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"LOOKING BACK"

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The Camporama provided a time of 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 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.

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—the first national commander, now deceased—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. The camp is now known as Camp Eagle Rock.

For the first time a National Camporama, the fourth national camping event, was held on its rightful grounds. 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."

In 1990, the first-ever "International Camporama" was conducted here at Camp Eagle Rock. The International Camporama gathered more than 3,500 boys and men from across the nation 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.

"One of the most significant events during the 1990 International Camporama was when Hans-Peter made his presentation," said National Commander Ken Hunt. Hans-Peter 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

A Rich Heritage

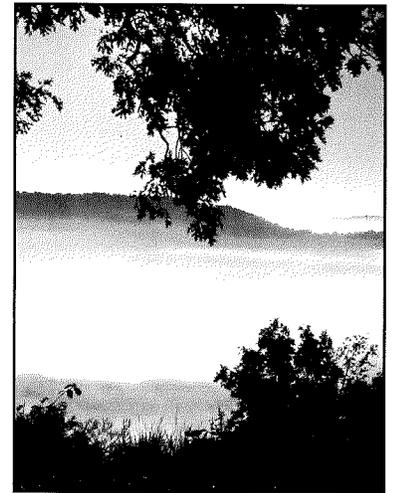
Welcome to Ozark Mountain Country! You're standing on some of the finest camping grounds in all the United States. The National Royal Rangers Training Center, known as Camp Eagle Rock, spreads across 1,500-plus acres of land that is nestled between the Mark Twain National Forest and Table Rock Lake.

The campground rests on the Missouri/Arkansas border. Our property features meadowland, low mountains, streams, ponds, caves, and extensive forest areas. (However, a dry, hot summer can make our spring-fed creeks a bit dry!)

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 be 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. The National Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Rendezvous is also hosted here every 4 year—every other year a major national event is held at the national campground. The Eagle Rock Adventure, for Rangers and their leaders, is also held at Camp Eagle Rock. Also, the grounds are frequented by men who come from across the United States to take training sessions. Such training sessions are the National Academy, the National Training Camp, and the National Training Trails. The



Let Freedom Reign!

by Gary Rothwell

The recent weeks had been very interesting ones in my life. Let me begin with the story of my youth pastor, now outpost chaplain. That's right!

Our youth pastor, Mark Morrow, who serves as our outpost chaplain had earned his Gold Medal of Achievement while growing up as a Ranger. He also earned his Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Buckskin advancement. This is my idea of a youth pastor!

I can't adequately tell you what a blessing it is as a "rookie" senior commander to have a youth pastor who loves Rangers. Mark has truly been an answer to prayer.

At the time of writing, the youth had been in Holy Ghost revival for 9 months. Mark had given me opportunities to share with them and even sent one of the youth back to Rangers to earn his GMA. He was awarded that medal on February 15, 1998.

I have seen youth turning into fiery prayer warriors and frankly had become jealous. They'd been meeting Mondays and Tuesdays for prayer and Bible study, having regular evangelistic services on Wednesdays—160 attended a

recent meeting, of which a third were visitors and many committed their lives to Christ.

Mark told the youth he wanted to cut out the Monday Bible study so they could have time with their families—instead of holding services on Monday through Thursday. He challenged them to go with him to Bethel Temple on Thursday nights to receive from God and bring it back to our home church, Warwick Assembly.

Immediately, God laid in my spirit that I should challenge our Trailblazers and Challengers toward revival. Two of them took that challenge and went with me to the youth service at Bethel.

We were blessed!

At work the other day I was praising and worshiping the Lord and thinking about all the fundraising ideas for Camporama. Then the Lord opened my spiritual eyes. I began to visualize Rangers from around the world on their knees praying. Then I was back in that field at the national campground, the one upon which you now stand. My spiritual eyes saw a sea of Rangers being swept over by the Holy Spirit in power and might. I saw boys and men falling under

the presence of God and being filled with a fiery zeal for the lost one they returned to their outposts, cities, and nations.

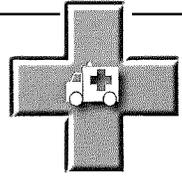
This vision was like an army of Holy Infantry, ready to march onto the field of battle to face the enemy on his own turf with the overpowering force of Spirit-filled prayer and preaching.

Tears of joy filled my eyes as I saw the enemy put to flight and the prisoner of war camps overrun by the forces of righteousness and love.

Why am I saying all this?

God has placed us here at this time for this purpose. God wants more than just a great camping experience this time. This is our moment to strike while the iron is hot.

