

ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS



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EDITOR'S CORNER

MIDNIGHT TALKERS

By Don Franklin

The primitive campsite was bathed in the soft glow of moonlight. Strangely welcome night sounds nestled down around the campers. Campfires burned low, flickered, and finally extinguished. But not the boys. Ohhh no! They were still going strong!

It was the magic hour of bedtime, the first night of the campout. Pulses raced. Excited bodies wiggled. With elaborate vocal objections Rangers grudgingly submitted to the indignity of bedding down. "It's still early!" they grumbled (at 11:45 p.m.). The thin walls of the tents did little to inhibit the animated conversation bouncing from tent to tent.

Ranger leaders did their best to quiet the overstimulated boys, but without success. Finally one leader, himself tired and completely frustrated, asked, "How can you find the shut-off switch for these motor-mouths?"

Well, I'll admit this is a laughable situation now, so go ahead and laugh at this typical scene. But that exasperated leader probably echoed our feelings, as leaders. And something tells me you have been in his shoes a time or two. Right? I know I have!

After an unbelievable amount of research into this highly problematic area of silencing talkative boys during the late hours of campouts, I have come to certain conclusions. Please think them over and apply them if you wish. And if you can come up with better ideas run, don't walk, to the nearest phone and tell them to me!

After applying the subtle psychology of subjecting boys to strenuous activity just before bedtime, hoping to wear them down (if that's possible) and sapping their strength (that's doubtful), try feeding them enormous amounts of tasty, hot chocolate downed with large quantities of doughnuts. It seems (at times) to have a soporific effect on boys and it just might work. Maybe, just maybe they might get sleepy and quit yakking.

Instead of campouts becoming endurance contests with boys winning and leaders losing, perhaps this new approach may release a few more precious hours of sleep for overworked commanders. It's worth a trial. What have you got to lose? Please pass another cup of that hot chocolate.

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Interesting helps are now available to every leader in the form of new books and guidelines. They're inexpensive, easy to use, and sensible.

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ROYAL RANGER MOMS

By Don Franklin

Time: Late Friday. Place: Home sweet home. Action: Three males rush frantically around. Hunt lost camping items. Exasperation mounts. Panic reigns. Mom, good old Mom enters scene. Smooths troubled waters. Points out missing items. Right under noses. Typical males. Can't find a thing. Timidly, Mom moves out of path of thundering herd (father and sons) who seek more elusive gear. Finally all items recaptured. Stuffed into many bags. Noise subsides. Activity ceases. Tension drops. The end is near. The men in her life are ready to blast off. "Bye Mom" they shout in unison. Doors slam. Gears grind. Tires scream. Gotta hurry.

Mom wilts. Exhausted. Her men are gone. Good old Mom.

After short eternity, Mom revives. Surveys scene. "A tornado has struck!" she moans. Her men are tornados, only noisier. They are going camping. They are fearless. They are going forth to do battle with chiggers, sun, wind, rain. They are the toughest of the tough. They are Royal Ranger campers. "Whew! They're gone at last!" she mumbles.

Mom's home is her castle. But now it is a shambles. A sight for sore eyes. So - Mom does her thing. Castle shapes up.

Time: One day later. Suddenly, pandemonium strikes. Tires screech. Doors slam. Bodies pile out of straining car. Saturday night confusion. Heroes descend like ominous cloud. Invade spotless castle.

Bearded, red-eyed, hungry, and oderiferous, heroes wolf down food, hit sack, flake out. Oblivion. Good old Mom stands as only survivor. Looks at castle. She's in shock. What greets her troubled eyes?

An unrecognizable stove, table, floor; camping gear strewn around haphazardly; shapeless blobs of soiled clothes litter room; raucous cacophony of snoring blaers from sleeping heroes. Mom's nerves become jagged. On edge. Her senses reel. She trembles.

Sound familiar? Could this be a typical weekend scene?

Let me ask a question. Do we ever repay our faithful Moms for putting up with our many, unusual activities? Chances are we don't.

But we ought to. We owe Mom a lot! She may be known as a wife, a sweetheart, or a Mom, but let's refer to all of them collectively as "Mom."

Mom sees us off, waits for our return. Home at last, she greets us with a warm embrace, a hot meal, clean clothes, a happy home. She can cook like no one else. At church potluck dinners her chicken and potato salad are the first to be consumed, we note with pride. She attaches those tricky patches. She sews, washes, cooks, irons, mends, and keeps that castle just as we like it. She's really amazing! She always comes through.

