



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

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Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

This is to announce that Paul Feller, who has served as our National Training Coordinator for the past six years, has left the National Office to enter another phase of the ministry. We would like to express our deep appreciation for Paul's dedication to the program and for the efficient job he has done. We will certainly be praying that God will bless him in his new endeavor.

Replacing Paul as National Promotional and Training Coordinator is Don Franklin. Don is well qualified to fill this position. He has had wide experience in the various levels of Royal Rangers as well as a knowledgeable background of the program. We are confident that he will do a terrific job. I am sure he would appreciate your prayers as he assumes the mammoth job of coordinating the training and promotional phases of Royal Rangers.

Here's the latest on our new Royal Rangers magazine, "High Adventure." After several unavoidable delays, the magazine is now in production; and we hope to have the first issue ready by May, 1971. We know you will be pleased with this high quality magazine. Any assistance you can give us in securing additional subscriptions would be greatly appreciated.

Here's wishing you and your outpost a lot of excitement, adventure, fun and accomplishment during this spring quarter.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

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DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



FLAPPING WINGS

(Submitted by Larry Matsuwaki
Costa Mesa, California)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:29

Lesson: We have two mallard ducks and two Rhode Island Red chickens living in our backyard. Not only the four birds, but anywhere from 10 to 15 sparrows (depending upon the time of the year) live there too. During the winter months there are a number of these sparrows that come to eat what the ducks and chickens leave behind.

We also have Mickey who happens to be a cat. Now Mickey tries to sneak up on these sparrows and pounce on them. He never had much success.

However, one morning my daughter had gone out to the backyard to play with her brother. To her surprise Mickey had caught one of the sparrows. Mickey had the bird firmly in his mouth and started to chew. "Mother, mother," my daughter cried. Her mother came running out and frightened Mickey, making him drop the sparrow.

My daughter brought the wounded sparrow into the kitchen. Out of compassion, she prayed that God would heal the sparrow. I had come home from work early and took one look at the sparrow with the thought, "no hope."

We all had gone into the living room and later we heard flapping wings. It was the sparrow. He was trying to get out. We opened the door and let him go.

God cared for the sparrow, however He cares much more for us. God said two sparrows cost only one farthing, or $\frac{1}{2}$ c yet not one shall fall to the ground without our Father noticing. How much more does He care for us. My daughter's prayer was answered. Don't you believe God also answers your prayer?

LIVING ON

(A quiet campfire chat)
(Submitted by Gordon Preston
Fullerton, California)

Fellows, we've been sitting here tonight around the campfire. We watched it grow from a tiny flame to a blaze that shed its light and heat so that many of us drew back. Then the fire burned down, got lower and lower and now it has almost burned itself out. In another few hours this campfire will be entirely gone. But will it? Or will something of this fire live on forever in our hearts—some feeling of friendliness or respect for one another—some feeling of faith in our world and in ourselves?

If something that has been thought, or felt, or hoped for as we have gathered here at our campfire should change your world—even a little bit—then this campfire will live on, will not be finished with the dying down of the flame and the clearing away of the ashes.

The influence of our entire Royal Rangers experience is something like this. We may leave our outpost after a few years, may even cease to be members, but something of the camping spirit inside us lives on—forever!

THE GREATEST

(Submitted by Marcial Acero
Azusa, California)

Purpose: So that the boys will know that Jesus is the Greatest!

Story: I'm sure most of you boys have heard about the world's greatest escape artist, Harry Houdini. He was born in 1874 and died in 1926.

Houdini specialized in escaping from handcuffs, straitjackets, and legirons. To publicize his act he would allow himself to be handcuffed and locked in the town's most escape-proof jail cell. In a few moments he would release himself.

He would hang upside down far above the street and release himself from a straitjacket. Such death defying acts made him world famous. His most spectacular feat was to have himself handcuffed, chained and place in a large wooden crate. The cover was nailed on, ropes and chains were wrapped around it, and the crate was thrown off a pier into deep water. In a few seconds Houdini came swimming to the surface. Ceremony: Fellas, the world claims that Houdini was the world's greatest escape artist. No doubt he was a great escape artist, but how sad it is the world fails to recognize the world's GREATEST escape artist by the name of Jesus Christ. The Bible clearly states that Jesus, having *died* on the cross, being buried, arose again on the third day. He conquered death and the grave, and He promises us that the same victory is ours if we will only believe in Him and receive Him in our hearts. Let's bow our heads and ask Him into your hearts right now. (Follow with a short prayer.)

