

ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

DISPATCH



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Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

This past summer has been one of the most exciting summers yet in the Royal Rangers program. I have been particularly pleased by the number of boys saved and filled with the Spirit during outpost meetings, campouts, and Pow Wows. Royal Rangers is making a great impact on many of our churches and we appreciate the part you have played in this evangelistic harvest.

We suggest that you conduct an enlargement campaign during this fall quarter. This is an excellent time to enroll new boys and re-enlist summer "drop outs." Last year's theme, "Roundup Time," was so successful we are using it again this year. With good planning and the use of proper props and equipment, you can make this enlistment campaign very profitable for your outpost.

We have come to realize the value of action. Boys need ways of putting their dedication and beliefs into action. You will note one of our themes for this quarter is "Thanksgiving in Action." Do your best to give your boys the opportunity to express their thanks for God's blessings in some practical way. The old proverb is still true -- "Actions speak louder than words."

If you have some good, sharp shots of your boys in uniform, participating in some Royal Rangers activity, please share them with us. Also, we will be happy for you to share your comments and suggestions with us at any time.

May God richly bless you during the coming quarter.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

S E P T E M B E R	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
	ROUNDUP TIME (Enlistment campaign to enroll new boys)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>ROUNDUP STRAYS</u> (launch campaign for new boys) 2. <u>ROUNDUP OF PLANS</u> (plan fall and winter activities) 3. <u>ROUNDUP OF LAZYBONES</u> (review advancement program and encourage boys to advance) 4. <u>BRANDING TIME</u> (special ceremony for new boys) 	<p>OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENT FOR NEW MEMBERS, SUCH AS A PARTY OR A WEINER ROAST</p>	MAKE WESTERN-TYPE PROPS AND POSTERS FOR CHURCH AND MEETING ROOM, TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN
O C T O B E R	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
	COMPASS AND MAP (see pages 97-126 "Adventures In Camping")	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>PARTS OF THE COMPASS</u> 2. <u>ORIENTATION AND USING THE COMPASS</u> 3. <u>USING A MAP WITH A COMPASS</u> 4. <u>FINDING DIRECTIONS WITHOUT A COMPASS</u> 	<p>TAKE A CROSS-COUNTRY HIKE USING A COMPASS AND TOPOGRAPHY MAP</p> <p>HALLOWEEN PARTY</p> <p>AUTUMN HIKE</p>	SECURE A TOPOGRAPHY MAP OF YOUR CAMPSITE AREA AND MOUNT IT IN YOUR MEETING ROOM. LABEL VARIOUS POINTS OF INTEREST
N O V E M B E R	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
	TOOLCRAFT (see pages 17-31, "Adventures In Camping")	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>KNIVES</u> (types and use of knives, plus safety techniques) 2. <u>THE HAND AXE</u> (proper use and safety) 3. <u>LONG-HANDLED AXE AND BOW-SAW</u> 4. <u>CARE OF TOOLS</u> (how to sharpen and care for tools) 	<p>ATTEND THANKSGIVING SERVICES TOGETHER AS A GROUP</p> <p>FIELD TRIP TO DEMONSTRATE USE OF AXE AND SAW</p>	PREPARE FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



SINS LEAVE SCARS

(Submitted by Don Franklin)

National Training Coordinator)

Equipment: One 6- by 6-inch plank, or one large, stable log, about 6 inches in diameter, about three feet long; one claw hammer; about six, 8-penny nails (with heads).

Purpose: To demonstrate the ease of sinning and the relative difficulty of removing the marks of sin.

For: Buckaroos and Pioneers

Boys, tonight we're going to see how good a job you can do driving nails into this big hunk of wood. Let's see—I need three big, husky guys right now to demonstrate this for everyone to see. Okay—you three volunteers will do just fine. Here's how we do it: You take one nail, place it on the plank, and you get three hits with the hammer. This ought to be enough to drive the nail deep into the plank. That's right, hit it hard! (Each boy takes his turn and pounds the nail varying depths into the wood, as everyone watches closely.)

Okay, boys—looks like you did a bang-up job of driving your nails into the wood. I see that some of you have driven your nail deep into the wood, and others have only gone in a very little way. Now, I want each one of you to pull out his own nail! (There will be a lot of effort on their part, but let them do it, and work up a sweat, if necessary.)

Wow, you guys found out that you drove those nails in deeper than you had thought, didn't you? And it was a lot harder to pull them out than it was to put them in, right? Now, let's all gather around and look at the holes in the plank. They're in there for good, aren't they? They'll never come out—right?

