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ABOUT THE COVER

DISPATCH cover this issue has National Commander Johnnie Barnes issuing "Last Call" for the Second National FCF Rendezvous to be held July 27-31 in Dogwood Valley near Blue Eye, Mo.

Rendezvous II will feature black powder shoots, tomahawking, knife throwing, flint & steel, and costume contests.

Members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity are expected at the event from across America. Special attractions will include a Bicentennial pageant and a Brush Arbor Revival.

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DISPATCHER'S EXPRESS

The 1975 Advanced National Training Camp held at Camp Arrowhead near Marshfield, Mo., last September will be long remembered by both staff and trainees.

Early autumn days punctuated by cool nights and jam-packed training sessions will provide source material and inspiration for time to come.

Training included Basic and Multi-media First Aid, CPR, pioneering, search and rescue, and survival. Special sessions covered everything from how to select camping gear to building a Royal Rangers library.

Spectacular Council Fires concluded the days' activities, each with their own special emphasis. The first night was dedicated to FCF. Demonstrations centered on (1) building a Council Fire, (2) Flint & steel, (3) Tomahawking, (4) Muzzle-loading, (5) Costuming, and (6) Knife-throwing. Bragging, frontier music and singing, and tall tales rounded out the evening.

The second night was Indian-oriented. A flaming arrow was released to call the chiefs from the four winds. This Council Fire was filled with ceremonies, chants, reading of an Indian Peace Treaty, the bartering of Princess White Swan by Chief Hawkeye and Jedediah Guffaw, and the reading of the Indian Version of the 23rd Psalm.

The third night was the ANTC salute to America's Bicentennial. Staffers in colonial costume staged scenes of typical letter-writing during the American Revolution.

The final night of training was visited by a flock of frying-chickens. Wonder how they wandered in to ANTC?

Because of the demand for this higher level of leadership training, plans are now being made to conduct ANTC on an annual basis beginning this year.

Plan to attend!



GUIDELINES FOR WRITE-UPS

1. All good news stories answer the following questions, usually in this order: Who, What? When? Where? Why? and sometimes, How?
2. Newspapers place a premium on space. Wordy articles should be avoided.
3. In announcing an event yet to transpire, stick with the basic facts and avoid making undue emphasis on planning which might not materialize. Editors frown on announcements with little or no follow-through.
4. In reporting an event which has already taken place, report early with the highlights of the occasion, using names of the men and boys involved. Editors know this will sell papers.
5. All copy should be typewritten, double-spaced, and on one side of the paper. Messy copy is usually reduced to a couple of short sentences or else thrown away. If you can't type or know someone who can, you are better off to visit the newspaper office and submit your report orally.
6. All articles should identify your outpost, your church, and at least one of the leaders in charge. Remember that Royal Rangers is a part of your total church program, not a separate function.
7. Photos should be black-and-white only, glossy finish, and with sharp contrasts. Color photos often print in a half dozen shades of fuzzy grays. Avoid them like the plague.
8. Editors prefer 8" x 10" prints, and never smaller than 5" x 7". Enlargement of small snapshots destroys considerable detail.
9. Photos should be "action" shots. Posed pictures went out with button shoes. Take "close up" shots of men and boys doing something such as working, demonstrating, playing, etc.
10. Mark your photos on the back side with a felt-tipped pen. Many good pictures have been ruined by a pencil or ball-point. Give your name and address. Request the return of photos, but don't expect them.
11. Do not expect everything you submit to be printed, particularly if the space is free. Be thankful for what you get.
12. Printed articles should be clipped and posted on the bulletin board.—
Editor.



BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

by Paul Stanek

National Training & Promotional Coordinator



Royal Rangers has paid off in many ways. Dedication and untiring service of men on the move have produced eternal benefits. Vision in action is the reason for the success of Royal Rangers. The past has been filled with measureless dimensions of God's blessing and approval.

Vision alone, however, is inadequate. Vision in action produces much fruit. Visionary action and training produces a great harvest. Approximately 17,000 boys were saved last year. Thousands of men are now involved in leadership training. As of December 1, 1975, a total of 19,075 men have enrolled in the Leadership Training Course.

Our training camps are also providing top-notch training. A total of 640 men attended one or more of the camps in 1975. Eighteen training events are scheduled for 1976. Two thousand men have now had the benefits of this type of training.

