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Decade of Harvest—What Can I Do to Help?

We have now entered one of the most exciting and crucial decades in the history of the Church: the Decade of Harvest. Although conditions around us seem to indicate that things are getting worse, we Christians have an exciting task. We are the blessed whom God has chosen to spread the good news that Jesus saves.

Decade of Harvest Emphasis for Boys

By Jim Roberts

Many Decade of Harvest goals have been set. But the most important goals are those we set for ourselves. The question we Royal Rangers must ask ourselves is, "What can we do to reach others for the Lord during the 1990s?"

Each of us probably has a friend that is unsaved. One of the best ways to reach someone for the Lord is to

get him in an environment where he can sense God's presence. In other words, get him to attend church with you—whether it be at a Rangers meeting, a Bible study, Sunday school, or a church service. The goal is to get our friends around God's house so the Holy Spirit can do the rest.

Each of us must realize that we are

on a special mission for God: reaching spiritually lost people for Him. Our tools include the Bible, gospel tracks, and, of course, our mouths and our lifestyle. What you say will do little to help win someone to Christ if you don't live a Christian life.

Be prepared at all times to tell your friends and your classmates at school about Jesus. Remember, Jesus took

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Switzerland Delegation:

In October 1989 a friend of mine showed me the pictures he took of the 1986 Camporama. "You should have been there," he said. "It was lots of fun."

"The next one I will be there," was my answer. Now, after 4 years of spending money for this great trip, I'm here. I am glad to be here.

The Switzerland Delegation has built in a few hours our Swiss Camp. Come and see it. We will enjoy you visit.

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Penn. Del. District:

Penn. Del. district, located in the Northeast Region, would like to invite all delegates from the U.S. and around the world to visit our archway. It is one of the premier ones in the country in that everyone will get to help to design it. With your signature on our archway, we will have a keepsake to take home to our district.

Louisiana Delegation:

The "cajun's" from the Louisiana District invite all to visit there display and to enjoy the taste of GUMBO--cooked by the finest cooks around. Also come to see our beautiful art painted by Bud Alexis. Allow us to serve and to meet you all.

North Dakota:

For the North Dakota contingents, June 24th couldn't come soon enough. After months of planning, the day finally arrived. As soon as the morning worship service was

over, the Minnesota group left town.

After a 2 hour drive, they picked up three others from the Bismark area and five from Regan. They then drove on to Fargo to meet the remainder of the group. After driving through the night, the North Dakota arrived at Springfield, beholding as if it were "Mecca." After a brief view of the many facilities, they stepped to replenish their Royal Rangers supplies at Radiant bookstore. From there it was a short trip over to the Bass Pro store.

Before leaving, thanks to excellent sales, 15 new tents had been purchased along with two sleeping bags and various other supplies. After breakfast it was on the Camporama. Stop by and allow us to welcome you to camp. But we warn you; we may talk your ears off!

--Bob Koenn, North Dakota
Aid-de-Camp Ohio

Central Region:

The trip to the 1990 International Camporama was with an individual outpost and sectional effort. Each outpost used a variety of methods to raise money so boys who wanted to go could do so. We traveled to Eagle Rock as a group in three vans. We left Mansfield on Monday, June 25, and traveled to St. Louis.

We stopped at the Gateway Arch. We then arrived at our motel in time for the boys and some commanders to take a dip in the pool. We then finished the trip to Eagle Rock Wednesday, June 26, but not

without some excitement. The water pump on one the vans completely fell off. But within 1 1/2 hours (praise the Lord!) our commanders fixed it. We are pleased to say that all the boys are here for the first time.

We are excited about this International Camporama, looking forward to a great week of activities both fun and spiritual.

--Jim North

How to Trade Patches by Timothy Trower

A fun part of Camporama for every Ranger is patch collecting and trading. This is an activity that everyone, regardless of age, can enjoy.

To begin patch collecting, all you need are some extra Pow Wow patches or any type of patch from any type of Ranger event. Two or three patches is enough to get started with. All you need then is another individual who also wants to trade with you.

Usually if you are in a group and have your patches handy, you can find someone to trade with. Just spread your patches out on any flat surface--such as a table, stump, or your leg--to avoid stepping on them or putting them on the ground.

To start, look over the patches that the other fellow has for trade. Select one that you would like and begin. A good rule of thumb is that one patch is worth another of equal value--so one Pow Wow patch is worth another from about the same time

period.

Take into account if the patch is used, for this will drop the value somewhat. Two sectional patches are worth one Pow Wow patch. And national patches can be worth five, ten, or even more Pow Wow patches. Foreign patches are generally worth two or three Pow Wow patches each.

Remember, the final value of a patch is determined by how bad you want it. Be ready to trade two, three, or even more for a patch that you really want. Just remember that a patch is worth what the other trader is willing to trade.

You can collect one patch from every district or all of the patches from your own district. You might even collect just patches that have animals pictured on them.

Be patient, though, because it might take 10 years to get *every* patch you want. It's a hobby that you can take with you back home and continue to trade to any Ranger event.

On display in the lodge is a collection of Pow Wow patches from the different districts, as well as national patches, and many old-fashioned Ranger patches no longer use in the Ranger program. Be sure to take a look at them this evening.