But what have we done to express our profound appreciation? How have we honored her for the million and one blessings she bestows? I would like to offer some suggestions which can reflect your appreciation for her and her role as the power behind the drone (sometimes!). Why not plan a special banquet honoring wives, sweethearts, Moms of Royal Rangers? Give each a flower. Make it one, big, festive occasion. Send her birthday greetings; give her a party; announce publicly and in print how very important she is to your program's success. Have a surprise house party. Plan a "This is Your Life" evening for the "Mom of the Month." Have a "Mom's Night Out." Develop a "Mom's Hall of Fame." Do anything and everything you can to focus attention on your all-important Royal Ranger Moms. Give special thanksgiving attention to that wonderful person who keeps us Royal Rangers on the ball.

Royal Ranger Moms are indispensable. Agreed? O.K., let's let them know it!

PLANNING

December, 1973

	WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
F I R S T W E E K	WINTERIZE	1. Plan this week's campout: assign duties, discuss costs, who, when, where, how.	Outpost overnight campout	Assign each Ranger the responsibility of providing his own cold-weather insulation for clothing (such as home-made gloves, newspaper insulation, head protection, etc.) Actually use each item as a "field exercise" - take pictures
S E C O N D W E E K	WINTERIZE	1. Discuss last week's campout in detail, make notes. Copy notes, distribute to each boy 2. Finalize plans now for January's campout. Apply winter-camping knowledge from critique, use next month	Make snow ice cream (bring ingredients, let each boy make and eat snow ice cream). Serve cookies. Give prize for best "winter camper"	Have contest for essay or article on "Winter Wonderland" or "Winter Funtime"
T H I R D W E E K	WINTERIZE	1. Conduct outpost meeting in large cave, or barn, or protected outdoor area: shorten meeting but maintain theme of winter exploration. Have long recreation time	Go snow-mobiling. Go ice-sailing. Go tobogganing. Have snow fights.	Build snowman, give prize to best one.
F O U R T H W E E K	CHRIST, THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS	1. Assign boys to tell origin of Christmas. Use scriptural references and background data. 2. Special devotional: each boy pray a special prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus (aloud). 3. Give a special gift	Have a Christmas party. Exchange gifts. Send a special gift to "adopted" RR-age boy (whose parents are Assemblies of God missionaries): take pictures, publish in church bulletin to Jesus!	Visit hospitalized boys. Have everyone visiting in full uniform. Visit shut-ins. Take special basket of food to needy family (ask pastor in advance for his guidance)

G G U I D E

	WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
F I R S T W E E K	WINTERIZING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effects of cold on human body 2. Complications of cold 3. Chill factor 4. Insulation agents (clothing layers, newspaper, plastic, etc.) 	<p>Have a cold weather hike. Conclude with big feed. Suggestion: Chili & beans, hot drink, crackers.</p> <p>Discuss effects of cold. Determine actual temperature and chill factor index</p>	Make bird feeders for winter birds. Give prize for best feeder.
S E C O N D W E E K	WINTERIZING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Techniques for winter camping 2. Priority at campsite: fuel, shelter, food 3. Criteria regarding sleeping bags and necessary insulators 	Overnight campout	Explore a cave, learn its history and local significance (winter & summer storage? Hideout for outlaws?)
T H I R D W E E K	WINTERIZING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature study in wintertime 2. Effect of winter on nature: animal, mineral, vegetable kingdoms 3. Migration of birds; changes in habits of animals, etc. 	Discover fishing holes in ice - go fishing, go skating, go sledging.	Clear brush at future Pow Wow site; repair road, build dams, fill sumpholes
F O U R T H W E E K	WINTERIZING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter first aid and safety (how to treat frostbite, freezing, etc.) 2. Effects of wet clothing, icy clothing, insufficient heating, etc. 	<p>Practice winter rescue procedures ("dry run")</p> <p>Simulate a real problem outdoors, follow procedure, followed by hot chocolate & donuts</p>	Find a winter first-aid shelter or trail shelter: stock it with fuel, repair doors or windows as needed