The year of 1976 will focus on more in-depth training. Winter NTC will be provided for those hearty men who are seeking winter adventures and training. National Aquatic Camp will provide outstanding Red Cross certified training in lifesaving, canoeing, boating and many others. There is a place for you!

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June

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
DISTRICT POW WOW Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dates and schedules Features: speakers, displays, demonstrations, spectaculars Outpost needs Individual needs Departure and arrival times Parental consent 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assign Lt. Cmdrs. and Senior Guides responsibilities Delegate equipment chores Travel arrangements Practice drill Practice presentation of colors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Build rustic camp furniture Prepare menus Check on fuel needs (possible shortage) Plan a signal tower or monkey bridge See: Adventures in Camping
DISTRICT POW WOW Preparation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain uniform correctness Go over daily schedule Encourage everyone to be ON TIME Mention Pow Wow awards Conduct of Outpost as a whole 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Uniform Night" to inspect Mock-up on lashing projects Secure cooking fuels and gear Assemble all patrols and report Practice march (¼ mile) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advise Outpost Council of last-minute needs Plan travel activities and stops Secure uniform booklet: GPH Prepare for rain or cold weather Water supply
PATRIOTISM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss events leading to American Revolution Declaration of Independence Revolutionary War Liberty or death Liberty Bell Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make list of patriots or frontier leaders from your state or area Check on local historical sites Tour local points of interest Secure information on town name 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Locate oldest cemetery in area Invite an "ole-timer" to meeting Mark an historical site Plan an Independence week-end outing Write: Bicentennial Com., Wash., D.C.
FLAGS American Christian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Call attention to the flags: pledges First American flags: 1777 Ft. McHenry: 1814 "Star Spangled Banner" Christian flag: designed by C. C. Overton of New York 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have flags dry cleaned Position properly Destroy old flags by burning Practice proper hoist, displays and folding of flags Check flags in main sanctuary of church 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make posters explaining flags American: 13 stripes for original states Star for each state Christian: white-purity; blue-courage; red-sacrifice See: Leaders Manual and Encyclopedia

July

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
BICENTENNIAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nation's 200th Birthday 2. Review some major historical events 3. Bill of Rights 4. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms: (1) Of Speech, (2) Of worship, (3) From want, and (4) From fear. 5. Pursuit of happiness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan an outpost celebration 2. Participate in area or county Bicentennial gala 3. Have local FCF members plan a pageant on Bicentennial 4. Participate in a parade, fair, or rally 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Book: "How to Plan and Conduct a Bicentennial Celebration"—Stockpole Bks., Cameron & Kelker Harrisburg, PA. 17105 2. Encourage Colonial costumes 3. Ask church to plan special service to salute America
WEEKLY THEME PATROL CAMPING Adventures in Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic unit of outpost 2. Working as team 3. "All for one, one for all" idea 4. Group achievement in which all share 5. Common goals 6. Positive output of each individual 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan outpost camp-out by patrol 2. Emphasize separate responsibilities 3. Each patrol develop standard, song, and yell 4. Promote showmanship for council fires 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribute personal equipment check lists 2. Plan campsite duty check lists 3. Plan council fire with Chaplain speaking 4. Arrange special music and singing
WEEKLY THEME OUTPOST CAMPING Adventures in Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership preparation 2. Patrol planning 3. Outpost participation 4. Boy involvement in all phases of camp life 5. Leaders as advisors 6. Follow-through in spite of failure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call for patrol reports on planning 2. Assign patrol guides to construct entrance archway 3. Last-minute briefing by leaders 4. Emphasize sharing and working together 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assign devotions 2. Special time for soul winning 3. News releases on camp-out to newspaper 4. Material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leader's Handbk. ● BSA Fieldbook 5. Report camp in a church service
WEEKLY THEME FRONTIERS-MEN CAMPING FRATERNITY FCF Handbook	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain purpose of FCF 2. Requirements for membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boys ● Leaders 3. Advancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frontiersman ● Buckskin ● Wilderness 4. District Chapter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouragement for boys & men to qualify for FCF 2. Contact District Commander for entry blanks 3. Promote FCF Rendezvous II at Blue Eye, Mo., July 27-31 4. Encourage all FCF members to go 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist FCF members raise trip expense to Rendezvous II 2. Plan a special report when they return 3. Send a camera along for pictures 4. Cooperate with chapter projects