The theme for this Camporama is "Let Freedom Reign." Let the freedom and power of God begin now to reign in your life. I think God has brought us—Royal Rangers and commanders—to this point as His prayer warriors. Let us pray together that this Camporama will spiritually challenge and change the lives of Rangers and their commanders, so we can return home with a vision to reach our world for Christ.



Medical Corner

The weatherman says, it's going to be a be a "scorcher" out there today! Here are some hot tips to keep you cool at camporama.

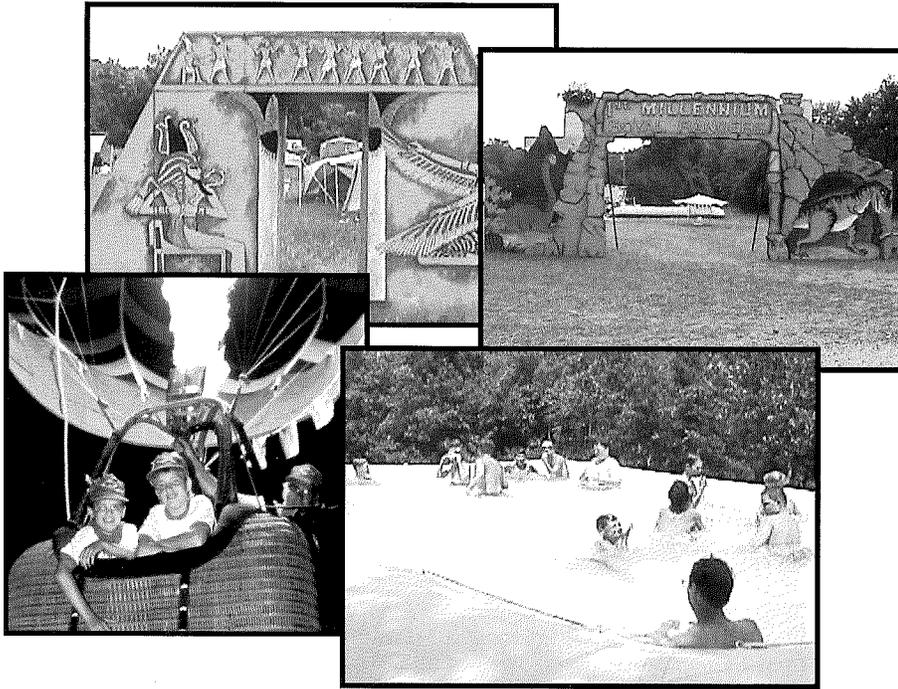
1. Drink lots of water.
2. Wear your Camporama ball cap in order to keep the hot sun out of your eyes.
3. Use sunscreen—especially if you burn easy.
4. Stay in the mowed areas. The tall grass is full of ticks and chiggers. Use insect repellent but avoid spraying head and facial areas. Some people can be allergic to some insect sprays.
5. Walk as much as possible. Avoid over exerting yourself. The weather is hot, so take it easy.



Representation of Territorial Scout Nominees
 Michael "Cow Bones" Little; Ryan "Many Stories" Beaty, Ben "Beads" Barnett;
 Matt "Sentinel" Etheridge; Nathan "Leaping Frog" Funk;
 not pictured; Joshua Urtab and Richard Price

You Ain't Seen Nuthin' Yet!

A sneak preview of Camporama entrance ways & activities



North Central Region

- Ostrich Egg Toss
- Elephant Patty Toss
- Animal Round-up
- Lion Feeding
- Loop the Rhino
- Lost Animal Hunt (tentative)

South East Region

- 40 Days of Rain
- Rain Gutter Regatta
- Patch the Leak
- Rat Bashing

Great Lakes

- Pop the Boils
- Chariot Race
- Obstacle Course
- Flying Locusts

Much, much more at other Regions!

Camping Humor

Dear Mom,

Our commander told us all to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and worried. We are okay. Only one of our tents and two sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the hill looking for Chad when it happened.

Oh yes, please call Chad's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue jeeps. It was neat. We never would have found Chad in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Commander Webb got mad at Chad for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Chad said he did tell him, but it was during the fire, so he probably didn't hear him.

Did you know that if you put gas on a fire, the gas can will blow up? The wet wood still didn't burn, but one of our tents did. Also some of our clothes. John is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Commander Webb gets the car fixed. It wasn't his fault about the wreck. The brakes worked okay when we left. Commander Webb said that if a car is as old as him that he could expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance on it. We think it's a neat car. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot—sometimes he lets us ride on the tailgate. It gets pretty hot with 10 people in a car. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the highway patrolman stopped and talked to us.

