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## DISPATCHER'S EXPRESS

There are several items relating to Royal Rangers policy on a National level which should be shared with you.

The first involves *military rank* in Royal Rangers. All written references such as captain, major, colonel, general etc., should be dropped when referring to leaders.

All oral references to military titles should also be dropped with one exception. In dealing with outside organizations, it may be sometimes advantageous to use the military rank. However, such references should not be used within the program or at Royal Rangers functions.

All leaders should be referred to as "Commander" except the Chaplain.

The second item has to do with *FCF Officers* on a national level. The National President will be elected at the National Rendezvous for a four year term. The nominees will be the incumbent in office and the Territorial Representatives.

The National Scout will be elected at the National Camporama and the National Rendezvous by all FCF members present. Nominations will be made by the National Committee. The scout may not be over the age of 17 at the time of election.

Finally, approval has been given to the *Abe Lincoln FCF Chapter* (Illinois) for transfer from the Colonial to the Plainsmen Territory.

—John Eller, National Dispatcher

## READY TO BE A FAILURE

by Elton Bell

National NTC Representative

I was talking to one of our very best commanders some time ago and he said something that made me stop and think. As a matter of fact, it should make all of us as leaders pause and reflect about what we're doing and why we're doing it. He said there was a wide gap between the things we do as skills in Royal Rangers and the real reasons for doing them. I asked for an example and this is what he related.

It seems there was an inter-patrol contest to start fires with flint and steel. Most of the boys obtained fire rather quickly, others followed, but finally, only Joey was left without a fire.

Joey started to sneak off and get lost in the crowd when the commander noticed. Upon inquiry, he learned that Joey's tinder was not properly charred. The commander asked another boy to lend some to Joey. He obtained fire in no time at all. By now, everyone was watching, and the whole outpost gave a cheer.

Joey would have wound up as a failure if someone hadn't been around to help. But as a result, he learned several important things. First, if you want good results, you must have the right material. Second, you must try and try again. These are important lessons, even at the age of eleven. We are not in the business to create quitters, but to build winners.

This is only part of the story of how Royal Rangers skills relate to character and citizenship and personal fitness. Take First-Aid for example. It is important to know how to stop bleeding, give artificial resuscitation, and apply a splint to a broken bone. But if this knowledge and skill is not tied in with the idea and spirit of helpfulness to other people, then we are losing the real meaning.

Now we can go from one skill to another and look at some very fundamental and basic traits we want every Royal Ranger to acquire. Each skill requires preplanning, teamwork and follow-through. At times, this calls for improvising, self-reliance, personal initiative, and even some leadership.

This kind of teaching makes Royal Rangers different. A skill for skill's sake can be quite empty. It takes adult understanding and guidance to build leadership, self-dependence, and spiritual awareness in boys.

Observe the following list of program activities as related to the character attributes each should exemplify.

| PROGRAM FEATURE       | PERSONAL QUALITIES                                      |
|-----------------------|---|
| Paying outpost dues   | Pay your own way, good standing, thrift, self-respect   |
| Royal Ranger uniform  | Neatness, correctness, self-respect, sense of belonging |
| Ceremonies            | Loyalty, patriotism, duty, worship                      |
| The patrol or outpost | Cooperation, teamwork, respect for others               |
| Compass               | Accuracy, self-confidence                               |
| Nature                | Observation, awareness of natural beauty                |
| Knot tying            | Dexterity, perseverance                                 |
| Signaling             | Persistence, memorization                               |
| Cooking               | Preplanning, cleanliness                                |
| Lifesaving            | Concern for welfare of others                           |
| Conservation          | Pride in outdoor America, farsightedness                |
| First Aid             | Service to others, preparedness                         |

We must never forget that to every boy, Royal Rangers is for fun, adventure, and fellowship; and, anyone who adopts a strictly academic approach to the program better leave it alone. But, on the other hand, anyone who leads an outpost with a total blindness for these qualities and the underlying benefits to youth is merely in the entertainment business.

