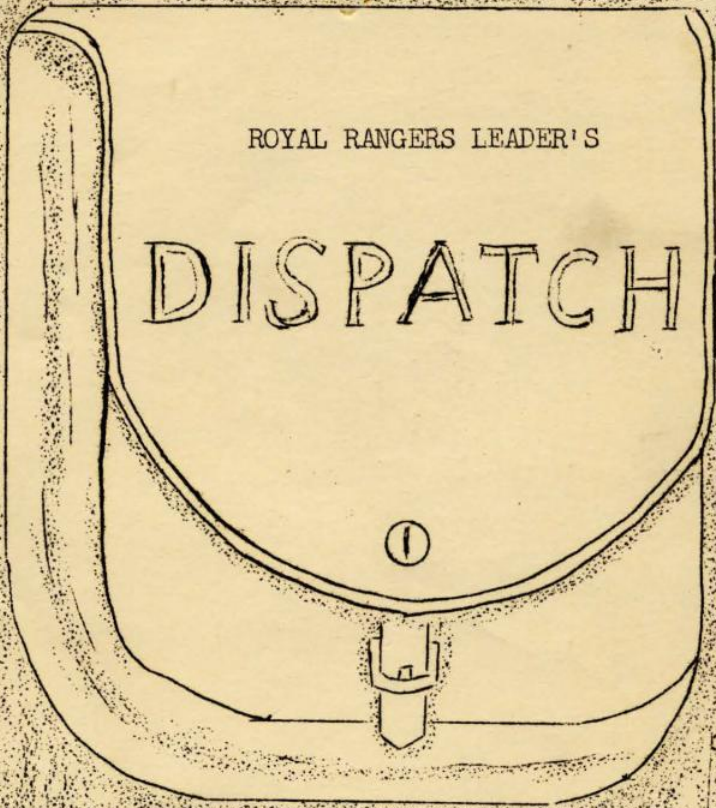


ROYAL RANGERS LEADER'S

DISPATCH



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Attention outpost commanders!

Here is your first copy of the Royal Rangers Leader's "DISPATCH." It contains a supplement to your Leader's Manual. Each quarter we will be mailing the "DISPATCH" to all outpost commanders of chartered groups. The enclosed is for the June, July, and August quarter.

It is our desire to keep you posted with new information and fresh ideas. We will endeavor to do this through the "DISPATCH."

May we suggest that you purchase a small notebook and keep this information in it for future reference.

Each idea section is labeled for your convenience. We plan to add new ideas to these sections with each mailing.

It is our hope that this material will be of assistance to you. We would be happy for you to correspond with us and give us your reaction to "DISPATCH" and any other suggestions you might have.

Please note: We received the idea for the name "DISPATCH" from the dispatch riders of frontier days who rode from fort to fort carrying important news.

THE CODE AND PLEDGE

One of the most important things we want to keep before our boys is the Royal Ranger code. This is their yardstick for standards and conduct.

BE SURE THE BOYS KNOW THE CODE:

I was surprised and disappointed recently while talking to a Royal Ranger. He was wearing a second class pin and yet could not repeat the Royal Ranger code. This should never happen. May I urge each commander to make sure each boy can repeat the code before becoming a Royal Ranger recruit.

RECITE THE CODE OFTEN:

Use every opportunity possible for the boys to repeat the code and the pledge. This may be done in the opening and closing ceremonies.

APPLY IT TO LIFE:

During games and other activities, point out to the boys how the code can be applied to their conduct.

Also use every other illustration possible to show how the code can be applied to the lives of the

boys.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Question: Should each age group have an individual outpost with a separate outpost commander?

Answer: Yes, Pioneers for example should have an individual outpost and their own Pioneer outpost commander. Also Trailblazers should have their own outpost and an outpost commander. This is also the case for Air or Sea Rangers. Each of these outpost commanders may have Lt. commanders to assist them. However, in some cases where there is a shortage of boys or leaders, it is permissible to combine groups together. This is an exception and not the rule. There are many problems that arise from a combined group. Commanders must pass requirements from more than one handbook. Then also because of the wide age-span, there is difficulty in playing games etc. So it is always best to separate the age groups when possible.

Question: What is a patrol?