You see boys, sins are like nails driven into our souls—they penetrate our de-

fenses easily, just like the nail going into the soft wood. But when sins, "little" or "big," enter our soul, they are extremely difficult to get rid of. In fact, you *cannot* get rid of those sins by yourself—you need to turn to Jesus, who is the only One who can forgive you of your sins and rid you of their grip on your life.

Another terrible mark is left on your lives when sins are removed. It would have been much better if you didn't have them there in the first place, because when they are removed, they've left a scar. SINS LEAVE SCARS! Don't ever forget it, boys! Those holes in that plank remind us that scars might remain in our lives *permanently!*

The best answer, boys, is to live for Jesus day by day, keeping the victory, by not sinning or letting sins creep into your life. Keep your soul and your body spotlessly clean and pure by obeying Romans 12:1 (Read it aloud.)

Even if you have sinned and have scars, remember that Jesus will forgive you and give you all the strength you need to be a winner for Jesus. Let's bow our heads right now and consecrate our lives completely, making sure that Jesus Christ is our Master Ranger at all times.

SURPRISE INSIDE

(Submitted by Delbert Denison)

Equipment: Balloons, small slips of paper (tightly folded), pen or pencil, Bible, chorus sheets.

Boys, it's gospel fun time and we have something different for you tonight. These balloons each have a little slip of paper inside, on which is written certain instructions. Each one of you will get a balloon as your turn comes. You will blow up the balloon until it breaks, then do just what the instructions on the slip of paper say to do.

Some of you may lead our group in a song. Some of you may read or quote a Scripture verse. One of you will lead in prayer. Some may give a testimony about something good that Jesus has done for you.

This will be your devotion for tonight and we will all participate together!

HOOKED?

(Submitted by B. W. Greer
Covina, California)

Today some of you Rangers went fishing. Three or four of you caught fish, but some did not. Why? Is it all luck?

Let's consider what a good fisherman would do to catch a fish. He would have all the proper gear he needs, just like you. Next in consideration is the bait for the hook—let's designate worms for today. Most successful fishermen completely hide the hook with bait. This enables them to catch the big, smart fish—the ones who have been around awhile. That big gob of worms wriggling around is just too much of a temptation for old granddaddy trout. He chomps down on it—wham! The hook is set.

I would liken the fish to us human beings and the fisherman as Satan. This fisherman is continually trying to hook the Christian. He is always dangling baited hooks in front of us. "Oh, come on—there's nothing wrong with that movie," or "Go ahead—it's not cheating unless you're caught."

Fellas, 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

If we apply this to our lives, He has promised to guide and direct our footsteps, to avoid those well-hidden hooks or traps that Satan has waiting for you and me.

HOW STRONG ARE YOU?

(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)

Equipment Needed: 1 spool of thread
Commander: Buckaroos, tonight we're going to see how strong we are. Who thinks he's the strongest? Well, we'll soon determine just how strong you really are by a very simple test. I want each one of you to take a piece of this thread and wrap it around four of the fingers of your left hand. That's right, wrap it around about one time, then let's see if you're strong enough to break it.

Fine, I see that nearly everyone is strong enough to break that one piece of thread. But let's see what happens if I change things a little bit—John, come on over here and let me demonstrate on you, okay? We'll see how strong *you* are, John. Boys, I'll do it a little differently this time. I'm going to wrap about 15 strands of thread around John's fingers. I'll tie them up good and firm, using the same thread as before, only this time a lot more of it.

Okay, John, see if you can break all that thread. You can't? I didn't think you could, either! Buckaroos, did you see what has happened? When I took the same thread and wrapped it around his fingers *many* times, it could not be broken, no matter how hard he tried!

Buckaroos, sins are like fine, thin strands of thread. They wrap themselves around your soul one at a time. But when many sins, even the so-called "small" sins, wrap themselves around your soul, you'll soon discover that you are "bound" by sins—you are 'in their grip and you cannot break free!

Let's remember this, fellas: Don't let even *one* sin wrap itself around your soul. If you do sin, go to Jesus immediately and ask forgiveness and get that ugly sin out of your life—*then* you'll be free from the bondage of sin and you'll be able to live good lives for Jesus Christ.

TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION

(Submitted by Bill Hanks)

God says that now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). He will not always wait.

Proverbs 1:24-30 gives strong warning: "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me."

On the Zambezi River, between Northern and Southern Rhodesia, is one of the most stupendous spectacles in the world—a river 3/4 mile wide plunges down a chasm almost 400 feet deep. The spray is flung hundreds of feet into the air and the roar of the waters can be heard miles away. Sightseers with camera or sketching equipment through the opposite bank, to stand in speechless awe at so immense a spectacle of God's power—Victoria Falls.

