



Looking Back

It was a dream come true for the Royal Rangers ministry. In 1974 the first na-

Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Camporama provided a time of good ol' fun. Bands played, singers sang, and

ers, and leaders of the Assemblies of God--were there to greet the some 1,500 boys and men who attended the 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.



Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1974



Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, 1982

tional Camporama was conducted. Excitement filled the air at the beautiful Air Force

Rangers paraded. Important people--such as an astronaut, military and government lead-



Farragut State Park, Idaho, 1978

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 here at Eagle Rock, Missouri.

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THE GREATEST SIGHT

From the dust kicking up on the gray road leading into Camp Eagle Rock to the last piece of trash picked up at the end of the week, ponder, if you will, what the greatest sight at a Camporama is.

Some could say the beautiful creation and majesty of the mountains encompassing the carved valley around the training center is the most beautiful sight. Others would insist it is the nostalgic view of the FCF encampment with the frontier themes. There are those who would point to the Johnnie Barnes Lodge, the chapel, or maybe the trading post at the top of the list.

Many would suggest that a rather pleasant sight would be the chow tent when the dinner bell rings after a long day of activities--such as swimming, trading, and competition.

Looking up into the clear Missouri sky at night, seeing the thousands upon thousands of stars twinkle, is a sight hard to pass up. Our Lord created this magnificent view for our benefit; let's remember to praise Him for His mighty works.

Above all, however, the greatest sight is the quiet, sleeping camp when the commander has packed the last Ranger off to his sleeping bag, when he has extinguishes the last light before turning in himself, when he reflects that all of the above mentioned "great sights" are forever embedded in the memory of the young boys who will soon awake to a new day at Camp Eagle Rock.

--Norman Cooper
Georgia District



FCF SCOUT ELECTIONS

by Robert T. Schlipp

A new team of leaders will be elected to serve on national staff. This Thursday, members at the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship will elect a new National FCF Scout and a National Assistant Scout. The pair will serve a 2-year term in office. The boy receiving the most votes is elected National Scout and the boy with the second highest number of votes becomes the Assistant Scout.

Candidates for these positions come from across the whole nation. All the Scouts and Assistant Scouts from the eight Territories who are under the age of 18 are eligible for the elections.

Once elected, the National and Assistant National Scout receive the privilege of wearing a National Staff patch on their uniforms and a special frontier necklace for their FCF outfits. The two boys sit on the National Royal Rangers Council and the National FCF Committee. Their input is highly regarded by the staff, as they are often considered to carry the voice of Royal Rangers everywhere. To find out how the Scouts can serve you, contact your territorial FCF representative.

All FCF youngbucks and old-timers should be sure to vote in Thursday's elections. This year's candidates are a bunch of great guys!



FCF Candidates for National Scout and Assistant National Scout (candidates seated from top to bottom, left to right) Joshua Holland, Robert Schlipp (Nat'l. Scout), Leandro Montoya, Matthew Kling, Aaron Majors

THE LONG WAY TO NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

by Darrell Smith

The trip was set up to start at Camp Wilderness in Fort Meade Florida and take us through Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, then to Missouri to Eagle Rock. A total of 1,171 miles. On July 4 the tropical storm *Alberto* came a shore at the western part of Florida. Then it stalled over Georgia, causing flooding washing out roads in three states--Georgia, Alabama, and West Florida.

With this information on hand a change of plans was needed. The trip was then set to take us through the eastern coast of Florida, and Georgia to South Carolina then

to North Carolina, then taking I-40 through to Arkansas, then to Missouri. A total of 1,476 adding 305 miles to the trip. The trip took us right by Mount Mitchell, where we will be heading after Camporama.

We will be going there on a backpacking trip as part of a Ranger Trails Expedition (RTE). This is a program in the Peninsular Florida District. RTE allows boys to enjoy a outdoor experience of backpacking for a week at a time. We have trips like these several times a year.

Our Musical Guest

We would like to thank Scott Kirby, Justin Woods, Terry Kelly, and Ryan Hunt. Your music in the services has blessed us all greatly.



"WHAT'S UP DOC?"

by Doc Harkness

Drink lots of fluids all day--Gatorade is better than water.

Use your repellent or "Skin so Soft" to scare away critters.

Let the lodge hospital take off the ticks. A shower a day will help you find them and make your mom happy.



No barefeet!

Be careful when applying sunblock around the facial area; do not get it in your eyes.

Special thanks to Carroll Kiel for the "Mule," the hospital wagon.



There is a guest among us. The stand in for the Energizer Bunny, known as Crazy Rabbit, is here...maybe.



THANK YOU!

A special note of thanks goes out to all pageant participants, volunteers, and

contributors. Great job, guys! The nightly pageants have been fantastic productions, with elaborate sets, good story lines, and dazzling special effects!

With Brother Terry Raburn, national director, Division of Church Ministries, delivering a powerful message of salvation on Monday night, the response from the Rangers was overwhelming. Approximately 250 boys came forward and committed their hearts and lives to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! He is victorious once again! Satan has no place at this Camporama.



National Rangers of the Year, shown top to bottom, left to right: South Central, Joshua Horvath; Northeast, Anthony Raduano; Northwest, Matthew Toro; North Central, David Sutter; Gulf, Troy Farris; Great Lakes, Brandon Boyd; Southwest, Luis Barraza; Southeast, Nick Gray.

