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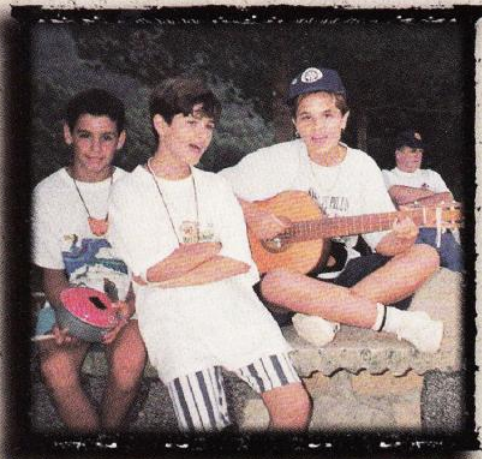
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Rangers: We're Everywhere!

by Bob Posey

I just wanted to tell you about the Royal Rangers I have met around the world. You know here in America we only have boys in Rangers, and, believe you me, we have a lot of them. But in other countries there are both

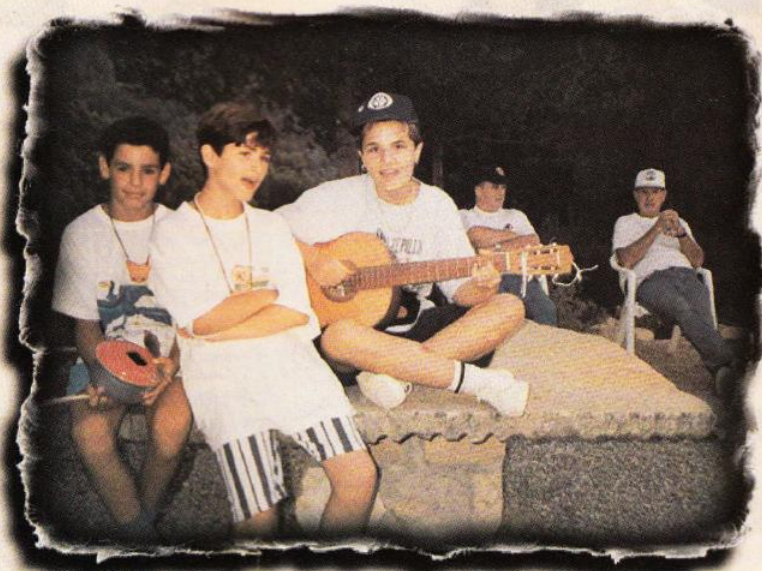
I went to a Camporama in Spain and the National Royal Ranger was a girl. I was a little surprised, but after watching the games and competition I could tell a Ranger is a Ranger whether being a boy or a girl.

groups and sing or practice on their guitars. Some would play basketball while others studied for competition. The Spanish had two age groups—Pioneers and Explorers.

The Rangers in Spain are very talented singers and they love to worship God, sometimes praying all night. The Pioneers had less difficult games and events than the older group. Let me share about my trip to France.

One day we went on a field trip. We started by taking a raft for a way and then we hiked toward the mountain near France. The Pioneers' trip was a shorter one and we met them for lunch at a designated location.

At lunchtime I was given a sandwich with bright meat on it. I wasn't very hungry, so I gave it to a Ranger next to me and he ate it in a hurry. After lunch we



girls and boys in Royal Rangers. Just because they are girls doesn't mean they aren't able to do everything boys can do in Rangers.

Just hold still and let me tell you about some of the Rangers I've met.

The Rangers in Spain, while awaiting the next

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event or a meal, would sit around in small

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headed home where we arrived at 10 p.m. exhausted.

SWISS

In Switzerland, to my surprise, I found nearly all the Rangers camp in teepees. It looked like an FCF village. I also found that many of the teepees had a second story or a porch added to them. The second story was used to store lightweight items up out of the way, allowing more room in the teepee.

The Swiss Rangers tried to teach me a colored stick game. The game is a little different than what I am used to, but I was able to learn fast. The winner of the game gets to wear the hat, and this is a cherished item, especially when the sun is hot.

One thing I learned is that Rangers everywhere love to trade patches, bolo ties, or stickers. Can't speak the language? No problem! Sign language works well in patch trading.

In the Netherlands, or Holland as we some-

times refer to it, some of the Rangers wear wooden shoes. Now that would take some getting



used to for a cowboy!

In the Czech Republic, the Rangers uniform is brown shorts with a khaki shirt. One evening we sat around a lantern while the Rangers sang songs in their native lan-

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guage. I could not understand them, but I recognized the music to several familiar Christian songs. They also sang songs in English. However, they could not speak English. They learned the English songs from records, tapes, or compact discs they purchased.

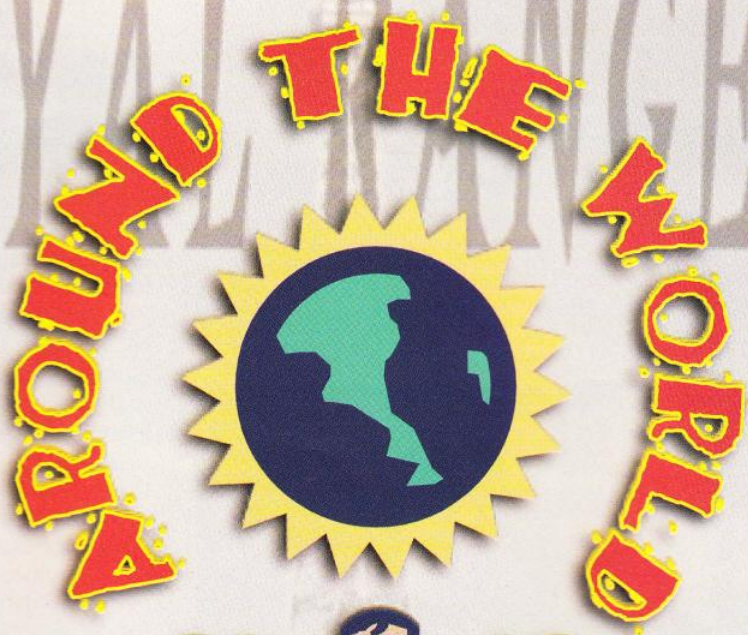
Throughout my travels, I often ask the question,

"What is the most exciting thing you have done in Royal Rangers?" Many times the response has been, "The first camp-out when I invited Jesus into my life."

Everywhere I have traveled, I have found that the Rangers have a common thread that binds us together. Yes, we all go camping, hiking, rafting, and many other outdoor activities that differ from country to country. But one thing is the same and that is our Savior Jesus Christ. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, we immediately become members of the family of God and we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you are not sure that Jesus lives in your heart, why not talk to your commander, pastor, or a friend to lead you in the sinner's prayer. If no one is around, you can talk to Jesus by yourself and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart. It's that simple, and He will if you really mean what you are saying. If I don't see you again on this earth, I want to see you in heaven.

ROYAL RANGERS



If you have never attended a National Camporama, you may not realize there are Royal Rangers around the world. Currently the Royal Rangers program operates in 56 nations. Unlike in the United States, the Rangers program in most countries is offered to boys and girls.

Papua New Guinea

This nation is made up of the east end of a large island north of Australia, plus several smaller islands. Each year in Papua New Guinea more boys and girls are joining Royal Rangers. An equal number of boys and girls are Royal Rangers. This country does not have the large number of Royal Rangers as in the United States. In the four regions there,

for example, three outposts are in the southern region, two in the northern region, and one in the islands region.

Last year 107 Royal Rangers and leaders gathered for a national camp outing with a theme "Jesus the Healer, Baptizer, and Savior." During the council fire, with a full moonlit sky, they all sat around the council fire and sang songs of praise. Outposts presented stunts and drama, followed by a guest speaker. After God's Word was preached, the Almighty released the floodgates of heaven, and a heavy downpouring of His Spirit fell. Not even the strongest person could stand—everyone was slain in the Spirit and they cried and laughed.

The Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in the towns, cities, and remote villages of Papua New Guinea. Can the devil stop

this move? No way. Our God is almighty and is in supreme control of His creation!

Australia

The nation of Australia is located in the southern hemisphere, thus acquiring the name "The Land Down Under." Royal Rangers has been operating in Australia since 1965. This nation was the first international guest to incorporate the Rangers program. Now over 4,000 members, including both boys and girls, participate in Royal Rangers.

As in the United States, Australia holds National Camporama every 4 years. One is being held in January 1997 in Queensland. Many of the activities we participate in here are similar to those in Australia. But

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when we are going on winter camp-outs here, the Australian Rangers are enjoying their summer events.

Singapore

The first Royal Rangers outpost in Singapore started in the 1970s. Since then Royal Rangers has grown quickly in this island nation, which is located at the tip of the Malaysian peninsula in Southeast Asia. The Singaporean Royal Rangers are

Vanuatu

This nation is made up of a small group of islands in the South Pacific, between Papua New Guinea and Fiji. There are only two outposts in Vanuatu.

Germany

This nation is located in Central Europe. The Rangers ministry there has been blessed in the last 14 years since it start-

Russia

Russia was once part of the Soviet Union. The country is located in the northernmost part of Europe and Asia. It covers 11 time zones.

A Royal Rangers commander in Germany received a call, "Come over to Russia and help us!" Soon after, the commander and his outpost began to raise funds and to gather supplies for the 3-day trip. He also began to challenge other outposts in Germany to help.

Upon their arrival in St. Petersburg, the leaders visited orphanages and children's hospitals, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. As a result, many young people accepted Jesus as their Savior. The trip was so successful that the commanders made a follow-up visit, and the church there became interested in learning about Royal Rangers. The interest in Royal Rangers brought five Christians from Russia to a Royal Rangers National Training Camp in Germany. Then in April 1995, the first NTC for leaders was held, gathering leaders from different parts of Russia.

The training camp made a tremendous impression on the Christians. As a result many leaders received the call to reach the young people; thus Royal Rangers was begun.

Richard Breite, former national commander of Germany, and his wife visited the Royal Rangers in St. Petersburg. In that city a "Jesus March" was conducted, in which many evangelicals participated. Richard said: "My heart rejoiced when I saw many young people following the banner of the cross. Among them was a group of Royal Rangers. They carried the Royal Rangers flag through the main streets of the city, where once the communist revolution had focused."

Switzerland

Since Switzerland implemented Royal Rangers in 1981, an average of one-third of the chil-



Australian FCF members

famous for their smart-looking uniforms.

Malaysia

Royal Rangers started in the early 1980s in Malaysia, and today the ministry is thriving over much of the country. Malaysia is located in Southeast Asia next to Thailand and underneath China.

Sri Lanka

This country is a large island off the southeastern tip of India. It has over 30 outposts with about 1,000 Royal Rangers. Life can be difficult in Sri Lanka because of the political unrest, however, the Royal Rangers leaders are working diligently with the children to equip them for life and to serve the Lord.

ed in Naumburg, Germany. There the first-ever National Training Camp was conducted by Johnny Barnes, now deceased national commander of the United States.

Now Germany has 132 active outposts and about 800 leaders. The Rangers program in Germany also includes girls in the activities. Germany conducts national camps and training events just as we do here in the States.

Today the Royal Rangers national leaders are helping build the Royal Rangers program in Romania, Hungary, Russia, and Holland. The German Rangers enjoy the many outdoor adventures we do. They float hand-made rafts down isolated waters, explore caves, hike the beautiful German terrain, and rappel the scenic cliffs.

dren being reached are from unchurched homes. The best opportunity to evangelize neighborhoods and friends is an exciting outpost meeting conducted by committed, well-trained leaders.

Today Royal Rangers is established throughout Europe—Switzerland, Sweden, Poland, France, Denmark, Czech Republic, Romania, Portugal, Finland, Norway, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, the Netherlands, Russia, and Hungary. In all the European countries, both boys and girls are being served through the Royal Rangers ministry.

Denmark

Denmark is neighbored by Sweden to the north, the United Kingdom to the west. Royal Rangers was planted in Denmark in 1991. Handbooks, leaders' courses, and other literature were soon translated into Danish.

Today about 90 boys and girls participate in Royal Rangers. The ministry of Rangers has served as a great tool to reach boys and girls for Christ.

Romania

Romania is north of Bulgaria. Royal Rangers began in Romania 4 years ago. Since then many boys and girls have found Jesus. About 80 percent of those who participate in Royal Rangers have received Christ through Royal Rangers, many having received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Now both boys and girls enjoy the Royal Rangers camps and activities, which are full of adventure.

Latin America

Latin America is south of the United States. Currently Royal

Rangers is planted in 18 Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. Those countries range from Mexico through the countries of Central America, to Chile and Argentina in South America, and to the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean.