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# DECEMBER

## PLANNING GUIDE

| WEEKLY THEME           | WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE   | SPECIAL ACTIVITIES   | PROJECTS & RESOURCE  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|
| MISSIONS               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christ gave His followers the Great Commission</li> <li>2. It is our duty to spread the Gospel</li> <li>3. Offerings finance endeavors at home and abroad</li> <li>4. Giving of ourselves is most important</li> </ol>                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare a report on the mission of the church</li> <li>2. Invite the pastor to speak on evangelism and missionary outreach</li> <li>3. Secure a speaker on Special Ministries for campfire service</li> </ol>                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write Foreign Missions Dept. for statistics</li> <li>2. Contact Home Missions Dept. for information</li> <li>3. Ask Pastor to schedule a missionary for outpost meeting when in the area</li> </ol>  |
| BIBLE                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Bible consists of 66 books: 39 Old Testament, 27 New.</li> <li>2. The Bible is the inspired, only authoritative and infallible Word of God.</li> <li>3. Bibles should be brought to all Royal Rangers meetings.</li> </ol>               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emphasize Bible study</li> <li>2. Launch a program to read Bible through in 1975.</li> <li>3. Secure Testaments or Bibles for those who have none.</li> <li>4. Give recognition for memorization</li> </ol>                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write closest A/G Bible College for a display catalog</li> <li>2. Resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amer. Bible Soc. 1865 Broadway New York, NY 10023</li> <li>• Gideons Int'l. Nashville, Tenn.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>     |
| WINTER-IZE             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reactions of the human body to cold</li> <li>2. Wind-chill factors</li> <li>3. Insulation agents</li> <li>4. Techniques of winter camping</li> <li>5. Priority: clothing and sleeping bags</li> <li>6. Shelter, fire, food</li> </ol>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan a cold weather hike</li> <li>2. Check actual temperature and chill factors</li> <li>3. Plan a snow day</li> <li>4. Have a Klondike Derby</li> <li>5. Build a giant snowman</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter Camping <i>High Adventure: Winter 1971-72</i></li> <li>2. Animal Tracks: <i>High Adventure: Winter 1972-73</i></li> <li>3. Snow Day <i>High Adventure: Winter 1973-74</i></li> </ol>  |
| CHRISTMAS              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first Christmas</li> <li>2. Refer to Matthew and Luke accounts</li> <li>3. Keeping Christ in Christmas</li> <li>4. Celebrating in the right way</li> <li>5. Honor God's gift to the world</li> </ol>                                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assign a group or patrol to research background of Dec. 25</li> <li>2. Plan a Christmas Party</li> <li>3. Exchange Ranger or FCF type gifts</li> <li>4. Plan Christmas banquet for leaders</li> <li>5. Christmas parade</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Caroling to shut-ins</li> <li>2. Prepare special visits to any handicapped boys in area</li> <li>3. Hourly ringing of church bell Christmas Day</li> <li>4. Older boys visit hospitalized</li> <li>5. Honor Outpost Chaplain</li> </ol>      |
| NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define "resolution"</li> <li>2. Discuss importance of goals and ideals</li> <li>3. Promises should be kept</li> <li>4. Broken vows disrupt churches, homes, businesses, etc.</li> <li>5. Faith in God must accompany high resolve</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make a chalkboard list of possible resolutions</li> <li>2. Have a sharing time for reflection on the old year and hopes for the new</li> <li>3. Challenge boys to perfect attendance at meetings and Sunday school</li> </ol>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List outpost goals in New Year</li> <li>2. Encourage enlistment of new boys</li> <li>3. Produce a tentative calendar of events for 1975</li> <li>4. Brainstorm for ideas on activities</li> <li>5. Encourage decisions for Christ</li> </ol> |

