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FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

ATTENTION COMMANDERS!

In this issue of DISPATCH you will note an announcement regarding our new Royal Ranger Leadership Training course. May we strongly urge you, your lt. commanders and members of the outpost council to enroll in this course. We believe it will be a tremendous assistance to each of you in directing the Royal Ranger program.

Also, in this issue is a program planning guide for this quarter. It is our hope that this guide will be helpful to you in planning your over-all activities for Royal Rangers in this quarter. We would also appreciate your writing us and giving us your reaction to this new planning guide.

Here's hoping this will be a great quarter for you and your Royal Rangers.

FIRST AID IDEA

First Aid Meet

PLANNING: Meet with the other outpost commanders in your area to plan a first aid meet. Make arrangements for time, place and date. Invite parents to attend the meet.

ORGANIZING: Arrange in teams according to age division, Pioneers competing against Pioneers, Trailblazers against Trailblazers, etc. Appoint judges for the contest. Also, prepare prize ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners in each age division.

THE CONTEST: Place the "victims" at one end of the building and the first aid teams at the other end. At a given signal the captain of each team is given an instruction sheet. The sheet contains details about the cause of injury and a list of the symptoms of the "victim." The team will analyze the injury and give proper first aid. The victim will then be transported back to the starting line.

Contact your local red cross for further assistance.

CRAFT IDEA

A Hobby Show

PLANNING: Plan a show for the Rangers in your church. Better still, meet with the other R.R. leaders in your area and plan a hobby show with all the outposts. You should set the time, place, and date.

ARRANGEMENTS: Send out notes to all the parents giving them an invitation to attend the hobby show. Give the boys sufficient advance notice so that they will have the craft and hobby items ready for the show.

THE SHOW: Have each boy arrange a display of his hobbies, including equipment, tools, or material used. Have each boy to stand by his display, ready to answer any questions about his hobby. Give appropriate prizes and have a time of fellowship after the show.

CRAFT IDEA

Ask each Royal Ranger to bring at least three egg shells from which his mother has removed the contents by punching a 1/8" hole in each end and blowing the contents into a bowl.

Let Royal Rangers decorate their eggs as illustrated or according to their own ideas and hang them on a tree branch which has been sprayed or painted.

Hang eggs by pipe cleaners with a hook bent on each end, one end inserted in the egg and the other on a branch of the "tree."

Tree may be made more festive by tying tiny bows at the ends of branches. When tree is completed, take it to the Children's Ward at a hospital or give it to one of the children's departments in your church for Easter decorations.

Faces may be painted directly on the shell or bits of paper, felt or sequins may be glued on.

Feathers, bottle caps, construction paper, sequins, glitter, lace doilies, paper cones, yarn, leather, and pipe cleaners are among the items useful for decorations. Encourage boys to use their own ideas.

Remind the boys to handle the shells gently because they are fragile. However, if some are broken, glue the pieces together in various arrangements and trim with sequins and glitter.