The Royal Rangers ministry has been established in Latin America almost as long as it has in the United States. Missionary George Davis was one of the first missionaries to begin Royal Rangers in Latin America.

El Salvador alone has 255 outposts, with nearly 7,000 Rangers, 800 leaders, and over 1,000 outpost councilmen. This growth has occurred in a nation that has suffered civil war for many years. It was one of the countries where people won-

ship skills. In Latin America, Royal Rangers gives a boy the opportunity to be someone.

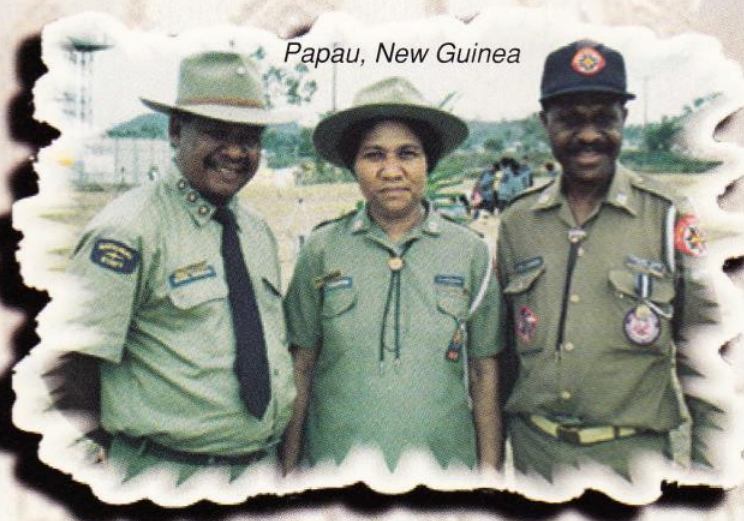
You see, in Latin America most boys have few pleasures in life because of the poor economy. They do not have the pleasure of new clothes, toys, or eating out at McDonald's. So Royal Rangers gives a boy who has nothing and has no identity the opportunity to be a leader. Suddenly he is transformed to the guide of a patrol and he is in leadership. Now, to that boy, he is somebody. And that gives him a sense of identity, which he would never have gotten had he not been a part of Royal Rangers. As he accepts the Lord, he becomes a senior guide, then eventually becomes one of the commanders.

To boys and leaders in Latin America this speaks loudly: the opportunity to be somebody. And being somebody means having others show them respect—most importantly, knowing the Savior who cared enough to die for them.

Conclusion

Now you have a better idea of the awesomeness of Royal Rangers. In the United States alone well over 1 million boys have participated in the program. That number added to the multiplied thousands of boys and girls around the world who are in Royal Rangers gives a sum total of "a bunch of kids!"

God has blessed this ministry, and boys and girls around the globe are learning how to better serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Think about it. Just about anywhere you go these days, you likely can find someone who is like you: a Royal Ranger who is serving the Lord!



dered if any program like this would ever thrive.

About 3 years ago Foreign Missionaries Eugene Hunt and Doug Marsh began dreaming of establishing a training center based in Costa Rica. During the 1995 National Royal Rangers Council in Springfield, Missouri, the councilmen pledged \$72,460 toward this project. As soon as all funds are raised, the training center can be built and training begun to teach men from 14 Latin American nations how to reach boys for Christ.

Training and identity are two of the strongest influences on a boy's life in Latin America. Royal Rangers teaches the boys leader-

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MAJOR BUMMER

by Rev. Robb Hawks

Jonathan couldn't believe it. Here he was halfway around the world about to go on a JLTC in Singapore! Wow! Jonathan still could hardly believe his parents had actually let him go with Commander Hawks. But here he was!

Singapore is a very modern city in the Orient. But the training camp would be held not in the city, but on a little island. The 30-minute boat ride had been fun. Now with his camp gear on his back and a walking stick in hand, Jonathan and Comman-

der Hawks hiked 3 miles into the heart of the small island.

The roads were not blacktopped, but were bright red clay. Singapore is only 2 degrees north of the equator and the plant life looked like something out of a Tarzan movie.

The camp was just a hillside overlooking a lake. There were no cabins, showers, or even "portajohns"! Suddenly Jonathan was surrounded by the Singaporean Royal Rangers.

"Commander Hawks! What are all these girls

doing here?*" Jonathan asked in shock.

"There are girls in Royal Rangers in Singapore, Jonathan," Commander Hawks said. "The girls will be in all girl patrols and have a woman commander as their advisor."

"But, but girls in Royal Rangers? Won't that make for a sissy camp!" Jonathan exclaimed.

"You had better get your act together quick, Jonathan. Many girls in Singapore earn their GMA before the boys do. These girls aren't sissies; they are some sharp Royal Rangers," Commander Hawks said.

Soon Jonathan was in his patrol with the other boys. A trumpet was sounded in the distance and he soon found himself down at the lake. All the Rangers had formed a long, single line that started at the lake and ended at a plastic swimming pool on the hillside. Buckets were dipped into the lake then handed from Ranger to Ranger until they were finally dumped into the swimming pool.

"Why bother filling a swimming pool?" Jonathan

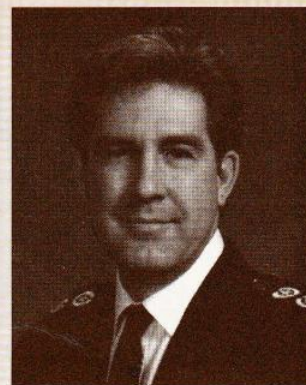


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In this international edition, what could be more appropriate than to discuss "reaching our world for Christ?"

The Great Commission, as stated in Matthew 28:18-20, has remained the driving force of the Assemblies of God since its inception in 1906. Likewise, evangelism is the primary focus of the Royal Rangers ministry.

In 1989 the national office began exposing Royal Rangers to missions through articles in the *High Adventure*. Then in 1993 the Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program was introduced to Royal Rangers and their commanders, enabling them involvement in missions through gospel literature. In addition, 4 years ago the Royal Rangers ministry began gearing up for urban evangelism. Apparent is the overwhelming need for world evangelism!

"But what does Royal Rangers and world evangelism have in common?" you might ask. The answer is simple: Everything! The heartbeat of Royal Rangers is to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ. The word *reach* is an action verb. We cannot passively wait for boys to come to church on Wednesday nights; we must reach them where they are. For such reason the Outreach Ministry Program was initiated so that extension outposts could be held in locations such as neighborhoods, government projects, and schools. And for such reason we have always taught that home visitation is imperative.

If we are to reach our world for Christ—which is a command, not an option—then we must begin "reaching!" We do have a choice, however. God has given each of us a free will to choose eternal life or eternal death. We have a choice to be victorious dynamos for Christ or to live our lives in worry and fear. And we can select whether or not to obey God's commands. However, the Bible puts choice into perspective: "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

"The power of choice is recognized throughout the Word of God as a dynamic necessary to fulfill the Great Commission," states Rev. Charles T. Crabtree, assistant general superintendent of The Assemblies of God, in the book entitled *Decisive Leader*. "Biblical references to making choices are staggering. From the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation we follow the path of human decisions and their consequences...."

"In spite of our grand Pentecostal heritage and our great authority through the Holy Spirit, it is disturbing to see so many in our Assemblies of God fellowship choose to do nothing out of the ordinary to reach the lost with the gospel; to them, the status quo is acceptable. Often, past failures and seemingly impossible situations is their rationale for doing nothing. But ... if we are to have a real Decade of Harvest, we must refuse to dwell on who we are not, what we do not have, and what we can't do. We must make the decision to claim the promise that through Christ, we can do all things!"

The point is clear and the commandment obvious. So let us choose to reach for Christ our neighborhood boys, our urban boys, our boys in other nations. It is the Royal Rangers way!

I leave you with the words from the apostle Paul, as he recounted the commandment from Jesus Christ to evangelism. The words are for us today as well:

"Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you.... I am sending you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:16-18).

The Leadership Crisis

by Rodney Davis

Your eyes survey the Sunday morning congregation to compile a mental list of all eligible men. Your search criteria: alive, red-blooded, and walks upright. It's crisis mode for you! There is an outpost of 15 boys that need a leader, and finding this man is your job. You may be the senior commander with too many "irons in the fire." Finding another worker is the one thing that could take the joy out of your service to God. You may think it easier to walk on water than find a willing volunteer who will commit to working with boys.

What makes this task so unpleasant? You may be in a church where extra men who are willing to work are as scarce as a cat that barks! Your church may have surplus men, but working with boys is the farthest activity from their minds.

Reviewing the list in your mind, you begin to sort the men into the "definitely no" and the "may come around with some persuasion" groups. Either group has only a few names.

With the increase in your level of desperation, you begin walking the halls of your church looking for some unsuspecting person. Ah, there he is now! He is relatively new to the church, looks like he might be someone who could handle a group of intense young men.

Poised with the *Royal Rangers Leader's Manual, Outpost Planning Guide*, current issue of *High Adventure Leader*, and a boy's handbook, you stalk your intended volunteer. With all the cunning of a panther you corner the unsuspecting man. Before he knows what has happened, you've told him how much you appre-

ciate his willingness to serve. As you walk away you dump an armload of material on him and say over your shoulder, "The meeting is at 7 p.m. in Room 203 ... God Bless you ... I'm here if you need me!"

Satisfied that yet another leadership crisis has been averted, you return to the service, thanking God that He has provided another laborer for the harvest as He promised to do.

Although this story is fictional, there is some truth to it. In some ways this is the method used to find many of our leaders. We wait until a situation becomes a crisis and then frantically search for a replacement.

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Sadly, the man in this story is reminiscent of many men in Royal Rangers. They were persuaded into leadership instead of being *called*. Without training a man may only last a year in Royal Rangers. After a year of struggling, he may burn out or find some excuse to quit. The result can be someone that will reject all further calls to ministry because of his failure; he will decide that the ministry is not for him. It will be clear to him, but the reality of the situation is that he was not ready to serve or was not serving in the right area.

The factor that makes the differ-

ence between working for a year or two and dedicating the rest of your life to God's service is having a divine call on your life. This doesn't mean that you must give up your career, go to Bible school, and eventually preach. In this sense a divine call means a God-given burden to work in His vineyard that souls might be brought into the kingdom of God. These men, called by God, will roll up their sleeves and say, "I'm not afraid of

hard work; take my abilities and use them for Your glory."

What we need in our outposts are some men like Nehemiah. He had a call to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. When he heard about the condition of the people who escaped, Nehemiah sat down and wept and mourned and fasted and prayed. Before he laid one brick in place, he made sure God was directing his path. When God is moving the doors *will* open. God may not act according to the manner or time we think best, but in His time He will bring it to pass. God softened the heart of Artaxerxes so he would allow Nehemiah to undertake this project.

Just as it is required of stewards that they be found faithful, as Nehemiah was, it is mandatory of leaders that they have a vision for what God wants them to do. In Nehemiah's case he set before the people the task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. They were given the challenge of the task and they were encouraged that they could complete it. They were inspired by the fact that God would be with them and that the king approved.

With the report that both God and man were in agreement, they could only respond, "Let us rise up and build." After they made the commitment, then they took their faith one step further and made preparations. The Bible records that "they strengthened their hands for this good work" (Nehemiah 2:18).

In this account we can see a model for us to use in the selection of leaders. They must be called to the task. If by coming to a person and leaving them no alternative but to say yes, all that has been accomplished is putting off the problem for a year, if they last that long. What effect will



God equips those He calls; do we? He gives them insights, abilities, and energies for the job He has placed them in.

By working in the area that God has designed for each person, we can take advantage of His preparations. For some this strengthening might have been getting training in bricklaying. It could have been getting into shape so that they would have the stamina for the great task. It tells us that before we can begin a God-given job, we must be prepared for the task.

It is good to be instant in season and out of season, but if we are to be what God wants for us, we must take the time to strengthen our hands. This statement tells us that

this have on the boys? You will have succeeded in filling an empty position with a warm body, but you have not found a leader.

we might have to wait for the person to be ready before he starts on rebuilding walls.

Secondly, a leader has to have a

plan that the people can get behind and support. He must have a vision that the people can follow. It has been said that leaders are people who can see farther down the road than those around them. Armed with this information the leader must be able to communicate what must be done.

A prospective leader must see what God wants to do through him and how the work of the Lord will suffer because of his unwillingness to lead. He too must be reminded that God will ultimately be the One doing the leading and all that is required of him will be faithfulness.

Knowing this his response to your question, "Will you work with a group of boys?" may be, "Let me pray about it and see if this is the ministry I am called to." For your part you will have to trust that God is preparing the way and in His time He will send the right man for you.

When a man knows that God is in it, then he will have no problem saying, "Let us arise and build the kingdom of God."