DON'T GET HOOKED

*(Submitted by Gary McKee
Staten Island, New York)*

Purpose: To show the danger of starting a bad habit (smoking, etc.)

Equipment Needed: Fish hook (large) and a piece of material. (Stick fishhook in piece of cloth and show how difficult it is to back it out the way it went in.)

Fellows, it sure was a cinch to put this fishhook into the cloth, but you could see how hard it was to back it out. It's just like a bad habit—awfully easy to start, but awfully hard to stop.

Some fellows your age have started to smoke. It was real easy to start, as easy as it was for me to put the fishhook into the cloth. Across our land millions and millions of smokers have tried to stop smoking and failed. They just couldn't get the hook out.

If it is so hard to stop, and if so many smokers want to quit, then why start—why get the hook in in the first place?

Some fellows think it is manly to smoke. Take a look around you. Look at the girls and women who smoke. Manly to smoke? Brother! Today you have to be a nonsmoker to be taken for a man. Want to be taken for a man, one who is living for God?

PEBBLES AND LIVES

*(Submitted by T. R. Shepherd
Valley Park, Missouri)*

I wonder whether any of you boys have ever been to Pebble Beach in California? If you ever visited there, I feel sure that somewhere in your possession there is a pebble or two which is quite smooth and attractive in color, but a little disappointing because it is not as lovely as when you first saw it gleaming in the shallow water.

Someone tells of a boy who was walking along the shore at Pebble Beach and happened to meet an old man who was well known in the neighborhood for his quaint and wise remarks. He was called "The Philosopher." The boy and the old man looked together at the beautiful pebbles bathed by the sea, glinting white and red and green. The boy picked one up and held it tightly in his hand. Presently the philosopher said, "Show me the pebble again." The boy did, but now it was not beautiful, but dull and dry. "Put it back where the waters of the ocean can roll over it again," said the philosopher. The boy did and the pebble was again shining and beautiful.

So it is with our lives. Apart from God like pebbles out of the sea, our lives are drab and dull. But if we live our lives so that God's love and forgiveness constantly bathe us, we may shine with a new light and have a kind of loveliness instead of ugliness, both in spirit and in life.

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TRUSTING PEOPLE

*(Submitted by Mark Wood
Monrovia, California)*

Objective: To increase each Ranger's confidence in people and to give him an incentive to become more and more trustworthy himself.

Story: I have heard some people say, "Never trust anyone!" and other people say, "I trust everybody!" Who do you think is the happier?

A farmer built a self-service fruit stand along a main highway. Customers stopping at the stand would see the prices marked on the baskets of fruit. They were asked to help themselves and to drop the money into a slot cut in the top of the counter. People would drive from far towns to see the fruit stand in action. Do you think the people would be honest or dishonest? How trustworthy do you think you would be? Well, the owner claims that a close check of the sales and cash shows that the people were honest.

Here's another true story. One morning as a columnist of a New York newspaper was rushing for a morning train, she ran into a man who said he was hungry and asked her for something to eat. As she questioned him she became convinced that he was really in need. The columnist hesitated, looked back toward her house, then toward the station where her train would arrive in a few minutes.

"I must catch that train," she said, "but of course if you're hungry, you must have something to eat." Snatching her key from her purse, she gave it to him saying, "here's my key. Go into the house No. 64, and help yourself. Everything is messy, but there is food in the ice box. When you leave, put the key under the door mat, so I can find it tonight when I come home."

The day was busy, and it was not until she caught the evening train that she began to wonder and worry a little. She felt easier when she could see the house. Hurrying to the porch, she found the key under the mat. Then she unlocked the door and entered. She could hardly believe her eyes. She had left a messy house, but now it was clean and

in order—dishes washed, clothes hung up, floor swept, beds made. The house was clean from cellar to attic.

When she went into the kitchen she saw a note on the cleanly scrubbed table. It said, "I have just been released from jail. Thanks for trusting me. You will never know how much good it has done me."