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PLANNING GUIDE

February, 1974

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS	
FIRST WEEK	OUR GOALS FOR '74	<p>1. Using chalkboard, list boy's suggested goals; then give the goals a priority number; then list <u>your</u> goals for your outpost. Put them all together. Read from Matt. 18:19 in unison, then thank God <u>in faith</u> for victory.</p>	<p>Form witnessing teams. Secure suitable tracts and guidelines from pastor. Cover specified areas with house-to-house contact (everyone wears full uniform). Utilize Sunday School hour for recruiting.</p>	<p>Every Ranger prays for '74 goals every day. Each outpost meeting total up the minutes of prayer. Indicate (by large thermometer on wall) total minutes prayed. Place special list of answered prayer-goals nearby. Emphasize <u>prayer</u>.</p>
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS	
SECOND WEEK	BIBLE EMPHASIS	<p>1. Origin of Bible. 2. Kinds of Bible versions (illustrate) 3. Categorize Bible contents 4. Conclude by giving salvation, Holy Spirit, healing, and rapture verses</p>	<p>Make large wall thermometer to list the number of chapters read. Emphasize memorization of Word. Have pastor challenge boys to excel as this.</p> <p>Campout (find some deserted house, camp in</p>	<p>Goal: every boy reads Bible every day. Secure "My Reading Record," order from GPH, #13-6607.</p> <p>Give special award in church service to boys who read entire Bible last year. Recognize. (in hay mow)</p>
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS	
THIRD WEEK	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD: WHO AND WHY WE ARE	<p>1. Discuss origin of AG: date and place. Invite pastor to discuss basics of AG, etc. 2. Explain AG organization. 3. Describe AG headquarters and GPH</p>	<p>Discuss ways and means to beautify church and property. Consider tithing of time (168 hours/week) for pastor-approved projects.</p>	<p>Order from GPH Public Relations: "Who We Are And What We Believe;" "Facts And Figures;" "Meet The Assemblies." Distribute to boys. Have special daily prayer this week for our AG leaders</p>
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS	
FOURTH WEEK	MY CHURCH	<p>1. Have pastor explain our church organization. 2. Introduce church board or trustees to each Ranger. 3. Discuss meaning of becoming church member. 4. Discuss tithing and giving & finances.</p>	<p>Special ceremony: re-dedicate everything in your church to God, <u>led by pastor</u>. Walk perimeter of church grounds and re-consecrate each life. Conclude by having a "victory celebration"</p>	<p>Allow Rangers to sit in on a token board meeting (about 10 minutes). Ask guest boys "how will we pay off this church debt? How do we pay utility bills? How and when can we enlarge?," etc.</p>

BILL HAD WHAT IT TAKES

By Don Franklin

Bill had more intestinal fortitude than anyone I ever knew. You'd never hear him complain.

He'd never allow himself to get depressed. Always cheery, he dominated circumstances with sheer willpower.

His infectious enthusiasm permeated every room he entered. His ready smile made you forget your problems.

Bill had an uncanny ability to seize opportunities to witness, to invite, to pray for people. He projected happiness. He loved and lived life to the fullest. He was always ready to listen to your yarn or spin one of his own. He enjoyed laughing. His eyes would twinkle in that certain way and you'd know for sure you were in for another of his incredibly funny, rib-tickling stories. He was a genius at producing mirth at the right time and place.

Bill's jovial countenance was never affected by the nagging pain which continually wracked his frail body. Merciless, grinding pain. How he managed to hide it, I'll never know. And it was all the more remarkable that his raw courage could seem to inspire so many people. They never seemed to see his sickness - only his smile. They never seemed to be aware of the deforming arthritis that ravaged his body - they were only aware of his zest for living. I learned a lot from just watching Bill.

Bill was no stranger to life's problems. In spite of hopelessly twisted limbs, he managed to earn a tough living, clawed out of the very ground. He forced himself to work his ranch while seated on the only vantage point nature permitted, on the seat of his pickup truck, strapped firmly in an upright position. There he would issue instructions to his hired hands to farm, break horses, doctor livestock, and string endless stretches of barb-wire fence. Somehow he could send his mind everywhere, anticipating each problem. Then he'd just sit there and think it through. In a jiffy he would come up with a solution and relay it to his men. Bill had "horse-sense."

Bill's favorite animal was Paulo. Bill loved that magnificent black horse that sired some of Oklahoma's grandest horseflesh. And watching Paulo was Bill's only recreation. But Bill had a dream.

Bill wanted to provide a place for boys to play, to learn, to camp. Bill never had a boy of his own, so he dreamed of a place where boys could roam wild and free, a place to receive top training from men who cared. So his love provided that place.

Yes, Bill was kinda different. Bill had no legs.

Bill's arms were gnarled stumps of useless bone, bent out of shape. He couldn't even shake hands with you but that didn't stop him - he'd simply wink his eye and smile that big broad grin of his as a perfect substitute.

Bill was a man of deep, artesian wells of love. Calvary love.

Bill broke records with his overflowing love.

That rare kind of love rooted in Jesus caused him to become a legend in his own time. People all over that country knew him as "that cheerful guy in the wheelchair." As a quarter-horse owner and trainer, he used his contacts to invite people to church. And he brought more strangers in than all the other members combined! A one-man recruiter, he demonstrated the kind of love that is seen more than heard.