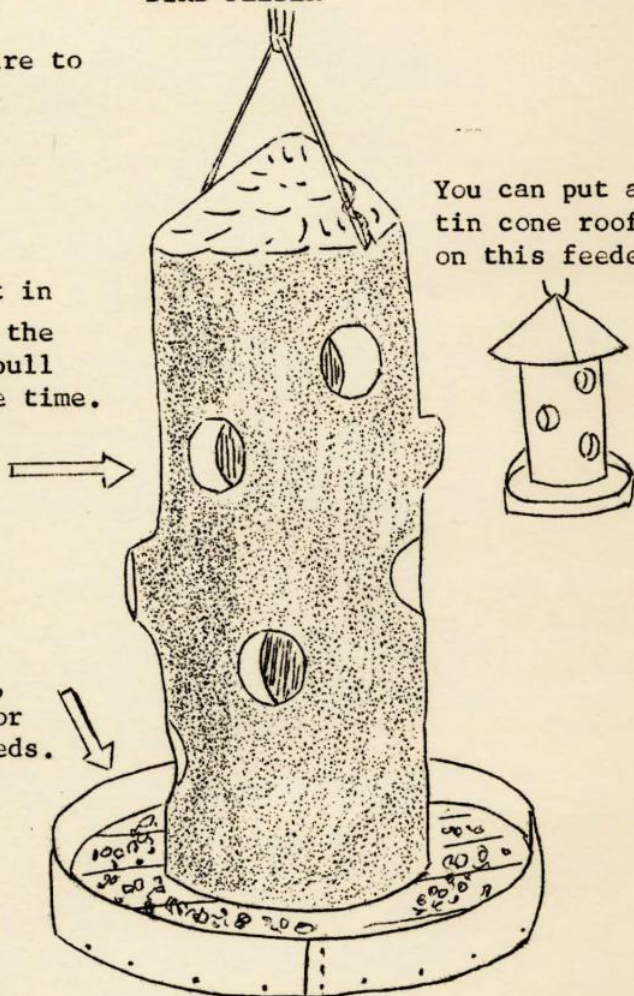
BIRD FEEDER

Use copper wire to hang feeders.

Tamp the suet in the holes so the birds can't pull it out at one time.

You can put a tin cone roof on this feeder.

Bread crumbs, chick feed, or Sunflower seeds.



Your local butcher will supply you with suet. Chick feed and Sunflower seed may be found at a feed supply store or pet shop.

Be sure to keep a record of the different kinds of birds that come to your feeder.

GAME IDEA

Chicken Fight

Chicken Fight is a Brazilian two-man contest like Indian-hand or leg-wrestling. Each boy tucks a handkerchief (no fair tying!) into his belt in front, stands on his right foot, and folds his right arm across his chest. He tries to snatch away his opponent's handkerchief and at the same time defend his own. He may hop around on his right foot, push or pull with his open hand, or block with his right elbow. If his left foot touches the ground or his right arm unbends, he is disqualified.

DEVOTION

The Grasshopper that Started a War

The commander's purpose: To help boys see the evil of quarreling.

Story: Two tribes of Red Indians, the Shawnees and the Delawares, lived in Pennsylvania. One day in play a Shawnee boy found a grasshopper. A Delaware boy wanted it. The boys scratched and screamed and fought.

Their mothers ran to see. Each thought her boy should have the grasshopper. Then they began to fight, and all the "squaws" took sides and began to fight, too.

When the Indian men came home from hunting, the women told them what had happened. War was declared between the two tribes; many battles were fought; some men were crippled, others were killed, and neither side got the grasshopper.

Selfishness in the heart of a child had caused it all. Have you ever heard one boy say to another, "That is mine; you can't have it?" Remember this story of the grasshopper war, and what sad things grew out of selfishness.

Ceremony: Fellows, we don't want a lot of quarreling in our outpost do we? Boys who fuss and quarrel make it unpleasant for everyone else. Each of these fellow Royal Rangers is your friend. Real friends share with each other and help each other. Tonight, we are going to join hands and form a friendship circle. Now, we are going to pray for God to help us not to be quarrelsome and troublesome and to also help us to be a real friend to our fellow Rangers.

DEVOTION

Building a Road for Jesus

The commander's purpose: To help boys see the importance of showing their gratitude to Christ for what He has done for them.

Story: Robert Louis Stevenson, who has written such famous poems and exciting stories for boys, went to a far-off island in the Pacific to rest and regain his health. He loved the people who lived there, and helped to get many of the prisoners out of prison.

So very grateful were these prisoners that when they learned he wanted a road built through the jungle they decided to build it themselves, though it meant months of hard work. When it was finished they called it, "The Road of the Loving Heart." "For," they said, "there is no heart like yours."

We know of a heart that is more loving, though, than even the great Stevenson's. It is the heart of our Lord Jesus. He has set us free from the awful prison of sin. You, too, would like to do something to show Him your love, wouldn't you? Build a road for Him just as the Samoans did, not of chat and cement, but by speaking kind words and doing always just the things that will please Him. He will see it all, and you will find much joy in spending your life building such a road. I wouldn't wonder if you should decide to call it, "The Road of the Happy Heart."

