

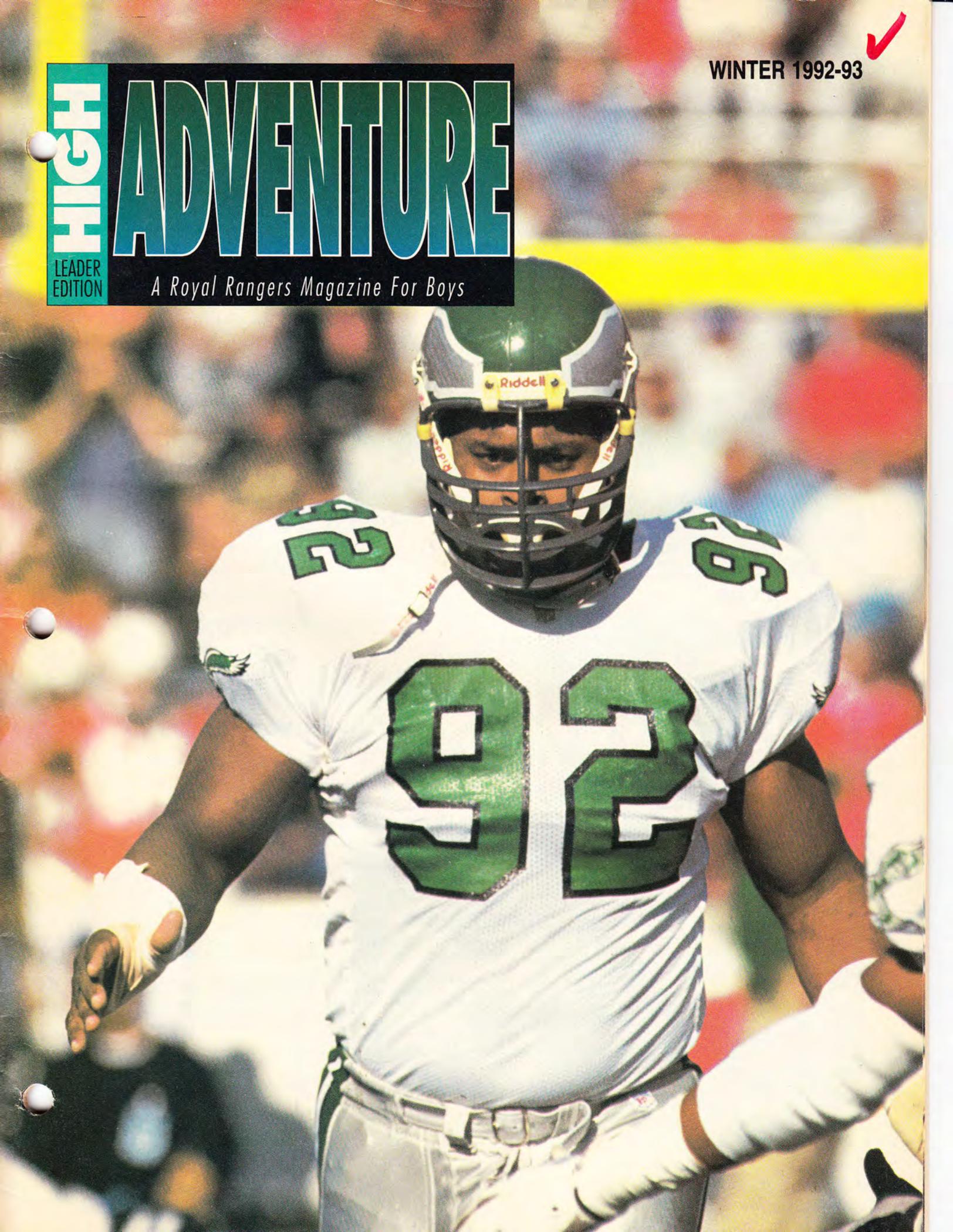


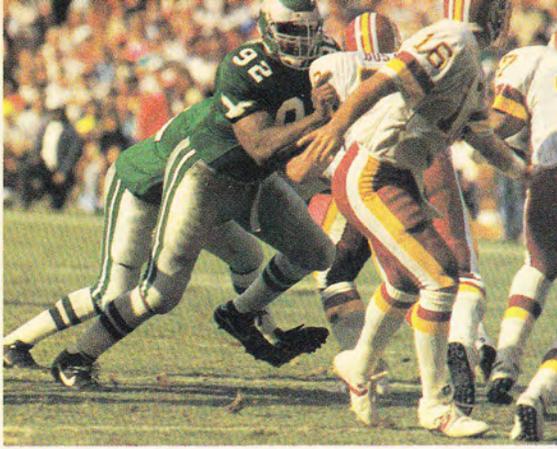
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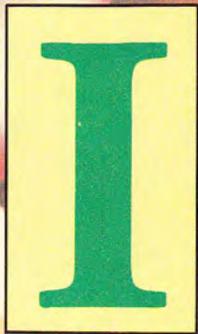
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Minister of Defense

By Chuck Goldberg

Photo by Philadelphia Eagles



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It's hard to sack a quarterback when you're up against two or three blockers. But Reggie White, though frustrated, was determined to get Redskins quarterback Doug Williams. As White made his move, both blockers suddenly fell down, giving White his big chance.

"As I looked around for the quarterback, I noticed he still hadn't thrown the ball," White said. "I reached for him with both hands, and to my amazement, one of my hands fell directly on top of the football. . . .

"I too was a bit surprised to be so close to him and the ball. So I grabbed him with one hand, and all in one motion I jerked the ball out of his clutch with my other hand and . . . started to run with the ball. . . .

"I ran and I ran and I kept on running until finally I stumbled across the goal line and then was crushed by my own teammates. I had scored my first NFL touchdown. . . .

"I had been given credit for a sack, forcing a fumble, recovering a fumble, and scoring a touchdown all on the same play. Wow, I had accomplished on one play what most guys would dream of doing in an entire game."

Reggie White has been in the National Football League 8 years now with the Philadelphia Eagles. He never gets tired, though, of sacking quarterbacks. In fact he has more sacks in his career than any other active player. He's been on the starting line of many Pro Bowls. Even his last coach called him "the best defensive lineman I've ever been around."

There's no question Reggie White is a talented defensive end. But he still has to work to be the best. He trains and conditions his body every day, even when the season is over. He jogs; he lifts weights; he does whatever it takes to be in shape.

"Many injuries happen to athletes when they are tired and out of shape. . . ." said White. "The older I get, the



more important training and conditioning become.

"Each day I miss my training and conditioning is a day that can never be made up. It's gone and somewhere, sometime, I will have to pay for it. I think the word here is discipline."

And White doesn't stop there. He also studies and re-studies films of his opponents and never stops practicing the fundamentals. Why is he so dedicated?

"When the game starts, it's too late to think about whether you're prepared or not," he said. "Your preparation will . . . be displayed, good or bad, throughout the game. . . . When I think I know exactly what to do, I do it again."

But if you ask White to name the most important reason for his success, he won't name any

of these things. That's right. White would tell you he's *nothing* without Jesus Christ.

"My desire to live my life glorifying Jesus Christ [goes through] my whole being. . . ." said White. "It's a day-by-day, night-by-night, ongoing communication between Jesus and me. . . .

"I'm not saying that any person can use the name of Jesus and beat every opponent. If that were true, I could skip all my practices, forget about my weight training and conditioning, and just concentrate on using different names for Jesus."

White works just as hard to be a good Christian. He's not shy, either, about sharing or living his beliefs. He speaks of Christ whenever he gets the chance. He takes family and teammates to Philadelphia's

poorest neighborhoods.

There he signs autographs and preaches on the playgrounds. He even refuses to have his picture in the Eagles' calendar because it's sponsored by a beer company. For the same reason he won't participate in the lineman of the year competition.

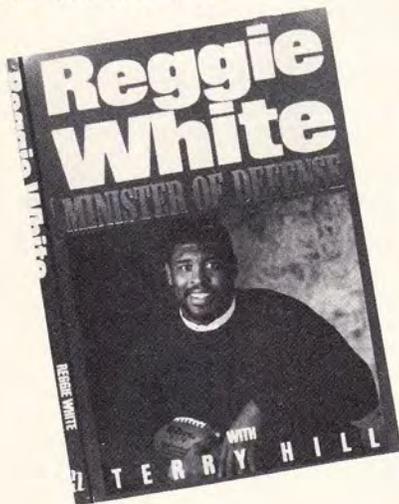
"I want the name Reggie White associated with wholesome activities," he said, "ones that don't harm people's minds and bodies."

Reggie White is certainly a great football player, and he's glad people have noticed. But he wants to be noticed for something far more important:

"I want to live and breathe Jesus Christ so much that when people come into contact with me, they see Jesus," he said. "I still mess up and fall far short of imitating Him in my life, but He always forgives me and encourages me in my daily walk with Him. . . . I want my relationship with Jesus to be obvious." ❁

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White Mountain

By Dana P. Lemieux

It was a March day with rain in the forecast. The Trailblazers of Outpost 5, from Northern New England, headed into the mountains for a winter ski trip.

Our destination was the White Mountains of New Hampshire. After we had arrived we joined Outpost 88, of Southern New England. We were only 5 minutes away from our destination, and there was still not enough snow for good skiing.

Once we arrived at our final destination, the local forest ranger recommended a change of trails, since the one we had planned on taking was icy. Finally we put on our skis and headed out for the snow-covered trail.

The going was fairly easy. Farther along the trail branched off. The fork we chose came to an uncrossable stream. But we managed to locate the main trail on top of the icy embankment. So we took off our skis and carried them while struggling up the hill back to the main trail.

There we were greeted by an ice patch that lead straight down to a bridge crossing the stream. We all decided it would be better to carry our skis down the hill and over the bridge.

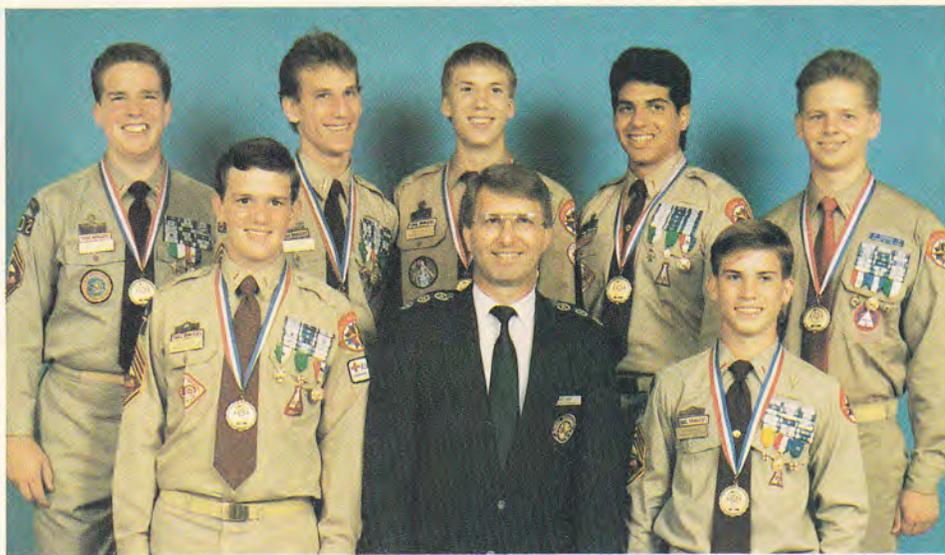
Another side trail abruptly ended, so we decided to ski on without a trail. As everyone skied on the ungroomed snow, weaving around the trees, we began to wonder if we had somehow skied over the main trail. By now we were getting wet with drizzling rain.

We managed to find the main trail. At this point the drizzle had turned into huge, fluffy flakes of snow. Along the trail we had encountered several hills that were a challenge to climb . . . but lots of fun to go down.

The fun had come to an abrupt end, however. After traveling farther for 3 miles, a call to turn back was issued to us because of the weather conditions. Reluctantly, everyone turned around and headed back.

Despite the rain and the fact that the outing had ended sooner than planned, these Rangers had a great time. For some this trip meant the completion of their skiing award. For others it was the introduction to a new way of moving about in the woods. Others were just happy to enjoy the last of winter before spring came and melted away the snow. ❁

'92 Ranger of the Year Winners



Top: Stephen Adams, David Palmer, Jonathan League, Marc Toro, Donnie Oakleaf. Bottom: Bob Griffith, National Commander Ken Hunt, Scott Jett. Absent: Michael Connor.

Eight winners traveled to Springfield, Mo., in July to receive their National Royal Ranger of the Year awards following months of competition. The eight finalists surfaced after competing with hundreds on the outpost, district, and regional levels.

These Air, Sea, or Trail Rangers were honored at a special luncheon at the General Council headquarters July 21. Assistant General Superintendent Everett Stenhouse and National Commander Ken Hunt presented certificates and medallions to the winners for their outstanding achievement.

The 1992 national winners, listed by region, are David Palmer (North Central), Bob Griffith (GreatLakes), Scott Jett (Gulf), Jonathan League (Southeast), Stephen Adams (Northeast), Michael Connor (South Central), Marc Toro (Northwest), and Donnie Oakleaf (Southwest).

David Palmer, age 17, attends Lakeshore Tabernacle in Kenosha, Wis. Bob Griffith, 17, of Mount Prospect, Ill., attends Northwest Assembly. Scott Jett, 17, attends First Assembly in Berwick, La. Jonathan League, 17, from Rock Hill, S.C., attends Faith Assembly. Stephen Adams, 17, is from Manassas, Va., and attends New Covenant Fellowship. Michael Connor, 16, attends Bethel Life Center in Wichita, Kans. Marc Toro, 17, is from Bremerton, Wash., and attends Christian Worship Center. And Donnie Oakleaf, 18, of Sacramento, Calif., attends Trinity Church.