# January

## PLANNING GUIDE

| WEEKLY THEME   | WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE  | SPECIAL ACTIVITIES   | PROJECTS & RESOURCE   |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| FIRST AID      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First-Aid in the Bible (Luke 10:34)</li> <li>2. Importance of First-Aid</li> <li>3. Prevention of further injury</li> <li>4. Necessity of following basic principles</li> <li>5. Saving lives</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan for Red Cross instruction of Basic or Multi-Media First Aid</li> <li>2. Encourage leaders to take advanced courses</li> <li>3. Emphasize three "hurry" cases: bleeding, breathing, poisoning</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate treatment for shock</li> <li>2. Give instructions on broken bones and burns</li> <li>3. Simulate rescue</li> <li>4. Resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● American Red Cross</li> <li>● Adventures in Camping</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |
| FIRST AID      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Origin of Red Cross (The Battle of Solferino, 1859)</li> <li>2. Jean Henri Dunant established care for battle victims</li> <li>3. International Committee met in Geneva, Switzerland in 1863; attended 14 countries</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss head injuries and hidden bleeding</li> <li>2. Discuss heart attack &amp; infection</li> <li>3. Discuss snake, animal and insect bites</li> <li>4. Emphasize dangers of overexposure to heat or cold</li> <li>5. Dangers of electric shock</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stress fire and water safety</li> <li>2. Review swimming safety rules</li> <li>3. Caution against drug abuse</li> <li>4. Resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Red Cross Drug Pamphlet</li> <li>● Leader's Manual</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |
| WINTER CAMPING | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter camping as a challenge</li> <li>2. Eskimos succeeded for years</li> <li>3. Requires more preparation and planning</li> <li>4. Rewards are experience, accomplishment and self-reliance</li> <li>5. Builds confidence</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn Safety Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Get independent</li> <li>● Dress for season</li> <li>● Don't overexert</li> <li>● Don't overexpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Check outpost equipment for winter</li> <li>3. Check personal equipment</li> <li>4. Plan camp-out</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Know warnings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice storm = coating</li> <li>Snow = steady fall</li> <li>Blizzard = 35 mph winds with 20 degrees or less</li> <li>Severe blizzard = 45 mph with 10 degrees or less</li> <li>Cold wave = rapid fall in temperature</li> <li>Watch = storm approaching</li> <li>Warning = storm imminent</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |
| WINTER CAMPING | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Winter severity recognized by Scripture (Acts 27:12)</li> <li>2. Preparation mentioned (Proverbs 30:25)</li> <li>3. Special skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fuel &amp; cooking</li> <li>● Protection</li> <li>● Frost-bite first-aid</li> <li>● Hunting &amp; fishing</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check local weather bureau for coldest days of last winter</li> <li>2. Plan a sledding expedition</li> <li>3. Go ice skating</li> <li>4. Overnight campout</li> <li>5. Mark danger areas on an ice-covered lake or pond</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write for "Winter Storm Safety Rules" Supt. of Documents U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. 10c ea., \$7.50 per 100</li> <li>2. Explore a cave</li> <li>3. Go fishing on ice</li> <li>4. Go snowballing</li> <li>5. Snow-cream party</li> </ol>  |

# FEBRUARY

## PLANNING GUIDE

| WEEKLY THEME       | WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE  | SPECIAL ACTIVITIES  | PROJECTS & RESOURCE  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| WATER PURIFICATION | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More than 70% of earth under water</li> <li>2. Only about 1% is fresh water</li> <li>3. Much of that is already polluted</li> <li>4. Water resources must be safeguarded</li> <li>5. Pollution of rivers, streams &amp; lakes must cease</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check rivers or streams in area for pollution</li> <li>2. Hike to the source of a spring or stream</li> <li>3. Secure and demonstrate halazone tablets</li> <li>4. Assign research on public water use</li> </ol>                         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tour a water plant</li> <li>2. Tour a sewage disposal plant</li> <li>3. Visit a dam or reservoir</li> <li>4. Plan a trip to any scenic river or waterfall in your area</li> <li>5. Emphasize daily consumption of water for health's sake</li> </ol>   |
| PATROL UPDATE      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patrol concept necessary to outpost</li> <li>2. Divides boys by age and interest</li> <li>3. Strong patrols make a strong outpost</li> <li>4. Patrol spirit an important ingredient</li> <li>5. Working together toward common goal</li> </ol>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have an inspection night</li> <li>2. Fill all positions such as Senior Guide, Guide, Asst. Guide, etc.</li> <li>3. Plan a special meeting with all patrol leadership</li> <li>4. Encourage boys to work as a patrol</li> </ol>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instruct each patrol to have a name, song and yell</li> <li>2. Encourage use of flags and standards</li> <li>3. Repair or replace old flags</li> <li>4. Work toward a possible "crack squad" for local parades, etc.</li> </ol>  |
| OUTPOST UPDATE     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emphasize patrol and outpost assignments</li> <li>2. Introduce present leadership and explain each duty</li> <li>3. Call for cooperation of leaders and boys</li> <li>4. Promote a team spirit in the outpost</li> </ol>                            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan formation and inspection of outpost</li> <li>2. Practice reporting, commands, and marching orders</li> <li>3. Stress uniform cleanliness and correctness</li> <li>4. Demonstrate application of a "spit shine"</li> </ol>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group calisthenics</li> <li>2. Check for repairs or improvements on meeting room</li> <li>3. Up-date wall charts</li> <li>4. Planning session for spring activities</li> <li>5. Resource: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leader's Manual</li> <li>● Adventures in Camping</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |
| SPRING ROUND-UP    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call attention to handwork requirements for advancement</li> <li>2. Encourage work for Advanced Awards</li> <li>3. Explain FCF requirements</li> <li>4. Call for round-up and enlistment</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assign Lt. Cmdrs. to contact drop-outs</li> <li>2. Assign each boy to call an absentee</li> <li>3. Offer a reward for enlistments and reenlistments</li> <li>4. Plan a cook-out (branding time)</li> <li>5. Recognize new boys</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit &amp; explore District Pow Wow site</li> <li>2. Note any changes in geography or undergrowth</li> <li>3. Plan a Council of Achievement</li> <li>4. Encourage uniform up-dating and correctness</li> </ol>  |

# THE OUTPOSTER



"What's the password?"