Answer: A patrol is a group of boys within an outpost. For example, if you had ten Pioneer boys, you could divide them into two patrols of five boys each. The patrol would select one of their number as a patrol guide and another as assistant patrol guide. The boys should also select a name for their patrol. It is also permissible for members of a patrol to wear a patrol patch $\frac{1}{2}$ in. below shoulder seam on the right sleeve. However, designing and securing this patch is the responsibility of the local group because these patches are not available at the Gospel Publishing House.

Question: If members of the outpost council should wear a uniform, what rank insignia would they wear?

Answer: We are now preparing a special insignia for the outpost council. They will look the same as the commander's bars except they will be plain gold instead of blue.

INDOCTRINATION

SCRIPT-O-DIAL:

You will find enclosed a complimentary script-o-dial. We believe this unique item would be a great aid in encouraging boys to memorize Bible verses on the four main teachings of the church. You could dial a verse on one of the doctrines each week for the boys to memorize, also giving them a brief explanation on the meaning of the verse. Each week you could change to a different teaching and in a short time your boys would have a basic scriptural knowledge of the main teaching of our Pentecostal faith.

May we suggest that you purchase a script-o-dial for each boy to use. The cost is 10¢ each or \$1.10 for 12. They may be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. The order number is 7J5256.

DEVOTIONAL

The commander's purpose: To help boys to become aware of the watchcare of God and also of their need of becoming children of God.

Commander: Today our story is about an Indian boy who lived many years ago. His tribe required him to go through a test they called an ordeal before he could become a young brave. During the ordeal it was necessary for him to build a lean-to far out in the forest and spend the night there alone. This was a real test of bravery because many wild animals such as wolves, bears and mountain lions lived in the forest. Bravely the young Indian boy built his lean-to shelter. As night fell, he huddled as far back in the lean-to as he could. During the night he could hear the howl of wolves and an occasional scream of a mountain lion. Later, he could hear the sound of footsteps in the leaves near his lean-to. All night long he crouched in his shelter clutching his hunting knife. Any moment he expected a wild animal to pounce upon him.

Finally, at long last, dawn began to break. As the boy arose to leave he heard a sound in the tree above him. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw a figure crouched there. For a moment he stopped dead still, his heart scarcely beating. Then the figure leaped to the ground. It was his father. All through the night his father had crouched in the tree watching over him. The boy embraced his father and exclaimed, "Father, if I had known you were there, I would have slept last night instead of staying awake."

Fellows, did you know when we become God's children, He watches over us in much the same way. Many times we don't have to worry or be afraid because our Heavenly Father watches over us.

Discussion: Let me ask each of you a personal ques-

tion. Are you a child of God? Can anyone tell me how we become a child of God? (Let some of the boys answer.) Fellows, the answer is in the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) God's Word says in John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:" This means that if any of you believe in Jesus and accept Him as your savior and receive Him in your heart, you will become a child of God. (Have the boys repeat the verse over with you, two or three times.)

Closing: Invite each of the unsaved boys to receive Christ. Have them come forward then encourage those who are already saved to gather around them and pray for them. Deal with each boy personally and make sure he knows how to accept Christ.

FINANCE

Very often the question is asked, "How do we finance such items as uniforms, equipment, and camping trips?" The following are ideas and suggestions you might like to use:

UNIFORMS:

Generally the boy is responsible for the purchasing of his own uniform. However, in the event he is unable to do so, here are some suggestions:

1. Sponsors: Some leaders have presented the challenge to the Men's Fellowship and different men have volunteered to sponsor a boy and outfit him in a uniform. Some churches have a list of men waiting for a boy to outfit.
2. Pay as you go: Other groups have outfitted the needy boy and allowed him to pay it off by the week or month, also helping them find work to earn the money.

EQUIPMENT:

Probably the greatest load on an outpost is se-

curing equipment for the boys. The following ideas may help:

Offering: Some leaders have challenged the Men's Fellowship or the church with the need and have received an offering to buy equipment.

Dad's Club: Other groups have organized an outpost "Dad's Club" made up of men who will give a certain amount each month into a special fund for outpost expenses. The men do not need to be fathers to participate.

Projects: There are many ideal projects the boys themselves can engage in to earn money for equipment. Here are two:

1. **Car wash:** If you advertize good and set the price slightly below the regular price, it is surprising the number of people who will be customers.
2. **Lawn mowing:** Set a day in which the boys will mow lawns at a reasonable price. Then contact people in person

or by phone explaining the purpose of your project. The result is usually very good.

We will pass along other project ideas from time to time.