Businessmen tell us that 98 percent of the people are thoroughly honest and can be trusted. Our entire system of credit is built upon this fact.

Trusting them is good for them and for you. Why should we treat everyone as though he were part of the 2 percent? Question and Answer Time:

1. Do you guys like the feeling of being trusted? "Discuss"

2. Do you believe people trust you and why? "Discuss"

3. Have you had people mistrust you when they should have trusted you?

4. Who do you believe is the person you can most trust? "Discuss and lead to the answer Jesus."

I believe Jesus must feel sometimes like "Why don't they trust me?" as we talked about a minute ago, people not trusting us.

Continue the discussion until the point is reached that Jesus wants you to trust Him, that Jesus can be trusted, and that we all should try to act and do as Jesus might act and do. Close with a prayer.

ON THE WRONG TRACK

*(Submitted by David E. Thompson
Bloomington, Minnesota)*

One morning a B & O train headed into the Union Station at Washington, D.C., had to back up and get on the right track. It had been proceeding on the wrong track when suddenly the engineer discovered the error. Immediately he backed up about a quarter of a mile, made correction, and was soon back on the right track.

I'm sure the engineer was embarrassed that he had made a mistake, but it was good that he discovered his error and had nerve and wisdom to correct it.

Can you think of anyone who has gotten on the wrong track.

One of life's most tragic experiences

is to get on the wrong track morally or spiritually and be unwilling to "back up" and change. Young people start being dishonest or disobedient—cheating, stealing, gambling, and then because they know they have done wrong, they are embarrassed to admit their wrongs and so they go on traveling the wrong track. One thing is sure, those on the wrong track had better back up or tragedy lies ahead.

That is what Jesus meant when He said, "Unless you repent you shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Repentance means to STOP, BACK UP, and get on the RIGHT track.

TRAP OF DEATH

*(Submitted by Steve Coleman
La Mirada, California)*

Have you ever heard of the plant known as the *Dionaea Muscipula* (venus fly trap)? This flower has a very sapistic nature. It entices insects by a strange nectarlike secretion. Entering a hooded compartment at the top of the leaf on the plant's underside, the insect becomes trapped. It will fly or crawl upwards toward the transparent light patches that look like openings, there beating itself to death in frantic but vain efforts to escape. What a picture this plant gives us of the temptation of satan! He traps the unwary soul by the nectar of sensual enticement. The individual may think he can escape the clutches of the devil, but there seems to be no possible way. We have to see ourselves first of all for what we really are—sinners in the sight of God, desperately needing Christ's salvation. Sin is really as deceptive as the devil himself. The Bible declares that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Yes, the wages of sin is death, but thank God the Lord for this glorious promise that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TALENTS

*(Submitted by Bill Middleton
Alhambra, California)*

God has blessed each of us with many abilities and talents. Sometimes these remain hidden, and therefore, are wasted simply because the person so blessed lacked ambition or diligence to find, de-

velop, and use such abilities and talents.

In the spring of 1848 Kit Carson, the great American hunter and scout, was bearing dispatches from Monterey, California to Washington, D.C. Upon reaching Santa Fe, he was greeted by the disappointing news that the politicians at Washington had refused to appoint him as a Lieutenant in the Rifle Corps. His faithful and indignant friends urged him to quit the perilous work as courier, but Kit Carson staunchly replied, in the face of keen disappointment, "No, the big thing is to do the job." To him the important thing was to complete his designated work to the best of his ability. The big thing always is to complete the job, and doing it necessitates work. No talent or ability was ever discovered or developed without hours of sincere, conscientious work. Always give God your best and do the job He has given you to do.

BE WISE

*(Submitted by Bill Brewer
San Bernardino, California)*

During a storm a few years ago many roads and bridges were washed out. Barricades were put up to warn people not to go through because of extreme danger due to heavy flooding. Many people would ignore the barricades and drive on past them in their automobiles. In one such incident a man and woman drove around a barricade, and as they proceeded down the road they were caught by the surging water and were swept off the road into the wash. Before a rescue unit could arrive to pull them out, the woman was swept away to her death.