At one point slippery rocks jut out to the very edge of the precipice. A sign announces, "IT IS DANGEROUS TO APPROACH BEYOND THIS NOTICE." It is called "danger point." Some foolish people, however, anxious to get a better photograph, dare to go a step or two beyond.

The ground slopes more and more down into the yawning abyss. Constantly saturated by the spray of the falls, the ground level is very slick.

See that self-confident fellow, perhaps your own age, and hear him say, "I will only go a little way," but the view is so much finer that he takes just another step, and then another.

Onlookers shout, "Don't be a fool! Come back!" But he gets his snapshot. When he turns to regain higher ground, his feet slip in the dripping clay.

Now there is terror written on his

face. He scrambles feverishly, but still slides down. He snatches at tiny tufts of grass but they come out in his hands. He shrieks. Before the eyes of the horrified spectators the boy flings away his camera and over he goes, to be dashed to pieces on the rocks 400 feet below! He'd heard the words of warning, read the danger sign, but ignored them both.

Are you, my friend, at this danger point? Turn to Christ to be saved while the arms of mercy are outstretched, lest you pass the place of no return and perish. But if you choose the safe path, "... then shalt thou walk in thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Proverbs 3:23-26.

THE OLDEST CHEMICAL ON EARTH

(Submitted by Ron Zielke
Dallas, Texas)

Equipment Needed: One glass of water.

Water is the earth's oldest chemical and perhaps the most valuable and necessary for man's existence.

Water is the same chemical it was a billion years ago with the dinosaurs wallowing in it or the saber-toothed tigers lapping it up.

Its form of travel has changed from ice, sleet, hail, snow, rain, fog, etc. It has traveled over the seven seas. People in every land have touched it. It has been muddy, dirty, contaminated, but it has always returned to its original composition—two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen.

Through sunshine it vaporizes and falls back to earth as rain or snow or hail, in its purest form.

Like water, God can purify us too. As indestructible as water is, the human soul lasts a long time, too. God can cleanse and purify our souls over and over again, if we ask Him. Each night as we go to bed, we should kneel and ask God to forgive us and cleanse us from all of our impurities. Then we can rise in the morning with pure hearts.

Just as God purifies water, He also provides cleansing for our everlasting souls.

SEARCH YOUR POCKETS

*(Submitted by Al Purin
Garden Grove, California)*

When you travel into another country such as Mexico or Canada, you have to stop and have your bags searched just before entering the country. There are some things they do not wish to have brought into their country. England does not allow dogs to be smuggled in. Sometimes people try to hide articles or little animals in their baggage in an attempt to carry them into a foreign country. But if they are caught they get into serious trouble.

Sometimes we who are Christians try to smuggle things into our minds and hearts (which might be called pockets), and try to pretend that the Lord is unaware of them, but always remember that He does know and He is terribly offended with this conduct.

Let's look at some of the things we try to hide in the pockets of our minds and hearts. (1) SELFISHNESS: This is something that God considers very wrong. (2) LAZINESS: Proverbs 6:6; 10:26; 26:16. (3) TEMPER: This is often a hidden thing which should be completely yielded to God. Psalm 37:8; Proverbs 15:1; 16:32.

When we carry a lot of things in our pockets too long, they cause a hole to develop in the lining, and we drop things through them unknowingly. This causes embarrassment on our part sometimes. This also brings embarrassment when the things we hide in the pockets of our mind and heart are exposed before our friends and the Lord. The best thing to do is to keep the pockets mended and keep as many of the wrong things out as possible. When a hole appears in your pocket, the only thing to do is go right away to the one person who knows how to properly mend it—Mother. You trust her ability with a needle and thread.

Likewise, when the pockets of our minds and hearts need mending, we must take them to the very One who knows how to mend them—the Lord Jesus Christ. We can go to Him in prayer, promising Him that we will consecrate

our minds, hearts, and lives to Him. In faith we pray and serve Him. Then He gladly mends the holes in our minds and hearts. Possibly some of you would like to talk about some of these things and then afterwards, we'll kneel together and pray about it.

MAKE HIS FOOTSTEPS A WAY

*(Submitted by B. D. Jackson
Bakersfield, California)*

The last five words of the 85th Psalm in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible might well stir our imaginations. They read, "Make his footsteps a way."

I watched a man crossing a field covered with deep snow. His small son was trudging after him. It was difficult for the man, but the boy had one advantage. He made the footsteps of his father a way.