Beginning in January these young men were among others chosen by their local outposts to advance to district Ranger of the Year competition. Each then faced rigorous testing in categories such as Bible knowledge and Christian service and in knowledge of the Royal Rangers program. For them the countless hours of study and preparation paid off.

National Royal Ranger of the Year is one of the two highest awards a Royal Ranger can earn.

However, it is an honor hundreds of boys dream of earning but which only a few can obtain. Most of these eight winners spent years in district and regional competition before achieving national recognition. Now, though their days of competition are over, each of them expresses a deep desire to use his recognition to further glorify God and to tell other Rangers they can make it too!

Stephen Adams

Over the past 5 years Stephen has served about 1,200 hours of community service as a Royal Ranger. He enjoys working with younger boys and serving as a junior leader at church and district functions. He plans to become a commander one day. Stephen encourages other Rangers who wish to become national winners: "Be persistent; don't get discouraged," he said. "Just keep focused on your immediate goals, and keep the right attitude."

Donnie Oakleaf

"I decided I was going to achieve the highest award I possibly could," Donnie said. "So I began to study the Royal Rangers handbooks and to apply myself. The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship helped me stay motivated because there are so many guys in FCF who are self-motivated and who were an encouragement to me. Praise God for a commander and others who gave me the encouragement to continue on."

Michael Connor

"Before I was eligible to compete," Michael said, "I was invited to go to district competition one year to watch. That's what gave me the desire to compete myself. So for the next 10 years I competed district and regionally. There were times of discouragement, but I overcame that with the challenge to do better the next year.

Now I feel my challenge is to help other boys. I want to repay what Royal Rangers has offered me and to be an inspiration to others."

David Palmer

"Winning national competition was a family event for me," said David. "My dad typed out information for me to study, and he helped me memorize the material. And when I won I gave my brother, who had previously competed regionally, a call. As a family, we won it. Now I want to help the Rangers in my outpost and to be a role model to others. When I turn 18 I want to become a lieutenant commander." David and his two brothers have earned the Gold Medal of Achievement ... a family win.

Marc Toro

"Becoming Ranger of the Year has changed my view on life," said Mark. "When I was young I read about national winners in the *High Adventure* and had always wanted to become one. Now that I am one, I can better understand that if a person puts his faith in God and really tries, he can do anything through Christ."

Scott Jett

"After I began district competition for Ranger of the Year," Scott said, "I would compare myself to others and how they did. This helped me set a goal to one day be a national winner myself. Now I realize that everything is possible with God. The competition has really increased my faith."

His advice to other Rangers: "If you want to be a national winner, don't ever give up, but just depend on God. You can't do it alone!"

Jonathan League

"By winning national competition," Jonathan stated, "I have a much greater opportunity to minister to boys because they now look up at me. The Royal Ranger of the Year competition has also helped me be more disciplined in Bible and academic studies.

"When I first got into Royal Rangers, I was sort of the crowd follower. But as I learned leadership skills as an assistant patrol guide and a patrol guide, I learned to become a leader instead of a follower. Now, as a national winner, I plan to pass along to younger boys what I've learned in Royal Rangers."

Bob Griffith

Earning the National Royal Ranger of the Year award was a highlight of Bob Griffith's life. But that was not his greatest accomplishment in the Rangers program; leading someone to Christ was. (Read the summer 1992 *High Adventure* article "Royal Rangers: It Makes a Difference.")

Clayton was a new Royal Ranger who had never asked Jesus into his life. At first he came to the Outpost 67 meetings smelling like cigarette smoke and speaking foul language. One evening Bob called Clayton at home. Clayton was open to what Bob had shared about Christ. As the Holy Spirit moved and as Bob shared, Clayton accepted Christ into his life that night. Shortly afterward Clayton was killed in a car accident while on vacation. The good news, however, was that he had accepted Christ into his heart just a few weeks earlier.

Bob is presently uncertain about where he will attend college and what career he will choose. But he is certain, he said, that Royal Rangers has caused him to draw close to God and to be grounded in his faith in Christ Jesus. And he is certain Clayton is in heaven today.

Get the Power

By Fred Deaver

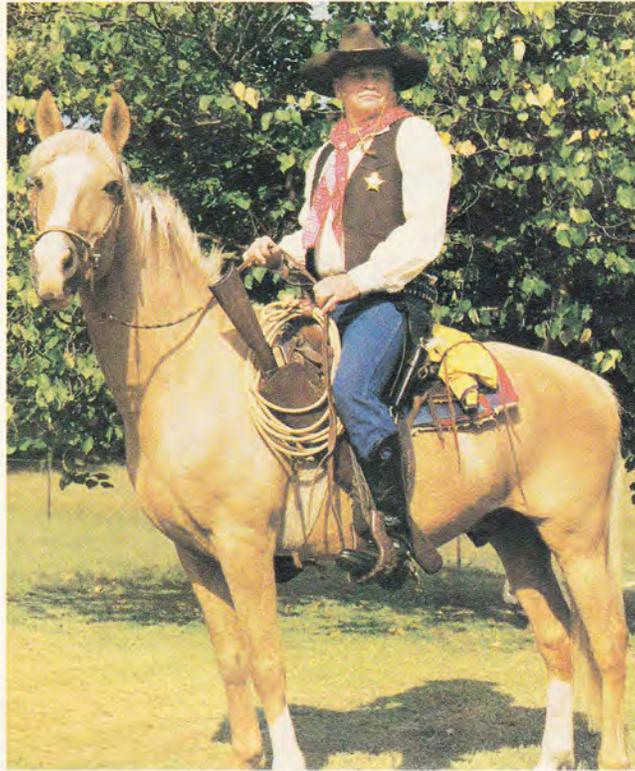
The gang of outlaws, known as Cutthroats, rode into the isolated western town with one thing on their minds: to rob and destroy anything that came in their pathway. Their leader was a wicked killer hated by many. His evil heart was not troubled by the many lives he had destroyed before nor the ones he was about to.

The no-gooders began to laugh and hoot and to shoot as they made their way into town. When seeing the bandits everybody began to scatter for fear of these notorious outlaws. But as they ran their horses up and down the street—shooting, robbing, and destroying—a tall, handsome man walked out onto the center of the street. The outlaw gang reigned their horses to a halt and began to stare down the man.

They became quiet because they knew there was something different about this man. He just stood there with his hat squared away on his head, his feet spread apart, and his hands on his hips.

A glint of sunlight reflected off his badge—the star that symbolized law and order. His gray, steely eyes were fixed on the gang leader.

This outlaw knew the sheriff had no fear. And he knew this man carried the mark of law and order, of good and justice. Still the lawless bandits began



Fred ("Hawkeye") Deaver, national FCF president

to snicker at the man wearing the shiny badge.

But suddenly they became quiet as the lawman slowly opened his long coat, exposing the two Colt 45 pistols, which hung low on his hips. His defiant look told the outlaws he knew how to use them.

The gang leader knew that the sheriff had the mark of a lawman on his chest. But he then realized the lawman carried the authority and power to enforce justice on his hips. So, without further delay, he whirled his horse around and led the bandits out of town.

I've shared this little story to tell you that that's the way it is in the spirit world. When we get saved, we have the mark of Jesus on our lives. Just like the lawman carries his badge, we carry a mark of a Christian when we give our hearts to the Lord.

And everybody who sees us can tell by the life we live that we're different. And when we become filled with the Holy Spirit (the third Person of the Trinity), we are given spiritual power.

You see, we're like the lawman who had authority to enforce justice through the power of his Colt 45. We are given power through the Holy Spirit to be overcomers and to destroy the enemy: Satan.

No sheriff would face a diabolical outlaw without having power to back him up. Neither should we want to face the enemy Satan without the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you haven't received the Holy Spirit, you're still a Christian, no doubt. But in order to be an effective Christian and to have victory over the enemy, you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We need God's power! We must be overcomers! And we must lead those without Christ to the Lord!

If you want to be a friend of Jesus, then be filled with the Holy Spirit and carry on the work of the Lord. Be His hand extended—at school and wherever you go. It's a wonderful thing to have the mark of God on our lives and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Well, for now: *vaya con Dios*, partner. Go with God, and He'll go with you! See you around. Old Hawkeye

HIKING The MISSIONS TRAIL



By James E. Erdmann, promotions editor, Men's Ministries Department

The young South African boy in this picture appears to be looking at his hero, a Hindu man who has made a vow to his gods. As a boy he will learn how to worship the many false gods of Hinduism by observing such festivals. He will learn how to cleanse himself from sin, he assumes, by punishing his body.

The man whom the boy is watching worked himself into a demonic trance so he would feel no pain. Then he pierced himself with the fishhooks, and large limes were hung on the hooks. His cheeks and tongue have also been pierced by long needles.

As the boy watches he thinks about the day he will be able to do the same thing—unless someone tells him about Jesus.

Ed Corbin, missionary to Durban, South Africa, tells us he has presented the story of Jesus to many hundreds of Hindu children, like the one pictured here. This is made possible with the help of Light-for-the-Lost tracts written especially for children.

Light-for-the-Lost is a men's and boys' program that provides money for gospel literature. Several thousands of people in the United States give to the LFTL program each year. These moneys are then used to provide gospel literature to people throughout the



world. LFTL literature may be tracts, Bible portions (such as the Gospel of John), and Bible study courses.

For example, in El Salvador, Central America, LFTL supplied money for *El Libro de Vida* (*The Book of Life*, the New Testament in Spanish) to be given to boys and girls in school.

Also, a number of tracts, coloring books, and other materials especially for children are printed by Life Publishers—a branch of Gospel Publishing House, located in Miami, Florida. These are

printed in the languages children in other countries can understand.

Bible portions are also printed by the United Bible Societies in almost 2,000 languages so children all around the world can read God's Word.

Missionary Corbin writes: "An African child will almost kill for a gospel tract. . . . I have seen children literally trample each other. I have witnessed crusade workers being mobbed by hundreds of children who noticed the workers had a handful

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One-on-One

I'll remember that night as long as I live. I was in the fourth grade and had been attending revival services at the Assemblies of God church I had attended since birth. The evangelist had been speaking about the Holy Spirit that night.

Naturally I had been exposed to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. It was common those days to see people dance in the Spirit "around" the altar with their eyes shut. On several occasions I had seen people slain in the Spirit. Our church was frequented with visits of the Holy Spirit manifested in tongues and interpretation.

But until that night speaking in tongues was only a strange language of which I had often heard. I would have never thought a fourth grader could receive such a special gift from God . . . but I was wrong.

The evangelist placed his hands on my forehead and began to pray. Within a few moments a jolt of power poured down from heaven. My mouth filled with sweet, heavenly words I could not understand, but my heart knew they had meaning beyond comprehension.

My life was forever changed! It was the blessing I needed at that early age to grow in the Lord. And it was the gift from God I needed for the junior high and high school years to come.

But what would have happened if my church had not freely taught about the third Person of the Godhead? How would I have been exposed to the manifestation of His power if I had not seen it again and again in the church?

Commander, you and I know well the boys of today are confronted with evil in ways we had never experienced when growing up. They need God's power to be overcomers! And they need commanders, such as you and me, to teach them about the Holy Spirit. It must begin with us.

Teach your Rangers, no matter what their age, about the Holy Spirit. Let them hear you pray in the Spirit. Let them see the Holy Spirit through you. Use the information in this issue to begin, if you have not already, the process of introducing Royal Rangers to the Holy Spirit.

"Today the Pentecostals are in the front line of battle against the enemy of the truth who is also the enemy of our souls," states Stanley M. Horton in his book *What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit*. "Modern man [boys in our case] needs the full illumination that comes through the person of the Spirit when He dwells within in power. Thank God, there is increasing interest today both in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the person and work of the Holy Spirit."

And to that I add, thank God there is an increasing interest among Spirit-filled commanders who will begin now to show boys how they, too, can receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. They need the Power!

Marshall F. Banne

High Adventure Editor

Bonding Together

C *By Paul Stanek, national deputy commander*

Children are looking for bonding relationships that are lasting and meaningful. Being born into a family does not guarantee a positive, lasting relationship. Bonding relationships occur in time. Family members must freely give of themselves spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.

This is true in our Christian walk and relationships as well. Acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior is our entrance into a divine family. Then bonding occurs through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the bonding agent (experience) that builds the spiritual and lasting relationship of a boy's walk in Jesus Christ.

Next is the role of the outpost commander. His mission is to educate his Rangers about the Holy Spirit then guide them into an experience with Him: the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

It is important to remember that receiving the baptism is a



Paul Stanek, national deputy commander

normal bonding process that occurs when we continue to build a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Below are a few points, suggestions, answers, and comments that can help you, the commander, introduce boys to a great and lasting relationship with the Holy Spirit. To do this, however, you must answer for yourself the following:

1. Have I received the gift of the Holy Spirit?
2. Have I been bonded to the Holy Spirit?
3. Have I been living in the Holy Spirit?
4. Have I received the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

If you can answer in the affirmative, then you are capable and empowered by God to lead boys into a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

To begin the process of educating your Royal Rangers about the Holy Spirit, discuss these topics in your outpost group:

1. *Question:* Who is the Holy Spirit?

Answer: He is part of the Godhead who knows the Father's thoughts and delivers those thoughts and messages to us (see 1 Corinthians 2:11).

2. *Question:* What can the Holy Spirit do for me? *Answer:* a. He convicts us of sin (see John 16:8). b. He teaches us the mind of God and makes God's Word alive to us (see John 16:13). c. He helps us remember what the Lord has taught us (see John 14:26). d. He prays through us and in our behalf when we cannot verbalize in words our desires and feelings (see Romans 8:26). e. He gives us power to witness and to live (see Acts 1:8).

3. *Question:* Why should I receive the Holy Spirit? *Answer:* So He can guide our thoughts and actions in a Christlike fashion (see Luke 12:12; John 14:17).

4. *Question:* Is the Holy Spirit for everyone? *Answer:* It is a gift from God for those who freely accept Him (see Joel 2:28).