God's word is man's eternal barricade. It warns him of the dangers of sin and the result of sin. If men continue to ignore Jesus and the salvation He offers, they will be caught by the raging river of sin and be swept away into eternity, eternally separated from God.

Fellows, let us bow our heads and each one of you ask the Holy Spirit to examine your hearts and make sure you belong to Jesus, so that when the Lord comes you will be swept up with Him into heaven and not swept away from Him by the river of sin.

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

SQUIRREL TAILS

(Submitted by Carroll Pitts, Jr.
Auburndale, Florida)

Players are evenly divided into two or more teams. Each player has a cloth strip (a tie or handkerchief) slipped through his belt behind. At signal, all players rush to a central point where there is a treasure—peanuts or nuts of some kind. Players try to get some of this treasure and return with it to their home base. A player may be “killed” by an opponent pulling out the tail. This puts the player out of the game and makes void any treasure he has captured on that particular raid. Players are safe when home. Thus they are trying to capture the tails of opponents and pick up some of the treasure. At the end of the game each peanut or nut counts one point. Each tail counts five points.

BIBLE RAILROAD

(Submitted by N. Cleo Tapp
Springfield, Missouri)

Each player has succeeding turns until he misses. The first player mentions a Bible proper name; the next takes the last letter of that name as the initial for the next, “hooking one to another” until someone fails to do so. He drops out. The last one in wins the game.

BIKE-A-ROAD

(Submitted by David Mauser
Irving, Texas)

On the church parking lot set up a course to be ridden on a bike at a specified rate of speed. Include such things as a narrow, winding course with

boundaries of golf balls which when touched will move.

Points should be given for balls not touched. Have braking contests, disqualify riders that lock and skid the rear wheel.

TENT PEG RELAY

(Submitted by Dave Webb
Chino, California)

Equipment: Hand axe, chopping block and mallet, plus wood for stakes for each patrol.

Each patrol member makes a tent peg in advance (no speed requirement). Patrols then line up in relay formation. All patrol pegs and a driving mallet are placed about 50 feet in front of the team. At signal, the first player for each patrol runs out to the pegs, drives them all into the ground sufficient for them to stand. He then runs back and touches the next player who runs forward, knocks down all the pegs, then drives them into the ground again. The first patrol to finish correctly wins.

POOR PUSSY CAT

(Submitted by Warren Bebout
San Luis Obispo, California)

One boy agrees to be the Pussy Cat who of course is “it.” The other players remain seated while pussy goes to each one in turn, kneels down, and begins to purr, mew, scratch and do anything else he can think of that a lonesome pussy cat would likely do. The seated player must fondly stroke the pussy cat’s head and must say three times, “Poor pussy cat, poor pussy cat, poor pussy cat.” If he can do this without laughing or smiling, the pussy cat moves on to the next person. But if the player’s lips so much as twitch, he must then take pussy cat’s place. The boy who maintains a solemn face the longest without laughing is the winner.

BOUNCE BALL

(Submitted by C. Wayne Brown
Bellflower, California)

Equipment Needed: A chair, 2 wastebaskets (weighted with a brick) and 2 large rubber balls.

How to Play: Each player tries to bounce the ball over the chair and into the basket. Give them 5 to 10 tries. Set up your own scoring system.

Royal Rangers Bible Study

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

LESSON 11: THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL MEET OBSTACLES

When Pharaoh let the Children of Israel go, God led them by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. This route of travel was more difficult than the easier way through the land of the Philistines. God sent them the longer way because He knew they were not capable of defending themselves against the fierce Philistines.

God also wanted to give them rules and regulations to live by. God wanted to organize them into a nation. Most of the people had spent their lives as slaves, and therefore did not know how to be leaders or fighting soldiers. Exodus 13:21 says, "And the Lord went before them by day in a _____ to lead them the way; and by night in a _____ to give them light; to go by day and night."

Another obstacle was the lack of food. After reading Exodus, chapter 16, answer the following questions:

1. What kind of food did they find?
2. How often were they to gather the food?
3. What was the name given to the bread-like food?
4. What did it look like?

A third obstacle was the lack of drinkable water. After reading Exodus, chapter 17, answer the following questions:

1. Why did the people complain to Moses?
2. When Moses stood on the rock at Horeb, what did he do?
3. What came out of the rock?
4. What name or names were given to that place?