NEWS

Royal Rangers Announces New Challengers Program

The national Royal Rangers Office now offers a new Challengers program for older boys. Challengers is a new emphasis of the Royal Rangers ministry, designed to reach boys in grades 10 through 12, ages 15 through 17, in the local church. Royal Rangers who are currently in the Air, Sea, or Trail Rangers programs will now be called Challengers.

The Challengers program will include the traditional Royal Rangers program called Trail Rangers plus additional "special interest groups." The special interest groups will focus on topics such as air, sea, and law enforcement. Rangers who participate in any of the special interest groups will wear a collegiate-looking Challengers outfit. They cannot wear the traditional Royal Rangers uniform unless they are also Trail Rangers. Conversely,

Rangers in the Challengers Trail Rangers program may wear the traditional uniform.

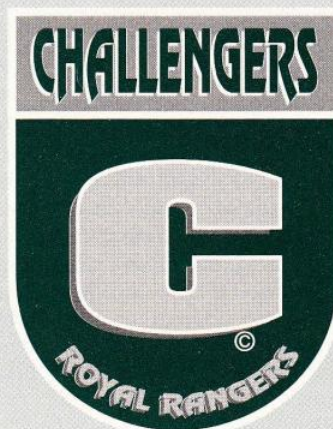
Each special interest group will have its own handbook. The *Trail Rangers Handbook* is offered through Gospel Publishing House. Other Challengers programs and corresponding books—focusing on interests such as air, sea, law enforcement, and evangelism—will soon be offered as well.

The Challengers program offers five advancement levels: Quester, Adventurer, Voyager, Discoverer, and Navigator. To complete each level, Rangers must earn required merits and elective merits and complete one of the five steps of the Spirit Challenge.

The Challengers program will offer a special collegiate look, consisting of a Challengers cap, a T-shirt, and a jacket,

which has the Challengers patch on the left breast. As merit and advancement pins are earned, including the Medal of Excellence, Rangers can place the pins on the Challengers jacket patch or cap.

As noted above, Rangers must be in the Challengers Trail Rangers program to



wear the official Royal Rangers uniform—or to participate in the Gold Medal of Achievement program, the Ranger of the Year program, and the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship program. (Note: Rangers may participate in one or more programs.)

On the Trail Rangers uniform Rangers will wear a Challengers name tag. They will also wear the advancement pins above the left pocket in place of the highest Pioneers pin earned. For example, when a Challenger earns his Quester advancement pin, he will remove his Pioneers pin and replace it with the Quester pin. When the Challenger earns his Adventurer advancement pin, he then removes his Quester pin and replaces it with the Adventurer pin—and so on.

The Challengers advancement pins are designed to wear on both the Challengers Trail Rangers uniform and on the Challengers jacket. However, the merit pins, as they are earned, may not be worn on the Trail Rangers uniform, but the merit ribbons instead.

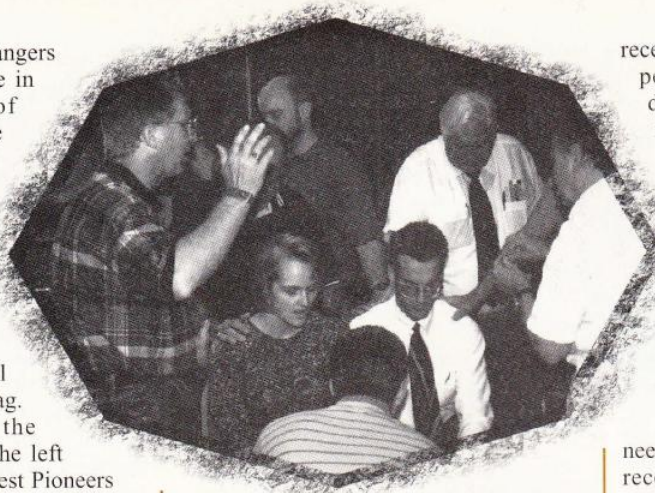
The Challengers program offers many new and exciting opportunities to Royal Rangers. Get your Rangers ready for adventure by becoming a Challenger, today!

Harvest Task Force Team Touches Providence

Urban Providence, R. I., was the site for the second ever Royal Rangers national Harvest Task Force trip, June 21-25, where leaders gathered to fast, pray, and evangelize. The team of eight leaders joined with Home Missionary Brian Griswold and about 10 of his staff members to reach the urban children of Providence for Christ.

Harvest Task Force Team Members: Ken Hunt and Marshall Bruner, national Royal Rangers Office; M. C. Aldrich, Springfield, Mass.; Edward Boulais, Danbury, Conn; Keith Brooks, Flint, Mich.; David Shepherd, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Don Terpiniz, Grand Junction, Colo.; David Wharton, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

The event unfolded early morning, June 22, as team members began fasting and praying for the local staff and children. Following, the Inner-City Ministries staff and the HTF team joined to "round up" about 400 children dwelling in three major housing projects in Providence. The crew passed through the projects echoing the words: "Wake up! Yogi! Yogi Bear! Yogi Bear Sunday School!"



With the first lap around each neighborhood, small faces could be seen peering out the windows above. As the members cheered and marched by each building the second time, children began to congregate. Many of the children walked out of their dysfunctional, fatherless homes to be embraced with loving arms by the Yogi Bear Sunday School team. At the third and final round, the march was in full force as children bounced along, many holding the hands of the staff workers, whose faces glowed with God-given smiles.

This Yogi Bear Sunday School would be like none other held by Missionary Griswold in Providence. This was a citywide event held downtown. As many as 400 children were escorted on buses to the mobile Sunday school site: a converted trailer with stage accented with colorful balloons and decor.

The final calling for children to accept Christ as Lord gathered not only children, but adults plagued by drugs, alcohol, and AIDS.

The event concluded as children each

received a McDonald's hamburger and a personal copy of *The Book of Hope*, developed and contributed by the national Light-for-the-Lost and Royal Rangers offices.

The major focus of the HTF team was to fast and pray.

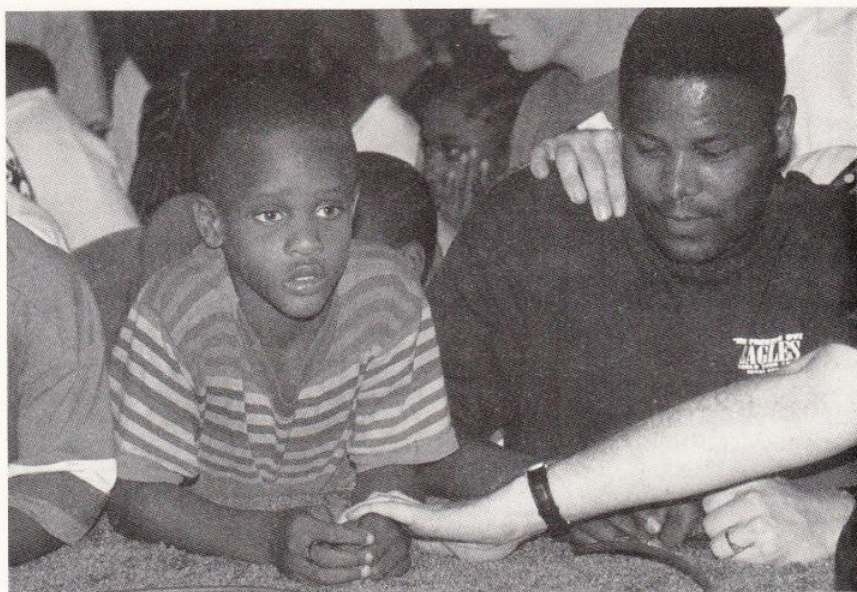
Following the citywide Yogi Bear Sunday School, the team spent the afternoon and designated periods during the following 2 days praying with youth, Inner-City Ministries staff, and church members.

The call to pray became apparent as needs were presented. One young girl had recently "jumped out" of a gang and is now struggling to follow God. (Gang initiation for girls often involves gang rape.) A troubled youth who had attempted suicide five times came for prayer. Another teen requested prayer for a stronger walk with God and God's direction on his life—he expressed remorse that no father was at home to help him through life.

God's power was presented in flesh as one lady, exuding joy, shared how God miraculously saved her out of a life of satanic worship. She was dedicated to Satan as a child and raised in an environment of satanic worship and rituals. Her task was to go into churches and pray during the services that Satan would destroy marriages and divide congregations. But God, she noted, had delivered her from sin's grip and gave her the name "Victory."

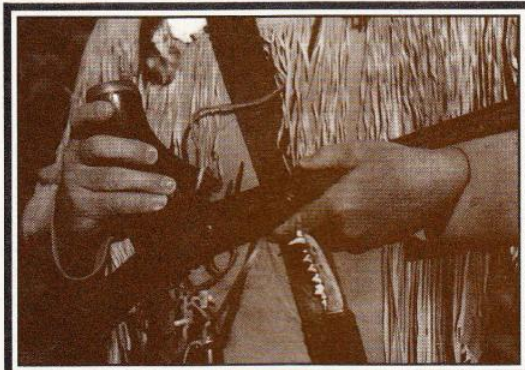
Inner-City Ministries staff members, who have devoted their lives to reaching the inner-city children of Providence, came forward for prayer; God's presence touched their lives with renewed strength.

Other activities of the HTF included Sunday services with local congregations. Several members of North Providence



Assembly, who needed healing of body and spirit and a new anointing on their lives, came forward for prayer following the morning service.

The HTF trip concluded June 25. The hours of focused prayer and evangelism proved greatly beneficial for Missionary Griswold and the HTF team.



Not only did the prayers for others change lives, but they impacted the lives of the HTF team. Each testified to the fact that their lives will forever be changed.

God does move through prayer as He breaks the strongholds of darkness, sets the captives free, and heals the brokenhearted.

1996 National Rendezvous Gathers World Travelers

Some 800 frontiersmen from around the world converged at Camp Eagle Rock,

Eagle Rock, Mo., in July to participate in a 6-day National Rendezvous. The event attracted boys, called "young bucks," and men, called "old-timers," who came dressed in frontiersmen outfits.

The National Rendezvous is held every 4 years at the national Royal Rangers campground. Delegates from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, and Sweden met with other FCF members from the United States for a time of activities, fellowship, and Spirit-ignited services.

Each day began with a 9 a.m. chapel service. Through-out the day, boys and men alike participated in frontiersmen competitions such as lighting a fire with flint and steel, shooting a black powder rifle, and throwing a hawk knife.

During the Rendezvous, two young men were elected by their peers as leaders to represent FCF across the nation. Eli Harris, from Texas, representing the Plainsmen Territory, was elected national scout. Chris Nicholson, from Ohio, representing the Voyager Territory, was elected assistant national scout. Congratulations, Eli and Chris, for your outstanding achievement.

The evenings were highlighted by services held under the star-glazed sky and visited by the power of the Holy Spirit. The altar calls to Christian commitment saw older boys and men embracing and praying for one another. Several yards away from the altar, members could be seen kneeling beside their handmade FCF seats praising God.

Rev. Ken Hunt, national commander, was the keynote speaker for the first evening service, July 15. Rev. Terry Raburn, former national director, Division of Church Ministries, now superintendent, Peninsular Florida District, delivered a powerful message Wednesday, July 17. The following evening speaker was Rev. Freddie Espinoza, Pacific Latin District commander, followed by James Barger, Great Lakes Region coordinator, on July 18. Fred Deaver, national FCF presi-

dent, was special speaker the concluding service on July 20.

The National Rendezvous was a life-changing experience for many who attended. Memories were created as friendships were bonded, the godly role of men being modeled, and a deeper love for the Lord being formed.

Attention: Poster Competition Update

Due to lack of participation, the national Royal Rangers Office is extending the poster competition presented last spring until November 15, 1996.

Leaders, please encourage your entire outpost to participate in this competition. The winner will have his submission published in the *High Adventure*.

The national office will not accept copies, computer-generated clipart not created by the artist, scans of current Royal Rangers or any other paraphernalia, or any other copyrighted material deemed not original art by the artist.

