireplace inside the NRRTC lodge

were gathered from the grounds of the training center. Each rock was hand hewed.

The NRRTC is used for much more than the Camporamas held every 4 years. The grounds are frequented by men who come from across the United States to take training sessions. Such training sessions are the National Training Camp, the National Training Trails, and the National Canoe Expedition.

On August 12-18, 1990, the Eagle Rock Adventure will be held for both boys and men. For boys 12 years old or older, the summer camp will provide a great time of wilderness adventure.

A first for the training center is coming October 1-6: Ground School for aspiring aviators. This 6-day training period will concentrate on the basics of aviation. All training will be held on the ground.

None of the above could be possible, however, without the financial support of many churches, businesses, and individuals. Presently, more than 600 such groups and individuals have given funds to support the NRRTC.

A main source of raising funds for the NRRTC is through Stake a Claim. Stake a Claim enables groups and individuals to invest in an acre or more of land for the NRRTC. Each claim helps provide the training facilities and to hold national meetings and specialized camping opportunities for boys and their leaders.

### Did you know...

...that the Royal Rangers ministry is now in 47 nations?

...that in 1989 a team led by Royal Rangers leaders Mark Gentry and George Davis conducted National Training Camps in Ecuador and Bolivia?

...that there were 199 young men in the United States in 1989 who earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest goal in the Royal Rangers advancement program?

...that in 1989 11 young men in the United States were awarded the Medal of Valor for risking their lives to save others?

...that in the United States alone an estimated 15,000 boys are being saved and 70,000 filled with the Holy Spirit in Royal Rangers meetings each year?