5. *Question:* What will happen to me when I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? *Answer:* The Holy Spirit will speak through you—using your voice—a new, unknown language that you have never learned. This is a miracle of God working through and in you (see Acts 1-2).

6. *Question:* Is there more from God than the gift of evidence of speaking in tongues? *Answer:* Tongues is a natural occurrence (evidence) of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. God has much more. He wants you to let the Holy Spirit live and reside in your daily life as a special invited guest. He wants you to become a super person. He has special gifts for each of us to help us live a Spirit-filled life. Galatians 5:22 speaks of gifts available to believers.

Spiritual bonding should not be taught as a complicated and complex means of

developing a spiritual relationship. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a natural and loving relationship that occurs when a boy and the Holy Spirit spend time together.

We, as leaders, can help introduce our boys to the bonding relationship of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ by doing the following:

1. Provide opportunities to every boy to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.
2. Introduce the Person of the Holy Spirit to every boy.

3. Teach the mission and purpose of the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.

4. Provide opportunity to every boy to receive the Holy Spirit.

5. Provide time and opportunity for the boys and the Holy Spirit to bond.

6. Teach about the gifts the Holy Spirit has for each person who is willing to receive these gifts.

7. Provide continuous support and opportunities for bonding to occur.

Let's unite our efforts across this nation to teach our boys about the Holy Spirit and to provide time for them to bond with Him. Then He will do the rest: instill within each the dynamic power that will lead the world's children to Christ. 

Decade of Harvest Prayer Calendar

Don't forget to mark your calendar! The first Saturday of every month has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest efforts. Please unite in prayer that God will use this ministry as a tool to bring an outpouring of His Spirit throughout this nation and others. Let's believe God for the following: 1. win 200,000 boys to the Lord, 2. a 50 percent growth in membership, 3. enroll an additional 20,000 leaders, 4. a 25 percent increase in Assemblies of God churches with Royal Rangers outposts, 5. a 100 percent increase in training camps for leaders.

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National Rendezvous Gathers Record Crowd

By Clinton Davis



Imagine a green meadow filled with hundreds of boys and men together in fellowship—united with the sole purpose of furthering the work of the Lord in a very unique way. Open fires, tepees, and the thud of blackpowder rifle shots were witnessed as the setting unfolded for the 1992 National Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Rendezvous.

The event was held at the National Royal Rangers Training Center near Eagle Rock, Mo., June 23-27. It was a record year for the fellowship, as well as a time of revival and spiritual renewal for all.

According to Fred Deaver, national FCF president, about 850 boys and men registered for the Rendezvous, the most ever in the 25-year history of FCF. Paul Rainwater, Gulf territorial FCF president, stated: "At first we were concerned we could not fill up the meadow marked off for the Rendezvous. But not only did we fill it up, we had to branch out to other meadows."

The Rendezvous itself was teeming with activity during the 5-day period. Such activities as blackpowder shooting, knife and tomahawk throwing, flint and steel, costume judging, and a Seneca Run (an event that includes most of the above activities) provided a time of enjoyable competition.

Groups were also judged on such competitions as Best Lodge, Best Handmade Item, and Best Costume. The Rendezvous featured a "traders row," where many quality items—such as handmade knives, blackpowder rifles, furs, and costume wear—were traded or sold.

Several unique events took place at the Rendezvous: An auction on Wednesday was held to raise funds for the budding Royal Rangers ministries in Central and South America. Ken Hardcastle awed the crowd with his smooth auctioneer's savvy—\$886 was raised as a result of this event.

One highlight of the Rendezvous came when the territorial (regional) scouts came together and called a meeting for boys only (known as Young Bucks) to discuss the future of Royal Rangers. Also, Young Bucks elected a national

scout and assistant national scout to serve as national representatives of FCF for the next 2 years.

Goffe Smarte, of Southern California, will serve as national scout, with Robert Schlipp, of Washington, to serve as assistant national scout.

Also among positions filled was that of national FCF scribe. Jack Florence, of Ozark, Mo., was appointed. Fred Deaver to serve in this area of public relations.

The National Rendezvous served as a time of great spiritual renewal and revelation. The theme for the 1992 Rendezvous was "Gathering the Harvest," a theme that evening speakers strove to impress upon the boys and men.

Evening speaker June 24 was Freddie Espinoza. His message revealed the great need to boldly take the gospel message to the ever-growing Hispanic populace in the U.S. cities. This message started a wave that carried throughout the Rendezvous, to be "warriors for Christ."

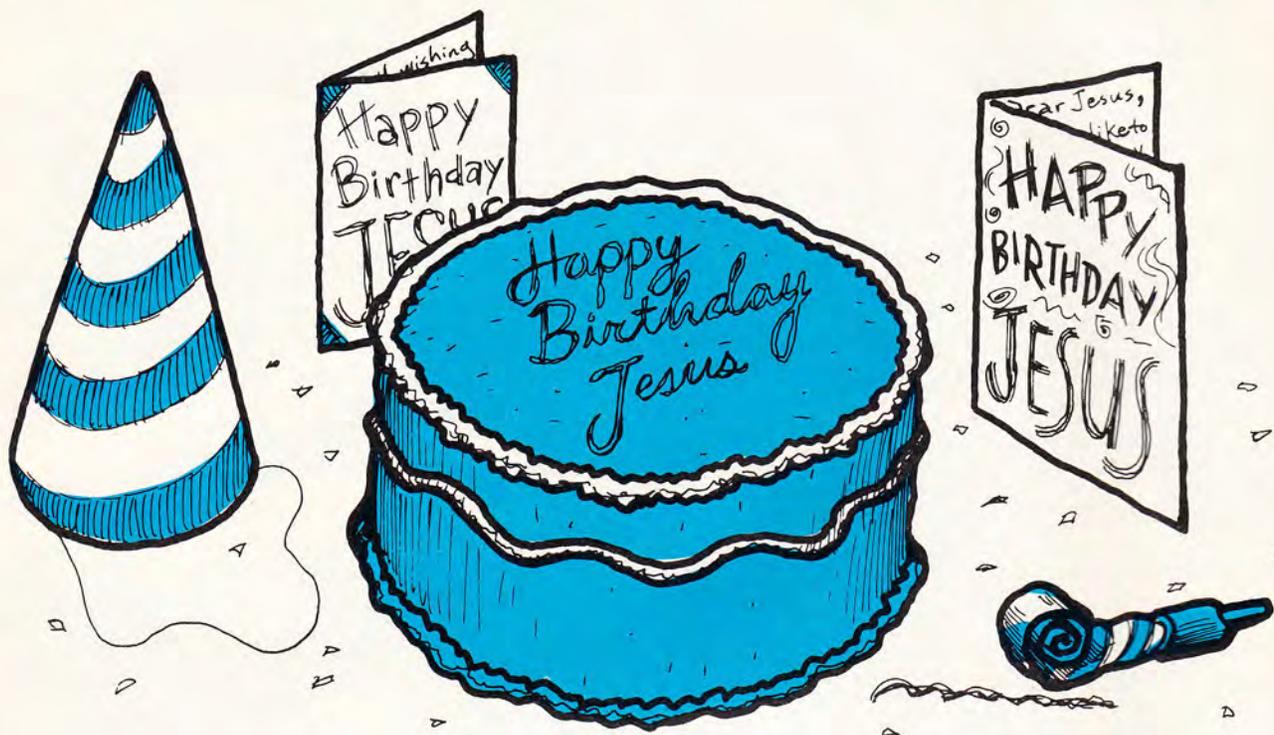
The following night, June 25, Mark Gentry carried the theme with a challenge to have a change of heart and to boldly deliver the Word. On Friday evening, June 26, Fred Deaver spoke on the need to be overcomers and to take the harvest. The result of the special evening services was boys being saved and both boys and men renewing their commitment to Christ. This is the challenge of FCF: to be spiritual leaders and to be the umbilical cord that keeps older boys in Royal Rangers and alive to Christ.

The pace and atmosphere of the National Rendezvous, like other FCF events, was totally different from other Royal Rangers events. The atmosphere was that of a relaxed time where boys and men sat together around open fires to fellowship. It was there boys saw in action the role model of the Christian man.

In the church Royal Rangers setting, boys in FCF are seen as the spiritual leaders. This Rendezvous further amplified the spiritual growth between boy and man, to them both understand they are fighting a spiritual battle that needs strong, mature Christians to "Gather the Harvest."



Your Outpost Planning Guide



Straight Arrows Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

December: Bible Stories and the Holy Spirit

Overall Approach—Teaching that the Holy Spirit is a very real and active part of God.

1st Week—The Creation Story. Review the Creation Story, and emphasize the importance of the Holy Spirit from the very beginning of time. Encourage each boy to name the animals and objects God had created.

Scripture verse this week: Genesis 2:1.

2nd Week—This week study the life of Elijah. Explain how the Holy Spirit worked through his life. Remember to explain how the Holy Spirit is the One who brings action to what the Father and Son say. Set the background concerning the time of Elijah, Ahab, and the king of Israel and Asa, king of Judah. Review 1 Kings 17, 18, 19. Explain how Elijah was God's great prophet used to tell the wicked people of God and that they must turn from worshiping Baal. Tell how Elijah passed his mantle to Elisha. Explain what this meant and how your boys relate to that today.

Scripture verse this week: 1 Kings 18:38.

3rd Week—Share how the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove at the time John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Review the Scriptures relating to this event. Again, set the background so the boys will know and understand what God was and is doing through the Holy Spirit. Explain how John

the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Son of God when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ (see John 1:32-34). And share how that from this time on, the dove became the symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture verse this month: Mark 1:10.

4th Week—It is time again for a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party. Decorate the room for a party with streamers and signs. Have games planned that the boys will enjoy. Beforehand have the boys make birthday cards for Jesus, which they can place around a birthday cake or a picture of Jesus. Serve refreshments, and sing a "Happy Birthday Jesus" song. Conduct games and award prizes.

Scripture verses this week: Matthew 1:18.

5th Week—This week share the story of Peter and how the Holy Spirit empowered him to help establish the Early Church in Jerusalem. Share the importance of the infilling of the Holy Spirit and why each boy needs to receive Him.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 2:4.

January: Great Men and Women

Overall Approach—A study of famous Indian men and women.

1st Week—Sequoya was a leader of the Cherokee nation. His father was a white man and his mother an Indian. He grew up among the Cherokees and made his living during his early years

by hunting and trading furs. As he grew up he became impressed with reading, writing, and printing. He thought his people could benefit by this, so he decided to invent a system of writing suitable to the Cherokee language. Though others made fun of him, he continued and completed his work in 1821. His people quickly adopted this form of communication and introduced it into their schools. He is the only person in history to have solely invented a system of reading and writing. A Cherokee adaptation of the Bible was printed in 1824, and, as a result, many Indians were converted to Christianity.

Scripture verse this week: Genesis 11:7.

2nd Week—Squanto was known as the “friend of the Pilgrims.” He lived in the village of the Pawtuxet Indians on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. He had once been captured by white men and taken to Spain to be sold as a slave. He managed to escape because of sympathetic monks. When he eventually made his way home, he had discovered that his people had died from a disease.

In March 1621 Squanto learned that the white men had landed and were building homes on the land he had roamed as a boy. He was introduced to them by a friend. Because he could sympathize with the pilgrims for being away from their homeland, he moved to their village and began to teach them how to live off the land.

In November 1622 Squanto was acting as a guide and interpreter on an expedition around Cape Cod. One evening he fell ill with a fever. His friends and companions did everything they could to make him comfortable. But in a few days, Squanto died. In his last hours he asked Governor Bradford to pray for him that he might go to the English God in heaven. He had been a real friend to the white men, who would not have survived in this strange, new land without his help.

Scripture verse this week: Proverbs 18:24.

3rd Week—We will now take a look at Dr. Susan La Flesche. Susan was the youngest of five children born (1865) to Joseph Chief Iron Eyes, the last recognized chief of the Omaha Indian tribe. His own children adopted white ways and became educated. The older sister Susette was the first Indian woman to speak for Indians nationally and internationally. Her brother Francis became a famous anthropologist.

Susan left the reservation where she was raised at age 14 to attend school. She later chose to return home to become the doctor for the agency school and the whole reservation of 1,300 people. She cared for them under primitive conditions—traveling by horse back day and night, in all weather—without the assistance of other doctors or a hospital. She was the Indians’ only help when sickness came.

Scripture verse this week: Ephesians 6:7.

4th Week—Chief Pawhatan played a great role in the early days of our country’s history. You may know more about his daughter Pocahontas. However, he was the one who made it possible for the Jamestown colony people to survive their early days by giving them food and by teaching them how to plant corn. The relations between the Indians and the colonists veered between peaceful and warlike. He became the best friend and peacemaker the English colonists had.

Scripture verse this week: Matthew 5:9.

References this month: Encyclopedia; *Great Indian Chiefs*, by Bellerophon Books; *Indian America*, by Marian Wallace; *New North American Indians*, by Felix Sutton.

February: Presidents

Overall Approach—To acquaint Straight Arrows about the strengths and weaknesses of the great leaders of our country.

1st Week—One of the giants among the presidents was

Thomas Jefferson. See if any of your boys know why President Jefferson is famous. Here are some examples: He was the author of the Declaration of Independence (explain what this is). He was a successful lawyer, architect, musician, and inventor. He spoke six languages and was a writer. In 1803 he purchased Louisiana—831,321 square miles—for \$15 million. Glean through an encyclopedia to gather other interesting facts such as these.

Scripture verse this week: Matthew 20:26.

2nd Week—Ulysses S. Grant was an officer who fought under General Zachary Taylor in the Mexican War. President Lincoln later put Grant in charge of the Union Army, which brought about their victory. When he later ran for president, he easily won the election. During his stay in office, the following took place: In 1869 the transcontinental railroad—East meets West at Promontory Point, Utah—was formed. In 1870 the Department of Justice was created. In 1871 the great Chicago fire took place. In 1872 Frederick Douglas became the first black vice presidential candidate. President Taylor’s weakness was that he had a very corrupt group of politicians around him that cheated, stole, and took bribes. Though he was honest, his stay in office left the country with the poorest statesmanship and lowest moral ebb in our history.

