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2012 MALAYSIAN CAMPORAMA: *The Super Bowl of Camps*

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The 2012 Malaysian Camporama was held in conjunction with Royal Rangers' 30th anniversary in Malaysia. More than 600 campers between the ages of 9 and 40 attended. The theme was "Toward Greater Things." Attendees were separated into four groups, each representing a state in Malaysia: Kelantan, Perak, Sarawak, and Johor. To grow and build team spirit, each group was tasked to replicate features of their assigned state. This was accomplished by using games, food, crafts, and cultural elements.

Those who visited **Johor** were greeted by the "Sultan" himself and given the opportunity to witness the local horse dance known as *Kuda Kepang*. The younger campers could be seen kicking a rattan ball in the air, a game known as *sepak takraw*.

At **Perak** campers first entered through a cave



known as *Gua Tempurung*, then followed the aromatic trail to a makeshift *kopitiam* (coffee shop). Campers enjoyed *chee cheong fun* (rice flour rolls with thick, black sauce) and the ever-famous Ipoh white coffee.

At the third location, **Sarawak**, participants learned the traditional bamboo dance, tried out the blow pipes, ate live sago worms (not for the fainthearted), and sampled colorful layered cake and iced tea.

Kelantan, was decorated with a dock and two boats, a boxing ring, a traditional food market, and numerous game stalls. Campers from Kelantan wore beautiful Malay costumes. The campers tasted barbecued chicken, fried fish fritters, and delicious desserts.

Other Camporama activities included the flying fox zip line, rappelling, KMX bikes, horizontal bungee, bump-2-bump (playing

soccer in a bubble suit), and sticky-wicky-wacky (a tall, inflatable bouncy tower with Velcro strips and Velcro cubes to attach on). It was an ultimate playground for adventure sports. Carnival games were set up in classrooms to test skills such as bowling, stacking, balancing, and shooting.

During the rallies Pastor Daniel Ross reminded campers to not be entangled by the things of this world. He spoke about how David overcame Goliath. He shared how God changed him. Many give their lives to God, and some even obeyed the call to full-time ministry. The presence of God was evident at camp, and if it were not for our Saviour, this camp would never be a success.

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An International Flavor at National Camporama

Royal Rangers International (RRI) hosted 163 international delegates from 28 countries at the 10th Royal Rangers National Camporama held July 9-13, 2012 in Eagle Rock, Missouri. International delegates handed out the RRI pin set, traded pins, played soccer, stamped Camporama booklets and made new friends.

For many of the international delegates attending National Camporama was the fulfillment of a desire that began when they were young. Here is what some of the delegates had to say:

Did you notice any cultural differences between your country and the USA?

The only humorous cultural difference that I encountered was during the meal times. Often we would go about asking if individuals sitting about or milling around were in the "queue" and often I had a blank response. It was only in day two that I realised that the term used in the US was "line". Thus, the question changed to "Are you in the line?" as opposed to "Are you queuing up?"

— Mark Sng – Singapore

We had a bit of a laugh when we heard that the menu for lunch one day was 'sloppy joes' as a 'sloppy joe' in Australia is a knitted sweater or a pullover!

— Jenni Saltmiras – Australia

An American boy saw me carrying the Malaysian flag as I was going for the international parade rehearsal and asked, "How do you get one of those? Wanna trade?" I guess you could trade anything at Camporama in the US.

— Eddy Law – Malaysia

What was your most memorable experience at Camporama?

While we waited in the Dallas airport, we began to see Rangers from many parts of the world filling the terminal with a wide variety of emblems and uniforms with different flags and different languages but united under one promise and one brotherhood. Our flight to Springfield was filled



with Rangers. We disembarked from the plane and the first thing we saw were the banners with the emblems in the terminal. Our trip to Eagle Rock carried people from Guatemala, Mexico, Singapore, Russia, and El Salvador. Thank you to everyone, and especially God, for permitting us the most memorable adventure that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

— Samuel Hernández – El Salvador

A memorable experience was my volunteer shift at the Deaverton Snack Bar. I was the only international delegate there, as the rest were from all over America. We chatted while we worked, learning all kinds of things, sharing many jokes and funny stories. At one point, there was no line up so I got everyone's attention, and burst out singing "if you're happy and you know it"! Everyone joined in straight away & we sang about 3 verses, with everyone outside either joining in or looking incredibly confused!

After my shift was over, the lady in charge thanked me for everything I had done; she went on to say how my shift was the most fun she'd had at camp and that I had brightened everyone's day. When we parted ways, she gave me a huge hug and thanked me again.

— Jenni Saltmiras – Australia

Do you have a short testimony of something God did while you were at National Camporama?

One thing God did for me was re-awaken my love for Christian music. I grew up on hymns and choral music and as I became an adult that burned me out on gospel. (At least traditional black gospel music) But Brenton Miles' performances were refreshing. And now "Jesus, you're all I need" is stuck in my head forever.

— William Lightbourn
Bahamas, Turks & Caicos Islands

Even as a commander, the messages of the night services impacted me. I realized that God still continues to work on our lives and we need to be ready for him to work in us. Our desire for an adventure with God, building our character and accepting the task he has for us is a life which many young people need to see in action and the commanders should be living this life and showing the way. I am challenged to continue developing my own character and relationship with Christ so that I can be greatly used through the Royal Ranger ministry to impact the future generation of leaders.

— Erwin Chan – Singapore

For more Camporama impressions from international delegates click on the Camporama link on our website at royalrangersinternational.com.



Royal Rangers International hosted the Global Leaders Encounter July 13-15, 2012. One hundred attendees from 28 nations attended this historic event on the campus of Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

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"Unity in Diversity" was the impression we received at the Global Leaders Encounter (GLE). Royal Ranger leaders from around the world met together for the first time to celebrate the faithfulness of God.

What a beautiful display of our Father's creativity: a gathering of many different people, nations, colors, cultures, and personalities—all determined to reach the next generation for the kingdom of God through Royal Rangers.

Though using different methods, we are united in the vision and mission to mentor and disciple boys and girls to become what God has planned and purposed for them.

"It is not what you bring to a group which matters most, but what you unlock while you are there," wrote Karen Lee-Thorp in *How to Ask Great Questions*. This definitely happened for every delegate in attendance, through the sessions with Royal Rangers International director Doug Marsh and our guest speaker, Dr. Tim Elmore.

We left the two day event with such a rich feeling, having experienced God's renewed direction and knowing that it is an honor as well as an awesome responsibility to be part of this God-given ministry wherever we are called to walk in it.

With God's help we will do our best!



2012 Royal Rangers International Council Meeting Summary



The ninth annual Royal Rangers International (RRI) Council met April 21–23, 2012, in Palermo, Italy, coinciding with another important conference for ministering to unreached peoples. All five RRI regions and the United States were represented at the meeting. The RRI director and the regional coordinators each presented reports on the growth and state of the Royal Ranger ministry in their respective regions of the world. The reports reflected another year of substantial progress on many fronts, including new works in West Africa and advances in some predominately Muslim countries in Eurasia and Asia Pacific.

At the request of Doug Marsh, the RRI Council members approved revisions to the global curriculum currently in use to make it more manageable for national leaders and even more streamlined for translation projects.

Special consideration was given to the plans for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Royal Rangers during National Camporama and the RRI Global Leaders Encounter in Springfield, Missouri.

The next RRI Council is scheduled to take place in Argentina in April 2013.



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