God knew that the new nation of Israel needed qualified leaders to give constant help to the people. Many questions developed because of the large numbers of people living so close together. Over a million people living in tents can present many problems. Moses had so many matters to judge that he spent nearly all day long every day judging situations that came to his attention. Because Moses needed more help in reaching important decisions, God made it possible for Moses to get good assistance in leadership. Good leaders were necessary for good government. After reading Exodus 18:12-26, answer the following questions:

1. What kind of men were chosen to assist Moses? (verse 21)
2. Moses was to handle "every _____ matter ..." (verse 22)
3. The other rulers were to handle "every _____ matter..." (verse 22)

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LESSON 12: THE GIVING OF THE LAW

Our last lesson revealed God's plan for the government of the new nation of Israel...men who ruled over tens, men who ruled over fifties, men who ruled over hundreds, and men who ruled over thousands. God never does things carelessly or by accident. Now God needed to give the rulers rules and ordinances to govern by, laws to last forever and ever.

God called Moses up to Mount Sinai. God spoke to Moses out of "a thick cloud." One of the greatest moments in the history of mankind was about to take place: the Laws of God were to be given to man. Six miraculous signs accompanied God's talk to Moses. They were: (1) thunders, (2) lightnings, (3) thick cloud, (4) voice of trumpet, (5) smoke, (6) earthquake. "And the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai..." And now Moses was asked to get ready for this great moment! The Ten Commandments were revealed to man!

After reading Exodus 20, complete the following:

1. "Thou shalt have _____."
2. "Thou shalt not make unto thee _____."
3. "Thou shalt not _____."
4. "Remember the _____."
5. "Honor thy _____; That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."
6. "Thou _____."
7. "Thou shalt not _____."
8. "Thou _____."
9. "Thou shalt not bear false _____."
10. "Thou shalt _____ neighbor's house, thou shalt _____ neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor _____."

God explained in every possible way what we are to do about His laws. He gave us many examples and simplified each one of them so that everyone, either child or an adult, could clearly understand his duty to God. Not one thing was forgotten or left out. Chapter 21 of Exodus explains the law concerning "master & servant;" the law concerning "injuries to the person." Chapter 22 of Exodus deals with the law of God concerning the "rights of property." God carefully explained that "restitution" meant to restore to the rightful owner that which had been taken away. God even spoke about the law concerning "the land and the sabbaths" in Exodus 23. God expected everyone to keep His Holy Laws. We are expected to obey all of God's laws today, too. Are YOU observing and keeping God's Laws the best you possibly can? You will please God if you do!

HIGH ADVENTURE

After several unavoidable delays, our new Royal Rangers magazine is now in production. We hope to have the first issue ready by May, 1971.

If you haven't already subscribed to this top-notch magazine, do so now!

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

LESSON 13: JOSHUA - THE POSSESSION OF CANAAN

After the death of Moses, God provided a new leader for the Children of Israel. Although Moses got to look at the Promised Land from a great distance, he was never able to actually set foot on the other side of the Jordan River. God gave this privilege to Joshua, the new leader of the Israelites. It was his task to lead everyone and guide them in the actual possession of the Land of Canaan, the Promised Land. After reading Joshua, chapter one, complete the following true & false questions.

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| 1. Moses was still alive when Joshua became the new leader. | T | F |
| 2. Joshua was the father of Moses. | T | F |
| 3. God told Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee." | T | F |
| 4. Joshua told the people, "For within three days ye shall pass over this mountain called Jordan." | T | F |

After reading Joshua, chapter three, complete the following:

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| 5. Joshua rose up late in the afternoon. | T | F |
| 6. Joshua made the trip to the Jordan River all alone. | T | F |
| 7. Joshua told the people to "sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." | T | F |
| 8. God told them the waters of the Jordan would be cut off. | T | F |
| 9. The priests were the ones who carried the Ark across Jordan. | T | F |
| 10. As the priests crossed the Jordan they all drowned. | T | F |
| 11. God used stones as reminders of the miracle of the Jordan River dry crossing. | T | F |
| 12. The waters of the Jordan returned after everyone was safely across on the other side. | T | F |