Ceremony: Fellows, have you done anything lately to show Jesus your gratitude for what He has done for you? This week we want you to start building a road of appreciation. This week I want you to do something to show your appreciation to Christ. Next week I want a report on what you did. Now, let us pray for God's help in building this road.

DEVOTION
White Ants and White Lies

The commander's purpose: To help boys to see that so-called little wrongs can ruin our character.

Story: "Just listen to this," exclaimed George, as he looked up from the paper he was reading. "The white ants of Africa are the most secretive creatures in the world. Even when they are attacking whole forests, they come up under cover, building dirt tunnels up and down tree trunks to shelter them while they work. One may rise from his chair at night, go to bed and get up in the morning and see it there apparently unchanged. But let him try to sit in it, and lo! he and the chair are a heap on the floor. What is the matter? The white ants have come in the night and eaten all the inside out of the wooden legs, rounds and frame. Not a nick appears on the outside, but the chair is a mere shell by daylight."

"That's an interesting bit of natural history, George," said Uncle Ed. "I was thinking, as you were reading, that white ants are not confined to Africa alone."

"What do you mean, Uncle Ed?" asked George. "I hope you do not think we will ever have any around here. I am sure I wouldn't like to have a chair look all right, and then go to pieces when we sat down on it."

"Well, these ants you just read about remind me much of what we sometimes think of as 'little' sins--such things, for instance as 'white lies.' The damage such things work is not especially noticeable on the surface, but all the while they undermine and tear down character."

Ceremony: Fellows, it is so true we must be careful about letting little things creep into our hearts. There's the story about a frog egg that got into a water pipe. The egg grew into a tadpole. The tadpole became a frog, then the frog shut off the water. If there are little sins in your life, you should ask God to remove them while they are small. We are going to form a circle. Then I want each of you to close your eyes and think about any little sins in your hearts. Now let's pray that God will take those things out of our hearts.

DEVOTION

He Wanted to be First

The commander's purpose: To help boys see the importance of being a good follower as well as a leader.

Story: A missionary from Alaska was showing a picture of his dog team to some boys. He pointed to one dog and said, "This dog always led, but one day I decided it would be wise to train another dog to lead. Then if anything happened to this one I would not be without a leader. So I put the second best dog ahead of the first.

Can you imagine what happened? The first one dropped to the ground and would not move. I lifted him to his feet and forced him to go on. He gnawed the harness of the new leader until the dog was freed, and he was again the leader.

"He did this several times, so I had to take him out of the pack until the other dog was trained. The first leader sulked and grieved until he died of a broken heart. He wanted first place or none."

Some boys are like that. They want to be first-- or nothing. But they are not following our great Leader, Jesus. He never fought for the first place. Instead, He said, "I am among you as he that serveth."

Ceremony: Fellows, have you been guilty of complaining and grumbling because you couldn't be a leader. Have you ever given your patrol guide a hard time because you wanted to be the leader instead of him. Unless you are a good follower you will never make a good leader. It is just as important to be a good follower as it is to be a good leader. How far do you think a halfback on a football team would get without the help of the rest of the team. Tonight we are going to ask our senior guide and our patrol guides to step inside our circle. Now, we are going to pray that God will help them to be good leaders. Let us pray that we will also be good followers.

DEVOTION

The Boy Who Said "No"

The commander's purpose: To help boys see the importance of truthfulness.

Equipment needed: If possible a set of Clark's commentary on the Bible. Also, a whittling stick and a pocket knife.

Story: Many years ago a red-haired boy worked in a linen factory. One day an order came in for ninety yards of linen. The superintendent measured a bolt, but found it three yards short. He decided to wet the linen and stretch it. He took hold of one end and called to the red-haired boy to take hold of the other end and pull. The boy refused, saying he would not help make the linen lie. He was discharged then and there. "You're stupid," the boss told him, "you'll never make a linen manufacturer."