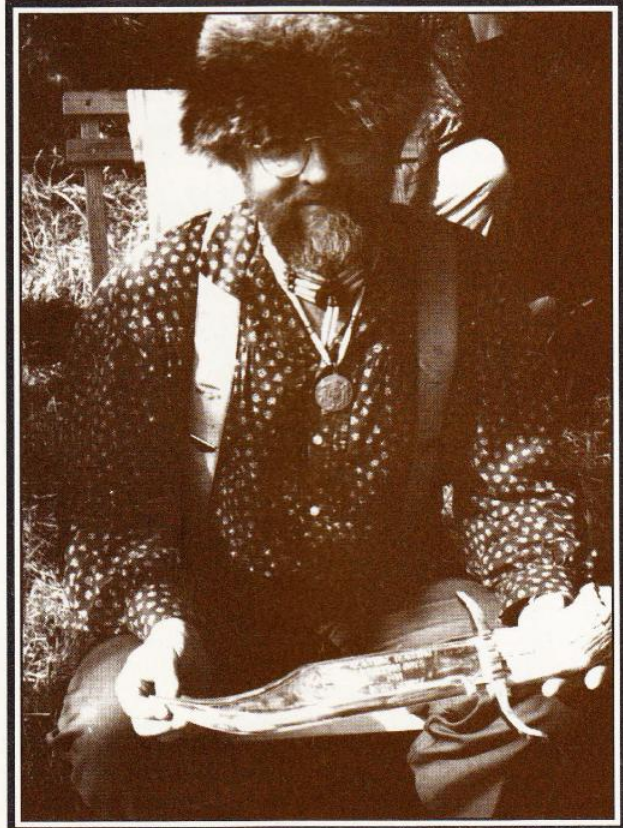
Thank you for your attention in this regard.

We are currently accepting posters in two categories: Fine Art (painting, charcoal, pastels, etc.) and Graphic Design (black ink, pencil, original computer art). If you have questions, contact the national office. Thank you!

A special note of thanks:

Donna Jester, long-standing secretary for Ken Hunt, accepted the early-retirement option given by the General Council this past August. Donna has served the General Council faithfully for over 30 years, over 20 of which were served with the Royal Rangers ministry. We wish her much joy, happiness, and success in her "new life." Thank you, Donna, for your service and faithfulness.

-The National Royal Rangers staff



YOUR OUTPOST PLANNING GUIDE



by John Eller,
National
Dispatcher

Straight Arrows/Buckaroos

Overall Approach: You have a tremendous resource in your local library for reference books, periodicals, and even audio/video cassettes. We live in an exciting world that is in a constant state of changes. Spark the interest of your outpost by introducing your own ideas and innovations into planning.

December

1st Week—Our Neighbor Canada:

Our friends next door live in a big country with beautiful scenery and clean, up-to-date cities. Its people have one of the highest standards of living in the world. Canada plays an important role in world affairs and trade. The United States and Canada are friends. While there were some wars in our early history, for many years the two countries have been partners. We share many things, among them the longest undefended border in the world. It is 5,524 miles long (including the border between Alaska and Canada).

Most Canadians (80 percent) live within about 120 miles of the border. Every day, thousands of Canadians and Americans cross this friendly border on business and vacations. We are also each other's biggest trading partner. Except in the province of Quebec, where most of the people speak French, most of us speak the same language—English.

We share many of the same interests. We listen to the same music. Television and radio stations beam programs and news across the border. Involve the boys in a discussion and ask these questions:

- (1) What do you know about Canada?
- (2) Has anyone visited there?
- (3) How is their flag different from ours? (Maple leaf)
- (4) Do they have churches similar to ours?
- (5) What do they call their boys' program? (Pentecostal Crusaders)

2nd Week—Our People:

Native people groups lived in Canada many years before the first Europeans arrived. Because of migration, Canada is made up of people from many different backgrounds. Many families came from England and France. Others came from Germany, Italy, Portugal, China, and other parts of Asia. Favorite sports for boys this age are ice hockey (Canada's national sport), basketball, soccer, and skating. Their favorite foods are much like ours. Canada is the second largest country in the world (Russia is larger). It covers about 3,850,000 square miles. China is third and the United States is fourth.

Canada has about 28 million people. The United States has about 260 million. (We have about nine times as many people.) The United States has 50 states, but Canada is divided into just 10 provinces and two territories. Their coat of arms recognizes England, France, Scotland, and Ireland as the four founding nations.

3rd Week—Leadership:

Queen Elizabeth II of England is also the queen of Canada, since Canada is still a part of the British Commonwealth. The prime minister is the head of their government, and his job is much like the U. S. president. The maple leaf has long been the symbol of Canada, which is covered by many forests.

The maple leaf has been on their flag since 1965. All government business is conducted in two languages. Most Canadians speak English, but some speak only French. Many speak both. The beaver played an important role in the history of Canada. Fur trappers helped settle the country. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Mounties) are the national police force. Canada has totem poles. Native peoples make up about 4.3 percent of the population.

Ask the following questions:

- (1) Why were beaver pelts important?
- (2) Does the queen ever visit Canada?
- (3) How would you like to meet a Mountie?
- (4) What would camping be like in Canada?
- (5) Would you need warmer clothes?

4th Week—Sharing Christmas:

Boys and girls in Canada celebrate Christmas much like we do. However, most of them have a better chance for a "white Christmas" with snow and ice. This gives opportunity for sledding, skiing, and skating. Many of the hills are snow-packed in winter and the lakes and ponds freeze. Canada is more of a "winter wonderland" than the United States. Christmas preparations are in full swing

this time of year, and reminders of the holidays are everywhere. Discussion questions: (1) Do people in Canada love Jesus? (2) Do they have Nativity scenes? (3) Are their Christmas songs like ours? Close with some Christmas melodies.

5th Week—Sharing New Year's Day:

The New Year is a time when many people in the U. S. and Canada share hopes and dreams for the future. We sometimes make what are called "resolutions." Make a list of goals for the New Year: Bible reading, church attendance, witnessing, making new friends, learning new skills, better grades at school, etc.



January

1st Week—Environment:

Canada has a wealth of natural resources, including huge mineral deposits. Canada is the number-one exporter of minerals. Every area has mineral deposits. Oil is also an important resource. Canada's lakes hold 50 percent of all of the world's fresh water. Water power produces 75 percent of Canada's electric energy needs. Their coastal waters have some of the world's best fishing areas. Forests cover more than 50 percent of their land area. Canada is also one of the world's largest wheat producers. Such wealth requires protecting the environment.

Both of our countries share these concerns. List on a chalk or dry erase board some common concerns:

- (1) Pollution of air, land, and water;
- (2) Recycling;
- (3) Waste disposal;
- (4) Preservation of natural resources;
- (5) Flood control; and
- (6) Protection from fire and other natural disasters.

2nd Week—Canada's History:

Native people had already settled Canada when Leif Eriksson and the Vikings arrived about 500 years before Columbus (about A.D. 1000). The Vikings' settlement in Newfoundland only lasted a few years. Explorer John Cabot

claimed the Atlantic Coast area for England in 1497. In 1534 Jacques Cartier claimed the St. Lawrence River area for France. Using a globe or world map, show how whaling ships from Europe set up camps and hunted for whales for oil to use for heat and light from 1550-1600.

In 1604 French fur traders set up the first permanent European colony in North America on the St. Lawrence River. Henry Hudson claimed the Hudson Bay area for England in 1610. He had been looking for a route to Asia. During the years 1689-1763 the French and English fought a series of four wars. In 1763 France lost most of Canada to England. The United States invaded Canada in the War of 1812. Neither side won, and Canada became forever united.

The Dominion of Canada was founded in 1867, when leaders agreed to a plan to unite several provinces with England's blessing. The gold rush began in 1896, and more than 80,000 people flocked to the Yukon Territory in search of riches. Canada today exports many automobiles. They are also the world's largest producer of newsprint. Canada and the United States have agreements that have helped to make each country the other's biggest trading partner.

3rd Week-Land and People:

Canada has the world's longest coastline. It has mostly plains with towering mountains on the west and lowlands on the east. Not many people live in the northern part because it is so cold.

Show a map and outline the six land regions. (1) The Cordilliers. These are mountains where mining, fishing, and forestry are important. (2) Northwest Territories. Little grows here because of the cold. The few people who live here mostly hunt and fish. (3) Interior Plains. Farms and forests. (4) Canadian Shield. This is a bare, rocky area that covers half of Canada south of Hudson Bay and east to southern Quebec. (5) Atlantic Provinces. Mostly small communities where fishing, forestry and mining are important. (6) Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands. Farming and manufacturing. More than half of Canada's people live here. This is also one of the world's longest inland waterways. Canadian Indians are called "First Nations" peoples. Natives of the northern coast are called Inuits. This is another name for Eskimos. Canada has immigrants from all over the



world. More than 60 languages are spoken by more than 70 ethnic groups. Canada and the United States are working to stop acid rain. Agreements have been signed to control the fuels burned in factories and cars.

4th Week-Super Bowl XXXI:

Sometimes when we want to make numbers look important, we use Roman numerals. You may find them on clocks, monument dates, movies and TV shows, on outlines in reports, on tables of contents, and even the Bible.

Does Super Bowl XXXI look important? It is the annual championship football game between the best AFL team and the best NFL team. Eight of the top most-watched TV shows were Super Bowls. People in 175 countries and territories will see it this year in 12 languages. Total viewers worldwide will be over 750 million.

Two teams have won the Super Bowl five times each: Dallas and San Francisco. Three have won three times: Steelers, Raiders, and Redskins. Two have won twice: Green Bay Packers and the Giants. The Jets, Chiefs, Colts, and Bears have one win each. Ask for opinions of who will win this year. Are some things more important than winning?

Make a list or show a poster of the 15 AFL teams and the 15 NFL teams. Who are the new teams? (The Carolina Panthers of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Jacksonville, Florida, Jaguars) The Dallas Cowboys have played in eight Super Bowls.

February

1st Week-Waiting Out Winter:

Where have many animals gone during these winter months? Into the ground or under rocks. Reptiles usually find places in the ground that are just above freezing. Some go into deep hibernation or sleep for as long as 4 or 5 months. Their body temperature drops, and they are in what is called "dormancy." Snakes seek safe places in rock piles or hillside burrows. Some return to the same place year after year. As many as 100 snakes might curl up in the same spot. They might not all be of the same type or species. When hibernating animals do not grow, eat, or drink. If they are not in good shape when they go into hibernation, they may die; their bodies just cannot handle it. Box turtles and other land turtles burrow into the ground under leaves. Lizards do not "den up" as some snakes do. They usually hibernate alone. They seek cracks and crevices. Why do animals hibernate? Because they must have ways of coping if they are to survive the cold. Winter may

become harsh when days get shorter and there is less light. When temperatures drop, food often gets scarce.

2nd Week-Valentine's Day:

February 14 is a special day for sending cards and flowers. But you can send a loving message by the way you act. You can celebrate the spirit of the day all year long. When we choose to treat others with respect and kindness, they will usually respond in the same way.

What would you do? (1) Mom is on the phone. (Keep quiet or make noise?) (2) It's time to get up. (Be cheerful or grumpy?) (3) Someone needs your attention. (Listen or keep watching TV?) (4) Your friend wants a turn on your bicycle. (Keep riding or give him a turn?) (5) Dad is paying attention to little sister. (Wait or start screaming?) (6) The class lines up for lunch. (Let someone get in front of you or push and shove?) (7) Grandpa is fixing something and needs a screwdriver. (Ignore him or volunteer to get it?)

You can send Valentine messages every day: (1) Clean up the mess you make; (2) Be nice to the new kid; (3) Laugh when someone tells a joke you have already heard; (4) Do not tell a secret and leave the third person who is present out of it; (5) Keep your promises; (6) Apologize when you accidentally bump into someone; (7) Share with others; (8) Compliment someone who can swim better than you; (9) Admit when you are wrong; (10) Speak to your classmates around town; (11) Be helpful at home; and (12) Consider others.

3rd Week-Winter:

Reptiles and amphibians are cold-blooded animals and are as hot or cold as the air around them. These include snakes, lizards, and turtles. They have skin covered with scales. They lay eggs on land, and the eggs are covered with a leathery or hard shell. Amphibians are frogs and salamanders. They spend part of their lives on land and part in water. They have moist skin and no scales or hair. Amphibians burrow into the mud at the bottom of ponds and streams in winter. They have almost no oxygen needs. What they need is absorbed through their skin and other body parts.

4th Week-Winter:

Most mammals do not hibernate. They mostly store up fat for the winter. Bears can hibernate 5 or 6 months. Ground squirrels, groundhogs, chipmunks, and some prairie dogs are called "true hibernators." They have underground dens for sleeping, food storage, and eliminating. Skunks, raccoons, and opossums take long naps. Birds fly south. Insects survive as eggs or pupa. Bees survive in

colonies. Butterflies go to Mexico. Ladybugs become dormant and make antifreeze with their own bodies.

Pioneers/Trailblazers, Air-Sea-Trail Rangers

Overall Approach: Our purpose is to take your Rangers on a tour of Assemblies of God missions. This will include the four major areas of operation: (1) Africa, (2) Asia Pacific, (3) Eurasia, and (4) Latin America and the Caribbean. Advise your outpost that Royal Rangers is an international ministry, operating in about 50 countries of the world. This means our ministry can be adapted to other cultures and peoples.