An older boy went to school and became known among his schoolmates for his straightforwardness and honor and honesty. At first some of his mates made it hard for him, but he never swerved from a straight way. Temptations were very strong, but he resisted them successfully. He was asked one day the secret of his success. He answered, "I walk in the footsteps of my father."

Did you know that before Christians were called Christians they were called the "People of the Way?" They were men and women and boys and girls who walked in the footsteps of Christ. It was not easy to do this, as it was not easy for the small lad to follow his father through the snow. Nor was it easy for the high school boy to walk in the footsteps of an honorable and honest father. It is not easy to follow Christ. But many persons have followed Him, stumbling sometimes, falling sometimes, then getting up again, and struggling on. They have been people of the way. It should be noted that when the going was hard through the snow, the father would turn and give his boy a hand. And when the boy in high school needed a lift in a difficult situation, he would turn to his father who was always ready to help. So people of the way not only follow Christ, but they rely on His help to see them through. Make His footsteps a way.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

ROYAL RANGERS PROGRESS

By Don Franklin

October 3 marks our ninth anniversary! In 1961 the decision was made by the Executives of the Assemblies of God to begin a program for boys. Rev. Johnnie Barnes was appointed to supervise the formation and development of this new program.

After months of intensive preparation, numerous handbooks, application forms, charter certificates, membership cards, promotional brochures, uniforms, badges, insignias, awards and a Royal Ranger emblem were ready to introduce to the public.

In September, 1962, all the materials were ready and the program was officially launched by announcements and articles in The Pentecostal Evangel.

Royal Rangers was an instant success! Pastors throughout America hailed the new boys' program as a long-sought-after answer to their youth problems. The all-inclusive appeal of Royal Rangers resulted in an immediate acceptance. Excitement mounted throughout the constituency. Men and boys from every walk of life were being reached for the first time! Reports reached the National Office of a general resurgence of interest in the youth of our churches. Thrilling news of many souls being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit came in from every direction. Something wonderful was happening!

Such heartwarming statistics increased our resolve to expand our facilities. Additional staff members were added; new resources were made available to the Royal Rangers program, enabling it to penetrate hitherto unreached areas; leadership training programs were instituted resulting in a steady upgrading of leadership quality and efficiency.

Ambitious plans were laid for newer, broader levels of leadership training facilities. As a result, overwhelming success marked our first National Training Camp, becoming a pattern for those that followed. Today, our national training facilities are 12 times larger than in 1967!

Carefully detailed reports show that boys are being won to Christ in even greater numbers than in previous years -- each succeeding year sees more souls saved and filled with the Holy Spirit than before! Praise the Lord! Over 100,000 Royal Rangers now staff our churches.

In 1966, the first Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity chapter was formed. An advanced organization within Royal Rangers, numerous F.C.F. chapters now exist to accommodate the growing ranks of exceptionally proficient men and boys. Junior Leadership Training Camps are preparing our boys for future leadership responsibilities.

Many handbooks have been authored by Johnnie Barnes to provide guidelines for thriving new outposts. A special Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity handbook is provided for our elite Rangers. A Royal Ranger songbook recently augmented our growing library. Several current magazines keep our men and boys supplied with the finest reading and training materials available in the world. Over 10,000 men are currently enrolled in the Royal Rangers Training Academy, whose sole purpose for existence is to instruct the total man, preparing him for versatile leadership.

Its universal appeal has endeared the Royal Rangers program to peoples of foreign lands. In his recent extensive trip abroad, Johnnie Barnes noted many excellent advances of the Royal Rangers program in various countries. Australian National Commander Will Thorne recently stated that he believed his nation's Royal Rangers growth would double within the next year as a direct result of the inspirational visit of Johnnie Barnes. Their unprecedented growth has followed the same lines of solid gains that we Americans have enjoyed and are still experiencing. Naturally, we are delighted to share with them the wonderful news of the Royal Rangers program.

God's unmistakable stamp of approval has been on Royal Rangers since its inception. Our churches have been strengthened and enlarged through the influence of Royal Rangers. We are encouraged to expand our vision, set new goals, and to believe God for even greater gains than ever before! We are thrilled to be a part of the multiplied ministries of this great program we love so much -- our beloved Royal Rangers!

EDITORIAL COMMENT

FEE INCREASE

Several months ago, we announced a new fee increase effective July 1, 1971. The yearly registration fee was raised from 50¢ to \$1.00 per person.