Scripture verse this week: Matthew 20:26.

3rd Week—Theodore Roosevelt became the youngest president in the nation’s history and the most colorful. He was 42 when he became president. He was a very active person who enjoyed the outdoors. Because of his love for the outdoors, President Roosevelt became very involved in conservation. Because of this he added 125 million acres to our national forest system. He steered the United States into a more active role in world politics. He was the first president to ride in an automobile and to fly in an airplane. He was an author, writing books on politics, history, America, ranch life, outdoors pastimes, and wilderness.

Scripture verse this week: Matthew 20:27.

4th Week—Franklin D. Roosevelt, a distant cousin to Theodore Roosevelt, had polio at age 39. But with great courage and strong spirit, he came through it being able to use his legs. He had to learn to use heavy braces, crutches, and a wheelchair. When he went to the White House upon election in 1933, he took this same strong spirit with him. And with that courage he attacked the Great Depression with zest. He established a bold National Recovery Administration, which acted in every aspect of the nation’s economy and culture. It was through the Alphabet Agencies that he accomplished this: Tennessee Valley Authority, National Labor Relations Board, Works Progress Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, Securities and Exchange Commission, Social Security Administration, and Office of Price Administration. He was president when the United States entered World War II. He died less than 1 month before World War II ended in Europe. In short, President Roosevelt helped make the United States one of the strongest nations in the world.

Scripture verse this week: Matthew 20:28.

References this month: Encyclopedia.

Buckaroos Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

December: Bible Stories and the Holy Spirit

Overall Approach—To teach boys that the Holy Spirit is a

Person of the Godhead with a mission: to bring action to what God says. Refer to the Straight Arrows Program for the stories to be studied this month. Each story refers to the work of the Holy Spirit in both creation and in the lives of men. Help your Buckaroos understand not only who the Holy Spirit is, but how important He is in the lives of the boys today. Help the boys to know the Holy Spirit and to invite Him to be a part of their lives. The Christian Character Trait this month is *forgiveness*.

Scripture verses this month: **1st Week**—Psalm 86:5; **2nd Week**—Psalm 103:2-3; **3rd Week**—Ephesians 4:32; **4th Week**—none this week; **5th Week**—1 John 1:9.

Reference for this month: Bible

January: Transportation

Overall Approach—To teach about the history of cars and boats and to give boys the opportunity to create their own models. The Christian Character Trait this month is *godliness*.

1st Week—Most boys are interested in cars. They have dozens of little ones around the house. Perhaps, however, they do not know how these modes of transportation came into being. So share this brief report on the history of the U.S. automobile: It began in 1789 when inventor Oliver Evans obtained the first patent on a steam carriage. In 1803 he built a self-propelled steam dredge, which is regarded as the first self-propelled vehicle to operate on American roads. In the 1890s the Duryea brothers, Charles and Frank, designed their two-cylinder, horseless carriage. In 1896 Henry Ford built his first experimental model. Inventors had already experimented with steam and electric automobiles, and people argued about which was the best kind of car. Gradually, however, most people agreed that automobiles with gasoline engines were best. By the year 1900 the United States had 8,000 automobiles. However, most of them were too costly for the average person. It was not until Henry Ford introduced his “Tin Lizzie” in 1908 that this changed. This was because he introduced the assembly line—which lowered the cost of cars—to auto making. His Model T was a best seller. Soon other inventors were creating their own cars—of all sizes and shapes. Early in the 1900s such cars as the Dodge, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Studebaker, and Star came into being. Most of the U.S.-made cars of today got their start during the 1910-1920s.

During this meeting tell your boys to bring models of automobiles to the meeting next week. Provide each boy the opportunity to put together his favorite model or a pinewood derby car.

Scripture verse this week: 1 Timothy 6:11.

2nd Week—As stated earlier, allow the Buckaroos to assemble their own model cars. Prior to this meeting recruit some of the dads to come and help. If the boys do not complete their models, allow them to complete their projects at home or to complete them at a later time.

Scripture verse this week: Psalm 4:3.

3rd Week—Another natural interest boys have is boats. This week share about the various kinds of boats that helped in the development of our country. The earliest means of transportation on water was the canoe. Indians used them first, but the pilgrims, explorers, and fur traders adapted the use of them as well. As our country developed and people moved farther west, many traveled the rivers by flatboats. These flatboats came in several sizes and were able to carry a family and all their belongings downstream to where they wanted to go. Often several boats traveled together to help in time of trouble. Similar to the flatboat and used in some parts of the northeast was the canal boat. Canals were built to make traveling easy by boat. Each canal boat was pulled by horses that walked on the banks of the canal while pulling the boat by rope. Steamboats came

to be used in the early 1800s. This made traveling by water easy and fast. The steam engine was to revolutionize traveling by water. Boats were used to transport people and vehicles. They were most famous on the Mississippi River. We still see the ferry and steamboats on rivers all across our country.

Scripture verse this week: 2 Peter 1:3.

4th Week—This week should be another one of action. This time allow the boys to make model boats. You can purchase model boat sets at a hobby shop or allow the boys to build self-propelling boats out of wood and rubber bands. If you choose the latter, the boys could race their boats at a later date.

Scripture verse this week: 3 John 6.

Reference this month: Encyclopedia.

February: Coins, Stamps, and Happy Birthday

Overall Approach—This planning guide deals with coin and stamp collections. It will also discuss two famous presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The Christian Character Trait this month is *obedience*.

1st Week—Coins and Paper Money: Throughout history man has used different items for bartering or trading. Coins first came into use in 7th Century B.C. Shortly after, coins were used in the Far East and the Mediterranean area. They were made with round, cast-metal blanks, which were heated then imprinted with iron and bronze dies. It was King Croesus of Lydia (560-546 B.C.) who was credited for standardizing the weight and quality of the coins. Imprints of animals were first used on coins. But Alexander the Great first used the coin portrait. The first unified currency was notes that were authorized and issued by the Continental Congress to help finance the American Revolution. In 1792 Congress passed the first coinage act, adopting a bimetal standard by which both gold and silver coins were to be minted. During the Civil War both the North and South printed their own coins and currency. Coin collection has since become a big business for dealers.

If possible invite a coin specialist or hobbyist to this meeting. Instruct your boys to bring their coins and currency collections the following week for a special “show and tell.”

Scripture verse this week: 1 Samuel 15:22.

2nd Week—Begin by having a time of coin collection show and tell. Bring to the meeting as many visual aids as possible so the boys can see the many types of coin collectibles.

Scripture verse this week: Ephesians 6:1.

3rd Week—It is time again for a “Happy Birthday Party” for George and Abe. Decorate your room for the party with streamers, banners, etc. Make it as festive as possible. Include pictures of George and Abe in your decorating. Have games and refreshments. You may want to invite the Straight Arrows or the Missionettes to the party.

Scripture verse this week: Colossians 3:22.

4th Week—Ask your Buckaroos if any of them has ever received mail. Quiz them on what made it possible for the letter or card to get to them. Then share this information on the stamp: The first letter stamps were printed and issued in Great Britain on May 6, 1840. The United States issued its first stamps in 1847, which bore the portraits of George Washington (costing 10 cents) and Benjamin Franklin (5 cents). Share that Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster general. By 1860 almost every country was using stamps for postage. People began collecting them soon after stamps came into being. The first stamp catalog was published in 1864 in England.



NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____
 OCCUPATION _____ AGE _____
 DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 RELATIONSHIP _____
 ROYAL RANGERS POSITION _____

Camp Locations for 1993

<input type="checkbox"/>	FLORIDA	Fort Meade	January 28-31
<input type="checkbox"/>	TEXAS	Jacksonville	February 25-28
<input type="checkbox"/>	LOUISIANA	Woodworth	April 22-25
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALABAMA	Springville	April 29-May 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	IOWA	Ogden	May 13-16
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALIFORNIA	Weimar	May 13-16
<input type="checkbox"/>	TENNESSEE	Goodletsville	May 20-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	MARYLAND	Whiteford	May 20-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	CALIFORNIA	Twin Peaks	June 3-6
<input type="checkbox"/>	OREGON	Sisters	June 10-13
<input type="checkbox"/>	MISSOURI	Eagle Rock/NRRTC	September 9-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEW JERSEY	Medford Lakes	September 9-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	COLORADO	Cedar Ridge	September 16-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	OHIO	Bellefontaine	October 21-24

You must be in good health in order to participate in the strenuous activities of the training camp. Therefore, you must have a physical examination. After examination, please sign the following statement: **"After consultation with my physician, I know of no physical limitation that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities** _____ (signature).

Any medical facts we should know: _____

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$40** preregistration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee, which will be approximately **\$95**. A \$5 discount will be given at the camp for those who preregister **4 weeks** prior to the camp date. **NOTE: To cancel you must notify the national office at least 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the camp.** Your preregistration fee will be refundable (minus a **\$10 clerical fee**). **Cancellation after this date is nonrefundable!** In the event of low enrollment, these events are subject to cancellation and total refund. Cancellation will be made 3 weeks prior to the event. Please submit your application as early as possible.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: ROYAL RANGERS; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894

CREDIT TO LEDGER: 001 01 031 4001 000

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

CLOTHING:

- 1 Complete Class B Royal Rangers Uniform (long sleeve khaki shirt, khaki trousers, khaki Royal Rangers belt—no dress coats or ties worn)
- 1 Royal Rangers jacket
- 1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt (for colder areas only)
- 1 Pair Army fatigue trousers, jeans, or other work-type trousers for casual wear
- 2 Royal Rangers T-shirts
- * Extra uniforms or fatigues for fresh change, as desired
- 1 Pair heavy shoes or boots for camp activities and hiking
- 2 Pairs heavy socks (navy or black)
- 1 Poncho or raincoat with hood
- * Underclothing and handkerchiefs
- * Pajamas
- * **Please note:** No cap or hat is needed. A special beret will be issued. (Every item except emblem, name tab, and district strip should be removed from uniform.)

PERSONAL ITEMS:

Sleeping bag
Folding camp cot
Toilet kit and mirror (no outlet for electric razor)
Towels and washcloths
Mess kit (plate, bowl, and cup)
Silverware kit (knife, fork, and spoon)
Canteen
Pack and lightweight pack frame (for overnight hike)
Small lightweight tent (for overnight hike)
Ground cloth (waterproof)
Air mattress or foam pad
Flashlight with extra batteries
Personal first aid kit
Pocket knife and whetstone
Hand axe
8-inch mill file
Compass (Silva style preferred)
Waterproof match container with matches
Adventures in Camping handbook
Leader's Manual
Small Bible
Pen and pencil

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

Ditty bag
Insect repellent
Folding plastic cup
Thermal underwear (for colder areas)
Small package of facial tissues
Nail clippers with fingernail file
Compact sewing kit
Survival kit
Camera
Sunburn lotion
Sunglasses
Pillow

*As many as you will need for the camp

OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD

The Outpost Commander's Award is a special achievement award for outpost commanders who have demonstrated outstanding service. All points must be earned for service rendered during the current calendar year. NATIONAL TRAINING EVENTS MAY BE COUNTED EACH YEAR.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ District _____ Outpost Number _____

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE NUMBER OF POINTS EARNED:

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| 1. AN UP-TO-DATE CHARTERED GROUP:
20 points _____ | 12. WEARING PROPER UNIFORM: 5 points _____ |
| 2. COMPLETED LEADERSHIP TRAINING
COURSE I-V: 20 points _____ | 13. OUTPOST MEETINGS: 1 point each
meeting conducted _____ |
| 3. ADVANCEMENT PARTICIPATION:
25 points if at least 50% of boys
in your outpost received an ad-
vancement and if at least 4 Councils
of Achievement were conducted _____ | 14. OUTPOST USING THE PATROL
METHOD PROGRAM: 5 points _____ |
| 4. OUTPOST CAMP-OUTS: 2 points each _____ | 15. GOLD BAR MEETINGS: 1 point each
meeting of boy/adult leadership
planning the outpost meetings and
activities _____ |
| 5. OUTPOST OUTINGS: 2 points each
except for camp-outs _____ | 16. CURRENT RED CROSS CARD:
2 points for each card _____ |
| 6. ATTENDING A NATIONAL TRAINING
CAMP: 5 points _____ | 17. OUTPOST SERVICE PROJECT:
2 points for each project _____ |
| 7. ATTENDING OTHER NATIONAL TRAIN-
ING EVENTS: 5 points for each event _____ | 18. ACTIVE FCF MEMBER: 2 points _____ |
| 8. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN A
DISTRICT POW WOW: 5 points _____ | 19. LEADERSHIP MEETINGS: 2 points
each for attending area-, sectional-,
or district-wide meetings _____ |
| 9. BOYS WON TO CHRIST: 5 points each _____ | 20. OUTPOST VISITATION PROGRAM:
2 points for each home visited _____ |
| 10. NEW MEMBERS: 2 points each _____ | |
| 11. RANGER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:
5 points _____ | TOTAL POINTS _____ |

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. The outpost must have an up-to-date charter.
2. The commander must have completed the *Leadership Training Course*.
3. A minimum of 175 points are needed to qualify.

All outpost commanders who meet the above qualifications will be eligible to receive and wear the Outpost Commander's Award. Time period—*JANUARY 1* through *DECEMBER 31* of the current year.

NOTE: Please complete your copy of the Outpost Commander's Award 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. Seven dollars must be attached to cover the cost of the medal (subject to change by GPH without notice).

If all outpost commanders of one church earn this medal, the senior commander may also wear an Outpost Commander's Award.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROYAL RANGERS

Royal Rangers national training events are designed to give you the very best training for all phases of the Royal Rangers ministry, with major emphasis on camping.