December

1st Week-Eurasia:

This area covers Western Europe, Eastern Europe/Balkans, Middle East/N. Africa, Southern Asia, and Southern Europe. We have about 500 missionaries in this area and over 6,000 ministers. There are over 12,000 churches and preaching points, and more than 2 million members and adherents. We operate 194 Bible schools (including extension schools) with almost 7,500 students. In landscape, language, and culture, this is a region of diversity. From the sand-swept shores of North America to the icy shores of Greenland, the people of Eurasia present a challenge. Within this region Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism all have their roots, and adherents of each struggle to share their views. Atheism and the occult also are well represented. In spite of the obstacles, the Holy Spirit is moving and people are responding to His leading. The church is going forward as believers look expectantly to the future.

2nd Week-Western Europe:

The U. S. military drawdown has breathed widespread changes in this area. However, God is blessing in this climate of uncertainty. Evangelism, discipleship training, student and youth ministries, and literature all contribute to the growth of the church. At a Good News Crusade in Gorlitz, East Germany, several people accepted Christ including the leader of a neo-Nazi group. Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels, Belgium, draws students from many nations. Also from Brussels students for Christ coordinate outreach efforts to European university students. Iceland represents a pioneer endeavor for the Assemblies of God. Missionaries have held the nation's first

kids' camping. Opportunities have opened to host a one-half hour children's radio program 5 days a week.

3rd Week-Eastern and Southern Europe:

Growth is being experienced in the central countries. Through the Open Curtain ministry, pastors from the United States serve as instructors, using teaching materials from ICI University. Teen Challenge, prison outreach, and children's ministries are very effective. The Balkans, which include Bosnia-Herzegovina, are having difficult times.

We need to pray for ministers and workers in this region. People in the former Soviet Union have a great hunger for God. We have established a seminary in Croatia, and students from every republic of the former Yugoslavia study in harmony. This is a witness to the love of God for the region.

4th Week-Middle East:

This is the land of the Bible, where God dealt with Israel and where Christ was born, died, was resurrected, and ascended to heaven. The Church was born here and flourished in the early days. War and strife has plagued this area for centuries. Conflicts today create a real challenge for our missionaries. The church in Iran is boldly standing its ground. In northern Iraq, there is a ministry to the Kurds. Revival fires are burning in Egypt—where Joseph, Mary, and the Christ child sojourned for a while. There are new churches in Jordan and Lebanon, and Arab churches in Israel are establishing new house groups. Work on a Hebrew-language children's Bible is complete. Discuss how the gospel message is the answer to Middle Eastern conflicts.

5th Week-Central and Southern Asia:

Literature and space for meeting places are critical needs in central Asia. As recently as 1993, 427 new churches were opened in India and 12 Bible schools formed. Some 2,000 students are being trained for the ministry. Nepal, once tightly closed to Christianity, now has a new openness. The number of believers in Nepal is estimated at 100,000. Congregations are outgrowing facilities. Space for meetings is badly needed. Remind your outpost group we are to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest. Lead in a special time of prayer for Assemblies of God missions everywhere.

January

1st Week-Asia Pacific:

This area covers Northern Asia, Pacific Oceania, Peninsular Asia, and East/Central Asia. We have over 325 missionaries there and over 10,000 national ministers. There are over 8,500 churches and preaching points and almost 2 million members and adherents. We operate 85 Bible and extension schools with over 6,000 students. The decline of Communism, the rise of Islam, and the dawn of the information society all present tremendous challenges for the Church.

2nd Week-Asia:

The changing political and economic climate in Northern Asia (which includes China and Japan), has placed the goal of spiritual revival in sight. Buddhism closed the door to the gospel for 2,000 years, and communism kept it closed for a few more decades in Mongolia. But the way is now opening. Despite oppression the Church in China is flourishing. One report indicates some 20,000 Chinese are being saved daily. Hong Kong, a British colony for 90 years, will revert to Chinese rule this year. Many Christians, fearing persecution, are leaving. Others are determined to stay and minister to their fellow Chinese. Japan and Taiwan are steeped in tradition and need a breakthrough in revival. In South Korea about 40 percent of the population now claims to be Christian. The Philippine Republic is a training ground for pastors and national workers. War-torn areas of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam now have a

witness.

3rd Week-Africa:

This area is made up of East, Southern, West, and Central Africa, Lusophone, and the Indian Ocean Basin. We have over 300 missionaries there, and some 14,000 ministers. There are almost 16,000 churches and preaching points and approximately 3 million members and adherents. We operate 121 Bible schools (including extension schools) with about 7,200 students.

The growth in Africa has been over 200 percent during the past 20 years. In Kenya alone, our work has grown to more than 1,000 churches. In Burkina Faso, West Africa, 80,000 Christian women fast and pray each Thursday. In Central Africa the church in Zaire has over





Outpost Commander's Award Evaluation Form

The Outpost Commander's Award is a special achievement award for outpost commanders who have demonstrated outstanding service. Except for the *Leadership Training Course* and national training events, all points must be earned for service rendered during the current calendar year.

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Section: _____ Outpost Number: _____

Fill in blanks below with the number of points earned.

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| 1. An up-to-date chartered group: 20 points _____ | 14. Outpost group using the patrol method program: 5 points _____ |
| 2. Completed <i>Leadership Training Courses I-V</i> : 20 points _____ | 15. Gold Bar meetings: 1 point for each meeting of boy/adult leadership planning outpost meetings and activities _____ |
| 3. Advancement participation: 25 points if at least 50% of boys in your outpost group received an advancement and if at least 4 Council of Achievements were conducted _____ | 16. Current Red Cross type cards: 2 points for each card _____ |
| 4. Outpost camp-outs: 2 points each _____ | 17. Outpost group service project: 2 points for each project _____ |
| 5. Outpost outings: 2 points for each except for camp-outs _____ | 18. Active FCF member: 2 points _____ |
| 6. Attended a National Training Camp: 5 points _____ | 19. Leadership meetings: 2 points each for attending area, sectional, or district Royal Rangers leadership meeting. _____ |
| 7. Attended other national training events: 5 points _____ | 20. Outpost group visitation program: 2 points for each home visited _____ |
| 8. Outpost group participation in a district Pow Wow: 5 points _____ | 21. Light-for-the-Lost involvement: _____ |
| 9. Boys won to Christ: 5 points each _____ | a) 2 points for attending a LFTL rally or banquet _____ |
| 10. New members: 2 points for each _____ | b) 2 points for an outpost group pledge to LFTL literature _____ |
| 11. Ranger of the Year program: 5 points _____ | c) 4 points for paying in full an outpost group pledge to LFTL literature _____ |
| 12. Wearing proper uniform at all functions: 5 points _____ | |
| 13. Outpost group meetings: 1 point each meeting conducted _____ | |
| | TOTAL POINTS EARNED _____ |

Requirement for Award

1. The outpost must have an up-to-date charter.
2. The commander must have completed the *Leadership Training Course*.
3. The commander must have a minimum of 180 points to qualify for the Outpost Commander's Award.

All outpost commanders who meet the above qualifications will be eligible to receive and wear the Outpost Commander's Award. Time period in which points must be accumulated: January 1 through December 31 of a given year.

NOTE: Please complete your copy of the *Outpost Commander's Award Evaluation Form* and mail it to your district commander, not the national office.

Your district commander will supervise the awarding of the Outpost Commander's Award. The amount of \$_____ should be attached to cover the cost of the medal and postage. Additional year pins are \$_____ for the pin and postage. (Prices for the award and year pins are subject to change by the Gospel Publishing House without notice.)

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

Please complete the following information: This is for the year of _____. This award is my (indicate how many times you have earned this award) _____.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1997

Royal Rangers national training events are designed to give you the 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.

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 1997: Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness), Florida, February 6-9; Emigrant Gap (Donner Mine Camp), North California, September 25-28.



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 Straight Arrows and Buckaroos ministries. Locations and dates for 1997: Falling Waters (Potomac Park Conference Center), West Virginia, April 10-12; Sisters (Camp Davidson), Oregon, September 19-21; Goodlettsville (Camp Ambassador), Tennessee, October 3-5; Colorado Springs (New Life Church), Colorado, June 21 and July 19.

EAGLE ROCK ADVENTURE is a 7-day, action packed camp for Royal Rangers ages 12-17 who are accompanied by their commanders. Campers will participate in activities such as high- and low-ropes courses, rappelling, cave exploring, hiking, archery, crafts, and riflery. Cost: \$125. Location and dates: Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Missouri, July 13-19.



NATIONAL ACADEMY is a national training school designed to train selected leaders to become staff members for national training camps. Location and dates for 1997: Phase II—Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Missouri, May 14-18; Phase III—Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Missouri, May 12-18.

NATIONAL CANOE EXPEDITION is designed to give leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and to provide outstanding adventures in some of the most beautiful canoe country in America. Locations and dates for 1997: Gaylord, (Lost Valley Bible Camp), Michigan, June 5-8; Parker, Arizona, October 16-19.

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 4 exciting days, carrying all their gear and food in backpacks. Locations and dates for 1997: Kyburz (Eldorado National Forest, Loon Lake), North California, August 21-24; Bakers Mill, New York, September 25-28; Watford City (National Memorial Park), North Dakota, September 25-28; Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Missouri, October 9-12.



WINTER NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP offers professional training to leaders in winter camping, camp craft, and various winter-related activities. The camp will be conducted in an appropriate winter setting. The camp is designed to inspire leaders to provide more activities for their outposts during winter months. Location and dates: North Limington (Christian Fellowship and Renewal Center), Maine, February 6-9.



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**NATIONAL TRAINING
CAMP
APPLICATION**



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____

NAME _____

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CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____

OCCUPATION _____

DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

You must be 18 years old or older to attend this camp.

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CAMP LOCATIONS FOR 1997

1 []	FLORIDA	FORT MEADE (CAMP WILDERNESS)	JAN 30-FEB 2,	1997
2 []	IOWA	OGDEN (A/G CAMPGROUND)	MAY 1-4,	1997
3 []	MARYLAND	WHITEFORD (CAMP SPENCE; BSA)	MAY 7 (WED)-10 (SAT),	1997
4 []	MONTANA	HUNGRY HORSE (GLACIER BIBLE CAMP)	MAY 15-18,	1997
5 []	N. CALIFORNIA	EMIGRANT GAP (DONNER MINE CAMP)	MAY 15-18,	1997
6 []	S. CALIFORNIA	TWIN PEAKS (FORT PINECREST)	SEPTEMBER 4-7,	1997
7 []	NEW JERSEY	WOODSTOWN (CAMP ROOSEVELT, BSA)	SEPTEMBER 4-7,	1997
8 []	MISSOURI	EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK)	SEPTEMBER 11-14,	1997
9 []	COLORADO	LAKE GEORGE (CAMP ALEXANDER)	SEPTEMBER 11-14,	1997
10 []	OHIO	BELLEFONTAINE (CAMP COTUBIC)	OCTOBER 9-12,	1997

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 consulting with my physician, I know of no physical limitation that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities."**

Any medical facts we should know: _____

(SIGNATURE) _____ DATE: _____

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$50** preregistration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee, which will be approximately **\$110**. 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. A map and additional information will be sent after you register.

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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 are 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
- 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).

* As desired

PERSONAL ITEMS

Sleeping bag
Air mattress or foam pad
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)
Flashlight with extra batteries

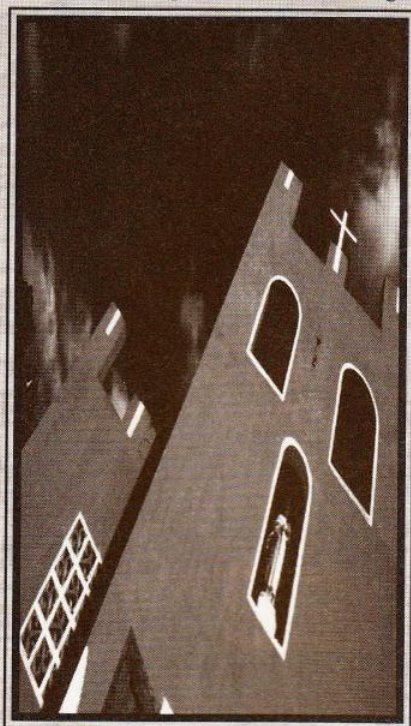
Personal first aid kit
Pocket knife and whetstone
Hand ax
8-inch mill file
Compass (Silva style preferred)
Waterproof match container with matches
Adventures in Camping handbook
Royal Rangers Leaders Manual
Small Bible
Pen and pencil

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Ditty bag to carry small items
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
Suntan lotion
Sunglasses
Pillow

300,000 followers. After suffering years of opposition, the church has gained recognition by the government in Congo.