You will find that collecting patches is rewarding, in that you not only can easily build a collection, but at the same, time have a great way to meet new friends.

WATER RESCUE

YOU CAN HELP

even if you can't swim

An important motto to remember before making a rescue is: Should I "reach, throw, boat, or go"? For further information, enroll in a Red Cross life-saving and water safety course.

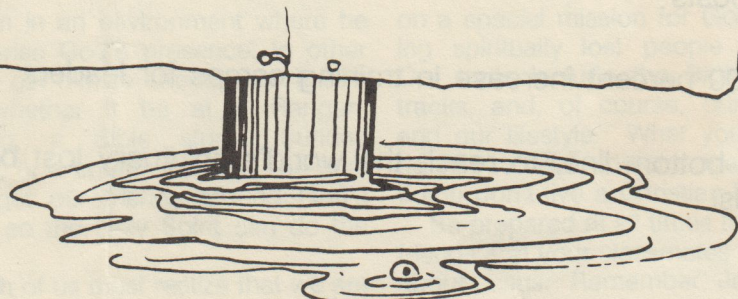
SWIMMING SAFETY

Acquaint yourself with the causes and preventives of water accidents. Know The Eight Defense plan and follow it. A safe, successful swim is a happy swim. Plan your swim and swim your plan. The Eight Defense plan will assure you of a safe and prosperous outpost swim activity.



THE EIGHT DEFENSES

1. Medical exam—to indicate when activities should be limited and when there are defects that may be remedied. Those physically unfit to swim must be kept out of the water.
2. Adult supervisor with water-safety training or assistants who are qualified. There must always be a responsible leader in charge.
3. A safe place where bottom and depths are known. Areas for swimming divided for ability groups.
4. Lifeguards on duty. Lightweight ready line should be used—chain knot or pineapple method.
5. Lookout up high to watch entire swimming area.
6. Swimmers classified according to swimming ability—each group swims in prescribed area.
7. Buddy plan with check-in and check-out system.
8. Intelligent discipline—rules that boys understand and that they have a part in making and enforcing will be more readily obeyed.



His message to anyone who would hear it . . . and even to those who resisted His appeal.

You may not be a great speaker. But you can always give someone a tract, take your New Testament to school, and, most importantly, live a Christian life before your buddies and schoolmates.

You will discover that no matter where you live, there are people that need to hear that Jesus loves them. They need to hear the story of John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (New International Version).

So ask yourself, "What can I do to reach others for the Lord during the 1990s?"

Decade of Harvest Emphasis for Men

By Jim Roberts

Ready for anything! That's what

every Royal Ranger has pledged to be. We must be READY in season and out, when we have good days or bad, whether we are rich or poor, or whatever the Lord may send our way. Though this implies no new revelation or great spiritual insight, it is a needed reminder that we as Ranger leaders should be in the forefront of evangelism during the Decade of Harvest.

God reminds us throughout His Word that we are to be witnesses in everything we do. We cannot rely on "the other guy" or the TV evangelist to carry our responsibilities of winning the lost to Christ. Each of us must do our part.

As Royal Rangers commanders we have a full-time job telling boys about Christ at church. But is that really enough? Have we neglected to tell the little boy down the street about Jesus?

As each of us daily search our hearts while on our knees before God, we must question whether we have truly done all we can to "reach, teach, and keep" as many boys as possible for the Master Ranger. Have you been content with the number of boys you already have in you outpost?

Each of us must keep before us the

vision of a spiritually lost boy who is without Christ and who is bound for hell. Every boy has a soul. Every boy must one day stand before the Lord. The soul of just one boy is worth more than all the world's treasures.

"Let the little children come to me . . .," said Jesus, "for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these . . ." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them" (Mark 10:14,16, NIV).

Let's not hang our heads in shame for what we have not done. Rather, let's all gain a greater vision for the young lost souls we can reach for Christ. Let's set new and higher goals for our outposts and communities. Teaching our boys that they should be "spiritual" by witnessing is not enough unless we teach them how! We must first be examples to our boys, then they will follow suit.

Remember, He who has provided us with this Royal Rangers mission will likewise provide us with the health, energy, and anointing required to do the job. Let's join hands as never before and be God's end-time servants—READY at any moment to witness!

Decade of Harvest Goals U.S. Royal Rangers

- * A 50 percent growth in membership
- * To lead 200,000 boys to Christ
- * To enroll an additional 20,000 leaders
- * A 25 percent increase in A/G churches with Royal Rangers outposts
- * A 100 percent increase in training camps for leaders
- * The bottom line: to reach the world's spiritually lost boys for Christ

Your Fair Share

Do your fair share. An obtainable goal that could result in the salvation of thousands of boys is to use the multiplication principle.

Here's how it works: Let's say you were to win one boy to the Lord within a 3-month period. If this new believer were to lead another person to the Lord within the next 3 months, then you would have two new believers in your outpost. Within another 3 months these two new, excited Christians could easily lead another two people to Christ. Now you have four new believers. These four, in turn, could win another four unbelievers to Christ. Within 1 year your initial effort of leading one person to Christ could be multiplied to eight new believers.

Just think, if your outpost had only 10 boys who would catch this vision, you could have 80 new Royal Rangers in your church within a year.

Through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the multiplication principle can and will work. Why not try it?