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP is designed to give leaders professional training in camping and leadership, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the out-of-doors. See attached application for locations and dates.



BUCKAROOS/STRAIGHT ARROWS TRAINING CONFERENCE is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Trainees will also receive training in various aspects of the Buckaroos and Straight Arrows ministries. **Locations and dates for 1993:** Falling Waters, West Virginia, April 15-17; Eagle Rock, Missouri/NRRTC, May 6-8; Forsyth, Georgia, May 27-29; Las Vegas, Nevada, September 30-October 2; Jacksonville, Texas, October 14-16; Bay Area, California, (part 1) October 30 and Bay Area, California, (part 2) November 6.

NATIONAL TRAINING TRAILS allows leaders to participate in outstanding, rugged outdoor activities surrounded by some of America's most beautiful scenery. Leaders will be on the trail for 3 exciting days, carrying all their gear and food in backpacks. **Locations and dates for 1993:** Kybruz, California, June 10-13; Eagle Rock, Missouri/NRRTC, October 14-17; Apache Junction, Arizona, October 28-31.



NATIONAL CANOE EXPEDITION is designed to give leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and to provide outstanding adventure in some of the most beautiful canoe country in America. **Location and dates for 1993:** Healdsburg, California, September 23-26.

WINTER NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP will give leaders professional training in winter camping, camp craft, and various winter-related activities. The camp will be conducted in an appropriate winter setting. This camp is designed to inspire leaders to provide more activities for their outposts during winter months. **Location and dates for 1993:** Emigrant Camp, California, January 20-23.



ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP is designed to provide Royal Rangers leaders with additional training beyond that offered at the National Training Camp. It will also help inspire leaders to greater involvement in the Royal Rangers ministry. A leader must have attended NTC before enrolling. **Locations and dates for 1993:** Fort Meade, Florida, February 9-13; Medical Lake, Washington, September 22-26.

Prior to this meeting ask the Buckaroos to bring their stamp collections. Now have your boys show and tell about theirs. If you have a guest speaker, have him display his stamp collection.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 5:29.

References this month: Encyclopedia.

Pioneers, Trailblazers, Air-Sea-Trail Rangers Program

By John Eller

Overall Theme—The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

December

1st Week—What we refer to as the Acts of the Apostles are actually the acts of the Holy Spirit. The activity of the Holy Spirit since the close of Acts 28 could be referred to as the next chapter of Acts. By that I mean there has been a continuation of the work of the Holy Spirit through the centuries until now. We are an integral part and continuation of the Early Church.

Help your Rangers understand the move of the Holy Spirit by reviewing the following:

1. In December 1900 Charles Parham (of Topeka, Kansas) had instructed his college Bible student, Agnes Ozman, to research what the Bible says about the physical evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit. As a result she was one of the first known individuals in the United States to have received the filling of the Holy Spirit. That time was January 1991, the following month.

2. In 1906 William Seymour, a black pastor holding services in a barn, was waiting on the Lord with many other people when the power of the Holy Spirit so enveloped the room that several began to speak with other tongues.

3. Also in the early 1900s, mainline churches were considered incompatible with those who had received the Pentecostal experience. As a result many new Pentecostal denominations began to arise and establish worship with those of like faith.

4. In the 1960s an Episcopal priest in Van Nuys, California, was filled with the Holy Spirit. And the Catholic charismatics came into being at Duquesne University and at Notre Dame.

2nd Week—Ask the boys this question: "Why should we study about the Holy Spirit?" Now follow up this question with the following points: 1. We are Christians. 2. We believe that Jesus is our Lord, and we want to love Him and follow Him in the best way we can. 3. We want our outpost and church to be healthy, spiritual, and growing so we can show God's love to our community.

Continue teaching your Rangers on the following: God does not want us to be ignorant (see 1 Corinthians 12:1). We need instruction so that we do not become discouraged, insecure, frustrated, or feel guilty. God wants each of us to be thoroughly equipped (see 2 Timothy 3:16,17). We must be consecrated to God (See Romans 12:1,2). God will help us to understand the work of the Holy Spirit. Each of us has the measure of faith (see Romans 12:6).

3rd Week—The ministry of the Holy Spirit involves the Body of Christ—the Church. Christ is the Head (see Ephesians 1:22,23; Colossians 1:18). Help the boys understand that Jesus is Lord of all or that He is not Lord at all.

Give the boys a definition of the church by discussing the following items: 1. local fellowship of believers, 2. national

denomination, 3. missions outreach, 4. universal group of people from all countries of the world—the Church—who acknowledge Christ as Lord and who strive to serve Him. Also, help the boys understand how God organized the Church and how each member has his own gifts and talents (see 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:7,18).

Further explain that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelist, pastor/teachers to help the Church (see Ephesians 4:11-13). Now define how God's gifts will edify the Church when used properly: 1. God's people are prepared for works of service. 2. The Church is built up. 3. The Church will reach toward unity and maturity. 4. God will get the glory through Jesus Christ our Lord (see Ephesians 4:12,13; 1 Peter 4:11).

4th Week—Illustrate how each of us has a place in the Body of Christ. Using the Scripture verses 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17,18; Titus 1:7-9, explain to your boys the work of a pastor. Point out that God ordains pastors to care for the flock. Pastors must serve willingly, not for the money. And by his setting a good example, he leads the church.

5th Week—Continue to show your outpost the work of the pastor as directed by the Holy Spirit. Using Psalm 23, show the following on a chalkboard or an overhead projector: 1. The Lord is my shepherd (Jesus the master and leader). 2. I shall not want (Jesus the provider). 3. He leadeth me (directing to righteousness). 4. By still waters (supplying our needs). 5. Through the valley/shadow of death (walking with us). (6) The rod and staff (discipline, strength, and comfort).

Now discuss why we must pray for faithful leaders: Jesus has compassion on them who have no shepherd (see Matthew 9:36-38). And explain why we must all be empowered by God to be witnesses (see Acts 1:8).

January

1st Week—Talk to the boys this week about the ministry of the Holy Spirit through apostles—begin with Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:28. Explain that an apostle is one sent forth, a messenger or a missionary. Jesus is called an apostle in Hebrews 3:1. He is the greatest Messenger, the greatest Missionary ever sent. Jesus called 12 apostles (see Matthew 10:1-4, Revelations 21:14). The church is founded on apostles (see Ephesians 2:19,20). The apostles were eyewitnesses of the Resurrection (see Acts 1:21,22). They were specially commissioned representatives (see Matthew 10:1). Their apostleship was validated by signs (see 2 Corinthians 12:12).

2nd Week—Study this week about the ministry of the Holy Spirit through prophets (see Ephesians 4:11). Tell the boys: "A prophet is one who speaks for another and conveys a divine message. Old Testaments prophets spoke for God. New Testament prophets understand the mind of God and speak about His purpose."

Prophets are to encourage and strengthen the church (see 1 Corinthians 14:3, Acts 15:32). Prophets are to communicate the mysteries of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 13:2, Ephesians 3:3-5). Prophets speak out against sin (see Revelations 11:3,10). Prophets sometimes foretell the future (see Acts 11:27,28; Acts 21:10,11). Prophets must have a deep commitment to the work of God (see Acts 13:1-3).

3rd Week—This week explain the ministry of the Holy Spirit through evangelists. Read Scripture verses Ephesians 4:11, 2 Timothy 4:5, and Acts 21:8. These are the only places the Bible uses the word *evangelist*. However, the work of evangelists is widespread in New Testament.

Give this definition to your Rangers: "An evangelist is a good messenger, a preacher of the gospel, a proclaimer of good tidings. Evangelists are usually easily understood and readily accepted. Evangelists are also sent to stir up the saints. An evan-

gelist leads revival efforts and encourages soul winning.”

Lead in a discussion of great evangelists of the past—such as John Wesley, George Whitfield, D. L. Moody, and Billy Sunday. Show how the Church today is benefiting from the work of evangelists.

Before dismissing the meeting, lead in prayer by asking God to send revival to the outpost and church.

4th Week—This week discuss the ministry of the Holy Spirit through teachers—teachers of the truth (see Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 31:12,13). The Old Testament pattern of teaching was to draw everybody together so they could be instructed in the Word of God.

The New Testament pattern is for teachers to train others (see 2 Timothy 2:2). Share these characteristics of a good teacher: 1. certifies the truth, 2. credibility to teach the truth, 3. desires to present truth in an understandable way, 4. is alert to the details of the truth, and 5. lives out the truth in his personal life.

February

1st Week—This week teach about the importance of servanthood. God has a need for servers in His work. Anointed and directed by the Holy Spirit, serving can be an important ministry unto the Lord and unto His Church. Serving means to minister to render any kind of service. Here are some examples you can list on a chalkboard: 1. seeing practical needs and having a desire to see them met, 2. a joy in serving that frees others to do more important things, 3. a tendency to disregard personal comfort in serving others, 4. difficulty in saying “no” when the work of God is at stake, 5. a special enjoyment in providing material needs and comfort to others, 6. an appreciation for service that is necessary and satisfactory, and 7. a willingness to sacrifice for others.

Many servers are needed in God’s kingdom. So lead the boys in a discussion on how the Lord might direct us to serve Him

in some way.

2nd Week—Discuss this week the ministry of the Holy Spirit through exhortation. Define for the boys the word *exhortation*. Make a list of those who might exhort or encourage us—commander, youth pastor, pastor, Sunday school teacher, parent, etc. Tell how each of those listed can be used of the Lord to help us in times of need. Some Scripture references which might be used are Colossians 1:28,29; Ephesians 4:12-14; and Romans 12:8. Then ask two of your commanders or other leaders to tell how a good talk with another Christian had helped them through a crisis.

3rd Week—God wants us to give to and share with others. Discuss these needs of the work of God through giving: 1. those who know how to make wise investments, 2. those who give quietly without public notice, 3. one who gives as the Lord prompts—and not necessarily by human appeals only, 4. those who give for the Lord gifts of high quality, 5. those with talents to invest money wisely for the edification of the church, 6. those who set a good example with personal finances, and 7. those who desire to give in a way that motivates others to give.

4th Week—This week illustrate the meaning of *mercy* (see Romans 12:8). Rangers need to learn how to help others in distress. They need to understand how the Lord can use them to bring healing to the lives of others. Lead in a discussion on how we can show mercy to others and, thereby, bring a message of hope to them. List these examples of how we can show mercy to others: 1. helping older people who are unable to drive, 2. visiting those hospitalized and in nursing homes, 3. helping the handicapped, 4. providing for those in need of food or clothing, 5. greeting newcomers to the church and befriending them, and 6. giving food and money to those unemployed. Ask the pastor or a staff member to speak to your group on how your church is meeting needs in the community and how the outpost can assist.

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Crafts That Teach



By David and Ammie Craun

Craft projects are good reinforcers to teach Royal Rangers about the Holy Spirit. This is because they are tangible items that illustrate or symbolize spiritual characteristics and truths.

If Royal Rangers create a project that illustrates spiritual truth, they will have a tangible association with that truth. However, the commander cannot stop there. The role of the commander, as an instructor of spiritual truth, is vital if the boys are to learn the relationship between the craft object and the spiritual truth it illustrates.

Any craft project that uses the symbols of the Holy Spirit—fire, wind, water, and oil—can become a bridge between the physical and the spiritual, the carnal and the holy.

Here are some examples:

Fire

Fire is representative of the purifying work of the Holy Spirit that purifies and makes us holy to God. It also represents the Christian light to the world. Several crafts can be used to illustrate this symbol of the Spirit. Candle lanterns, for example, can be constructed—a challenging craft for

Pioneers, Trailblazers, and even Air-Sea-Trail Rangers. Kits are available in craft stores. Or if you have the resources available, you could make up the kits beforehand and have the Rangers assemble them during the outpost meetings.

Another simple way to teach about the Holy Spirit is by building an A-frame fire. Use one stick to represent the Father, another to represent the Son, and the cross stick to represent the Holy Spirit. This third stick is where the tinder is placed to start the fire. Thus, the Spirit in this application is the part of the Trinity where the fire is kindled to receive the blessings of God and Christ.

During winter or early spring, pinecone candle holders are ideal to make. Cut out a 4-inch disk from a stiff cardboard box. Cut out a circle in the center of the disk and place a candle in it. Now glue small pinecones around the candle until the cardboard is completely covered. After the glue dries, remove the candle and spray paint the cones and cardboard. Once the paint dries, replace the candle. Light the candle and use the fire to teach about the Holy Spirit.

Wind

The wind is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. In fact the word used to translate the word *Spirit* in the Old Testament means “wind” or “breath.”

Any craft project that uses the wind is a good source of instruction concerning the Spirit. Scripture verses, such as John 3:8, can be cited during craft time to teach a spiritual lesson.

Some examples of good crafts projects for this lesson are pinwheels, twirlys, wind socks, streamers, and kites. I have found some inexpensive pinwheels, streamers, and wind socks in the *S & S Arts and Crafts* catalog.

A simple twirly can be made from construction paper cut in a 4-inch circle. The circle is then cut into a spiral until the cutting line comes to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the center. Tape a string, about 2 feet long, to the center of the twirly.

The younger Rangers will enjoy bobbing the twirly up and down or holding the string behind them as they run. The older Rangers could make a wind sock, similar to the ones used at airports, while working on the Weather Award.

Oriental calligraphy is an informative craft project appropriate for older Rangers. You can research this topic in a local library. Or you could invite to an outpost meeting someone knowledgeable on this subject. Your Rangers can use oriental calligraphy to draw the words *Spirit*, *wind*, *fire*, *water* and *oil* on large poster boards. Beside the drawing can be written the meaning in English.

During craft time you should reinforce, as much as possible, what is being taught in the program feature or Bible study. The next time the Holy Spirit is being taught, try crafts that illustrate the symbols of the Holy Spirit. The craft will be fun, and the instruction can last for a lifetime. ☉

Cry of the Red-tailed Hawk



By Joyce Deaver

Morning frost covered the ground as I made my way to the barn. I was preparing to feed my horse Golden Boy when I heard the cry. The shrill cry was that of a red-tailed hawk, which was circling overhead.