August

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
COMPASS & MAP Adventures in Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hist. of compass Chinese knew its secrets 3,000 years before Europeans Marco Polo brought compass knowledge from Cathay in 1260 Magnetic N. Pole located in Hudson Bay region 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain Silva Compass: Direction of travel arrow; Housing — it turns; Numbers are degrees; Magnetic needle points North; Beneath is orienting arrow. Demonstrate how to orient compass 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct how to find compass bearings 360 deg. in this or any circle Turn orienting arrow to corr. with mag. North Rd. deg. for E, NE, W, SE, N, SW, NW, and S
COMPASS & MAP Adventures in Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Value of compass and map Pathfinding once a matter of mtn. ridges, rivers & vegetation. Also wind dir., cloud movements, sun, moon & stars Compass and map makes it easy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tell how compass & map helps you enjoy outdoors Safety in wilderness territory Cut down travel distances Exploration of out-of-the-way places Find new camp sites Cross-country 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Watch: Sun rises in E, sets in W, is straight or due S at noon. Point hr. hand toward sun. S is ½ way bet. hr. hand and 12. Stars: Big Dip. 2 stars away from handle pt. to N. Star
COMPASS & MAP Adventures in Camping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Map is picture of terrain viewed from above Diff. maps show what we want to see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographs Road Topographical Simply drawn maps usually best 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do a chart of map symbols: Roads (various), Railroads, Path or trails, streams & dams, Trees & grass, Bridges & walls, Buildings, Cemeteries, Mtn. range, Poles & posts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exp. map scaling Orienting map to magnetic north Compass degree reading from map Show chart on how to adjust for variation between mag. N and true N Outdoor practice
ROUND-UP TIME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Round-up time imp. in old West Strays had to be brought in Cattle drives were only successful after a good round-up Challenge boys to help "round-up" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plan a special cook-out and "branding time" Call for drop-outs and drop-ins Offer prizes to those who help in the round-up Plan a camp-out Plan a hike before cold weather 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Revise wall chart for each patrol Select Guides & Asst. Guides Fill vacancies Seek to get outpost to full strength Get leaders to advance in training Promote NTC and JLTC
RECRUITING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> R.R. to reach, teach & keep boys for Christ Men reach boys Boys reach boys Each outpost has key to own growth 43% of church visitors come because a friend invited them. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote program in outpost Advertise by every means possible about recruiting Challenge men & boys to invite visitors to meetings Compete Pioneers against Trailblazers, etc. Enroll new boys 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Offer award to best recruiting patrol Set quotas for the patrols Ask S.S. for list of boys enrolled Ask boys to submit names of boys unchurched. Plan special camp-out

THE OUTPOSTER

AN INDIAN PRAYER

OH GREAT SPIRIT, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children, I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voices. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers but to be able to fight my greatest enemy—"myself". Make me ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades, as a fading sunset my spirit may come to you without shame.

(Cheyenne Prayer)

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

- NCE Boundary Waters, Minnesota, July 14-18
- NTC Northwest, American River Camp, Wash., July 22-25
- FCF National Rendezvous, Dogwood Valley near Blue Eye, Mo., July 27-31
- NTC West Central, Red Feather Lakes, Colo., August 26-29
- NTC Northeast, Blue Mtn. Retreat, New Ringgold, Pa., Sept. 9-12
- NTC Northwoods, Gaylord, Mich., Sept. 30-Oct. 3
- NTC Gulf Region, District Campground, Alexandria, La., Sept. 16-19
- ANTC Camp Arrowhead, Marshfield, Mo., Sept. 22-26
- NTT Adirondack, New York, Oct 7-10
- NTC Southeast, Camp Alaflo, Enterprise, Ala., Oct. 14-17

Songbirds sometimes end it all by mistakenly dashing into glass picture windows or sliding doors. One way to reduce such deaths is to cut the silhouette of a hawk out of paper and tape it on the glass. If the birds see the hawk outline (copy one from a field guide) they should stay away from the glass.

AWARD VESTS

Award vests for men and boys are becoming increasingly popular as we acquire more patches and awards than we are allowed to wear at a given time on the uniform.