Christians often face obstacles in life, and victory involves overcoming those obstacles. The Children of Israel faced a new challenge in the Conquest of Jericho. Their victory there was based upon obedience, cooperation, and faith in God. After reading Joshua, chapter 6, complete the following questions:

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| 13. Anyone could go in and out of Jericho at any time. | T | F |
| 14. God said, "See, I have given into thine hand Jericho..." | T | F |
| 15. Only the boys were to go around the city once. | T | F |
| 16. They were to do it six days in a row. | T | F |
| 17. Dynamite was used to knock down the walls of Jericho. | T | F |

Joshua was an excellent example for us to follow: He was (1) obedient, (2) cooperative, and (3) faithful to God. The possession of the Promised Land took place because man cooperated with God, and God cooperated with man. God blesses our cooperative attitude.

N. T. C.

If you have not already attended a National Training Camp, may we encourage you to enroll in one of the eight exciting camps being conducted this year.

Applications may be secured by writing the National Office.

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LESSON 14: THE JUDGES

This book of the Bible takes its name from the 13 men whom God raised up to deliver Israel from the destruction they brought upon themselves because of their sinning. After Joshua had died, the Children of Israel drifted into a "backslidden" condition -- that is, they continually sinned, repented, and sinned again, thus arousing God's anger. The Book of Judges records 7 backslidings, 7 slavery periods to 7 ungodly nations, and finally, 7 deliverances from slavery.

One of the important things to remember about Judges is this: The people murmured (criticized) much of the time, greatly displeasing God. They also "did that which was right in their own eyes," and nearly destroyed themselves by "getting their own way." God's law demands that sin must be punished. And God allowed the Israelites to be punished severely because of their rebellious attitudes.

Some of the judges were good and some were evil. Let's trace the actions of each judge and YOU decide if the judge was Godly or ungodly, according to the way he did or did not keep God's commandments. Fill in his name and classify him by circling the correct description of him:

First Judge (Judges 3:9)	_____	Good	Evil
Second Judge (Judges 3:15)	_____	Good	Evil
Third Judge (Judges 3:31)	_____	Good	Evil
Fourth Judge (Judges 4:4)	_____	Good	Evil
Fifth Judge (Judges 4:4-24)	_____	Good	Evil
Sixth Judge (Judges 6:14)	_____	Good	Evil
Seventh Judge (Judges 10:1)	_____	Good	Evil
Eighth Judge (Judges 10:3)	_____	Good	Evil
Ninth Judge (Judges 11:8-11)	_____	Good	Evil
Tenth Judge (Judges 12:8)	_____	Good	Evil
Eleventh Judge (Judges 12:11)	_____	Good	Evil
Twelfth Judge (Judges 12:13)	_____	Good	Evil
Thirteenth Judge (Judges 13:5)	_____	Good	Evil

Samson is famous for his feats of strength. But he is also famous for his weaknesses. His life was cut short because he experimented with sin. We can profit from his mistakes: You cannot mix sin with salvation! Complete the following:

"And Samson went and caught _____ foxes..." (Judges 15:4)
 "And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and slew a _____ men therewith." (Judges 15:15)
 Samson revealed his secret ... "there hath not come a razor upon mine _____; for I have been a Nazarite unto God..." (Judges 16:17)
 "And he wist not (did not know) that the Lord was _____ from him." (Judges 16:20)

OUTPOST MEETING MATERIALS

One of our outpost commanders has compiled a large supply of outpost material helps which he is willing to share with other leaders. If interested, write to: Warren Bebout, Commanders Material Center, 735 California Blvd., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

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The National Rendezvous is important not only to FCF, but to the total Royal Rangers program. This outing will precede other important national events.

DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

We are encouraging each FCF Chapter to select a name. For example, instead of "Northern Missouri Chapter," this district has taken the name of "Lewis & Clark".

The idea is to select a pioneer whose name is synonymous with the history of your area.

All names should be cleared with the National Royal Rangers office to avoid duplication.