CAMPING TRIPS:

The commander should plan the menu in advance including the cost of food. Divide the food cost by the number of boys. Each boy should then bring this amount to the leader before the trip. Boys who have difficulty securing money could bring food stuff equivalent to his amount of money.

WHERE TO WEAR INSIGNIA

EMBLEM AND GUIDE BARS:

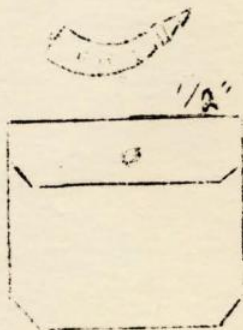
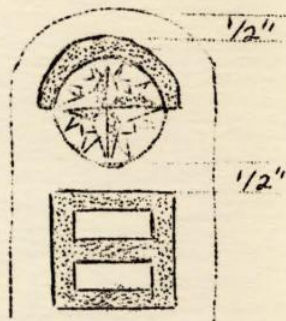
The sleeve emblem should be centered on the left sleeve approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ in. below the shoulder seam. The Guide Bars should be worn $\frac{1}{2}$ in. below the emblem on the left sleeve. (See illustration.)

ADVANCEMENT CHEVRONS:

The Advancement Chevrons should be centered halfway between the shoulder seam and the elbow on the right sleeve. They should be re-centered each time a new chevron is added.

PIONEER ADVANCEMENT PINS:

The Pioneer Advancement Pins should be centered $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the left pocket. When new pins are added they should be worn $\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the present pin.



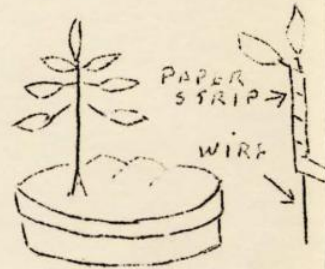
CRAFTS

Miniature replicas in glass bottles or jars, of scenes or objects, are always popular and fascinating. Why not have the boys try to create a scene near their home or some place which they have visited recently?

On the outside of the bottle or jar, they can paint a background, such as a bright blue sky on the top and brown earth near the bottom.

WOODLAND SCENE:

In a painted jar lid, place some modeling clay. Make little trees by winding strips of green crepe paper on fine wire. Insert in clay base. Add a pebble or two and some tiny paper flowers. Make an animal from paper or use a plastic one and place it in the scene. Invert a glass jar and, on one side, paint lower part green and brown; upper part blue for the sky. Place jar over lid and screw

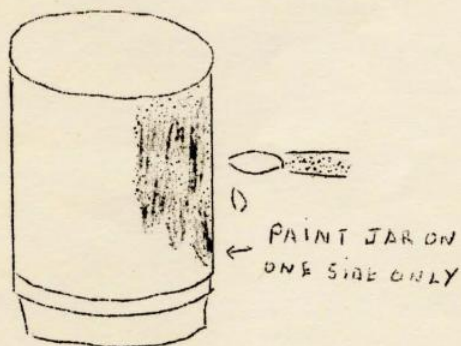
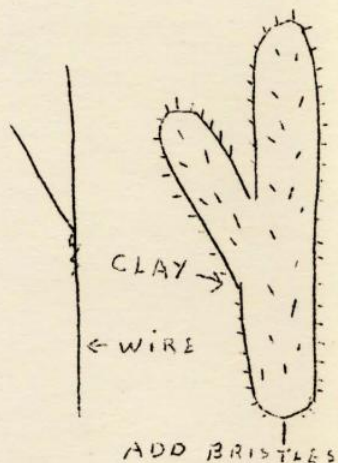


WOODLAND

securely in place.

DESERT SCENE:

For a desert scene, make cactus by covering a wire with clay and inserting bristles from an old brush in clay. Paint green. Add sand and rocks. Complete with a small desert animal. Paint a pale orange sky on one side of your jar for a background.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

SWIMMING:

The buddy system is the safe way to conduct swimming activities. Boys are divided up into pairs (buddies) according to their swimming abilities. The supervisor of the swimming will blow a whistle every few minutes at which time the boys who are buddies will join hands and lift them out of the water. Boys who do not cooperate by staying with their buddy should be disqualified and not allowed to swim.

Many a boy's life has been saved because it was discovered that he was having trouble when the buddy whistle was blown.

EQUIPMENT:

Many accidents can be avoided if boys are taught the proper use of a knife, ax and other equipment before using them on a camping trip. In fact it is a good idea to have each boy demonstrate their use before being allowed to use them.