However, we must emphasize that your award vest should display *only* those patches and awards that you yourself have earned! Patches and awards you may have traded for, along with any non-Royal Rangers patches and/or ribbons should *not* be on your award vest!

This is not to discourage trading or the development of your patch collection. But it is to say that your award vest is only proper and acceptable when it contains only the awards and patches you have earned.



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ANTC NCE

Joan Cone, author of *Easy Game Cooking*, has produced another cookbook, this one devoted to recipes for slow-cooking electric pots. *Crockery Game Cooking* ranges from venison chili to rabbit Parisienne, and all of it sounds delicious. The 16-page booklet can be ordered for \$1 from: Mrs. Joan Cone, P.O. Box 2993, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

The National Wildlife Federation has given its fifth \$500 reward for "substantial assistance" in obtaining a conviction of a man accused of shooting a bald eagle. The reward went to Frederick A. Hamilton, a Union City, Tennessee duck hunting guide. Hamilton saw the eagle shot from a duck blind at Reelfoot Lake on January 4, and supplied a detailed description of the shooter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A Memphis physician later admitted shooting the eagle, saying he thought it was a hawk, and paid a fine of \$1,000. The National Wildlife Federation pins the major cause of eagle decline on habitat loss, but adds, "The shooting of eagles must be stopped, and that is why, as a deterrent, we offer our \$500 reward."

The U.S. Forest Service has packaged the proceedings of a meeting on non-game bird management into a 343-page publication. The publication contains the work of non-game bird habitat experts. A limited number of *Symposium on Management of Forest and Range Habitats for Non-game Birds* is available free from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

For people who say they don't like venison, here's a recipe to make one of the world's tastiest

snacks. Making venison sausage will probably require the services of a professional, or at least a knowledgeable meat man, but it's worth any degree of trouble; it's that good.

To make a hundred pounds of sausage it takes: 50 lbs. deerburger, 50 lbs. lean pork (Boston Butt), 1 pkg. (2 oz.) whole mustard seed, 2 lbs. medium salt, 8 oz. pepper, 1 oz. saltpeter and 1 garlic glove. It takes a set and a half of beef casing; artificial casing isn't recommended.

Cut the garlic into small pieces, put into a pint of hot water and soak overnight. Grind the meat once using a fine plate. Put in the salt, pepper, mustard, saltpeter and garlic water (without the garlic pieces) and mix in tub until your hands come out clean—no meat sticking to them. Get all the air out. Stuff tightly to avoid air pockets (which might mold) into foot-long lengths and tie off with string. Let the sausages hang for a day and then three days in the smoke house. No heat, just smoke.

Leave in a cool, dry place to dry out, and when no longer soggy in the middle, put in your freezer.

Used as an hors d'oeuvre, it will make guests forget about dinner.

Probably the most important point is to take good care of the deer once it's down. Clean it and cool it and show off the product rather than the carcass.

Non-leaded gas is wonderful for new autos but apparently not so good for camp stoves, lanterns or catalytic heaters. Additives in non-leaded gas will clog the generators on stoves and lanterns and coat the wicks of heaters. Non-leaded gas may be used in an emergency, but extended use will probably damage a camping appliance.

DISPATCH CLIPS

Where people imagined that they could not 'afford' to care for the soil and work with nature, instead of against it, the resultant sickness of the soil has invariably imparted sickness to all the other factors of civilization."

The writer is E. F. Schumacher, a British economist with impressive credentials who has written a book titled *Small is Beautiful—Economics as if People Mattered*.

Though simply written, Schumacher deals with the raw stuff of our world—what are man's goals? How does he achieve them? The concepts are deep and the reader must think or be confused. Always Schumacher hitches the man-created world to the natural world and examines the effects, one on the other. It's heady stuff and well worth the effort required. The reader should understand what he can, whether it's one sentence or the whole book, for he'll be the more knowledgeable for it. The book is available both in hardback and paperback from Harper & Row, 10 East 53rd St., New York 10022.

Anyone who hunts or fishes knows that sometimes it is better not to figure out the cost of certain things. The Chicago Daily News reported a carton of Wisconsin night crawlers, purchased for a fishing trip, cost \$1.60. While not catching fish with the worms, the buyer had time to estimate their total weight at four ounces. "If that guess is correct," the paper said, "the price per pound figures out to \$6.40, or considerably more than a moderately good beefsteak, not to mention Lake Superior whitefish."