Yes, Bill had the kind of courage people whisper about. A cripple who was really a giant. A nobody who stood head and shoulders above physically gifted people. A he-man of faith. A warrior for Christ.

Doomed to a wheelchair, Bill never went to a mission field, never pastored a church, never wrote a book. But Bill Glasgow, of Lawton, Oklahoma, did his thing the best way he knew how: faithfully, and with love.

Not long ago Bill was promoted. Now he's in Glory.

I'm lucky I knew Bill. He was some kind of man.

He had what it takes.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

(Ernie Funk, Long Beach, CA)

Have any of you ever taken something you weren't supposed to such as a candy bar, or gum, or some small item in a store? Well, one day a boy named Jimmie stopped at a service station to put some air in his bicycle tires. He went into the station to make a phone call. While inside, he saw a box full of candy bars. He knew the storekeeper was out taking care of a customer. So—Jimmie took two pieces of candy! "The storekeeper will never know the difference!" he thought.

That night when he went to bed he kept on thinking about the candy he had stolen. "It's really stealing!" he told himself and he just couldn't put it out of his mind.

Finally, after much tossing and turning, Jimmie asked God to forgive him. Then he felt much better. But a voice inside him urged him to pay for the candy he had stolen. Jimmie knew that the storekeeper knew *him*, and even more, knew that Jimmie was a *Royal Ranger!* Jimmie was now beginning to be a little afraid of what the storekeeper might think of him.

Finally, Jimmie decided to obey the voice within him. He rode his bike back to the service station. The storekeeper was inside. Jimmie walked in slowly and handed the owner enough money to pay for the stolen candy. The man said, "What can I do for you, Jimmie?" And then, embarrassed, Jimmie confessed what he had done. The owner said, "I wouldn't have missed those candy bars, Jimmie—why do you let it bother you?" "Well," Jimmie said slowly, "I asked God to forgive me and He did. Will you forgive me, too?" The man smiled in assent.

Boys, Jesus is always ready to forgive us when we confess our wrongs to Him. And He also expects us to make

things right with others when we have wronged them, too. Read Proverbs 28:13 in conclusion. Pray.

WHICH WAY IS IT?

(James Lee, Long Beach, CA)

Boys, while we're sitting around this campfire, I want each one of you to think of the symbolic meaning of this fire. It represents warmth, light, is soothing and comfortable, and yet it can be destructive, violent, and abusive.

I'm sure each of you have seen the "Smokey the Bear" signs, which state, "Remember, only you can prevent forest fires." And a day rarely goes by without hearing the siren of a fire truck as it rushes to put out another destructive fire.

Thus, we see that fire can have a beneficial effect and also a destructive effect. What I want each of you to do right now is to compare the way fire can be used to the ways your personalities can be used.

Is your personality pleasing to God, and to the people around you? Do you offer love and comfort to your friends and neighbors? Or are you always striking out and destroying things around you? Which way are you using *your* personality?

Boys, I'm not talking only about physically damaging someone or someone's property, but I'm talking about every area of your life. You can say terrible things about someone and cause them to wish they were dead. If you have a bad attitude or if you are insincere in the things you do, people can feel that insincerity coming from you.

Right now I want each of you to remember the words of the Royal Rangers Pledge, and try to always keep those ideas alive in your life. Let's bow our heads and pray for God to help us in these vital areas of our lives. Pray.

A CATERPILLAR THAT GROWS INTO A TREE

(Stan Sinclair, *Terre Haute, IN*)

Did you know there is a caterpillar that grows up to be a tree?

I can see you don't believe me and you do have a good reason not to. Every creation made by God only produces its own kind. Cats have kittens, dogs have pups, grass seed gives grass, and acorns produce oak trees. When there is a freak or deformed creature, it quickly dies.

Moths and butterflies are all hatched from eggs as caterpillars. These caterpillars eat, grow, shed skins, and later spin a cocoon and bury themselves within its folds. Later, they emerge in a second birth, a new creature, one that can now fly, and many have become very beautiful.

The caterpillar that I'm speaking of should have been after his second birth, an Ahrueto moth, a New Zealand moth sometimes called swifts because of their surprisingly fast flying speeds. All of this type are born within the roots of a certain kind of tree. In many, soon after birth, a tiny parasitic seed is implanted behind their head. As they begin to grow, a bump appears. This bump grows until it becomes a small plant which gets bigger and bigger. The caterpillar moves more and more slowly as this parasite replaces the animal tissue with its own plant tissue. After a period, the caterpillar can no longer move, the plant takes root. All that is left of the caterpillar is a woody replica of its former self, and the plant is now known as the tree that was once a caterpillar.