Lusophone Africa are the Portuguese-speaking nations. Missionaries from the United States and Brazil are being used of God to win the lost. Southern Africa is strife-ridden, but God is working just the same.

4th Week-Special Ministries:

About half of Africa's people are under 15. The Africa's Children's program ministers to these young people. There are children's crusades in South Africa, a feeding program in Namibia, and an orphanage in Madagascar. Because AIDS is a serious threat in many parts of the continent, Africa's Children has published a booklet (*Edward Elephant Says...*) to teach young people how to behave in order to avoid contracting AIDS, how to care for AIDS victims, and how to find Christ. The Africa Harvest Projects and Coordination Office in Springfield, Missouri, provides services and printed materials for missionaries and churches in Africa. (*Edward the Elephant Says...* is funded by the Light-for-the-Lost Office. This cartoon booklet is one of our LFTL Junior Councilmen projects.) The Task Force Evangelism program coordinates and implements evangelistic efforts throughout Africa. Each year a nation is chosen for prayer ministries, tent crusades, and church planting. There is unprecedented opportunity to spread the gospel in Africa. Millions have been won to Christ, but there are millions more to win.

February

1st Week-Latin America and the Caribbean:

This area includes Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, Andean Region, and the Southern Cone. In this region we have over 465 missionaries and some 115,000 ministers. There are about 108,000 churches and preaching points and over 17 million members and adherents. We have 584 Bible schools (including extension schools) with some 38,000 students. Latin America is experiencing great revival. In the year 1990 alone, 20,000 new ministers and 4.5 million believers were added to the church. The church in Cuba has been oppressed for many years, but believers have remained steadfast. Today God is rewarding their faithfulness. A wave of revival is engulfing the island and thousands have come to Christ. Many have testified of healing. The national churches are growing stronger and more evangelistic in Central America as countries recover from political and economic instability. The church in El Salvador is training and sending out missionaries to other nations.

2nd Week-Andean Region:

In this mountainous area, the church is overcoming barriers to spread the gospel. Peru has suffered political conflicts for years, and many believers have been assassinated by a Communist guerrilla organization. Conclude this quarter's study of the nations by holding group prayer. Name the missionaries your church supports in prayer. Evangelists risk their lives to preach the gospel. Colombia is one of the most violent countries of the world. Yet in the

midst of this, people are finding peace in Christ.

Discuss what it might be like to witness in rebel-held territory. What are some of the dangers you might face? Does the Church have martyrs today? What do you think of people willing to give their lives for the cause of Christ?

3rd Week-Southern Cone:

In some of the southernmost nations of the world, God's Spirit is bringing unprecedented revival. Missionaries are being sent from Argentina to other countries. Brazil is the largest country in South America and has over 14 million members and adherents. In just 10 years, the church at Paraguay has grown from 17 churches to 216 churches and preaching points. Royal Rangers are very strong in Latin America.

4th Week-Specialized Ministries:

For more than 25 years, the Christian Training Network has sent a traveling faculty throughout Latin America to train pastors. Latin American ChildCare nurtures children's physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth. This work is being done in 16 countries, where children also receive medical and dental care and a daily meal. Children of Brazil Outreach provides religious instruction to public school children. STAR Communications reaches nearly every Latin American country with a variety of Spanish-language television and radio releases. The children's evangelistic program, *Lugar Secreto* (The Secret Place) has ministered to millions of children, many in areas where personal evangelism is difficult.



1996/97 Decade of Harvest Calendar

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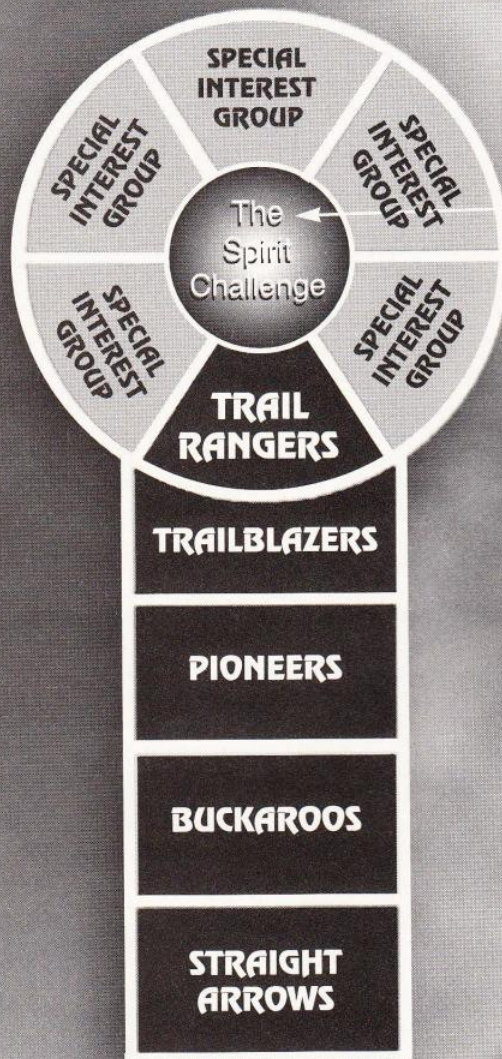
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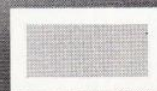
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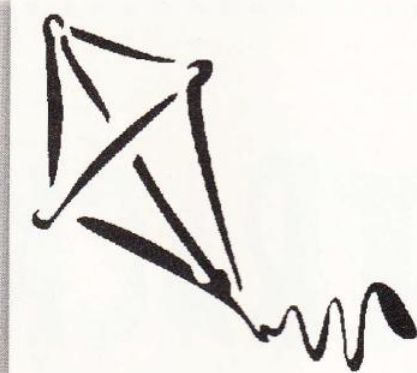
Rangers will have the choice to:

- 1.) Continue in the traditional program through the Challengers Trail Rangers program,
- 2.) Go into a special interest group,
- 3.) Be involved in the Trail Rangers program and a special interest group.

Kite Flying: The International Craft

by David and Marie Brecheen

One craft/game that is used around the world is kites. It is one adventure that boys and men alike enjoy. Let's take a look at the background of this "craft/game" and then explore how kites can be made.



No one knows for sure when the kite was first invented, but some feel it was first made by Archytas of the Greek city of Tarentum between 400 and 350 B.C. The Chinese dispute this by claiming that one of their generals, Han Sin, invented the kite in 206 B.C. There are recorded references of kite making and flying from countries all around the world. They were in all shapes and sizes and were made for many reasons.

The kite got its name from the kite bird, a bird of prey that belongs to the hawk family. They are found on all continents and on the large islands of the Southwest Pacific.

There are many kinds of kites, but most are made using lightweight wood frames with paper or cloth over the frames. They have a long cord attached so they can soar off into the air.

Each country has its own designs and customs in kite making and flying. Some are very ornate and colorful, while others are very large and take many people to get them up into the air. In making our craft project, we give instructions on how to make the most common and the easiest kite.

Supplies Needed:

Bow stick and spine stick (pine), 1/4 inch by 3/8 inch by 42 inch each; light string to tie kite together; glue, tissue, crepe, or light wrapping paper, six-ply cotton string, or fishing line (spool).

Instructions:

(1) Begin by cutting a small notch at the ends of each stick. After they are notched, they should be tied to prevent splitting. The notch is for the string to go in to form the frame for the paper to be glued around. Once the ends are notched take the spine stick, notch it or lash the bow-stick to the spine stick. This should be done about 6 inches from the top of the spine stick.

(2) Next, you are ready to put the string around the frame. It should be stretched tight. The paper is now ready to be cut to fit the frame. Always leave about an inch wider than the frame. This is to flap over the strings on the frame. Now it should be glued.

(3) Next the string bridle should be fastened to the spine stick, both at the top and the bottom. A knot should be tied with a loop so the flying line can pass through it freely. Now the flying line can be attached to the bridle and

the kite is ready to have the tail attached. This is done by tying small strips of cloth to the bottom of the kite.

The Tail

Tie the pieces of cloth on with a clove hitch. Make sure the tailpieces are evenly spaced.

(1) Let each boy who has made a kite select a design to put on his kite.

(2) Have a Kite Derby. Consider the following if you want to have a derby.

A. Entrance Requirements: All kites are hand-made—no store-bought kites.

B. A kite must fly at least 50 feet in order to be eligible.

C. Classes: Each class is determined by age only. The classes are:

- (1) "F"—Straight Arrows
- (2) "E"—Buckaroos
- (3) "D"—Pioneers
- (4) "C"—Trailblazers
- (5) "B"—Air/Sea/Trail Rangers

D. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places in each of the following categories:

- (1) Workmanship
- (2) Highest Flyer
- (3) First Kite in the Air
- (4) Smallest Kite that Flies
- (5) Largest Kite that Flies
- (6) Design

Judges can be picked from parents and/or the commanders that are there.



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THE THIRD TRACK

*by Rev. David L. Craun
Louisiana District commander*

The new Pioneers and Trailblazers handbooks are now a part of every outpost's available resource materials. Wow! There are so many new and exciting advancement opportunities for both Pioneers and Trailblazers. Pioneers can now earn merits and be recognized for them. Both groups can earn the Gold and Silver Hawk medals. There is so much more to do for the motivated Royal Ranger who is looking for something else to tackle as a new challenge. Soon the new Challengers curriculum will be available. These are indeed challenging and exciting times for any Royal Ranger who is looking for more things to do.

Well, finally we have solved the

problem of not having enough to do to keep the motivated boy busy until he gets old enough to advance to the next age level. But what happens to the boys who come to the Rangers meetings and like only the camp-outs and fun they have together at recreation time and on outings? They may have advanced to Powder Horn Rating or Second Class Rating, but are not really interested in doing the whole list of requirements to advance any further. They may only want to work on one part of the Advancement Trail, or are interested in specific merits having to do with a field of study they happen to like.

Try as hard as we may, many commanders do not know how to

motivate some of the boys to progress further in the Rangers' advancement system. If you have felt that way, you are not alone. Having boys in your outpost group who are not interested in the traditional Advancement Trail does not mean you have failed to do your job as a leader or that these boys have a problem you must correct.

I wish I had all the answers, but the truth is not all boys are alike and not all boys can be crammed into the same mold. Some of the boys are just not interested in the advancement system. How does a commander handle this type boy?

The answer lies in what has been called the "Third Track." Several years ago the need to create a new

type of curriculum based upon a modified philosophy of the goals of advancement was addressed. The National Program Committee was given the assignment to research what was working in various parts of the country to keep our older boys involved in the Rangers program. After more than a year of research, the committee found that several common factors kept boys motivated to stay in Rangers, stay in the church, and keep on serving the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord.

First, the committee discovered that "people contact" was more important than curriculum. All kinds of specialized activities were being developed by individuals who were doing the job of keeping their boys for Christ. Some guys were into aviation, others were involved in law enforcement, others were setting out in adventures on the high seas.

You name it and effective ministry to boys meant a leader who took time to listen to what the boys wanted to do and developed programs customized to fit their needs. What was really important was that Christian men with integrity were willing to take their time to be with the boys on a regular basis, get into their world, and challenge them to be strong Christians in everything they did. These leaders bridged the gap between what the boys were learning in church and where they lived in their everyday world.

Being actively involved with the boys was what was really important. Also, Ranger fellowship became more important than curriculum achievement. By being in the outpost and being with the leaders and other Rangers, the boys are being affected positively for Christ on a regular basis. Being a part of a Rangers patrol in and of itself has a lasting value that God can use to help direct the boys' lives to the path that will lead them ultimately to heaven.

Secondly, we learned that the needs of boys in urban areas were different than the needs of boys in suburban or even rural areas. Activity patches were developed by the nation-

al office to meet the specific needs of urban Rangers. These patches have proven to be excellent for more than just the urban outposts. They can be used in even the rural outpost with great success to motivate boys who may not want to get heavily involved in the standard track of advancement.

Finally, we realized that the traditional camping related activities did not attract all boys the same way. Not all boys were interested in outdoors adventure to the same degree as others. Some of these boys lived in the world of models, video games, computers, high-tech. sound, etc.