Commander Webb is a neat guy. Don't worry, he is a good driver. In fact, he was teaching Terry how to drive on the way here to Camporama. But he only lets Terry drive on the mountain roads where there wasn't any traffic. All we ever saw up there were logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out in the lake. Commander Webb wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Chad was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so Commander Webb let us take the canoe across the lake. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood.

Commander Webb isn't crabby like some commanders. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of time working on the car, so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our First Aid Merit. When Dave dove in the lake and cut his arm, we got to see how a tourniquet works. Also, Wade and I threw up. Commander Webb said it probably was just food poisoning from the leftover chicken.

I have to go now. We are going into town to mail our letters and buy bullets. Don't worry about anything. We are fine.

Love, Cole

HERITAGE, con't.

lodge and campground is also rented to church groups that hold various functions.

Without the financial support of many churches, businesses, and individuals, this national campground would still be just a dream. A main source for raising funds to pay for Camp Eagle Rock was through Stake a Claim. Stake a Claim enables groups and individuals to invest in an acre or more of land. The funds generated from the 1994 National Camporama enabled the national Royal Rangers Office to deplete its debt on the campground. Now this Camporama will provide the needed building funds for a variety of projects.

This says a lot about the quality of people who make up the Royal Rangers ministry: selfless, giving commanders who love our Master Ranger and the boys they serve. How else could we pay off a huge national debt in only 9 years?

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.

LOOKING, *con't.*

Rangers ministry to go into all the world with the gospel, reaching young people for Christ."

If you attended the 1994 Camporama, you were part of history-making, with some 4,000 campers making it the largest Camporama ever. More than 900 boys responded to the call for salvation, while nearly 500 boys sought the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

This 1998 Camporama will top off those registration totals by more than 1,000—making this the largest-ever national Royal Rangers event, with over 5,000 campers. We trust you will enjoy the many activities this "millennium" Camporama (the last Camporama of this millennium) will offer. From the opening parade—with sky divers, aerobatics, and a colorful parade—to the six theme parks—each highlighting a millennium of time, coupled with creative and wet activities—to the evening pageantry and special speakers, this will be a Camporama you will not soon forget.

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 fond stories about the 1998 National Camporama to your friends and family members.

The Camporama staff trusts that the many exciting activities this Camporama will bring will offer you great joy and a closer walk with our Master Ranger, Jesus Christ. Happy camping, fellows!

News Briefs

● Congratulations to the 310 boys who earned the Gold Medal of Achievement in 1997. That same year 16 Rangers were awarded the Medal of Valor for risking their lives to save the lives of others. The Medal of Courage was awarded to 17 Rangers for their quick action and bravery to save the lives of others at no risk to their own.

● Approximately 7,464 individuals had enrolled in the Leadership Training Course last year. Of those receiving training, 1,451 individuals earned the Leader's Medal of Achievement by completing the standard Leadership Training Course. Another 638 individuals earned the Leader's Medal of Achievement for completing the Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Leadership Training Course.

Attendance of Our National Training Camps

- National Training Camp: 479
- Advanced National Training Camp: 111
- National Royal Rangers Academy: 69
- Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Training Conference: 67
- National Training Trails: 28
- Eagle Rock Adventure: 37
- Winter NTC: 27
- National Canoe Expedition: 24



1997 Royal Rangers Outpost Annual Report

The following report is the accumulation of *Royal Rangers Outpost Annual Reports* that have been returned to the national Royal Rangers Office and reflects only 391 of the 3,167 outposts currently chartered. Statistics can be interpolated to determine overall national activity in the outposts.

an 8.1 percent report base, reflected by 391 outposts participating

Number of boys attending a chartered outpost: 5,286
 Number of advancements in rank: 3,227
 Number of merits earned: 2,151
 Number of adult leaders: 1,447
 Number of boys in FCF: 134
 Number of men in FCF: 312

Number of LFTL Jr. Councilmen: 84
 Number of commanders who are Light-for-the-Lost members: 96
 Number of missions projects supported by boys: 93
 Number of commander prayer sessions for the outposts: 1,107
 Number of boys saved via Royal Rangers: 815
 Number of recommitments to Christ via Royal Rangers: 860
 Number of boys filled with the Holy Spirit: 221
 Number of boys calling into the ministry: 64

Number of Gold Bar camp-out activities: 125
 Number of JLTC approved boys: 104
 Number of boys approved in other training: 60



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Man, am I hungry! I sure do miss Mom's cookin'!



This Camporama food is worrying me....



All right! This is great food!



Dear Mom, Camporama is fun, the food is great! I'll send recipes....