Think with me for a moment how people are like this caterpillar. All have been implanted with a parasitic seed called sin. Many have habits which destroy or replace parts of their bodies. Tonight, I would like to show you how every person can be reborn from this worm stage and can stop the parasitic growth of sin within his life. The Bible says if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us. Let's take time to agree together and to pray so that all of us can become a new creature, one of beauty and speed, so that we can accomplish God's work.

CLOCKS AND WATCHES

(Edna Speechly,
Petersham, NSW, Australia)

Equipment: One clock, large.

A clock is sometimes a friend but also sometimes an enemy. It is very necessary to mankind. Early man invented the hourglass just so he could judge the passing of time.

When we are racing against time we don't like the clock because it "stops for no man" but just keeps on faithfully ticking away. And when we are anxious for the time to "hurry" it just doesn't seem to want to change for us either. The clock just keeps on ticking at its regular pace.

The principle of the clock (hours and minutes) never changes, even though the outside of the timepiece may change in color, shape, or design, in keeping with the fashion of the day. The clock is similar to God's Word. The covers may change but the contents (His Word) never changes. We cannot change it to suit ourselves. Sometimes it is a friend because we can get comfort and blessing from it. Sometimes it seems to be an enemy when it convicts us and we don't like it—our conscience is pricked. Yes, it is *God's timepiece* because it tells of things that will come to pass and no one can change them.

Just as the alarm on a clock tells us when it is time to get up, so also the Bible warns us of the "end time." The Bible says this in Matthew 25:13, "Watch therefore; for ye know neither the *day* nor the *hour* wherein the Son of Man cometh."

SLIDING BY

(Robert Partain, *San Diego, CA*)

Equipment: A mousetrap and several small sticks. Write on the sticks some different sins (lying, stealing, etc.). Then ask the boys who could set the trap with the sticks without being caught in it. Let a few try.

Boys, that's how we are—we try to slide by with our sins, hoping we'll not get caught, but what we're actually doing is "baiting the trap" for whom? *Ourselves!* Remember, boys, the Word of God says, "Be sure your sins will find you out!"

Conclude by reading and commenting on Rom. 3:23 and 6:23, and Heb. 4:15.

LEMONS & LEMONADE

(Don Franklin, Springfield, MO)

Equipment: One large pitcher of pure water; one lemon for each boy; plenty of sugar (for making lemonade visually before the boys); stirring spoon; sharp knife (for cutting lemons); drinking cups.

Spread clean paper on top of a table. Cut each lemon in half. Issue one half lemon to each boy, tell him to hold it until you give a signal. Line up boys so they can see each other's facial expressions.

At your signal, have boys suck their lemon vigorously. After making appropriate remarks about their grimacing faces and pained expressions, ask them if they enjoyed the bitter taste. After the answers have been given, have them gather around you at your table, listening and quiet.

Boys, that lemon you just had was bitter, distasteful, and sour. And a lemon is like some of the things we encounter along life's trail. Many things come our way that are bitter, distasteful, and sour. We don't like them. We wish we didn't have to take them. But if our attitudes are right, we can accept each "lemon" that life offers us and turn a *disadvantage* into an *advantage*. (At this point, with great ceremony, begin to mix the untouched, fresh lemon halves in with the water by squeezing them into the pitcher.)

Boys, there go the lemons. But to counteract the bitterness of the lemons we need something sweet. And our lives, too, need something "sweet" to counteract the lemons coming our way. And that sweetness is the power of God's love. Let's just compare this sugar to God's love. Let's pour it in—that's right, *lot's* of sugar. And we need lots of God's love, too. Now, we mix it all together and make sure the bitterness of the lemon is counteracted by the sweetness of the sugar and presto! Chango! Instant, delicious lemonade! (Pour out equal portions in the cups and instruct the boys to sip the lemonade slowly and quietly.)

Remember this object lesson, boys. The next time something bitter or distasteful comes your way, just add plenty of God's love to the situation, mix well, and turn a "lemon" into a "lemonade!"

THUNDERSTORMS

(Gerald Winburn, Casselberry, FL)

How many of you are afraid of thunderstorms? Yes, many of us are. It's a natural fear. You can see the storm approaching with all of its fury. You can hear the thunder. You can see and feel the wind, watch the lightning flashing, sense the oncoming force of the storm. And, as you see the storm drawing closer, you begin to prepare for it, don't you?