This wasn't the first time I had seen the hawk and heard its call. Yet somehow it sounded different that day. Knowing the hawk's nest was nearby, I headed for the woods with my dog Duke to investigate.

The pathway soon led me to the tall tree that held the red-tailed hawk's nest. Up above it continued to circle as its loud cry filled the air.

I'm not a tree climber, you see. So I began to ponder on how I would learn what was in the nest that was so alarming to the hawk.

Duke began to bark and wag his tail as he looked up at the nest. "What is it, boy?" I asked Duke.

Suddenly a big, white cat leaped out of the nest then climbed tail first down the tree. The cat hit the ground with a thud, gave us a wild look, then shot straight for the barn.

"Why, it's only Sugar (my barn cat)," I said to Duke as we turned and headed for the house.

As we left the woods and began to cross the pasture, I looked back and saw the red-tailed hawk sitting on the edge of its nest. It flapped its wings as if to say, "Thank you for making my nest safe again."

I have since thought about that day and how the red-tailed hawk cried for help. You know, we Christians should do just like the hawk: cry for help when we are in need.

You see, we should always call upon our Savior, Jesus Christ, when we become troubled—no matter what the circumstance may be!

(Leader, read Psalm 28:6,7 and Psalm 61:1-4. Then lead your group in a discussion on the importance of prayer and trust in God.)

Informed by Mistake

By Thomas B. Welch, Jr.

God's Lowly People

By Muriel Larson

Have you stopped to realize how many of God's anointed people had humble beginnings? Consider the following:

Moses and David were shepherds. Mary Magdalene was a harlot before being saved. Amos was a herdsman and dresser of sycamore trees. Joseph was a carpenter and Mary a provincial maiden. Peter, James, and John were fishermen.

But God does not put value in status among peers. He looks at the heart and at the future of each of us. Those saints of God mentioned were used by God because of their faith in Him.

Moses and David became rulers of Israel (see Exodus 3:9-12; 1 Samuel 16:1,11-13). Mary Magdalene was the first person to see the resurrected Savior (see Mark 16:9). Amos became a famous prophet and biblical writer (see Amos 7:14,15).

Joseph, the carpenter, and Mary were chosen to be the parents of the Son of God. Peter, James, and John became Jesus' foremost disciples and intimate friends (see Matthew 17:1-3).

Peter and John wrote books of the Bible. And Dorcas was raised from the dead, which brought about salvation and miracles to many (see Acts 9:36-42).

Perhaps now you can better understand that God can use anyone, even you and me, to do mighty works for Him. All we have to do is surrender our lives totally to Him. Then let God do the rest!

Few men are able to say they have read about their own death. Yet Alfred Nobel, the founder of the Nobel Prizes, did. When his brother George died, a newspaper reporter thought it was Alfred who had died and reported it as such.

What shocked Alfred as much as reading the account of his death was what the newspaper said about him. The words were not kind. It was said that Alfred Nobel was selfish and paid little attention to anything except the making of money. Not only was Alfred shocked, he was repentant and knew he must change.

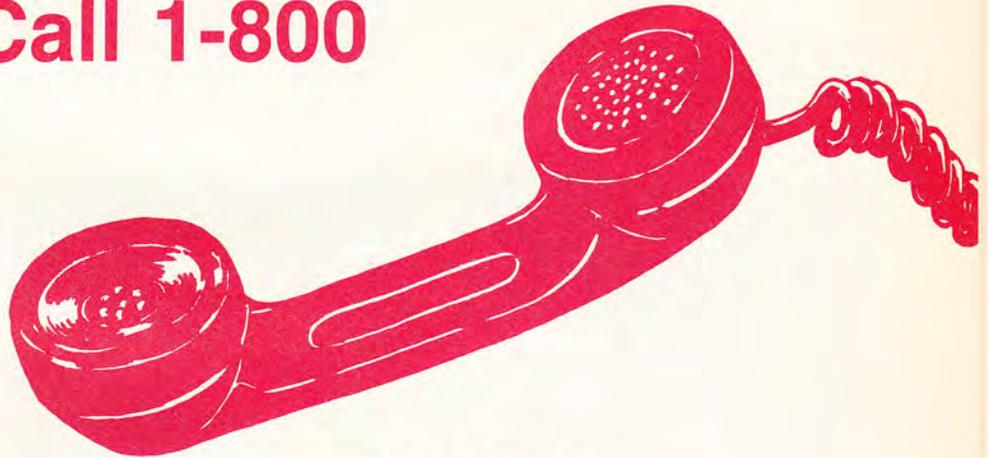
And change he did. He became

known as generous, gracious, outgoing, and a man who loved peace. Perhaps the crowning achievement of his life was the establishment of the Nobel Peace Prize, which is awarded to people who have done the most to bring peace to the world.

So what about you? If your friends told the truth about you, what would they say? If your life reflects the love of Jesus Christ, then you needn't worry what others may say about you.

Let's each pray right now and ask Jesus to show us the things in our hearts we need to change. Then let's leave here determined to do our best for Christ!

Call 1-800



By Robert C. Crandal

Item Needed: Telephone

Objective: To instill in boys that prayer is easy . . . and free.

How many of you know how to use a telephone? How many of you know how to dial long distance? How many know what a 1-800 number is?

You can call about anywhere with a 1-800 number for free. But can you call someone when you don't feel good or when you have troubles and need help?

Perhaps so! This number could be called 1-800-HEAVEN.

Though this is not a real telephone number, you can call directly to Jesus

in heaven without being charged. You see, Jesus paid the price for our "debts" when He died on the cross. We have a direct line to Jesus anytime we need His help.

Even when we aren't troubled, we should make a person-to-Person call to Jesus to tell Him how much we love and appreciate Him.

So let's begin now by forming a prayer circle. Let's call upon Jesus and share our needs and our love with Him.

(Leader, gather the boys in a circle. Read to them a Scripture verse like 1 Timothy 2:8. Then have them join hands as you lead in prayer.)

Be a Soul Winner:

An important truth for boys and men

By James H. Hall

God's management philosophy is that He chooses believers to show and tell the world the truth about himself.

God will use you when you prepare to be used, when you love with His love, and when you act upon what He directs by inner promptings and external opportunities.

We can learn from Jesus how to influence people to believe in Him. He related to people differently, depending who they were and the circumstances under which He met them. However, anyone who chooses to follow Christ must make the same response.

Prepare yourself and your Royal Rangers to adapt to situations and to be led of the Spirit to address these two questions: Who is Jesus? What does He want from me?

Who is Jesus?

When a witnessing opportunity is at hand, base what you say on the Scriptures and share in an easy-to-understand way. Memorize John 3:16; 1:12; and Luke 9:23.

Remember the person you are witnessing to must seek forgiveness for sin. Left to himself, he is doomed to an eternal hell—a just pronouncement for sins committed. His most basic sin is self-centeredness, which has moved God out of His rightful place.

A relationship is meaningful only if it is freely sought by both individuals. Jesus desires a relationship with every person you meet, but His forgiveness is not automatic. One must ask for it; only then can it be received.

One aspect of being saved is that a person is rescued—literally. He or she is rescued from eternal torment upon acceptance of salvation and is rescued to relationship with God as His child.

Jesus experienced ultimate loss on the cross for man's ultimate gain. He trusts the Father to apply payment for sins. His high-cost forgiveness is available free of charge.

Besides being our rescuer, Jesus has promised to provide our daily needs. This supply begins as He helps us know and do the Heavenly Father's will. Daily He guides us away from temptation and delivers us from the evil one.

Jesus provides friendship. He told His disciples they were more than slaves; they were friends.

Jesus is our Savior, our rescuer, our provider, and our friend.

What does Jesus want from me?

Instead of asking, "What does Jesus want from me?" natural man inquires, "What can I get from Him?"

The sin problem began when Satan and man discarded the view of God as Lord of all. The result was alienation. Reconciliation with God by grace still requires that the person return to the view of God's authority by submitting his human will to that authority.

The cross we are required to pick up and carry represents the execution (denial and death) of our own will. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

Jesus is Lord. Therefore, we must come to Him on His terms. We can continue with Him only if our heart is set on cooperating with Him.

The Jesus we present to others is not like the taxi driver who asks, "Where to?" Instead He is like the bus driver who says, "If you want to go where I am going, come along."

Help your Rangers to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as they work with Him to be a friend of sinners and lead them to Jesus.

Teach your Royal Rangers how to be a friend of sinners:

1. Begin by being friendly. Take time to listen.

2. Continue with friendship. Look for ways to be kind. Your goal is to lead the unbeliever to discover and experience Jesus personally. The Holy Spirit will help you influence your friend in ways that are appropriate to the stage of that person's journey.

Share current and past experiences of God's work in your life. Your personal testimony helps the unbeliever see that God works in people's everyday lives.

In casual conversation relate gospel truth to life situations. Share comments in a peaceful, cheerful manner, using simple and clear vocabulary.

Assist the unbeliever to go to the Bible for answers to the questions: Who is Jesus? and, What does He want from me?

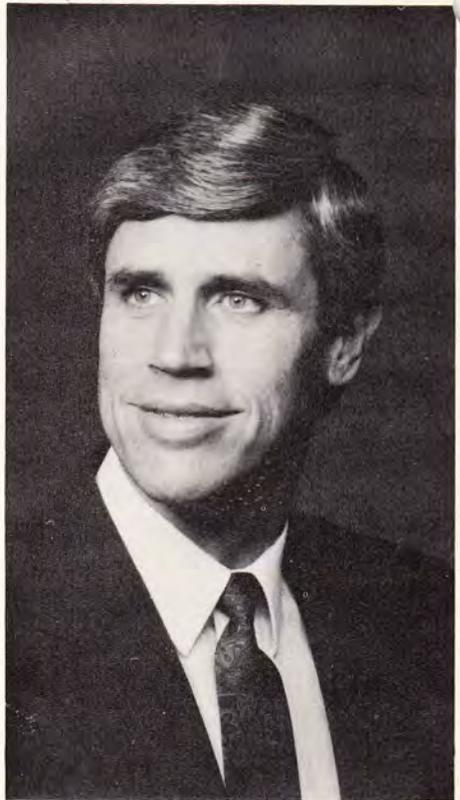
3. Attraction to Jesus will begin in your friend's heart as he or she sees Jesus in you and hears about Him from you and the Bible. As an appetite for Jesus becomes stronger and eternal issues be-

come clearer, the unbeliever must then decide to continue under this influence or pull away. Decisions to continue to interact with you are based on the unbeliever's thoughts and feelings as he or she is being attracted to Jesus.

4. Decision is made to accept Jesus' lordship and friendship. The unbeliever's will has joined his or her mind and emotions in committing to Jesus. This is what the friendship has been for. God has you there "when the crop permits, [to] immediately put in the sickle, because the harvest has come" (Mark 4:29, NASB). Then assist your friend in praying to receive Christ.

Now you and your Rangers are ready to become discipling friends. ❁

For further information on personal evangelism and discipling new converts, contact the Gospel Publishing House and request James Hall's *Harvester's Handbook* (03-1629) and other discipling helps.



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LAUGHS FOR LEADERS

One afternoon a well-known minister and a popular actor were discussing the differences in their appeal to people. The actor was drawing crowds nightly at a community theater. The minister, on the other hand, found his congregation was not turning out well for his services.

"Why is it that when you present fiction and I important truths, the people come in droves to hear you but not me?" asked the minister.

The actor's reply was quite sobering: "It's really quite simple. You see, I present fiction as if it were truth. But you present truth as though it were fiction."

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The wife of a Royal Rangers commander was talking to the senior commander one Wednesday night while waiting for her husband. The wife joked that her husband's complaint that he leads a dog's life is probably well-founded.

"He comes in the house with muddy feet," she said, "tracks across my clean floor, barks at nothing, growls at his food, and makes himself comfortable on my best furniture."

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Mother: "I sent my son to your store for 3 pounds of peaches, and you sent me only 2½ pounds."

Grocer: "Ma'am, my scales are accurate. Have you weighed your son?"

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A gentleman arrived to the meeting with a surprise awaiting. He had made an appointment with a man who was always late for every meeting. But, to his amazement, his friend had already arrived and was waiting.

"Why, I see you're here first at last," the man exclaimed. "You were always behind before, but I'm glad to see you've become early of late."

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Claiming his dog could talk, a man entered himself and his dog in a local



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talent show. On stage the man asked the dog, "What is all over a tree?"

"Bark! Bark!" answered the dog. The audience began to boo.

"What is found on top of the house?"

"Roof! Roof!" the dog again answered. By then the audience had begun throwing trash onto the stage.

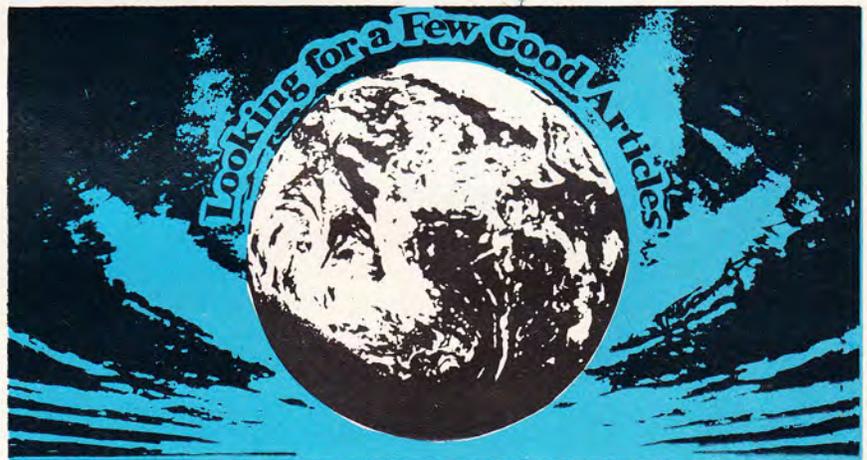
In desperation the man asked, "Who was the greatest baseball

player?"