The National Rifle Association has been distributing some little folders containing recipes for cooking various species of game. They were prepared by Joan Cone and have proved so popular that she has expanded on the originals and published a small book, *Easy Game Cooking*. The paperback has good, simple recipes for all popular game animals, plus some side dishes, and is fun to read. Available from EPM Publications, Box 442, McLean, Va. 22101, price \$2.00.

Stream conservation has been the subject of much pro and con recently. It is the topic of *The River Killers* by Martin Heuvelmans, a book that should probably be read by anyone interested in the issue from either side of the fence. Heuvelmans spent ten years researching the book, which contains 244 pages of text, maps, photos and supporting documents. *The River Killers* is an indictment of public agencies concerned with water manipulation, Congress, and a complacent public. Heuvelmans includes examples of river wrongdoing from different sections of the country—and their environmental failings. \$8.95, Stackpole Publishers.

According to the National Forest Products Association, wood is a tough, efficient insulator. One inch of wood is four times as efficient an insulator as cinder block, six times as efficient as brick and 15 times as efficient as concrete. Exposed, unpainted wood wears away at the rate of only  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch a century — the coffins that protected Egyptian mummies for thousands of years are made of acacia wood. Steel mills use wood 2x4s to skim slag from molten iron; a metal skimmer would melt. Wood is also the only biodegradable, major material resource for industry.

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Leaders must be trained to recognize potential character-building situations and capitalize on them. It's our job to create situations in which boys grow taller in manly qualities, learning to make responsible boy-sized decisions and to aim high.

There are four rules for influencing character: (1) personal example, (2) doing things *with* boys, not separate from them, (3) public note and commendation for the good, dealing with error in private, (4) guided by a code, a set of principles. These are set forth in the Royal Rangers code, pledge and motto.

# OUTPOST DEVOTIONS



## REFLECTIONS BY MOONLIGHT

I have just slipped away from the sleeping camp. Moonlight is bathing the valley. My heart is full; I feel I must get alone with God and thank Him for the experience of the past day. As I look from the hilltop through the doors of the assembled tents I feel a deep compassion for the boys contained in the distorted bundles of bedding.

It all began yesterday when we gathered at the church for our camping trip. It was a scene of excessive excitement, noise, and confusion. Twenty boys yelling, running, and scurrying about at the same time. There I was in the midst of the turmoil trying to get boys and equipment loaded into the church bus. There were more boys coming out than I was getting in. Trying to remember if we had everything, I was at the same time being besieged with a dozen questions from a half dozen overly excited Royal Rangers. At last we had everything loaded. With a hope that we hadn't forgotten anything, we headed for our campsite on Clear Creek.

I had heard of a barrel full of monkeys, but this is nothing compared to a bus full of talking, shouting, wiggling, scuffling, teasing boys. Since it was hardly proper for the leaders to jump up and down and pull their hair, we composed ourselves, smiled indulgently and tried to keep order.

At last we arrived at the campsite, a small meadow overlooking a rushing stream and surrounded by tall trees and rugged hills. I never saw a bus empty out so fast in all my life. In a few moments the meadow was littered with various camping equipment. With the help of my two lieutenant commanders we assigned tent sites and began to set up camp. I had forgotten how excited boys could become over the simple task of pitching tents. Except for a few sway-back tents, loose stakes, and crooked

poles, the boys did a fair job. Details were assigned such as digging fire pits and gathering wood.

With camp set up, the boys were divided into three groups with an adult leader in charge of each, and taken on a nature study and exploration hike. The hills and woods soon echoed with joyful shouts upon new discoveries. An animal, a bird, an insect, a fowl, a cave, the bleached bones of an animal—unimportant things? Not to these boys. They were naturalists, geologists, archaeologists, and explorers, making new discoveries.

Back in camp we ate our evening meal. It's amazing how many hamburgers one boy can eat on a campout. Come to think of it, I had three myself.

Twilight was falling when we finished cleaning up. Fireflies flitted about as we made our way to the council fire. There is magic in the atmosphere of a campfire. The flickering flame, the crackling wood, the crickets in the background . . . you seem to be in a different world. There is a bond of fellowship here that only the camper knows.