People usually get in out of the storm's way. Boys, Satan's works can be likened unto a storm, except that usually we're not aware enough to get in out of them. We usually stand out in the rain and get spiritually wet, don't we? As Christians, we ought to carry a spiritual umbrella. (Show and open an umbrella.) We can liken this umbrella to whom? (Wait for an answer.) Yes, it's Jesus, of course. But we don't want our feet to get wet so we put on our rain boots, which we can say is the Word of God. Now let Satan throw his thunderstorms against us, for with Jesus and the Word of God we can have victory. And we can know that, in spite of the "storms of life" we can be prepared for each one of them by including Jesus in our lives as our own, personal Saviour and protector.

OUR GOALS

(Rev. Frederick Johnson, Albuquerque, NM)

After reading John 15:12 as the text, tell how, as an outpost, we should work much closer and with better unity. This we need to really accomplish our goals. These goals include growth and winning boys to Jesus Christ.

Next, have a discussion with the boys about what they think will make our outpost the greatest outreach of the church in the coming months.

Questions for discussion: (1) What are our goals for 1974? (Write these on chalkboard), (2) What are some of the ways we can cooperate more effectively as one unit? (3) How can we make our meetings more interesting and effective? and (4) What can *you* do, as a Royal Ranger to improve our group?

Then, in conclusion, give a short summation of findings and a challenge. Close with everyone rededicating his life to Christ.

THE CHRISTIAN WALK

(*Dick Warren, Carlsbad, CA*)

Second Corinthians 6:16 says, "God hath said, I will dwell in them and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

There are not many things the world needs more than people who walk and talk with God.

A Christian ought to live such a helpful, kind life that as folks see him walking along life's way they will instinctively think, "There goes God walking and talking and living in that boy."

A heathen girl was so deeply impressed with the sweet, loving character of a missionary that she yearned for "the beautiful life." She soon found, however, that what she was really wishing for was the "Christlife," being reflected in the walk and talk of the missionary.

Boys, let's walk and talk with God each day. And some wonderful day Jesus will say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

DON'T USE A PEDESTAL

(*Don Atchison, Ottawa, KS*)

No one can win a person to Jesus Christ by "standing on a pedestal" and looking down. One cannot win another person to the Lord by making them feel cheap or inferior.

A man by the name of Albert Hasler worked with a carnival. Having had a heart attack, it was necessary for him to work at a job that would not be too strenuous, so he found a job taking tickets at a carnival. Soon he discovered that the people working around him needed to hear about God and His Word.

The only place he felt he could hold "services" was in the fun house. Soon the Word of God began to be heard by the carnival people in their own environment. And he realized that in order to reach them for Christ, he would have to become "one of them."

Mr. Hasler also realized that he could not "speak down" to his listeners, as if he were speaking from a pedestal, but he would need to be on their own level, so to speak. He remembered that Jesus didn't have a temple or a pulpit or a

pedestal, either, but Jesus "got down on their level" in order to speak, on many occasions. Jesus preached from the mountains to the sea shores, indicating that it isn't where one preaches but who hears the message of Christ, that counts.

Boys, what one thing does this testimony tell us? Yes, boys, that's right—when you are talking to a friend about Jesus, never "look down at him," but speak to him on "his own level."

WHITE SQUIRRELS

(*Don Franklin, Springfield, MO*)

In Southwest Missouri is a beautiful little town by the name of Marionville. It has become famous because it is the home of the white squirrel.

Hundreds of little white squirrels scamper around the lawns, through the trees, on fences, and just about anywhere they please. And no one ever touches them or harms them. Why?

The Marionville white squirrel is protected by law. Citizens of the town agreed to protect the little creatures and allow them to live without being hunted or harmed. Even the police officers wear a little replica of a white squirrel on their uniforms. And now these little white squirrels frisk around with no apparent problems, happily preparing for winter.

Boys, just as those little white squirrels are protected by law from extinction, so has God provided protection for His believers. When we use the term, "Under the blood of Jesus," we mean that we are under a divine kind of protection that is guaranteed through the blood shed by Jesus on Calvary's Cross.

As a born-again Christian knowing Jesus Christ as your own, personal Saviour, you can go through life assured of His loving protection. He never goes to sleep on the job, never takes a vacation. He always looks out for His own. He watches over us and protects us even while we sleep.

If the citizens of a small Missouri town can protect a special species of squirrel, think of how much more important you are, as a child of God, and of how concerned your Heavenly Father is in protecting *you!*

Conclude by reading aloud all eight verses of Psalm 121, then pray.