"Ruth! Ruth!" the dog acknowledged.

The two were thrown off the stage. Backstage the dog turned to his master and, with a bewildered look, inquired, "DiMaggio?"

Thomas LaMance
Prewitt, New Mexico

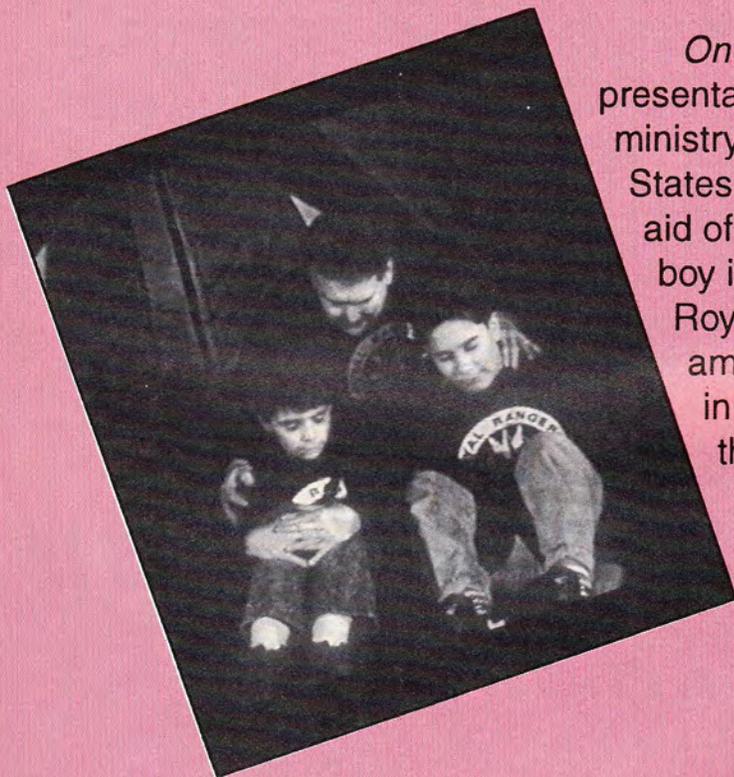


You've likely heard the Bill Gaither's song "A Few Good Men." Well, the *High Adventure* staff is in need of a "few good articles." Has your outpost participated in a unique Royal Rangers adventure—such as mountain climbing, scuba diving, cross-country hiking, or other outdoor events? Does your outpost, or one you know of, have an outstanding ministry? Do you know of Rangers-related adventure and news stories you think the whole world should read about? Or do you have a Royal Ranger in your outpost who has outstanding attributes or who has done some outstanding feat?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, submit an article to the national Royal Rangers Office: High Adventure; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

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Reach the Children

Photo by John Weidman

of tracts. I have seen children hide gospel tracts inside their shirts and get back in line four or five times to receive others. And I have watched older children steal tracts from younger children.

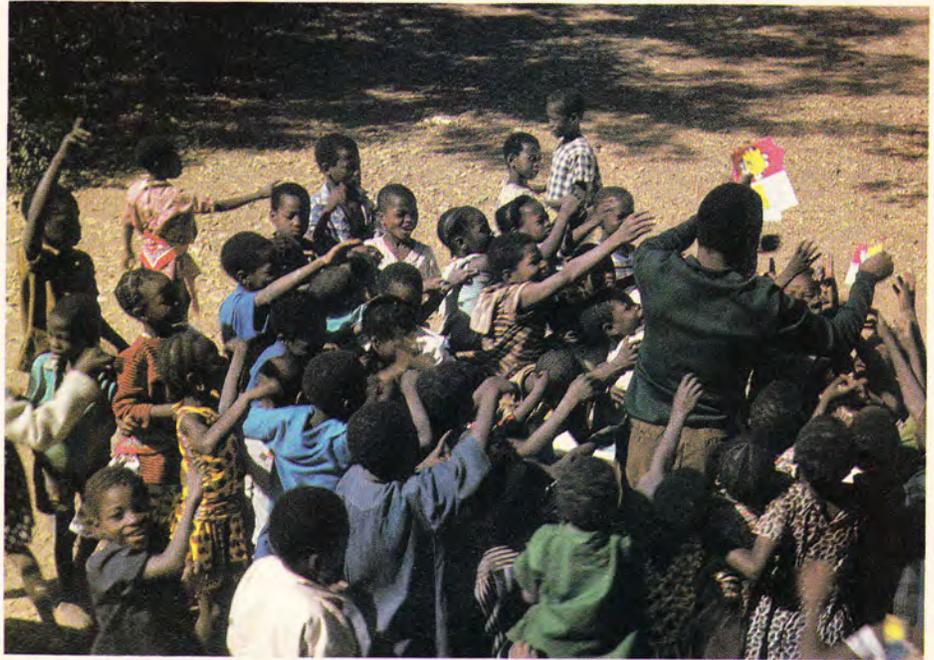
“Each time I hand a gospel tract to a child, I give that child a gift that will be treasured. I will never see a piece of literature lying on the ground; it is too precious! That gospel tract will be read by that child and probably every member of his household.”

Missionary Corbin is sure that thousands of children’s lives will be changed because they have received gospel literature provided with funds from LFTL.

As a result of giving gospel tracts to children and having children’s meetings, it has been possible to start the Royal Rangers in Durban, South Africa.

Because of Light-for-the-Lost and the Royal Rangers here in the United States, there is hope that the small boy pictured here will learn that Jesus will cleanse him from sin—not hanging limes from fishhooks stuck in his flesh.

As a Royal Ranger you can help young boys and girls come to know Jesus as the One who can take away their sins. Your money will help print tracts and other materials that will show boys and girls that Jesus loves them and will give them eternal life. ☸



Above: Church worker passing out gospel literature in Africa

Did You Know . . .

- . . . that of the world’s more than 5 billion people, only some 2.3 billion have ever received a piece of gospel literature?
- . . . that people all over the world are hearing about Christ for the first time through LFTL literature?
- . . . that LFTL councilmen, who provide support and direction to the LFTL ministry, provide funds to ensure that 100 percent of all funds raised for LFTL literature will be used for that purpose?
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- . . . that a new LFTL advanced merit (award) is being introduced in the new *Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*?

Major bummer!

An ongoing series about Jonathan B. Flounder

By Robb Hawks, national programs coordinator

Jonathan sat on the hard bench awaiting his wrestling match, recalling that fateful moment: the day at summer school he had punched out James Henry Hawthorn IV. Boy was he sorry he had loused up his new Christian witness!

Big choice the principal had given me, Jonathan thought. Three days suspension or join the school wrestling team. What a bummer!

Across the mat the wrestlers from Rancocas Jr. High were warming up. One by one Jonathan gave them the eye, trying to figure out who would be his opponent.

One boy stood out among the rest during warm-up. His muscles bulged and rippled with each limbering movement. His coordination was smooth and his movements like lightning. Slowly this marvel turned and faced Jonathan.

Jonathan's stomach rolled over and died. *I can do it, Jonathan thought, trying to convince himself. I can do it.*

Then his confidence melted away as Scott (a teammate) walked up, sat down, and said, "Well, you going to make it through the first minute of this match?"

"Give me a break, Scott," said Jonathan. "Not everyone is born to wrestle like you."

"Yeah, I know," Scott replied, "but at least you can last more than 30 seconds before you roll over and let him pin you."

"Yeah, what do you know," growled Jonathan. "It took the last guy 32 seconds to pin me."

"That's my point," Scott said. "We've had two matches so far, and you have been on your back in less than a minute in both. Do the team a favor. Stay off your back!" Scott stood

and walked away.

"Bummer. I'm dead meat," Jonathan muttered. "If the other team doesn't kill me, my own team will." As the whistle blew each team took its place on the benches. One by one the different weight classes wrestled.

"Alright, give me the 130 pound weight class," the referee called.

Jonathan slowly stood, looked dejectedly at his coach, and walked to the center of the mat, not once looking up. *Give me a break, Lord. Jonathan whispered a prayer.*

"Blue, are you ready?" questioned the ref. Jonathan looked up and into the ref's eyes. Jonathan smiled

sheepishly and nodded. "Red, are you ready?" the ref questioned Jonathan's opponent.

Jonathan turned to face his opponent—the one with the rippling body. *No! It can't be him, Jonathan thought in utter panic. But it was.*

This kid was the perfect destructo machine, and Jonathan knew that he would be the next victim on his list.

Then came the dreaded words from the ref: "Ready, wrestle." Jonathan's world disappeared in a swirl of arms, legs, muscles, and mat. Jonathan tried with all his might to keep from being pinned. The wrestler in red attacked with a double-leg takedown, lifting



Bible Rangers

By Jim Roberts, southeast region public relations coordinator

The following Bible characters could have been called "Royal Ranger" because they either cooked in the woods, camped, spent time with nature, or some or all of these. This puzzle may be a little harder than it first appears. Are you "ready"?

1. Jacob
2. David
3. Moses
4. Noah
5. Jesus
6. Adam
7. Joshua
8. John (the Baptist)

M R O P L R T I O P M
 E U O P E T Y U I O P
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Jonathan off his feet and landing him onto the mat.

"Two red. Two red," the ref reported as he held two fingers and pointed at the wrestler in red.

Jonathan was in a panic now. He was flat on his stomach, and this monster in red was about to rip him apart.

Help, Jesus! Jonathan cried out in a silent prayer of desperation. It's amazing what will go through a person's mind when he is in the middle of a crisis. Suddenly a memory verse Jonathan had learned in Rangers zipped through: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Could it be! Jonathan wondered. *Nah, that doesn't have anything to do with wrestling. Does it? Wait a minute. I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit at Pow Wow.*

That means the very Spirit of God, the same Spirit that created everything, lives in me. Well, why not!

Jonathan exploded in determination. He fought with every ounce of strength. Slowly the man in red rolled him over onto his back.

I won't quit. I won't! Jonathan thought as he fought to keep his shoulders off the mat.

"Honk," sounded the buzzer. To

Jonathan's amazement he realized he had made it though the first period without being pinned. Jonathan slowly stood and prepared for the rest of the match.

Again the ref called, "Ready, wrestle." For the first time in his life, Jonathan found himself on top of his opponent. The moments ticked by. Muscle strained against muscle.

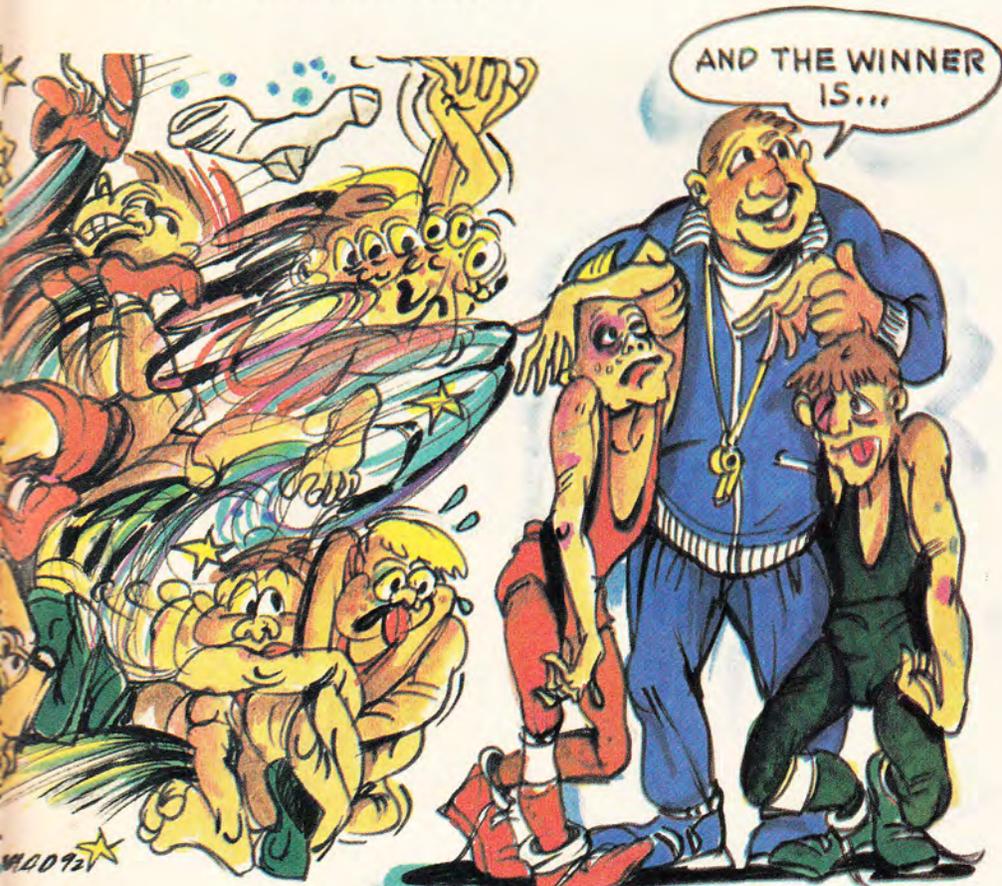
Jonathan kept muttering to himself, "Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world."

Finally the final buzzer sounded. Jonathan slowly stood to his feet. Every muscle in his body ached with pain. His eyes crossed in and out of focus.