How boys can sing around a campfire! It matters little if they are off key; it's volume that counts as they give vent to inner contentment and joy. A few stunts, more songs, and then devotions. The devotion was very simple. We told the boys how Christ changed a certain boy's life. We explained the simple plan of salvation. As the invitation was given to the boys who wanted to accept Christ, we were unprepared for the response. Suddenly, several boys were standing before me. There was Jimmy, our biggest discipline problem; Gary, whose father was a drunk; Ben, the sarcastic wise guy; Tim, the quiet shy boy, and others. They stood looking up at me with searching, questioning eyes. I felt very humble when I prayed for Christ to come into their hearts.



A leader who has looked into the shining face of a boy who has accepted Christ for the first time will never be the same. I was no exception. Suddenly all the work, time, and effort invested in Royal Rangers paid off. I felt ashamed of the moments of discouragement and frustration when I questioned, "Is this program worth the effort?"

These are the thoughts that fill my mind and heart as I look up at the stars. A prayer wells up from my heart and forms on my lips. "O, God, I thank you for a program like Royal Rangers and for what it can do for its members. I'm so grateful for the privilege of being a leader and for the opportunity of ministering to boys."

### GENERAL DEVOTION

(By David Pitt, Santa Barbara, CA)

Purpose: To emphasize the importance of training in Bible study, prayer on our witnessing.

Boys, how many of you watched the Olympics on the television? (Wait for an answer.) Well, if you did you watched many men and women compete against one another in many sports. Boys, how many winners are there in each event? (Wait) Well, there are three medals given out for each event, so you see that many try out to win but only a few *are* winners.

Boys, what do you think it takes to be a winner? (Wait) Well, for one thing, you must train very hard in your event. This means sometimes years are involved to be a winner in international competition. And another thing you must have is experience in your event if you are going to be a success.

Do you know that those requirements are also the same as for your Christian life or race? If you are going to be a success as a Christian, and be a winner, you must train very, very hard. How do you train as a Christian? (Wait for an answer.) Well, for one thing, you must study the Bible very hard, memorize verses, and know where to find the verses you will need to win someone to the Lord. Also, you must train very hard in your prayer life, and attend Sunday school on a regular basis.

Also, to be a success, you must have the experience of competing among

others. How do you do this? (Wait) Well, you must continually witness to others about Christ, and about your Christian experience.

You must have both training and experience if you are going to be a winner for Christ in today's world.

### ANATOMY OF A FIRE

(Submitted by Dan Gregg,  
Chandler, AZ)

Boys, have you ever wondered about how this fire got started and how it keeps burning? Well, it takes three things to do this. They are: (1) a match, (2) wood or paper, and (3) air. You can't have a fire unless you have a match to spark or ignite the fire. Then you need to have wood or paper to burn to keep the fire going. Last, and most important of all, you need air. If there were no air, you wouldn't even be able to start the fire!

This is also true with our spiritual lives, fellas. In order to live like we should, we need to keep our "flames" going. First, we need the Holy Spirit to spark a desire in our hearts to live a good life. This is also called "conviction." Convictions are Christian principles we live by. Next, we need something to keep us going. Jesus is the One who does this for us. He feeds us with His righteousness and by His example. Then we need the "spiritual" air to breathe. This can come only from God, who gave us the breath of life from the very beginning.

Taking God, His son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit out of our lives is like throwing water on the fire! Thus, we have learned that we *need* God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to make our Christian lives complete. We can't survive without them!



## FAITHFULNESS

(*Jimmie Kay Maples, Springfield, MO*)

Boys, First Corinthians 4:2 says, "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

The Lord wants His stewards to be faithful. Now—who are His "stewards"? Let's find out. Webster says that a steward is a person in charge of the affairs of a large estate or one who acts as an administrator. Does this apply to us? Indeed it does!

One of the eight points in the Royal Ranger Code is LOYAL, meaning "he is faithful to his church, family, outpost, and friends."

The church is a very large "estate"—it is composed of property, assets, and is a kind of business. And every Ranger has a portion of which he can be in charge or in which he can minister or serve or assist other people. Ministering (meaning "to serve") to others is a very important part. A Ranger can do this by witnessing and winning people to the Lord who are outside the church. Boys, let's all be faithful stewards to the Lord!

## THE CIRCLE

(*Submitted by Ray Willhite  
Troy, Missouri*)

*Purpose:* To show the need to plan time for prayer and Bible study.

*Equipment Needed:* One ring—to illustrate how complete a ring really is.

*Commander:* A farmer promised his wife he would plow the back 40 acres, so early one morning he started out to do just that. When he tried to start the tractor, he found it was out of gas. On his way to get gas he noticed that the chickens had not been fed, so he started to get feed for the chickens. As he passed the garden he noticed that the potatoes needed weeding. Also, he remembered he had promised to get wood for the wood box. On his way to the woodpile he . . . no need to go any farther—you can see he hadn't accomplished a thing he had set out to do!