SPECIAL FEATURE

DON'T BE TOO EASY ON YOUR RANGERS

By Elton Bell
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How easy do you make it? How many kids do you know who have ever had to suffer a little, including your own? When the boys' biscuits burn and soup falls in the fire, do you come prepared with a little "extra" so they won't be hungry? Come on now, confess.

Does this make you wrong? Well, not many people are going to get down on a guy for being nice to kids. But look at it this way. Think of the golden opportunity you are missing to do this boy a favor.

Seldom does any boy today get very inconvenienced over anything. If he is late for dinner, good old Mom warms it up. If he misses the school bus, good old Dad takes him to school. Then we take him to outpost meetings and help him with his advanced awards.

Out of all these things we do for our boys we miss the boat on one big important issue. How can we expect them to ever learn to value anything when they have never had to "sweat it out"?

I would say that the boy who burned up his second class meal on a hike and had nothing else to eat would learn to cook by the time of the next one. Sure, the poor little fellow looks hungry.

"Hey gang, remember the time we went on that ten-mile hike and I had to go to bed hungry because I dumped my dinner in the fire," will be a story he will tell and retell.

He will have taken one more step on the road to self-sufficiency. If he is handed another dinner, what will he learn? Just that, like the free-ride society, someone will take care of him. Why worry?

As a leader you have an opportunity and an obligation to teach boys the practical meaning of the Ranger code. Think about the word courageous. To most kids it means dashing into a burning house and saving someone. This is fairy-story stuff.

When you take them on tough hikes and make them earn those awards, when they are caught in unusual or even dangerous situations, when they are tired and hungry and can't go another step, tell them what courageous means—having the fortitude to do something, even if it hurts or you are miserable and don't happen to want to.

Character in a boy is a slow-growing thing. Every day of his life, everything he sees and does forms small pieces of his character. Give him the right and opportunity to be proud of himself. Teach him to be ashamed of always being on the receiving end and never on the giving. "A Royal Ranger is Ready."

Help your Rangers. You can help them in some ways no one else, not even their parents, can. Help them learn to stand on their own feet and be men you can be proud of—but what's more important—men they can be proud of.

Don't be too easy on your boys.

ROYAL RANGER WEEK

June 20 - 27 is National Royal Rangers Week! This is the week to spotlight your Royal Rangers. Below are several suggestions which can be used. Select one or more of these suggestions, add a few of your own, and develop a well-planned program for Royal Rangers Week.

FATHER AND SON ACTIVITIES

Campouts: Plan an overnight campout for fathers and sons. Encourage fathers and sons to become a team during the campout. Have them pitch their tents, cook their food, play camp games, hike, and attend the evening council fire together. Sharing camping activities can build a bond of fellowship between a father and son that could last a lifetime.

Banquet: Make this banquet a big affair. As much as possible, use father and son teams throughout the banquet. For example, a father and son team could sing a duet or combine two teams and have a quartet. With careful planning, a father and son team could serve as master of ceremony. Climax with a special speaker.

Picnics: Arrange for appropriate activities for the occasion such as father and son ball game, sack race, tug-o-war, etc. It is a big day in a boy's life when he and his Dad have pulled together as a team to win some event. Climax with a big picnic lunch, wiener roast, or watermelon feed.

GROUP RECOGNITION

Arrange with the pastor to have the Royal Rangers attend one of the church services during Royal Rangers Week as a group. Reserve a special section of the church for Royal Rangers. See to it that every Royal Ranger is present and wearing his uniform. Have the pastor recognize the group during the service. Some pastors may want to slant their sermon toward men and boys on this occasion.

OUTPOST OPEN HOUSE

Plan an outpost open house during Royal Rangers Week. Display craft items the boys have made, show the Bible study lessons the boys have completed, display charts showing advancement, etc. If you have room, pitch a tent and display the outpost's camping equipment. Let the boys give demonstrations of the skills they have learned. These demonstrations could include knot tying, lashing, first aid, etc. If you have a suitable area, you may want to have a cooking demonstration and give samples to all visitors.

RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

This week would be a good week to recruit new members. Invite as special guests to your Royal Rangers Week activities, boys and their fathers who are not now enrolled in Royal Rangers. Invite boys and men from the neighborhood as well as from your church. It is very possible that these men and boys can be directed to Christ.



ROYAL RANGERS WEEK



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