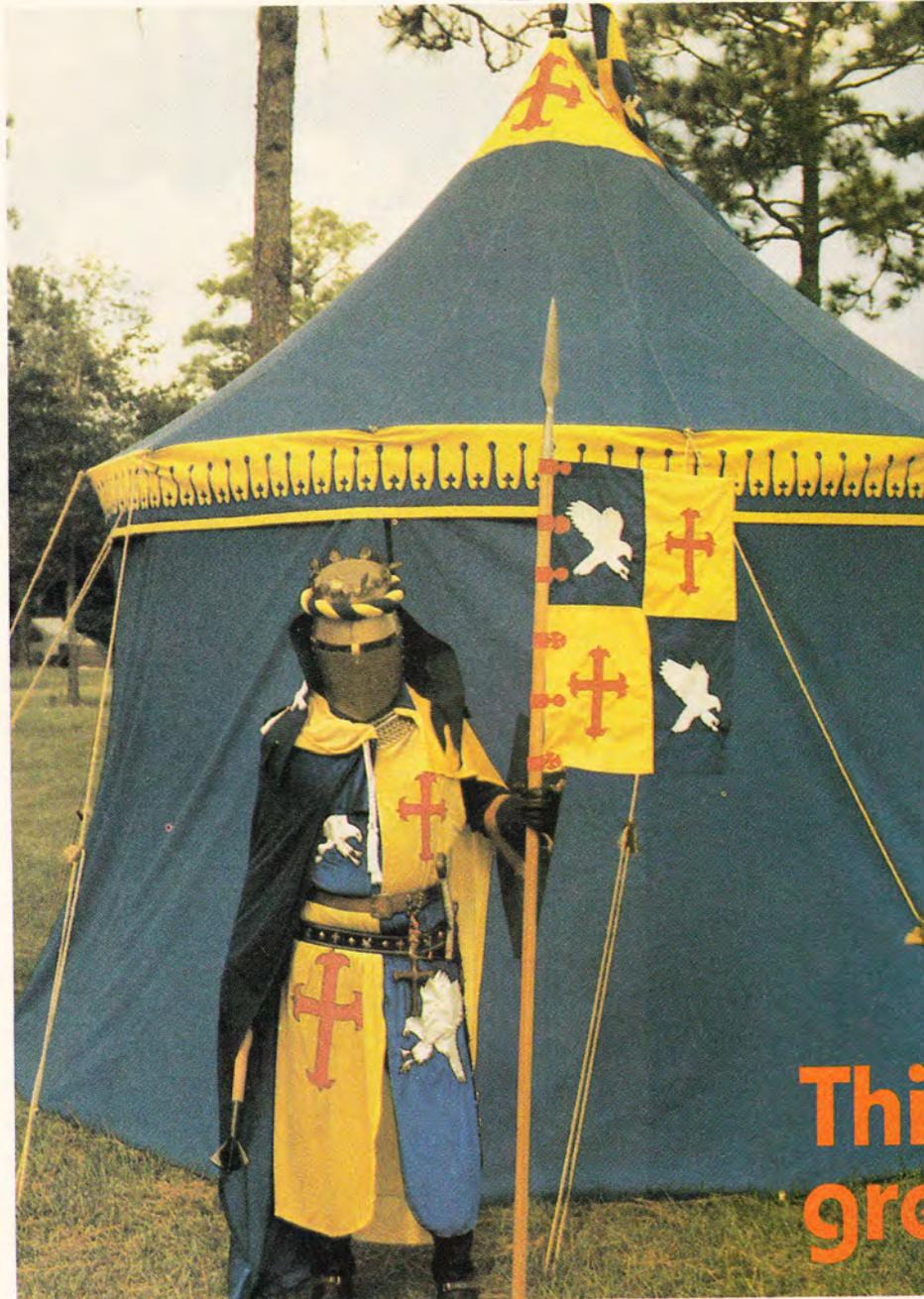
What seemed forever, the judges tabulated the points and handed the results to the referee. Jonathan was on Cloud Nine. He had lasted an entire match without being pinned. *Who cares who won,* he thought.

The referee looked at the scores then announced, "Match goes to Blue."

Jonathan turned around with a silly smile on his face. His teammates were hooting and hollering. He had won! Jonathan "the wimp" had actually won! ❁



Chi Omega Rho



*By Robb Hawks,
national programs
coordinator*

**This is
great!**

The trailer had finally been loaded, and the Chi Omega Rho caravan had hit the asphalt trail. The final destination: 1992 Peninsular Florida District Pow Wow.

Chi Omega Rho was brand-new to the district, and this year's Chi Omega Rho village would be its first official one.

As the various cars, trucks, vans, and trailers pulled onto the Pow Wow site, the rain began to fall. The brave "knights" sat in their faithful, modern-day vehicles then finally decided that man can only get so wet, so why not. Soon the varied colored tents and pavilions were going up in the rain.

After the great hall had been erected, the Earl (Sir William the Wise) gave the Chi Omega Rho team a pep talk. He told them that, in spite of the rain and the mud, "this is great!" So for the rest of the Pow Wow, no matter how much rain had fallen, the password was, "This is great!"

And it was great. The Chi Omega Rho village was visited by hundreds of boys and men. Those who had visited participated in a number of fun activities. Such activities as spear and javelin throwing, archery, boulder and log tossing, and even a good-natured sword fight with "boofers," provided enjoyment for many.

Baronet Malcom the Merry (the Chi Omega Rho baker) sold tarts, rolls, danish, and even gingerbread cookies baked in the shape of knights on horseback.

Thirty new members braved the woods and weather to complete the Chi Omega Rho quest to join the Peninsular Florida Chapter (district) of Chi Omega Rho. Now it is more than 200 members strong.

The quest began in the Crusader's tent, where quest participants received their instructions. The quest ended in the great hall, where the Earl held court and officially made them "pages" and members of the Earl-dom.

The highlight of the Pow Wow was the evening service. The Chi Omega Rho Earl (disguised as an 1800s circuit riding preacher) was the evening speaker. More than 400 boys came forward for salvation and another 200 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the altar, in the midst of the hundreds of boys giving their lives to Christ, could be found the members of Chi Omega Rho praying, weeping, and leading those around them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Was it fun? You got it! Was it hard work? More than you could image. How would I sum it up? "This is great!"



Above: Boofing Contest

Below: The Great Hall



Make a Snow Emergency Kit

By Denise A. Pearson

Snow: Nature's way of transforming cities and towns into white, lacy, fantasy land. But for motorists this world can quickly turn into a dangerous nightmare. Ask your mom or dad and they'll probably say: "I love snow. It's just that I hate to drive in it."

Now you can help your parents deal with this fear by creating a snow emergency kit for the family car. Most of the items on the kit list can be found in your house. A few of the bigger items can be bought at any hardware or discount store.

First you need an empty cardboard box that will fit in the trunk of your family car. Label it "Snow Emergency Kit." Take an extra blanket from the house and put it in the bottom of the box. If you get stranded, it will keep you warm.

Other items for keeping warm and dry are an extra pair of mittens and a pair of rubber overshoes. Flares or a reflective distress sign should also be included. Putting them a few feet behind the car will warn other drivers so they can avoid hitting the car.

If you get stuck you'll need food

and water. So put a few chocolate bars and a package of crackers in a sealable plastic bag and tuck them into your box.

Snow is frozen water; all you need to do is melt it. For that you will need a coffee can, a candle, and some waterproof matches. Put some snow in the coffee can, light the candle, then melt the snow (make sure it's clean)—instant water.

Another item you should put in your Snow Emergency Kit is jumper cables. A bag of kitty litter or rock salt can do double duty: First, it can act as a trunk weight for stabilizing the back end of the car. Second, you can place it around the car's tires if you get stuck. Every car should have a first aid kit for minor medical emergencies no matter what the weather.

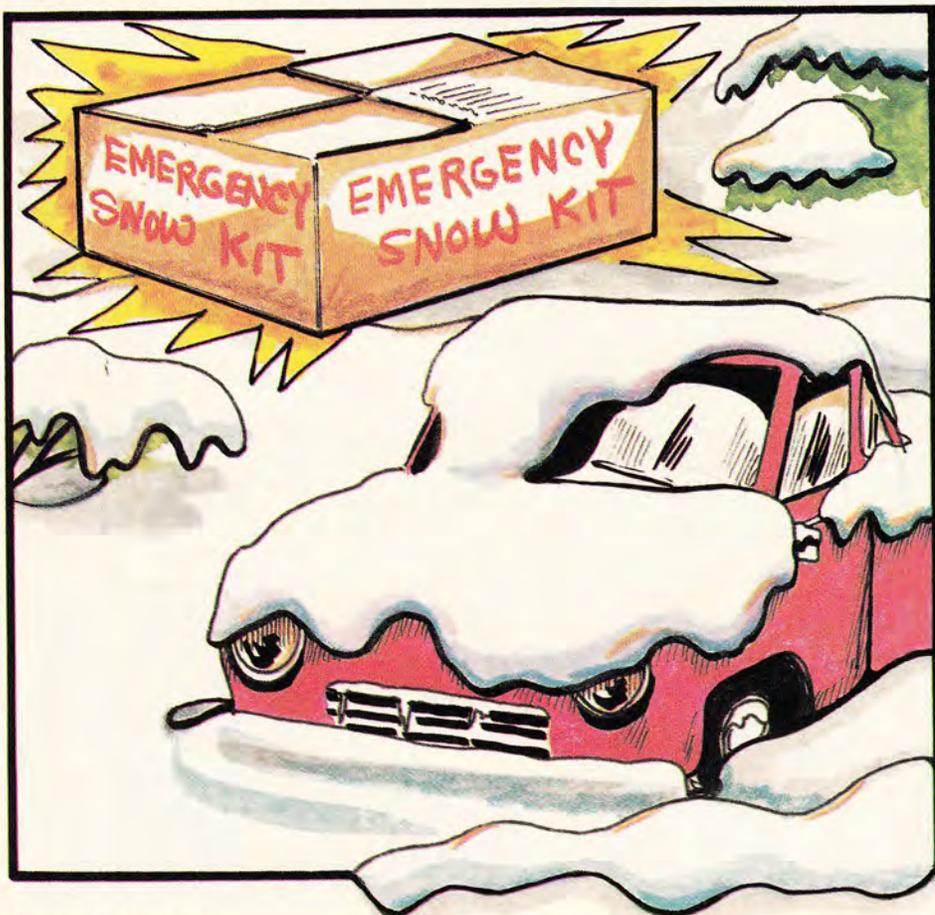
Now your Snow Emergency Kit is complete. If you do get stuck in the car in a snowstorm, the first thing to avoid is panicking. Unless your home is a short distance away, stay in the car. Tramping through wet snow in cold weather increases your chances of frostbite and hypothermia (the lowering of the body's temperature), which can be life-threatening. The best way to avoid these complications is to stay dry and warm.

If the car's engine is kept running, make sure the car exhaust pipe is not blocked by the snow. While the car is running, open a window a bit to allow in fresh air. Do this to help reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. (Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that is a by-product of burning gasoline.) You can also conserve on gas by running the car engine to warm up then turning it off for a while.

For information about driving in the snow, the American Automobile Association puts out a booklet titled *How To Go on Ice and Snow*. It gives helpful tips on pre-winter car maintenance, how to drive in the bad weather, and how to handle skidding and sliding.

You can call your local AAA office and request it, or write the American Automobile Association; Traffic Safety Department; 1000 AAA Drive; Heathrow, Florida 32746-5063.

Having a Snow Emergency Kit in the trunk of the car won't make driving in the snow easier, but it may give your mom or dad the confidence to watch the first few falling flakes and declare, "Let it snow!"



Comedy Corner

Answering her doorbell, the woman saw a timid-looking man carrying a small, black bag.

"Ma'am," he began, "I've come to tune your piano."

"I didn't call anyone to tune my piano," she replied.

"I know," he answered, "but your neighbor did."

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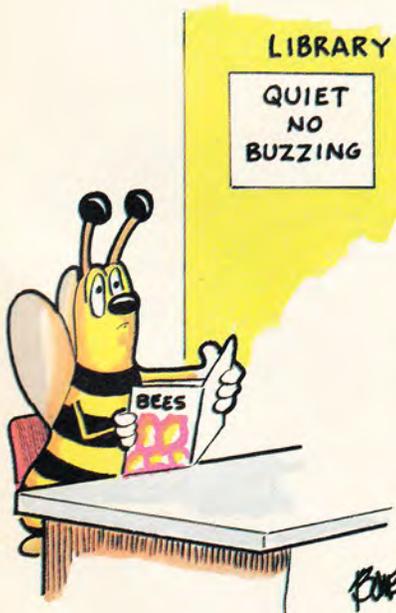
When a person blows his own horn, it's usually a "bragpipe."

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Did you hear what the mama lightning bug said to the papa lightning bug? "I think Junior is quite bright for his age."

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Two bird watchers were out in woods one day. One said, "What is that bird in the sycamore tree?" he asked, pointing upward.



"I THINK THE SCHOOL'S BUDGET PROBLEMS ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW UP"

"That's a gulp," the other replied.

"I've never heard of a bird by that name," the man responded.

"Well, it's like a swallow . . . but bigger."

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Overheard in a carpool: "Last night I had a horrible dream," one man said to another. "I thought I ate an enormous marshmallow."

"Then what happened?" asked the other.

"It was the strangest thing," he replied. "I woke up and my pillow was missing!"

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Three small boys were sent to the principal's office.

"Why did the teacher send you to my office?" the principal asked the first boy.

"Because I threw peanuts into the pond," he answered.

"And why are you here?" the principal asked the second.

"Well . . . I also threw peanuts into the pond."

"So why are you here, young man?" the principal asked the third boy.

"I'm Peanuts!" he wailed.

Martha Beckman
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Two boys on vacation were arguing about whose state had the best weather.

"Do you mean to say your state has sunshine 365 days a year?" one boy asked the other.

"That's right. And that's a mighty conservative estimate too!"

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Patient: "Can this operation be performed safely, Doctor?"

Doctor: "That, sir, is just what we are about to discover."

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Uncle Bob: "Well, Billy, were you brave at the dentist's office today?"

Billy: "Sure was!"

Uncle Bob: "Then here's the dollar I promised you. Now tell me, what did the dentist do?"

Billy: "He pulled two of Willie's teeth."

Thomas LaMance
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