The National Wildlife Federation has reported that wildlife habitat is being destroyed at

the rate of 3,500 acres a day in the U.S. to make way for various kinds of developments. At this rate, they say, about 34 million acres of rural land will be converted to other uses by the year 2000.

Harold Dunn, a fourth grade teacher in St. Louis, asked his students to share their ideas on easing the energy shortage. "Here," he said, "are some original, if occasionally impractical, suggestions:

"Find a dinosaur egg and hatch it so the dinosaurs can come back and make more oil for us."

"Get a squeezer that can squeeze rocks into oil."

"Lower everybody's body temperature to 68 degrees."

"Put hardback seats in cars so people won't take unnecessary trips."

"Don't drive more than one car at a time."

"Eat more carrots so we can see just as good with less light."

"Everyone that visits a county with a lot of oil, bring back a quart of oil with them."

One student's idea should find wide support—"Don't have so many days people have to drive to work or school."

If you throw away squirrel tails after cleaning squirrels, you're tossing money away. Fishing tackle companies will purchase the tails of both fox and grey squirrels and use them in dressing spinning lures. Prices range from \$.08 to \$.10, depending on quality. Two outfits that purchase tails are Mepps, Box 2000, Antigo, Wis. 54409 and Wapsi Fly Co., Independence, Iowa 50644. Squirrel tails should be straight, not curled, and the butt end liberally salted.

TRAINING WITH FIRST AID FAKERY

by Steve Woodward

One of the boys in your outpost cuts his foot on a piece of glass while swimming, or his mother burns herself with hot grease while cooking. Does he know what to do?

Boys may panic upon seeing a severe burn or a bad cut in a real life situation. If a mock-up "accident scene" can be simulated in the outpost, the boys will be better prepared to meet the real thing in a cool and efficient manner.

The basic items needed for the simulation of cuts and burns are: a white candle, red lipstick, rouge, and brown eyeshadow or brown paint. The cosmetics can often be obtained inexpensively, or by securing free samples from distributors.

A small amount of pink rouge on the arm can resemble a first-degree burn. Adding a few drips of white candle wax on top of the rouge looks like the blisters formed in a second-degree burn.

To make a third-degree burn, a small build-up of candle wax on the rouge background is needed. The wax is then painted with brown eyeshadow or paint. This simulates the charred flesh found in third-degree burns. A few drips of wax "blisters" around the brown area will make the "burn" appear even more authentic.

"Cuts" can be produced by dripping wax on the arm so that an area approximately two inches long and one-half inch wide is covered. Larger or smaller cuts require different sizes and shapes of wax.

Using a table knife (or similar object), make an indentation in the soft, warm wax on the arm. This produces the "cut" which can then be painted red with lipstick, and the rouge added to the surrounding area to blend the wax with the skin color. The rouge also leaves a realistic enflamed appearance to the surrounding skin.

After some of the guys in the outpost are "made-up" with "cuts" and "burns" on their heads and hands, they can be placed in a make-believe situation where the rest of the outpost can observe: "Joe cut his hand while whittling with his knife. What should be done?"

You can either use the example as a basis for a talk on that type of first aid or Red Cross books can be provided so the boys can look up the answers on their own.

By providing an authentic-looking accident scene at the outpost, boys are given training that will help them to recognize "real life" problems and what steps should be taken at those times. Faking an accident can provide excellent training.



BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

(Continued from page 3)

Our boys in the Rangers program are also pushing ahead in their advancements. A total of 58 boys have completed their Gold Medal Awards in 1975. For boys who wish to push even further than the Gold Medal, there is now the Gold or Silver Buffalo awards for those earning more advanced awards. Watch for requirements on the Buffalo Awards in the future.

Many districts are providing further training in the jam-packed Junior Leadership Training Camps (JLTC) and Junior Leadership Training Trails (JLTT) for boys. If your district has not had this training, contact your District Commander about it. Junior training will turn your boys on.

Boys and men are flooding the arena of FCF Advancement Trails in the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity. Adventures, pageantry, and frontier skills are but a small part of FCF. A Christlike brotherhood is manifested in outdoor adventures within the framework of Spirit-guided lives.