Since that time it has become generally well - known that the small increase in fee has been rather easily absorbed in the overall outpost operating expenses.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your fine cooperation in this matter! The additional monies derived from this source help out considerably in our expanding budget at headquarters. Thank you for your assistance in this small but important change in fee structure.

HIGH ADVENTURE

Excitement is mounting over the new Royal Rangers magazine, HIGH ADVENTURE. This colorful magazine is being enthusiastically received by our army of readers.

Exciting reports from adventurous groups, inspiring devotions, do-it-yourself projects, fabulous camping ventures -- these are only a few of the action-packed stories you will read in this exciting magazine.

Excellent reading material for men and boys is available to every Ranger for a very modest sum. Inspirational articles such as those found within the pages of HIGH ADVENTURE will make lasting spiritual impressions. You will undoubtedly receive a handsome return on your initial investment when you subscribe to HIGH ADVENTURE.

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THE BOY WHO WOULD NOT WORK

(Submitted by Al Purin
Garden Grove, California)

Scripture: Luke 15:11-25. There was a man who had two sons, and he loved them very much. The older son liked to work and help his father, but the younger son desired only to have a good time. He thought that if he could get away from his father's home he'd be happy.

One day he told his father that he would like to have his share of the money. He said, "I want to go out and live just as I please." His father was unhappy, but decided to do as the boy had requested. He thought his son might do better away from home. The boy took the money his father gave him and went far away from home. He spent all his money in reckless living. This boy is called the Prodigal Son. The word, "prodigal" means "reckless."

The prodigal son was without a friend in a strange country. There came a mighty famine in the land and he began to be in want. He became so hungry that he went to live with the swine and ate husks of corn with them.

When the son came to himself, he thought of his father's nice home. He knew that his father's servants had plenty of food. The prodigal son said, "I will arise and go to my father and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.'"

He went to his father's home and when he was a great way off, his father saw him and ran to meet him. The boy told his father that he was not worthy to be called his son. His father kissed him and had nice clothes brought for him. He also had the fatted calf killed and a great feast prepared. He forgave his son freely. He said, "For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Perhaps none of you are away from your earthly father's home, but you may be away from God. If you are in sin, just come and give your heart to God. He will meet you and forgive you of

your sin, for "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

A. W. O. L.

(Submitted by Ernest Israel
Ontario, California)

Rangers, do any of you know what A.W.O.L. stands for? Well, a soldier knows exactly what it means. It means, "Absent Without Official Leave." These four letters written after his name could bring shame and disgrace to a soldier.

Rangers, when soldiers are in the Army, they are not their own, to come and go as they please—they belong to "Uncle Sam."

If we know Christ as our own personal Saviour, we are not our own, either. We are bought with a price (the shed blood of Jesus Christ). Therefore, we should always be in Sunday school and church whenever it is possible, as Jesus is our commanding officer. And when the roll is called on Sunday morning, we want to be able to say, "Here, teacher," and stay for church services, too. Remember, Jesus never goes A.W.O.L. He said that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Let's take Jesus with us everywhere we go.

Prayer: "Dear Jesus, lead us and guide us. Help us to put You first in our lives and to take You with us wherever we go. In Jesus' name, Amen."

A TRUE ROYAL RANGER

(Submitted by Allen Fields
Midwest City, Oklahoma)

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Paul lists the 16 traits that should be a part of everyone's life. For practical reasons, these traits are put into words which can be easily understood.

1. **PATIENT:** You don't become upset over minor inconveniences.

2. **KIND:** You never say or do things that will hurt others.

3. **NO ENVY:** You can see others who have more than you without letting it "eat your heart out."

4. **NOT PUSHY:** You don't "hog" the limelight.

5. **NOT HAUGHTY:** You don't con-

sider yourself to be better than others.

6. **WELL-BEHAVED:** You always show good manners and act gentlemanly.

7. **NOT GREEDY:** You don't "grab" the best for yourself.

8. **NOT ANGRY:** Your temper is under the control of Jesus Christ.

9. **NO LIES:** You neither listen to nor tell lies.

10. **NO GLOATING:** You don't enjoy other people's misfortunes.

11. **TRUTHFUL:** Others can depend on your word.

12. **STEADFAST:** Others can depend on your help and friendship.

13. **BELIEVES GOOD:** You look for the good points in others and try to see the "good side" of things and people.

14. **HOPES FOR GOOD:** You wish everyone well.

15. **ENDURES ALL:** You know about the faults of others but you are kind anyway.

16. **NEVER FAILS:** Others can always count on you to be understanding, forgiving, and Christlike.