He didn't. But that red-haired boy who refused to help make the linen lie, thereby laid a stone in a good, solid foundation for his future. Later he became the great Bible commentator whom the world knows as Adam Clarke. He had achieved success far greater than if he had become a wealthy, but dishonest, linen manufacturer!

Ceremony: Fellows, one of the worst things a boy can do is to tell a lie. On the other hand, one of the greatest things a boy can do is to refuse to tell a lie. Everytime we refuse to tell a lie or refuse to take part in a lie, we make our character a little stronger. Clarke--the man who wouldn't tell a lie when he was a boy wrote a six-volume Bible commentary (if possible show the boys a copy of the commentaries) that has been a blessing and guidance to thousands of people. Wouldn't you like to be that kind of boy? Here is a stick, I want each of you to make this pledge, "with God's help I will not be a liar." Then, I want you to cut a knotch in the stick in our meeting room to remind us of our pledge.

DEVOTION

He Knew His Bible

The commander's purpose: To help boys realize that the greatest way to overcome temptation is to know and use the Bible.

Story: A boy was on a steamboat making a journey. One day as he sat alone on the deck, looking down into the deep water, two ungodly men agreed that one of them should persuade him to drink. So the wicked man drew near the boy. In a very pleasant voice and manner he invited him to go and drink a glass of wine with him.

"I thank you, sir," said the boy, "but I never drink intoxicating liquors."

"Never mind, my lad, it will not hurt you. Come and have a drink with me."

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," was the boy's ready reply.

"You need not be deceived by it. I would not have you drink too much. A little would do you no harm, but would liven you up."

"At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," said the boy. "And I certainly think it wiser not to play with adders."

"My fine fellow," said the crafty man. "It will give me great pleasure if you will only come and drink just one glass of the best wine with me."

"My Bible says, 'If sinners entice thee, consent thou not,'" was the reply.

That was a stunning blow to the tempter, and he went back to his companion, defeated.

"How did you succeed?" he asked.

"Oh, not at all. The fact is," replied the man, "the youngster is so full of the Bible that I cannot do anything with him."

Ceremony: Fellows, the Bible is the greatest weapon we have against temptation and evil. In fact the Bible calls it a sword ("the sword of the Spirit"). Tonight we have a Bible on this table. I want each of us to lay our hands on the Bible and pray and thank God for this great weapon He has given to us.

ROYAL RANGER PLANNING GUIDE

FIRST QUARTER

	Monthly Theme	Weekly Program Feature	Special Activities	Special Projects
J A N U A R Y	<p>WINTERIZING</p> <p>Purpose: To prepare boys for winter camping and other outdoor winter activities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Techniques of winter camping. 2. Proper winter clothing and camping equipment. 3. Safety techniques for winter sports and activities. 4. Nature study in the wintertime. 	<p>Wintertime Hike</p> <p>Ice skating, bob sledding, skiing, and other winter sports as a group.</p>	<p>Make bird feeders* for wintertime birds.</p>
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F E B R U A R Y	<p>FIRST AID READINESS</p> <p>Purpose: To train boys in administering emergency and preventive first aid.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Importance of first aid. (If possible use first aid expert.) 2. First aid team work. (Patrol first aid demonstration.) 3. Wintertime first aid and safety. (Frost bite, freezing rescue, etc.) 4. Home emergencies. (Poison, fire, etc.) 	<p>First Aid meet* with neighboring outposts.</p> <p>Lost man first aid rescue hike.</p>	<p>Make or secure items for complete outpost first aid kit.</p>
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M A R C H	<p>FUN WITH HOBBIES</p> <p>Purpose: To encourage boys to develop worthwhile hobbies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why have a hobby. 2. Craft demonstration. (Let boys take part.) 3. Soap carving contest. 4. This is my hobby. (Hobby sharing by boys.) 	<p>Hobby show with neighboring outpost.*</p> <p>Visit shop or factory that specializes in crafts.</p>	<p>Make an Easter Egg tree.*</p>

* See current DISPATCH for details.