The Royal Rangers program is gaining momentum. Never have the opportunities been so great in the vineyard of reaching boys. The potentials of Royal Rangers are unlimited, the outreach is measureless, the effect is incomprehensible. Through training, vision, and dedication, the Rangers program will continue to grow. With Spirit-filled men on the move, there is no stopping them.

Let us move on for greater things in Christ!



Washington's Flag 1775: This was the personal flag of the Commander-In-Chief during the Revolutionary War. A reproduction of this flag flies today at Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge.



The Grand Union 1775: Also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U. S. Flag. It combined the British Union Jack and the thirteen stripes signifying Colonial unity.



The First Stars and Stripes: Also called the Betsy Ross flag. The first official U. S. flag recognized internationally and is the flag that resulted from Congressional action June 14, 1777.



The Bennington Flag: Used in the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, by Vermont militia. This flag is the first to lead American armed forces on land. The original is preserved in the museum at Bennington, Vermont.



The Serapis Flag: Designed with 13 stripes alternating red, white and blue. This flag was flown by Captain John Paul Jones in the famous 1779 battle between "The U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard" and "The Serapis" in the North Sea.



The Guilford Flag: This unusual flag was made with thirteen 8-pointed stars in a wide field. Historical records report this flag carried by North Carolina militiamen at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 17, 1781.



The Star Spangled Banner: Created by the Flag Act of May 1, 1795, adding 2 stripes and 2 stars. It was immortalized by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, September 13, 1814.



The 1818 Flag: Realizing that the addition of a new star and a new stripe for each new State was impractical, Congress passed the Flag Act of 1818 which returned the flag design to 13 stripes and specified 20 stars for the 20 states.

Use Your 'Noggin

By Manual Labor

The noggin or the Frontiersman's Cup is a most interesting piece of equipment for today's buckskinner. First of all, just how many folks have ever even heard of it? Second, it is a very useful piece of gear, as it can be used for both drinking and eating. And last of all, and perhaps the most important, it looks so good a' hangin' from your belt at the shootin' match or rendezvous.

It was first made and used by the Indians and many of the early frontiersmen carried one on their belt. An old buddy of mine passed the idea on to me about 10 years ago. I tried my hand on one shortly thereafter and still carry it to this day.

The secret of a good noggin is in the selection of a good burl. What's a burl? Well, for you non-woodsmen, a burl is simply a bump on the trunk of a tree. They come in various sizes and are on the tree because of the loss of a limb during it's growth. The tree builds up a bump or hump over the spot forming the burl.

My first noggin was made from a burl from a hickory tree. Most any hardwood will work fine, such as maple, oak, ash, and black walnut. The grain runs all sorts of ways through the burl and presents some very pretty configurations.

Find your burl and after doing so, take a small wood saw making your cut at the top of the burl and about 1" into the trunk. Now come down about 4" below the burl and cut 1" into the trunk. Take a flat head axe, placing the blade at a 90 degree angle to a line running from the end of your two cuts, and with a hammer split the piece loose from the tree.

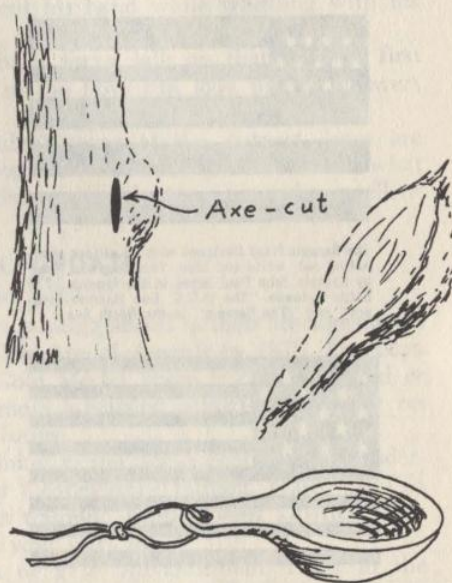
Please try to find your burl on a tree which is destined for fire wood, lumber or other such use. Frankly, I don't believe this operation would kill a large healthy tree, but in interest of good conservation, get your burl as a by-product. Winter is the best time to secure it, while the sap is down. Live or green wood is better as it is much easier to work.

We now have our piece. The 4" slab at the end will be your handle. Rough shape yours as you desire. You can now remove the bark or leave it on for the next and most important step. I like to remove the bark to see what my wood looks like, plus it is lighter to handle. To form the cup bowl, begin in the middle taking wood out as you go down. If you'd like to do it as the Indians and your forefathers did, use hot stones or coals. Using coals, as I did on my first one, blow down on them. You will get pretty winded and shed a few tears, but remember, this is how the originals were made.