FISH BAIT

(Submitted by John Adamson
Tustin, California)

Boys, you've all been fishing before, haven't you? Good. Then I'm sure you know that the *kind of bait* you use plays a pretty important part in your fishing. If the fish don't like it, you don't catch any, do you?

It's the same way with us, boys. We are Christians, so we are fishers of men. Jesus said to His disciples, "Come with me and I will make you fishers of men." So, if bait is an important part of fishing, we must examine ourselves and our testimonies to see if we are without black spots. You see, *we* are the bait that will catch other men to Christ.

What men see in us will play a big part in making up their minds for Christ or to stay in sin. If you go to school and act, talk like and do the same things a sinner does, he's not going to see much reason for becoming a Christian, is he? Because he's already like you.

But if you are always happy because Jesus saved you, and you tell other people how happy you are and what Jesus has done for you, they'll want to be Christians too. That's using *good bait*, because sin only makes people unhappy, no matter what they say, and only Jesus can give them peace and true happiness in their hearts.

So, boys, let's all pray that we will become better fishermen and better bait for Jesus. If there are any of you that want to become fishermen or become a better fisherman, let me pray with you after the meeting and we'll ask Jesus for the ability to really be fishermen.

WESTWARD HO

(Submitted by Ray Willhite
Troy, Missouri)

Purpose: Christian Growth

Equipment Needed: Campfire and setting sun.

Commander: The wagons rolled easily through Missouri, but the going was rougher in Kansas—there were fewer roads and more prairie dog holes. Farther west the going was so rough that it became necessary to lead the horses as they pulled the wagons over the mountains.

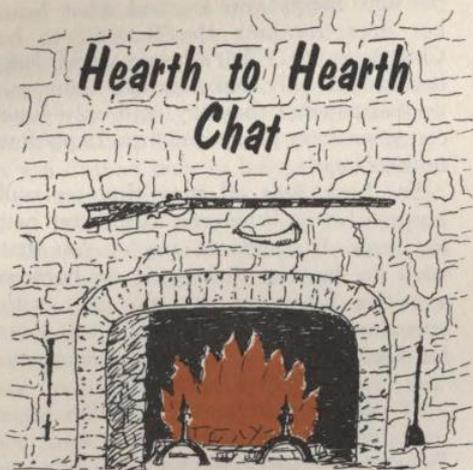
Then came the heat of the desert, severe water shortage, and hard pulling in the sand. More mountains were encountered—it seemed they would never make it! But finally the trip was ended and the wagons were safely on the west coast.

Five basic considerations were realized as the nation grew and the pioneers moved west. (1) Grow from where you are. (2) Make sacrifices. (3) Profit on your sacrifice is necessary. (4) Decision is necessary. (5) You may have to change plans.

Discussion: How do these five points apply to Christian growth?

Ceremony: As the Headmaster of the wagon train set the tongue of the lead wagon toward the last rays of light in the western sky, we as Christians ought to aim our lives in God's direction every day, applying the foregoing principles to our lives, following our Master Ranger according to Luke 2:52.

FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION



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CHAPTER NAMES

We are encouraging each organized FCF Chapter to select a name synonymous with the history of their region. This can be a pioneer, regional characteristic, Indian tribe, etc. Please check all selections with the National Royal Rangers Office to avoid duplication.

The following chapters have already chosen names.

- Arizona - Geronimo Chapter
- Georgia - Okefenokee Chapter
- Iowa - Davy Crockett Chapter
- Michigan - Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
- New York - Adirondack Chapter
- N. Cal. - Nevada - John Muir Chapter
- No. Mo. - Lewis & Clark Chapter
- Ohio - Johnny Appleseed Chapter
- Oklahoma - Indian Nation Chapter
- Oregon - Oregon Trail Chapter
- Pen. Fla. - Seminole Chapter
- So. Cal. - Sequoia Chapter
- So. Mo. - Daniel Boone Chapter
- So. Texas - Long Horn Chapter

WILDERNESS VIGIL

Last spring, the National Officers of FCF underwent initial tests for Wilderness Frontiersman recognition. Deep in the Piney Creek area of the Mark Twain National Forest near Springfield, Mo., these individuals were required to cook a complete meal without utensils. Building their fires without the use of matches, they were required to keep a vigil by their fires throughout the night, blowing a hunter's horn every hour until dawn.