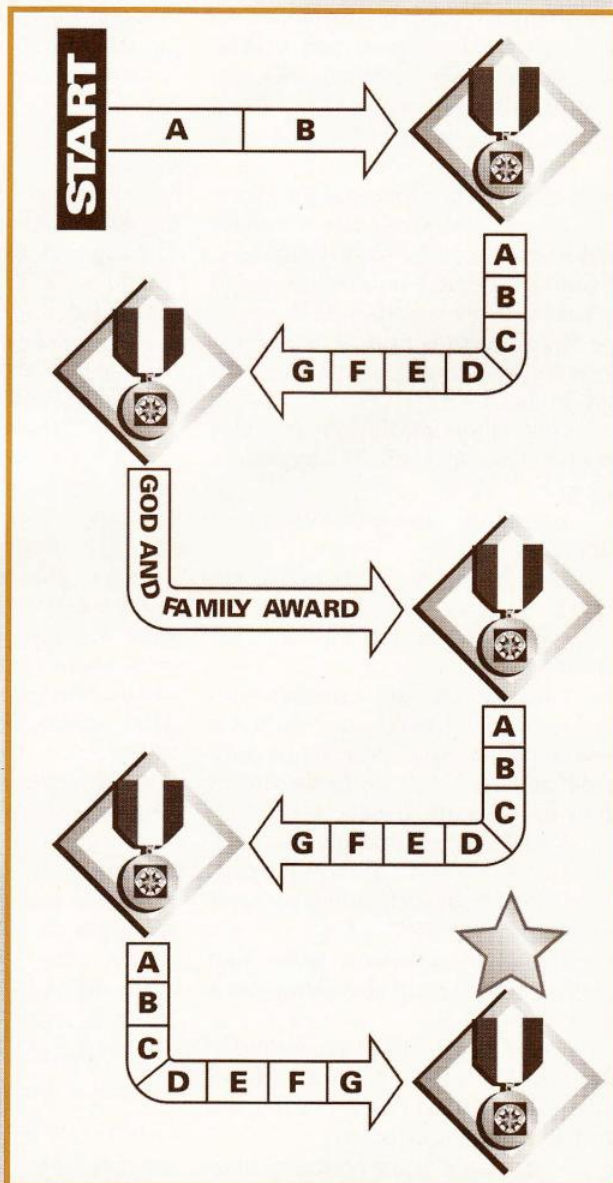
To reach and keep these boys required innovative ideas which met the boys where they were and tapped into their interest areas to bring them

into the Rangers ministry. Developing merits in the athletic programs such as baseball, football, etc., allowed the boys who were into these sports to be recognized in Rangers for their achievements. The concept was to get into the boys' world and give them Christian involvement, one-on-one, with what they liked to do.

So a boy is not interested in doing the Advancement Trail. Do not turn him off by insisting that he do everything the other boys are doing. Find out what his interests are, sit down with him and see how you can customize an advancement program to fit his interest needs, and go for it.

If necessary to keep a boy in Rangers, let him earn

Achievement Badges or merits. Our goal is to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ. The traditional Advancement Trail is only one way to reach our goal. You may need to develop a third track for that special boy in your outpost. If you care enough to get into his world, the task will not be too great nor will the challenge be too difficult. Go for it! Start that Ranger on the "third track" and see what you, the Royal Ranger, and Jesus Christ can do together.





Devotionals For Boys

by
Rev. David
Boyd

EVERY CREATURE

Items Needed: 1 silly hillbilly type costume (or whatever you choose) for Gus.

The following skit along with the skit for week number four can be acted out by two boys chosen from your outpost group, or two commanders, or a commander and a boy. The skit can be done "ad lib" or they can read it. Allow them some time ahead of class to practice it.

(Gus enters as he is preaching.)

Gus: ...and you need to repent and have Jesus take your sins away. If you don't, you won't be able to go to heaven and you will...

Lou: (Interrupting Gus) Gus, who are you talking to? There's no one around here!

Gus: (Pointing down) A rabbit just ran down that hole. I was preaching to it.

Lou: You were preaching to a rabbit?

Gus: Ya, I was trying to get him saved.

Lou: Gus, you can't get a rabbit saved.

Gus: I know. He wouldn't even stick around to listen to me. Now the cow stood there and listened to me for about an hour before he finally left. I think he was really under conviction.

Lou: You preached to a cow too?

Gus: Uh-huh. A cow, a pig, three birds, a squirrel, a dog, and now a rabbit.

Lou: Wait a minute, Gus. You can't preach to animals. They can't get saved.

Gus: Oh yes! I just read it in the Bible, in Mark 16:15. It says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Lou: Gus, "every creature" does

not mean you are to preach to animals! It means that we need to preach the gospel to people everywhere around the world!

Gus: You mean it doesn't include animals? It just means that we are to share Jesus with every "person" in the world?

Lou: That's right! That's why we have missionaries to share Jesus with people in areas of the world that we would never get to.

Gus: Oh, I see. "Preach the gospel to every creature." Boy, I really thought that dog could understand me.

Lou: Why? What made you think the dog was so smart?

Gus: Well, I pointed to the top of my house and asked, "What is that?" The dog said, Roof, roof."

Lou: Oh Gus. Come on. Let's go. (They begin to exit.)

Gus: Then I pointed to a tree trunk and do you know what he said?

Lou: What?

Gus: "Bark, bark!" Ha-Ha-Ha.

After your actors have sat down or left the room, explain to the boys the things Gus was doing right, such as: (1) Reading his Bible. (2) Trying to obey God's Word.

Explain that Gus misunderstood what was written in the Bible. Share with them that God is concerned about every person in this world. That is why He commanded us to make sure the gospel is taken throughout the whole world.

Discuss ways we can be a part of sharing the gospel at home and around the world. Ideas would include: witnessing, giving to missions, prayer, etc.

BE A SHINING LIGHT

Items Needed: A candle for everyone in class, a small piece of paper with a hole pierced into the middle, and some matches.

Give each child a candle. Give them a small piece of paper with a hole pierced in the middle. Have them shove half of the candle through the hole so the candle sits in the paper and the paper protects their hands from the hot wax. Light your candle at the front of the classroom. Shut off all the lights. The darker you can make the room, the better this object lesson looks. (Note: Always use extra caution when using lit candles.)

Hold up the candle and talk about Matthew 5:14 where it says, "You are the light of the world." Talk about the people in the world who need to hear about Jesus. Talk about the ways Royal Rangers can let their lights shine. Ways they can let their lights shine might include: witnessing, helping the teacher at school, doing free chores for the elderly, giving to missions, praying for missionaries, helping their parents, etc.

As you talk you will note that the children will want you to light their candles. Talk about the people around the world who want to have someone share the light of Jesus with them.

Light someone's candle with yours. Talk about how easy it is to share Christ with people.

Begin to light more candles and in turn, have those individuals share their light with others. In no time at all, everyone's candle has been lit.

Jesus needs every Royal Ranger to care about people at home and around the world. He needs every Ranger doing his best to share Jesus with those around him.

DON'T LET SATAN BLOW IT OUT

Items Needed: A candle for everyone in class, a small piece of paper with a hole pierced into the middle, and some matches.

Begin class today as you did last

week. Give each child a candle. Give them a small piece of paper with the hole pierced in the middle. Have them shove the candle through the hole so that candle sits in the paper and the paper protects their hands from the hot wax. Light your candle at the front of the classroom. Shut off all the lights.



Review what you talked about last week. How important is it to let your light shine? Now talk about the darkness. Satan wants the Christian's light to go out. God wants the Christian's light to shine. The Bible says in Matthew 5:15, "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl." Satan tries to get us to hide our light. God's Word says in Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." God wants us to share our light by doing good deeds for others.

Share your light and have the others follow until the entire room is lit by candles. Talk about how much brighter it is when all the candles are lit. God wants us to be in church and to fellowship with one another because together we gain strength from one another.

Explain that Satan wants to tempt Christians to turn their backs on God. As you talk, walk around the room. Suddenly blow out someone's candle. Talk about how Satan tricks people into leaving Jesus behind. Satan cannot force us to leave Jesus, but he is called the father of lies. He tries to lie to us and convince us that life would

be more fun without Christ. But he's a liar.

Ask the others around the boy whose light you blew out, "What should you do if you know a boy who has stopped coming to church?" Talk about ways they can help to bring back to Jesus someone who has gone astray. Allow them to relight the boy's candle that you blew out.

Encourage the boys to be on guard throughout the years to come because the Bible says that the devil prowls around like a lion seeking someone to devour. Never allow Satan to trick you into letting your light go out.

"UNDERMOST PART OF THE EARTH"

Items Needed: 1 world globe, 1 silly hillbilly type costume (or whatever you choose) for Gus.

The following skit can be acted out by two boys chosen from your outpost group, two commanders, or a commander and a boy. The skit can be done "ad lib" or they can read it. Allow them some time ahead of class to practice it.

(Gus enters and is looking at a world globe.)

Gus: (Looking at the bottom of the globe.) Now where is it? Where is Antarctica? (Lou enters.)

Lou: Hi, Gus. What are you doing?

Gus: I think I'm looking for Antarctica.

Lou: Antarctica. It's right there on the bottom. (points)

Gus: Yep. I see it. It looks like the right place. Would you say that Antarctica is the "undermost part" of the earth?

Lou: "Undermost part?" Well, it is on the bottom of the world. Why?

Gus: Well, I'm trying to find the "undermost part" of the earth.

Lou: What in the world are you talking about?

Gus: In the Bible, Jesus told His disciples to witness in the "undermost part" of the earth. I'm trying to find where that is so I can go witness there.

Lou: Gus, there is no such place! What Bible verse are you talking about?

Gus: Acts 1:8. It says, "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the 'undermost part' of the earth."

Lou: That's not "undermost," it's "uttermost"!

Gus: You mean "uddermost," like a cow?

Lou: No! I said U-T-T-E-R-M-O-S-T. Uttermost! It means to go to the farthest areas of the world.

Gus: Oh, you mean the disciples were to be witnesses in all the countries of the world? How could they do that?

Lou: They couldn't by themselves. They needed help. That same message is for us today. We send out missionaries all over the world to the uttermost parts of the earth to tell people about Jesus!

Gus: I get it. We give our money to missions so we can send out missionaries. This way we are doing what Jesus said to do! (Gus looks at the bottom of the globe.)

Lou: Now you've got it! (pause) Now what are you looking at?

Gus: I've always wondered something?

Lou: What is that?

Gus: How does everyone keep from falling off when their country is upside down? (Gus begins to walk off.)

Lou: Gus, that's not the way it is down there....(Lou begins to leave.)

Gus: I sure wouldn't want to visit there. You'd have to hold on to trees just to keep from falling off.

Lou: Gus, listen! It's not like that.....

Discuss with the boys the things that Gus was doing right, such as: 1) Reading his Bible. 2) Trying to obey God's Word.

Explain that Gus misunderstood what was written in the Bible. He wanted to witness for God. Now that Gus understands what God's Word says, he probably will become a great witness for God. God needs more of us to be willing to help Him reach the world for Jesus.

Discuss the many ways a Royal Ranger can help win people to Jesus.



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asked the Singaporean boy next to him. "Why don't we just go swimming in the lake?"

"Swimming?" the boy replied. "We are filling the pool with our drinking water. Make sure you boil it for at least a couple of minutes or you will end up spending the rest of camp in the latrine!"

"Speaking of the latrine, where is it?" Jonathan asked. The boy pointed to some blue tarps that had been erected on the hillside. Jonathan excused himself from the bucket brigade line and set off up the hillside.

"Don't forget to take a small bucket of water with you!" the boy called to Jonathan.

A bucket of water? Why? Jonathan thought as he approached the blue tarped area. Seeing a small bucket at the entrance, Jonathan filled it with water from the pool and walked behind the blue tarp. He now realized that the Singaporeans had used the tarps to create a latrine area with private cubicles.

Johnathan realized that life was much different at a JLTC in Singapore. He headed back to the patrol

and soon the JLTC was in full swing.

Jonathan was having a great time. One thing he noticed was that rice was cooked at every meal. He also discovered that the girl patrols gave the boys a run for their money in every event.