For you who don't have the time or the patience, there is a much faster method. Use a wood rasp (round) in your electric drill. Whatever you do, don't burn or drill too fast and go through the side or bottom of the bowl. Try to get a uniform thickness of about 1/4" all around. Use a small wood rasp and sandpaper to finish the noggin to about 3/16" thickness. Don't be in any big rush, cause it took a long time for that burl to make. When you are satisfied with the shape and have it good and smooth, rub it down good with Crisco or oil. My original one, now over 8 years old, doesn't have a split or crack in it.

To finish it off, drill or burn a small hole near the end of the handle for a 5 to 6 inch leather thong. Select a piece of small limb, 1/4" in diameter, cut a V round the middle and tie the thong. This allows you to slip the peg under your belt and it will stay there.

Pardner, you now have a real fine piece of frontier gear and a great conversation piece for your next shoot or rendezvous. ■



OUTPOST DEVOTIONS



IT'S THE GREATEST!

(Submitted by Pam Breakspear,
Australia)

How many times have you said, "It's the greatest"? What exactly is the greatest? How would you define it?

The Log of the Good Ship Grace carries some things for our "Greatest" list:

"My greatest loss is my soul. My greatest gain is Christ. My greatest object is to glorify God. My greatest crown is to win souls. My greatest joy is salvation.

"My greatest inheritance is Heaven and its glory. My greatest victory is over death, through Christ. My greatest neglect is so great salvation. My greatest crime is to reject Christ. My greatest bargain is to lose all to win Christ.

"My greatest profit is godliness now and forever. My greatest peace is the peace that passeth all understanding. My greatest knowledge is to know God and His Son, Jesus Christ. My greatest confidence is that He will keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. My greatest security is Christ's never-failing love."

The list could go on. Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient One for our lives.

What quality is greatest? 1 Corinthians 13 teaches us it is *love*. What are you doing to develop this quality in your life? Are you endeavoring to increase your love for God? Do you show love for fellow Rangers as well as to the unsaved?

Let us all bow our heads and ask God to perfect in each of our lives the greatest of these, which is love.

BLIND AS A BAT

(Submitted by Marvin Miller,
Torrence, CA)

Equipment needed: bat cut from black construction paper.

Have you ever heard the expression, "Blind as a bat?" Do you think bats are blind?

Bats are blind in a sense. While they do not have eyes such as other animals,

God has equipped them with "radar." This special system keeps them from crashing into objects.

How fortunate we are that God gave us eyes to see the beautiful world He created! He also gave us another sense—not radar—but the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Let's be careful lest our eyes be open and our minds blinded.

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Fellows, don't be blinded by the god of this world, which is Satan, but allow the light of Jesus to shine through you.

LIVING CIRCLE

(Sherlan J. Baker, Willmar, MN)

Objective: to teach there is strength in numbers.

Boys, has anyone ever told you how the wagon trains would pull into a circle at night in case of an Indian attack? You see, they would put their wagons real close together and everyone would be inside of the circle.

This would mean that in case of an attack, each person could help the next one. He would not have to worry about being attacked from behind because other men were on that side of the circle.

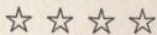
Many times, it meant victory instead of defeat because the wagoners worked together.

It's the same way in our outpost: if we stick together, we can do many things that just one or two of us could not do.

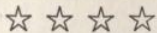
Tonight, we will show just how strong we can be as a group. Let's form a circle, cross your arms in front, and grasp the hands extended to you. This makes a living circle, and difficult to break into.

When we stick together, it's hard for anyone to get hurt. Let's pray that the Lord will keep us together for Him.

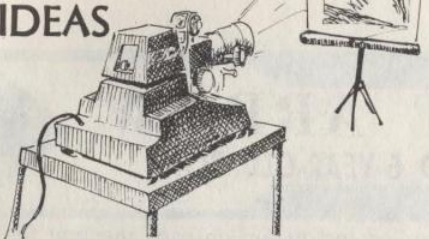
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IDEAS



FEATHER RELAY

(John Harmon, Whittier, CA)

Divide the boys into two patrols. The first player of each group is given a feather. The boy must blow the feather to the goal, keeping it in the air. He then runs back and hands it to the next player on his side. The side that finishes first wins.