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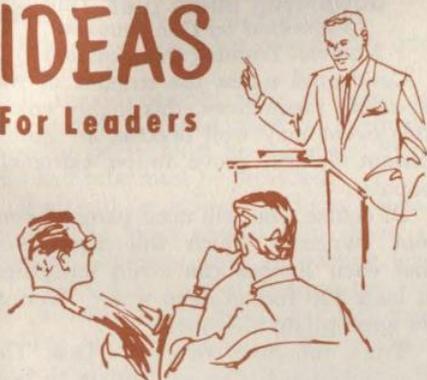
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GAME IDEAS

BALLOON RACE RELAY

(Submitted by Tom Lewandowski
Tacoma, Washington)

Divide the boys into two teams, have them stand single file. Give the first boy on each team an inflated balloon. Draw a line about 20-25 feet away from boys.

The object of this race is to go to the mark and back again with the balloon—but you cannot *carry* the balloon. The balloon must not touch the floor at any time. The first team to have *all* boys complete the trip to the mark and back wins.

CANINE CAPERS

(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)

Declare a "Dog Night" for your outpost. With the cooperation of your pastor, plan a contest for every conceivable category of dog, such as, "ugliest dog," "best-looking dog," "biggest dog," "littlest dog," "noisiest dog," "quietest dog," etc.

Plan adequate small-cost prizes so that *every participant* gets a prize of some sort. Take pictures.

Make adequate preparation to enclose animals away from neighboring yards, have each dog on leash, etc. Have plenty of fathers present.

Have dogs perform tricks.

Conclude by having refreshments.

POP BOTTLE TAG

(Submitted by John Adamson)

Two teams line up single file in back of a starting line. In front of the starting line about 20-30 feet, make two circles, each about two feet in diameter—one for each team.

At the signal to go, the first player on each team runs to the circle, *sets* the pop bottles (which had been placed *inside* the circles) *outside* the circle, then runs back and tags the next player in line. He then runs to his circle and *sets* the bottles back into the center of the circle. This goes on until one complete team finishes. All bottles must be standing upright before a runner can go back to the starting point. If one bottle falls down, that player must go back and set it up before continuing.

SCRIPTURE BEE

(Submitted by N. Cleo Tapp
Springfield, Missouri)

Boys are divided into two sides. In alternate rotations they quote Bible verses. The leader will allow reasonable accuracy but must challenge if an opposing player challenges inaccuracy. The last boy standing wins.

SNIPE HUNT

(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)

Best for Buckaroos, obviously!

Equipment: Each boy must bring one large, plastic bag, similar to those used to cover clothes after being cleaned; two small sticks; one full moon; one cornfield (remnants of cornstalks still standing, preferably); gullible boys.

The leader carefully instructs each boy how to catch a snipe—rub one stick against another *verrrry* quietly, while whispering, "Here, snipe!" then quickly open the plastic bag so the "snipe" can enter.

Separate the boys so they cannot see or hear each other. Keep surveillance at a discreet distance.

After a while, call all the boys in and take a snipe count. Question the boys for their version of how that "big one" got away! Check to see how many were "almost" caught!

TENT-BUILDING RACE

*(Submitted by Dave Franklin
Springfield, Missouri)*

Equipment: One standard pup tent, with its own stakes, ropes and poles wrapped inside (with the outside tied with one square knot); one hammer or mallet; two ropes to be used as a starting line and a straight-line reference point.

Form individual teams of two boys each. Stretch one rope taut, to act as a starting line. Place another rope where each team can easily see its direction—the tent must be erected in line with the visible rope.

At a given signal, each 2-man team leaves the starting point, races to the tied-up pup tent, unfolds it, pounds in the stakes, and erects the tent properly, then races back to the starting point. The team erecting the pup tent in the least number of seconds wins.

If many pup tents are available, a race against each other (instead of against time) can be held. Good for program time, recreation time, or Pow Wow contests.

RUBBER FACES

*(Submitted by Warren Bebout
Arroyo Grande, California)*

Give each Ranger a rubber band. Tell them to stretch them over their heads, placing them on the tips of their noses and under their ears. On a given signal, they are to work the rubber bands down from their noses and down around their necks without using their hands. The one who successfully accomplishes this first wins the game.

CRAB FIGHT

(Submitted by Glen Johnson)

Pair off all of your contestants. Have each pair sit on the ground, facing in opposite directions, with their hands placed on the ground behind them, with their shoulders touching. When the signal is given to begin, each pair of contestants raise their hips and push with their shoulders and bodies, attempting to make his opponent drop his hips to the ground.

In scoring, the winner is the one who beats his opponent two times out of three.

DOWNRIVER INNER-TUBE TRIP

*(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)*

Conducted under the strictest of water-safety precautions, this highly enjoyable event may well become an annual custom. It will prove to be extremely popular.