So many boys are like that farmer when it comes to finding time for prayer and Bible study! They just never seem to get down to it! Before long they

find that the day is gone and nothing has been accomplished.

*Discussion:* (1) How can we find time? (2) What does it require? (3) How important is the thing we give up? (4) Should this be done daily?

*Ceremony:* This ring is complete because it has no loose ends. Our days can be complete, and much can be accomplished if we remember every time we see a ring that we should pray and read our Bibles. Now, let's all form a circle by holding hands and sing an old song, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" I'm sure it will remain intact if we all pray and follow God's Word.

## SELFISHNESS

(*Submitted by Donald Riley  
Chickasha, Ok.*)

Whether we admit it or not, most of us are very selfish. If things are done as we like, then everything is fine. If not, look out!

We are constantly on guard so that no one gets anything *we* do not get!

Birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and other remembrances have become something of a "You-give-me-this-and-I'll-give-you-something-else" attitude.

Selfishness and salvation do not mix. This is not the Christian way of life.

The Lord unselfishly gave Himself on the cross for our sins. He unselfishly went to prepare a place for us.

Selfishness is sin. The Bible tells us "... there will no sin enter heaven. . . ."

There is a great need today for unselfish Christians. Our thoughts should be on what we can *give* rather than what we can *get*. Let us, by His grace and strength, become unselfish Christians for His glory.

## DOING YOUR PART

(*Submitted by Ivan Kejewski  
Victoria, Australia*)

A lad by the name of John, seeking life and adventure, left his motherland, England, to make a new life for himself in the rugged wide expanse of Australia.

After coming in contact with a Christian family and accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, he revealed a habit he had developed when he had lived in England.

The Second World War had just concluded and the bombing, destruction, and personal loss had created much hardship throughout the land. There was little money for food, clothing, shelter, fuel. It was bitterly cold.

The habit formed in this manner: after their evening meal the boys would gather together to talk. They would light a fire of their own, around which they found warmth, cheer, and friendship. To join the benefits of this "get together," one rule applied to all: anyone who wished to join the fire had to bring some kind of fuel to keep the fire burning. Those who didn't bother to bring any contribution were not welcome. Thus, everyone had to do their part. In so sharing, the whole group benefited by each one supplying a portion of the much-needed fuel.

John pointed out that, we, as Christians, should have this same attitude toward church attendance. We should not go to church to feel the warmth of God's love and others about us, and to enjoy the fellowship and blessings, *without taking something with us* to add to the meeting. We should prepare our hearts towards God, have a note of praise, a thought, a Bible verse, a song to sing, and something of ourselves to give that we may add "fuel" to the fellowship, so that the warmth may be felt by all, and we and God should be blessed together.

## OPENING CEREMONIES AND OBJECT LESSONS

(Stan Sinclair, *Terre Haute, IN*)

Have boys enter a room at a certain time. Have a tape recording prepared of the same format as "Mission Impossible" self-destructing tapes on missions—personal and other witnessing.

As each boy arrives, give him a potato and material for baking it. Have him prepare it and put it in fireplace coals or charcoal coals. A short devotional can be prepared on eating together or some related subject. (Hot dogs might be roasted while the potatoes are finishing and with a drink, provide a winter's snack.)

Build a fire as beginning ceremony with instructions on its building and the

significance of fire or light. Extinguish it as meetings officially end.

Likewise, light a candle or candles and explain significance of light—extinguish it as meetings officially end.

Give or tell each boy to bring a candle. Every boy that forgets a candle or does not come causes that much light not to be provided. (This could be done with lamps or lanterns and the lights might be held by hand or permanent rack or place might be provided for them.)

Have a pipe firmly attached to the floor or ground. Have various materials (paper, foam rubber, rope straw, tinsel) wrapped around it, possibly in the form of a scarecrow. Allow boys to rip, hit, buffet, and tear it, finally (if it is safe) have it burned. The only thing left should be the post if it was firmly established. Then explain how the pipe might be compared to Christ within us and the wrapping is our wants and our personality. All this can be torn or ripped away, but if Christ is firmly within us, He will stand.

Have many objects hidden in the room and give each boy a map or clues to find them. After the objects are found, explain that maps and clues are similar to the Bible. Also, point out that the objects were easier to find when some worked together.