WHAT'S IN OUR NAMES?

(Donald Lee Hanna, Dallas, TX)

Have each boy write his name on a large sheet of paper. The commander collects these. Then have the boys choose up sides, with each boy drawing one of the names on the papers.

With a time limit, instruct the boys to write as many words as possible using the letters in the name of the boy they drew.

The team with the most words is the winner.

CHAIN STORES

(Bill Wells, Lithgow, NSW, Australia)

Divide up into equal teams or patrols and form a large circle. In the center of the circle place a box.

Give each team the name of a local chain store and make a list of items that could be "purchased" there. (Items commonly carried for boys: e.g., shoelaces, watch, tie, belt, socks, etc.)

The leader notifies the boys that he is going to purchase some items and proceeds to call out the items on the list.

The first person to place the required article in the box (pretending) wins a point. Team with the highest score wins.

WATER SCRAMBLE

(John Harmon, Whittier, CA)

Grease a watermelon and float it on the water. Divide the group into equal sides. Each side should attempt to bring back the watermelon to their goal.

TOE AND NOSE TAG

(John Harmon, Whittier, CA)

The boys stand in a circle, with three or four "its" within the circle. When the whistle blows, any "it" may tag anyone in the circle. If a boy is tagged while not holding his toe with one hand and his nose with the other, he must become an "it," and the one who tagged him will take his place in the circle.

Set a 10-minute time limit.

BROOM ZOOM

(Monte Weddle, Enumclaw, WA)

Divide the boys into two teams, which line up facing each other about twenty feet apart. Each team numbers off, beginning at opposite ends.

A team broom is laid on the floor beside No. 1 on each team. A sheet of typing paper is laid in the middle of the floor. When a number is called, the two opponents try to sweep (not carry) the paper past their own goal line. Use only one sheet at a time.

The team winning the most goals wins.

ROOSTER FIGHT

(Felipe Zamora, Los Angeles, CA)

Two contestants raise the left foot and grasp it with left hand extended backwards. The right arm is free but must be kept close to the body with fist closed and not used to strike, shove, or pull. On signal, they try to upset each other by charging and shouldering. The one remaining on one foot the longest wins.

Variation: free-for-all rooster fight. Have ten or twelve assume the "rooster" position and go after one another. The player who remains standing longest wins. (Two referees are needed.)

PAPER PLATE SAIL

(Bill Taylor, Tacoma, WA)

Take five paper plates and try to sail them into an open box about fifteen feet away. Give one point for each plate landed in the box.

STRAIGHT ARROW

PROGRAM FOR 5- AND 6-YEAR-OLD BOYS

NAME:

"STRAIGHT ARROWS" (an Indian term meaning a person who lives a straight, honorable life), will be the official name.

THEME:

An INDIAN theme that appeals to boys of this age bracket will be used.

RECOGNITION:

There will be three steps of advancement consistent with the Indian theme.

1. BRAVE
2. TRIBESMAN
3. WARRIOR

INSIGNIA:

The insignia will be a gold arrow on a red background. This insignia will be worn with and beneath the small Royal Rangers cloth emblem, on the right side of the vest.

UNIFORM:

The uniform will be a red felt (leather or suede cloth if preferred) vest, to which the boy will attach the strip, emblem, and advancement pins.

BOOKS AND MATERIALS:

The leaders will use a loose-leaf notebook type manual which contains de-

tailed instruction on each meeting for a two-year period. The boys who probably cannot read will not use handbooks but will use a handicraft packet that will be used concurrently with the weekly meeting plans.

LEADERSHIP:

Both men and women will be encouraged to become leaders in the "Straight Arrow" program. Women leaders will wear the uniform listed in the Royal Rangers Uniform Booklet. Leaders will be referred to as "COMMANDERS."

ORGANIZATION:

The basic unit will be called an outpost, as with other age divisions. The outpost will be divided into patrols, but the patrol will be known as lodges. Patrol leaders will be known as *LODGE CHIEFS*.

CHARTERING:

Straight Arrow Outposts will follow the same procedure for chartering as other outposts. However, the boys will not be required to subscribe to High Adventure. Therefore, their membership fee will be \$1 instead of \$2.

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