Of course, you will need parental consent (written) which will assure you that each Ranger can swim unassisted at least 200 feet in deep water. Arrange for appropriate insurance.

Truck tire inner tubes are best. The 8 or 9 x 20-inch size will inflate to best dimensions. Several extra inner tubes should be tied together as spares in the event of leakage or tube failure.

One leader for every five boys is a minimum precaution. This guarantees the all-important supervision needed every minute. Each leader must thoroughly familiarize himself with Royal Rangers and American Red Cross water safety rules.

Plan your trip in reverse—anticipate how you will receive transportation after you reach your downriver destination. Perhaps you can discharge all passengers of your bus at the upriver site, then drive your bus downriver to the exit site, then take a taxi to the original upriver site where the group is waiting or swimming. After firmly and repetitively establishing all rules of conduct, pile in. Remember to secure your bus or car keys. One note of precaution regarding floating in snake-infested waters—don't.

BUILD A CHUCK WAGON

*(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)*

Every outpost needs an object of pride and affection. One thing which can arouse the interest and excitement of men and boys is a 2-wheel trailer.

Your trailer (chuck wagon) can become the storage area for all of your Royal Rangers equipment. It can be built to withstand severe weather, rain, heat, and vandals. It should be painted with typical Royal Rangers colors, with the most perfect facsimile of the Royal Rangers emblem you can produce on both sides.

It should be christened publicly, utilizing churchwide participation.

Adequate insurance should be provided for it.

It should comply with all legal requirements. Lighting must be adequate. Towing safety must be adequate. Spare tire and tube must be provided.

It should be as high inside as a man's head. The sides should fold down to become tabletops, with supporting legs. The back door should hinge at the top, to provide shelter from sun and rain.

Plan to incorporate all the features of a utility trailer that will provide assistance for your growing outpost's needs. Plan to make your chuck wagon a completely self-supporting base of operations, capable of sustaining many Rangers many days.

Store it safely in your own garage. Have it ready to be hooked up and towed away on a moment's notice—you're ready to roll!

ATTEND A MILITARY FIRING DEMONSTRATION

*(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)*

Inquire at your nearest military (Army, Navy, Air Force) representatives office. Ask about military tactical demonstrations that are open to the public, such as aerial dogfights, missile firings, artillery demonstrations, aerial-artillery firing demonstrations, ground assault exercises, etc.

You will need a letter of introduction from your pastor (using church letterhead), identifying your existence as a group and your reason for wanting to witness a military demonstration. Access to military property can be given to you only after you have received proper clearance by the Public Relations Officer or Safety Officer.

Inquiries, answers, and papers allowing you access will take time to process, so plan ahead.

Take pictures. Document your activities and publish them at home.

Exercise *excellent* conduct on military reservations. Our reputation as Royal Rangers will depend on *your* deportment.

BASEBALL CATAPULT

*(Submitted by Warren Bebout
Arroyo Grande, California)*

Equipment: One 4-inch long pine board (4 x 1 x 4 inches); one wooden block shaped like a seesaw; one jar lid; one baseball.

Place the center of the pine board over the seesaw. Attach the jar lid on one end of the board and rest the baseball on it. A boy can come up and stamp sharply on the high end of the pine board, making the baseball fly high into the air. The Ranger who catches the flying ball is up next. The Ranger who is "out" goes to the field.

BUILD AN AERIAL RIDE

*(Submitted by Don Franklin
National Training Coordinator)*

Equipment: One rope, 3/4 inches in diameter, 100 feet long; one rope, 1/4-inch or 1/2-inch diameter, 100 feet long; one sturdy pulley with rope opening at least 1-inch diameter (through which the 3/4-inch rope slides freely).

Whip all rope ends. Attach smallest rope to the loophole on bottom of pulley. Insert 3/4-inch rope through rope opening of pulley and then proceed to tie largest rope to one tree on the highest side of a creekbank (for the starting point), and anchor the other end of the largest rope to a very low tree on the opposite side of the creekbank. The small rope is used to retrieve the pulley back to the higher starting point.

Starting point should be 20 feet higher than ending point, to provide acceleration. Stretch big rope taut. If possible, build aerial ride over a stream or pond, so that anyone falling will be cushioned by the water.

Rig a handhold by tying a rope circle to be suspended from the bottom loophole of the pulley. This circle of rope will provide the handhold for the ride.

Place a man under the spot where someone could fall; otherwise, water will be adequate cushion. Experiment with different elevation differences between the highest and lowest points of the ride to achieve maximum speed and safety.



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