Give each boy as he arrives a certain length of string. It is tied to something very solid and wrapped, braided, or weaved with other strings. Explain and show that the way each string is connected affects directly the weight each can hold. Likewise, explain and show how that the way the string is wrapped with the other strings directly affects how much it will hold, how much any group of strings will hold, and how it will help support other strings. Relationships: That which is solid (Christ), strings, (people or Christians), weights, (cares, individual or collective problems), other forces besides downward forces might be applied.

Randomly give each boy a card with a word and a number. The words in the numerical order provide a verse, which is memorized during the meeting.

## THE MEANING OF THE PLEDGE

(David Miller, Lynwood, CA)

Boys, tonight our devotion is going to center on the meaning of something we all know very well: The Royal Rangers Pledge. Now I know we all know it, but let's break it down point by point. OK?

It says, "With God's help I will do my best to serve God." How can we serve God? First of all, we should live the best life we possibly can, for God. We should tell other people about God and how much He means to us.

How can we serve our church better? Well, we should attend our church as often as possible. We should try to do any job that is offered to us in our church, and do it faithfully and well.

How can we serve our fellowman? We can help him in time of need. We can pray for our fellowman when sickness strikes. We also should work with our fellowman to help glorify God.

To live by the Ranger Code should be the desire of our hearts. If we live by the Code, point by point, heaven will surely become our home, someday. Also if we make the Golden Rule our daily rule, we will become a real easy person to get along with.

Now fellas, let's join together and ask God to help us to live by the Royal Rangers Pledge, in word and in deed.

## JUDGMENT FIRE

(By John Mitchell,  
Auburn, WA)

Purpose: To illustrate the need to know Jesus Christ, our Master Ranger.

Boys, notice how warm this campfire is. Put your hand closer to the flames. It gets pretty hot there, doesn't it? Fire is an instrument for man to mold and make things out of. He also uses fire to keep his camp or dwelling warm.

Man uses fire to run big engines and steamboats on rivers. Fire is used to destroy the creations of man when he is finished with them, and also the creations of God.

In the New Testament we find it says there is a judgment coming in the very near future where those whose names are not written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire.

Discussion: Is there any way to escape this judgment? Yes! By repenting of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life right now! Then confess (or openly admit your faith in Him) Him with your mouth and believe He is alive today. After you accept Jesus, the angels in heaven will rejoice. Your name will become written in the Book of Life and you will not have to fear a fiery death anymore.

Scripture references: John 3:15-17; Rev. 20:13-15.

## ATTACKING TORPEDOES

(Norman Kuhenbeaker, Henryville, PA)

Using a comparative illustration of the Christian (Royal Ranger boy) as a ship on the ocean, and showing Satan as a submarine, firing torpedoes and attacking the Christian "ship," place the following "torpedoes" under the heading, "Satan" on one side of a chalkboard. Then connect each "torpedo" with a "remedy" Scripture verse on the opposite side of the chalkboard.

### SATAN'S TORPEDOES

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Pride         | Worldliness        |
| Evil speaking | Stinginess         |
| Hypocrisy     | Self-righteousness |
|               | Indifference       |

### Sins of the tongue

- Lying
- Swearing
- Tattling
- Quarreling
- Finding fault
- Grumbling
- Unkind words
- Impure speech
- Flattery

### REMEDY

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Prov. 16:18   | Prov. 6:17   |
| Lev. 19:16    | Rom. 12:14   |
| Prov. 11:9    | Lev. 19:16   |
| Rom. 12:2     | 2 Tim. 2:14  |
| Mark 12:41-44 | Ps. 15:3     |
| Luke 18:10-14 | Ps. 15:3     |
| Amos 6:1      | Prov. 15:1   |
|               | 1 Peter 3:10 |
|               | Ps. 12:2, 3  |

Suggestion: Choose sides, having one person name the "torpedo" and then a person on the opposite side name the "scripture remedy."

# IDEAS

## For Leaders



### JUMP THE BOARD

(*Sam Walker, Carson, CA*)

Equipment: One board 2 x 6 x 6 inches; two pieces 2 x 4 x 6 inches.

The Commander and Lt. Commander will face one end of the 2 x 6 x 6 board, which is raised off the floor by a piece of 2 x 4 on each end. The boys, one by one will be blindfolded, turned around a few times, and then told to stand in the middle of the board, placing their hand on the head of another boy nearby (who is in on the trick and knows it).

The commander will then tell the boy he is going to pick him up and to let him know when he wants to jump off! The Commander and Lt. Commander will then raise the boy a few inches, at the same time the other assisting boy (who has the blindfolded victim's hand on his head) will begin to stoop down slowly, giving the boy on the board the impression he is going very high! The boy on the board will then want to jump, thinking he is high when actually he is only a few inches above the floor. Create an illusion of height.