RUBBER STAMP CHRISTIANS

(Warren Bebout, San Luis Obispo, CA)

Fellas, if you have ever received a package or letter from your postman, you have probably seen rubber stamp impressions on them, giving you or the post office special instructions. Some of these rubber stamp impressions have a real message to the one it is intended for. These rubber stamp impressions remind us of some of the "Rubber Stamp Christians" we come in contact with from time to time.

Rubber stamp impressions or labels we receive on packages that we often overlook are true to the Christian life. See if you recognize any of them. Which one of these Christian-types are you?

"KEEP IN A COOL PLACE"—These are weather Christians. You have to keep them cool. They often complain if it is too hot to go to church!

"THIS SIDE UP"—This is likened to Christians who are touchy, easily hurt, and carry their feelings on their shoulders. This is the kind of Christian you have to handle with kid gloves.

"DON'T OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS"—These are Christians who put off until tomorrow things that they should do today and now. They often say, "Not now, later." And they put it off indefinitely. The seasonal Christians only darken the church door on special occasions. They attend Sunday school on Easter and Christmas.

"FRAGILE — HANDLE WITH CARE"—Be careful what you say to these Christians. Handle carefully. These Christians last as long as you handle them carefully. These Christians you have to prod along carefully so that you won't offend them easily.

"SHAKE WELL BEFORE USING"—These Christians can stand anything and their motto is, "I'm going through and I'll pay the price no matter what others do to me."

"PLEASE FORWARD"—These Christians you can't keep up with! They're always on the move. They are "grasshopper Christians." They are always going and gathering no moss. They get mad at the Commander and jump across town and go to another church. This

type of Christian hops all over town, is always on the go.

"POSTAGE DUE"—These Christians may be those who want others to pay the outpost expenses while they, themselves, get the benefits.

Which category do you fit into? Let's bow our heads and ask Jesus to help us to be more like Him, shall we?

AMAZING LOVE

(Robert Partain, San Diego, CA)

Open with Scripture reading of John 3:16.

Boys, I know that you realize your father and mother loves you. Some people have humorously described someone as "only a mother could love him!" Well, boys, I have found someone that even loves the people that only a mother could love. His name is Jesus.

The Scripture verse we just read describes how much God loved the world. And that is a tremendous amount of love. But do you realize that all of that love could, in effect, be wasted if we do not accept it and take advantage of it?

The key word to remember is, "believe." This one, little word could change your entire life. Apply it to John 3:16 and simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and let all of that amazing love become yours. Pray a prayer of invitation.

AFLAME FOR CHRIST

(Ralph Hall, Lompoc, CA)

As you sit around a campfire with your Rangers pull a burning stick from the fire and then ask the boys to watch it carefully. The flame will disappear. It will slowly but surely go "out." The fire will completely vanish. The ends will be charred, presenting only a very dull comparison with what it used to be when aflame.

Explain that this is what happens to Christian boys, and in fact, anyone when and if they leave the "campfire" of the church. Without the warm fellowship, the friendship, and Christian relationships provided by the church, the Christian "firebrand" will soon be extinguished.

Conclude by reading and commenting on Hebrews 10:25.

IDEAS

For Leaders



ST. PATRICK RELAY

(David Pendergrass, Sand City, CA)

Split boys into two teams. Have three $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood boards cut into a form of a clover (prepare two sets). Paint them green. Each cutout "leaf" should be big enough to stand on. There will be three relays corresponding to each leaf. After each relay the leader will pick up each leaf in order to show how far each team has to go to complete the game.

First relay: On signal, each boy must hold one leg and hop to the first leaf, step on it without moving it. If any "leaf" is moved that boy must go back to start over again.

Second relay: Each boy is blindfolded. He must run and feel for the proper "leaf" and then stand on it, then blindfold the next boy until all have done so.

Third relay: Each boy must skip backwards to and from the last "leaf" until all boys have completed their turn.

STRING & SPOON

(Warren Plaskett, Wasco, CA)

Equipment: Spoon for each team and long length of string.

Goal: To teach each boy courtesy and helpfulness with close contact with others.

Separate boys into competing teams. Tie string on each spoon.

Boys are to thread spoon down and through clothing and out pants leg of each boy and then back out to beginning boy without breaking the string. Reverse procedure.