CONTESTS

Awards will be presented to the districts and regions for the following:

- Best District Activity
- Best Theme Park Parade
- Best Theme Park Archway
- Best Overall Theme Park
- Best District Standard or Banner
- Best Overall District Encampment
- Region with Largest Attendance
- District with Largest Attendance

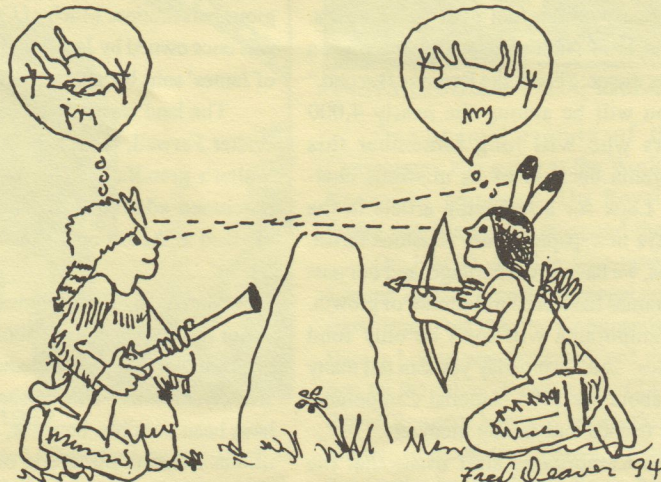
ATTENTION AIR/SEA/TRAIL RANGERS AND LEADERS

If you are interested in learning how to fly a radio-controlled airplane, come by the flight demonstration area west of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge.



SECURITY NOTE:

Please make sure all vehicles not authorized to be on-site are parked in the designated parking areas. Thank you!



"Freddy Frontiersman"

For the first time a National Camporama, the fourth national camping event, was held on its rightful grounds--our own campground we call "Camp Eagle Rock." 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."

Our last Camporama was held in 1990. It was the first-ever "International Camporama," and it was also held here at Camp Eagle Rock. The International Camporama gathered more than 3,500 boys and men from across the national and around the world. Foreign delegates from 16 nations--125 campers in all--came from Australia, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Singapore, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, and West Germany. Two U.S. missionaries represented Haiti.

This was also the first Camporama in which females attended. (Girls are accepted as Royal Rangers in some foreign countries.)

"One of the most significant events during the 1990 International Camporama was when Hanspeter Schock, of Germany, made his presentation," said National Commander Ken Hunt. Hanspeter had presented Commander Hunt a piece of the Berlin Wall, which was dismantled in 1989. "To me the gift symbolized that kingdoms of this world are crumbling and that God is using the Royal Rangers ministry to go into all the world with the gospel, reaching young people for Christ."

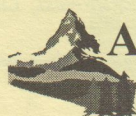
Indeed, God is using our ministry to reach the world. Since the International Camporama, we now have a missions program, called Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen, and are penetrating the inner cities of America with the tool of Royal Rangers. Also, the 1994 National Camporama rings a missions theme: "From the Regions Beyond."

You will be among the nearly 4,000 campers who will long remember this Camporama because of its missions challenge. Look for a following article in the *Eagle Eye* newspaper on our missions thrust.

Yes, we have a rich heritage, and our past Camporamas have been milestones of growth. This Camporama will soon be only fond memories. But ... someday you can tell many stories about the 1994 National Camporama to your friends and family members.

The Camporama staff trusts that the many exciting activities will bring you great

joy and a closer walk with our Master Ranger, Jesus Christ. Happy camping, fellows!



A Rich Heritage

Welcome to Ozark Mountain Country! You're standing on some of the finest camping grounds in all the United States. The National Royal Rangers Training Center, known as Camp Eagle Rock, spreads across 1,500-plus acres of land that is nestled between the Mark Twain National Forest and Table Rock Lake.

The land on which Camp Eagle Rock sits is rich in history. It has been said that a portion of the campground that lies in Arkansas once belonged to a religious group in the 1800s who had fled from the Carolinas due to religious persecution. Much of Camp Eagle Rock was once owned by James and Tom Pyatt. One of James' sons 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.

March 16, 1985, witnessed a milestone in our history when the National Royal Rangers Training Center was dedicated in impressive ceremonies. This celebration would not have been possible, however, without the volunteer help of hundreds of commanders. Come and visit the Johnnie Barnes Lodge and

you will see the fireplace that was built the old-fashioned way. The rocks used to build the lodge fireplace were gathered from the grounds of Camp Eagle Rock. Each rock was hand hewed.

Our campground is used for much more than the Camporamas, held every 4 years. Every 4 years we host the National Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Rendezvous. Each year we conduct the Eagle Rock Adventure for Rangers and their leaders. Also, 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.

Without the financial support of many churches, businesses, and individuals, this national campground would still be just a dream. A main source of raising funds for Camp Eagle Rock is through *Stake a Claim*. *Stake a Claim* enables groups and individuals to invest in an acre or more of land for Camp Eagle Rock. Each claim helps provide the training facilities and to hold national meetings and specialized camping opportunities for boys and their leaders.

We anticipate that the funds generated from the 1994 National Camporama will enable us to deplete our debt on the campground. We will be having a mortgage burning ceremony to celebrate the end of our debt during the Camporama.

Perhaps you can appreciate Camp Eagle Rock a bit more now that you know about its history. A lot of hard work! We give the glory to the One who made it possible: Jesus Christ.