### INVISIBLE MAN

(*By Larry Murphy, Lompoc, CA*)

Pick one boy. Have him, immediately close his eyes. Then lead him into another room. Close the door. Go back into the room full of boys and pick another boy, and lead him away to another, separate room.

Then go back to the first isolated boy, bring him back into the room, and have him guess who is missing.

### HIDE THE RING

(*Frank Redd, Los Angeles, CA*)

Seat the boys in a circle and let one boy sit in the center of the circle. Take a string long enough to go around the circle so that each boy sitting in the circle can hold the string with both hands. Put the string through a ring, tie the end. The idea is to pass the ring hidden or pretend to pass it but continue to go through the motions even though someone is holding the ring, concealed.

The boy in the center should try to guess who has the ring. He gets three guesses and if he missed all three, pick the boy at the left of the knot in the string and go clockwise. If he guesses right, he takes the place of the boy that had the ring, etc.

### BIBLE BASEBALL

(*Earl Stockburger, Vista, CA*)

Prepare many small pieces of paper and on each one write either "one base," or "two bases," or "three bases," and "home run." Make quite a few of each and fold them, then place them in a sack.

Place chairs in a square like a baseball diamond. Choose teams to play the game. Proceed to ask each team member a question from the Bible (using a book on Bible questions). If the team member answers correctly, he can draw a slip of paper from the sack and see how many bases he can go. Keep score by noting who and when someone comes to "home base." Team showing the most runs wins.

### ORANGE TOUCH-NOT

(*J. W. Hamilton, Albuquerque, NM*)

Have all boys sit in two even lines. They get two buckets and two oranges (large ones). Put buckets on other end of room. Then the two boys at the front of the line take an orange between their legs. Then they walk across the room and drop the orange in the bucket. Then they pick it up and replace it as it was before, walking back across the room, then pass it to the next boy, and so on. No one is allowed to touch the orange with his hands once it is positioned between his legs.

# OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD

We are happy to announce a special achievement award for Outpost commanders who have demonstrated outstanding service in achieving the goals of the overall Royal Ranger program. The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this award. Except for the Leadership training Course, National Training Camps and National Training Trails, all points earned must be earned for service rendered during the current calendar year.

- X 1. AN UP-TO-DATE CHARTERED GROUP: 25 points.
- X 2. COMPLETED LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE: 25 points (or 5 points for each completed section)
3. ADVANCEMENT PARTICIPATION: 25 points if at least 50% of the boys in the outpost received an advancement and at least 4 Councils of Achievement were conducted.
- X 4. FOUR OUTPOST CAMPOUTS DURING THE YEAR: 10 points; 2 points for each additional outing.
- X 5. HIGH ADVENTURE BUNDLE SUBSCRIPTIONS: 80% participation; 15 points.
- X 6. ATTENDING A NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP: 10 points.
7. ATTENDING A NATIONAL TRAINING TRAIL: 10 points.
- X 8. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN A DISTRICT POW WOW: 10 points.
9. BOYS WON TO CHRIST: 5 points for each boy won to Christ during the year.
10. NEW MEMBERS IN THE OUTPOST: 2 points for each 1% of growth.
- X 11. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN THE RANGER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: 10 points
- X 12. WEARING PROPER UNIFORM DURING ALL OUTPOST FUNCTIONS: 5 points.
13. OUTPOST MEETINGS CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR: 1 point each meeting.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. The outpost must have an up-to-date charter.
2. The Commander must have completed at least Sections I & II of the Leadership Training Course.
3. A minimum of 175 points are needed to qualify.

All Outpost Commanders who meet the above three qualifications will be eligible to receive and wear the Outpost Commander's Award. Time period - JANUARY 1 of the current year through DECEMBER 13.

*EVALUATION SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR  
DISTRICT COMMANDER BY JANUARY 30, 1975*

ANNUAL OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD EVALUATION SHEET

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Number \_\_\_\_\_

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3. ADVANCEMENT PARTICIPATION: 25 points if at least 50% of boys in your outpost received an advancement, and at least four (4) Councils of Achievement were conducted. \_\_\_\_\_
4. FOUR OUTPOST CAMPOUTS: 10 points; 2 points for each extra outing. \_\_\_\_\_
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NOTE: Please complete your copy of the OCA Evaluation sheet and mail it to your DISTRICT COMMANDER, not the National Office. Your District Commander will supervise the awarding of the Outpost Commander's Award.

If all the outpost commanders of one church earn this award, the Senior Commander may wear an Outpost Commander's Award Also.

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