WHILE THE BOYS ARRIVE

(Neil Agnes, Dallas, TX)

1. PUZZLE: As each boy arrives give him a Bible crossword puzzle; each boy completing his puzzle gets extra refreshments.
2. CRAFT: Give each boy two pieces of paper and a pair of scissors. The idea is to see which boy makes the fanciest design.
3. PUZZLE: Have each boy pick out a scrambled word out of a bag and see if he can unscramble it. Once the word is unscrambled, he can pick again. The winner is the boy with the most unscrambled words.
4. PUZZLE: Write the word, "Salvation" on the chalkboard. Give each boy a pencil and paper and see how many other words can be written and made up out of the letters in "salvation." The boy with the most words is the winner.
5. ART: Give each boy a pencil and paper as they arrive. The object is for each boy to draw the face of the next boy who arrives! The best artist is the winner.
6. GAME: Pair off the boys as they arrive and have them play "tick-tack-toe."
7. ART: Give each boy crayons and paper as he arrives. Have each boy draw his favorite Royal Ranger activity, such as camp-out, hiking, swimming, zoo, etc.
8. CRAFT: Give each boy a sheet of paper as he arrives. Have each boy make a paper airplane. And the best designed plane is the winner. The boys should not throw the planes until the leader gives the signal.

RAISIN RELAY

(Richard Lugo)

Divide players into two teams.

Each player on each team is given a small dish with five raisins and a toothpick. The first player feeds the second player (very carefully!) on his team. He must use the toothpick to feed his partner the raisins, one at a time. The second player on a team feeds the third player. The last player runs to the front of the team and feeds the first player. The team that finishes first is the winner.

SKIN THE SNAKE

(*Louis Hoegy, Livonia, MI*)

Each player stoops over, putting his right hand between his legs and grasping the left hand of the player behind him.

At a signal the last boy in the line lies down on his back, putting his feet first between the legs of the player in front of him. The line walks backward, straddling the bodies of those behind. Boys immediately lie down when having no more opportunity to straddle. When finished, all are lying on their backs. The last man to lie down rises to his feet and straddles forward up the line, the rest following as fast as their turn comes. The one who breaks grasp is disqualified.

FIND THE CITY

(*Ted Culbertson, Bingen, WA*)

The leader makes up list of seven cities and towns, all of which can be located on the map. The leader then gives each person a copy of the map. The boy who finds all seven names on their respective maps first, wins.

NAME THE SPORT

(*Ted Culbertson, Bingen, WA*)

Using a number of sports terms, identify each sport with the term given, such as:

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| 1. Tee | Golf |
| 2. T-formation | Football |
| 3. Lay-up | Basketball |
| 4. Butterfly | Swimming |
| 5. Shell | Rowing |
| 6. Chukker | Polo |
| 7. Puck | Hockey |
| 8. Shortstop | Baseball |
| 9. Christy | Skiing |
| 10. Apprentice | Horse racing |
| 11. Clay pigeon | Trap shooting |
| 12. Sulky | Harness racing |
| 13. Spare | Bowling |
| 14. Billy | Field hockey |
| 15. Balk spot | Billiards |

There are many more terms you may wish to use. Make up as many as you wish as you go along.

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

(*Jim Ayers, Del City, OK*)

Scramble the letters of 20 phrases or words used in Royal Rangers. Place them

on separate pieces of paper. Tape each word or phrase on the walls around the room. Give each boy a pencil and paper. See who can unscramble the words or phrases first. Allow all boys to complete this, if possible. Time limit should be approximately 15 minutes.

SAND BAG TAG

(*Robert Dayon, Inglewood, CA*)

Items needed: One small bag full of sand, sewn up. Prepare paper and pencils for scorekeeping, or use a chalkboard.

Divide boys into two equal teams and number off. Place each team across from each other in an even line (about six feet). Place the bag in the center of the two lines and call out a number. The boys having the number on each team must run for the bag, pick it up when possible, and then get back in line before the other tags him. One point is given to the team who tags the other; two points if one succeeds in getting back safely. The highest score wins.

HIT THE CAN

(*Walter Shutters, Salem, AR*)

The object of the game is to throw a "whiffle" ball at a can hanging on a three-foot string, suspended from the ceiling. You may wish to use a small, soft rubber ball, or something small and fairly soft to throw at the can.

The can should be kept in motion, like a pendulum on a Grandfather's clock.

Let your assistant leader keep the score. Line boys up about 25 feet from can (vary the distance in relation to size and ages of boys). The winner is determined by elimination of other boys. Each boy is given three throws at can. High scoring men play off until a winner is determined.

EGG TOSS

(*Jerome Weymouth*)

Form boys into two lines. Distribute fresh eggs (or water-filled balloons). Have boys pick partners. A boy will toss his egg (or balloon) to his partner who will catch it. Then, before the partner tosses it back he takes one step backward, which increases the "danger" of tossing the egg (or balloon). The team who can toss their object back and forth the most times without dropping, wins.



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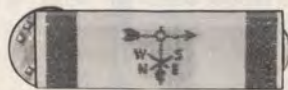
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