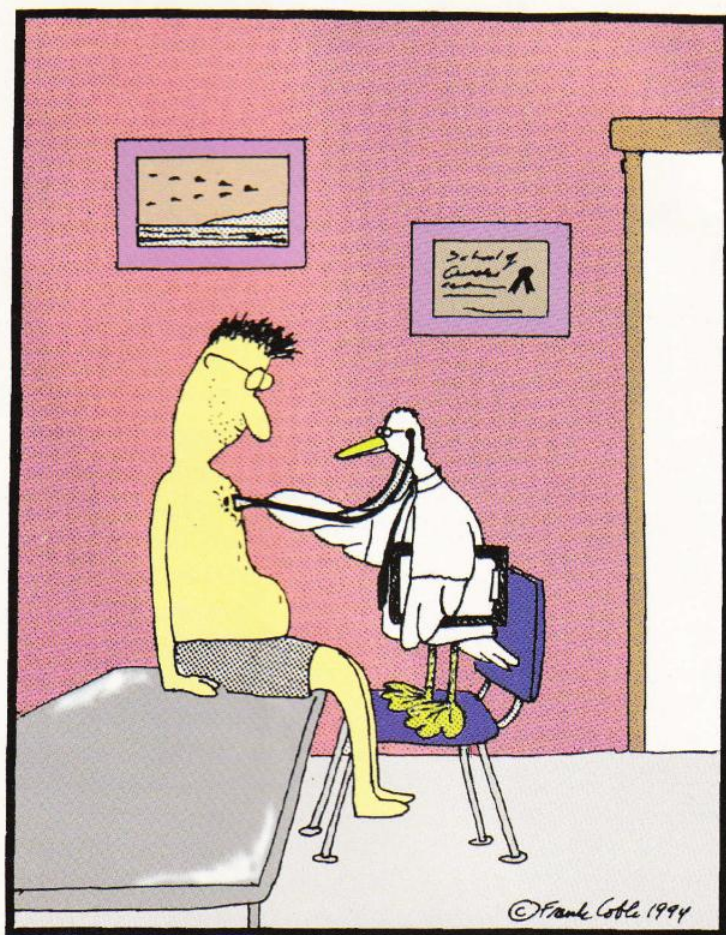
Then the monsoons arrived. It rained and rained and rained. The red clay soon became sticky red mud. But everyone had a great time and just kept on going as if the rain was no big thing.

The camp was soon over and Jonathan and Commander Hawks were back in the plane for the long flight back to the United States. Jonathan pondered his experiences of the past week. The Singaporeans were different in so many ways, but remarkably were so like him in even more ways.

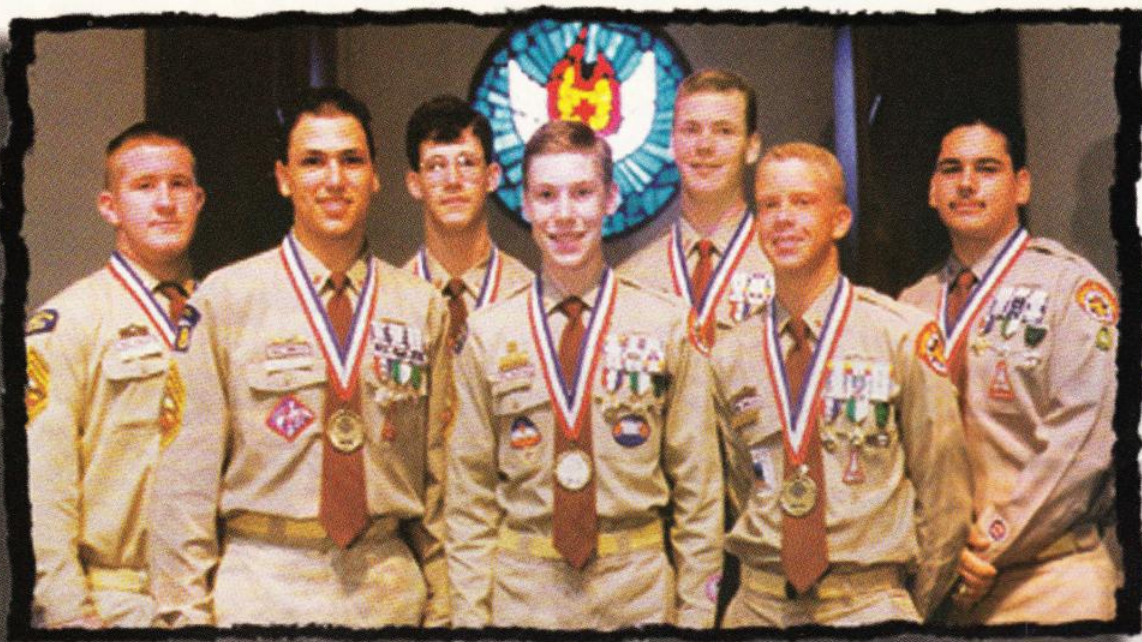
His mind went back to the last council fire service and the Singaporean Rangers, boys and girls all standing around a fire praising and worshiping God together.

I guess we are all truly brothers and sisters in Christ, Jonathan thought as he dozed off to sleep high over the Pacific Ocean.

** Editor's Note: The United States Royal Rangers ministry is not coeducation. The above story is based on events related to international Royal Rangers, most of which include both boys and girls.*



Hank couldn't shake the feeling that his doctor might be a quack.



1996 National Rangers of the Year

Eight regional finalists were named National Royal Rangers of the Year—one of the highest and most prestigious awards in Royal Rangers—in July at the 1996 National Rendezvous, held at Camp Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, Mo.

The Ranger of the Year award goes to those who win their outpost, sectional, district, and regional competitions. This is after months of rigorous competition among hundreds of Royal Rangers throughout the United States.

The 1996 national winners, listed by region, are as follows: Chris Bianchi, Great Lakes; Gregory Burris, Gulf; Wesley C. Farrand, North Central; Jason Dennis, Northeast; Josh Menges, Northwest; Darrell Little, South Central; James M. Stevens, Southeast; and Luis Bonilla, Southwest.

Chris Bianchi, age 17, attends Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Flossmoor, Illinois. Gregory Burris, age 18, attends First Assembly of God, Van Buren, Arkansas. Wesley C. Farrand, age 18, attends First Assembly of God, Des Moines, Iowa. Jason Dennis, age 16, attends The Christian Assembly, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Josh Menges, age 16, attends Northview Assembly of God, Boise, Idaho. Darrell Little, age 17, attends Grace Assembly of God, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. James Stevens, age 18, attends Crawford Assembly of God, Mobile, Alabama. Luis Bonilla, age 17, attends Poder De Dios Church (Power

National ROY's pictured from left to right: Darrell Little, South Central; Chris Bianchi, Great Lakes; Josh Menges, Northwest; Jason Dennis, Northeast; Wesley Farrand, North Central; Gregory Burris, Gulf; Luis Bonilla, Southwest; and James Stevens (pictured at right), Southeast.

of God Assembly), Los Angeles, California.

As a national winner, each Ranger is honored with a 1-year membership to the National Royal Rangers Council. (This body consists of district, regional, and national staff who oversee the program.) They also will have opportunity to travel within their regions for speaking engagements at various Royal Rangers functions.

Chris Bianchi: Chris says Royal Rangers has made a great impression on his life. He accepted Christ as Lord and was filled with the Holy Spirit at Royal Rangers events. Chris says he wants to now attend a National Training Camp and become a leader and reach others for Christ.

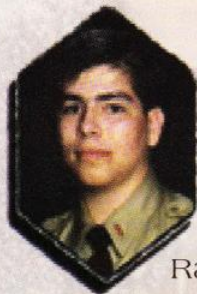
Gregory Bunnis: At age 5 Greg and his parents were all involved in Rangers. Greg says Royal Rangers not only made a great impact on him but has also helped him appreciate the "little things" in life. Greg looks forward to becoming a commander and attending NTC and one day becoming a medical missionary.

Wesley Farrand: Wesley was introduced to Rangers by his father as a Straight Arrow. After 14 years of involvement in Rangers, Wes says he now wants to pass on what the ministry has done for him by serving as a leader. He is currently a lieutenant commander in his outpost.

Jason Dennis: Jason reflects back 11 years ago, when he became a Straight Arrow. Royal Rangers, says Jason, has impacted his life spiritually and instilled in him "good moral standards." Jason says he wants to become a commander one day and work in his outpost to reach other boys for Christ.

Josh Menges: Josh lived in California until moving to Southern Idaho, where his grandmother got him involved in Royal Rangers as a Pioneer. Josh says Royal Rangers has changed his life: He received the infilling of the Holy Spirit at a district Pow Wow and attributes his self-confidence to the Rangers ministry.

Darrell Little: Darrell became involved in the Royal Rangers at age 5. Darrell says that Rangers has made him a better person and helped him form a stronger relationship with God. Darrell's comments follow a typical pattern of National Rangers of the Year: He too desires to attend NTC and become a commander.



James Stevens: Over 9 years ago James became involved in Royal Rangers, when his father and three other men started Rangers in their church. James said Royal Rangers made an impact on his life while his father was taking the Leadership Training Course, and part of his assignment was to lead a boy to Christ. His father led James to Christ. James says he too looks forward to continuing in Royal Rangers as a leader.

Luis Bonilla: About 3 years ago Luis was invited by his cousin to church. He was not a Christian and knew nothing about Royal Rangers. Luis diligently applied himself and is now a leader among the other Rangers of his region. Luis adds that his greatest reward in Royal Rangers was finding Christ. He now desires to lead other family members to Christ and to become more involved in his local church.

Rascal Rangers

The Royal Ranger Code:
A Ranger is ALERT

He is mentally,
physically,
and
spiritually
ALERT.

by David W. Smith

One lazy day . . .

Hey, your watch is
beeping . . . it must
be the chief!

Rascal Rangers! It has been
reported that many boys do not
know how to be ALERT. It looks
like a job for . . .



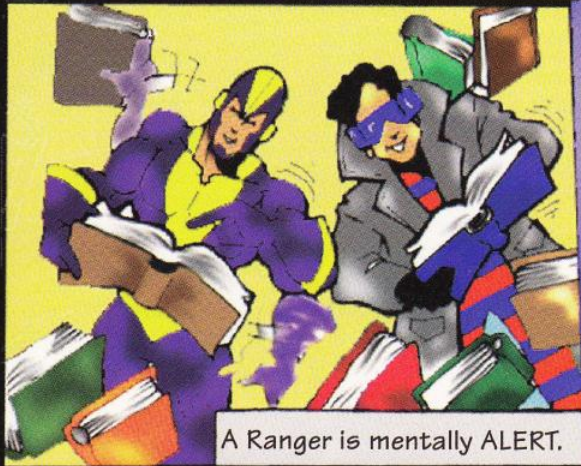
THE FANTASTIC RANGERS



"Brace yourselves,
men—this mission
cannot fail!"

We must be
ALERT at all
times, Teckno!

Teckno and I.Q. stay mentally alert by feeding their brains with knowledge and God's Word.



A Ranger is mentally ALERT.

A Ranger is physically ALERT.



Tuff Guy and the crew exercise daily to stay in top shape.

It is very important to stay in tip top spiritual shape by praying and worshipping God.

This is the best part of being ALERT! Ask Jesus for His help each day.



Pray, read your Bibles, and you will be mighty against the forces of evil.

You too can be a "Fantastic Ranger" by staying ALERT and remembering the rest of the Ranger Code. A Royal Ranger is ALERT. He is mentally, physically, and spiritually ALERT. Be a superhero for Jesus and be ALERT against the evil one!

-Ephesians 6:10



Rosa Learns a Lesson

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by Foreign Missionary Mark Hennesy



As soon as she walked into her house, Rosa* knew something was wrong. Her mother was crying; her sister Marta was nowhere to be seen.

Rosa's heart was pounding. *Something terrible has happened*, she thought.

Rosa lives in Sebaco, Nicaragua, with her mother and younger sister Marta. She goes to a Christian school sponsored by Latin America ChildCare. The school is part of an Assemblies of God church.

Rosa liked going to the school. She even enjoyed the walk to her two-room house to eat lunch with her mother

and Marta. But today was different—something was wrong.

Rushing to her mother Rosa asked: "What's the matter? Why do you cry?"

"I am worried about Marta," her mother said. "After you left for school this morning, she woke up with a terrible pain in her stomach. Now the pain is so bad, she can't even get out of bed. I don't have enough money to take her to the local doctor. I can't even afford the bus ticket to one of the free clinics in Managua, the capital. I am afraid Marta will die, and I can't do anything to help." Rosa's mother burst into tears again.

Rosa felt sad and worried. She did not want Marta to die. Then she remembered her Bible lessons in school during the past week.

"Mother," she said, "my teacher says that Jesus can heal people. She taught me to pray and ask Him for help. Let's pray for Marta and see if Jesus can heal her."

Together they went to Marta's bedside, and Rosa prayed. Suddenly Marta hopped out of bed. The pain was gone!

"My teacher was right," Rosa said happily. "Jesus really does heal."

Now Rosa, Marta, and their mother faithfully attend the church where the school is located.





Every day they thank Jesus for helping them when they were in need.

* Names have been changed.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE STORY

Discuss the following questions with your commander.

1. Why was Rosa's mother sad?
2. Why didn't Rosa's mother take Marta to the doctor?
3. What did Rosa suggest she and her mother do for Marta?
4. Where had Rosa learned about Jesus?
5. What happened to Marta after Rosa prayed?
6. What did the family do after Marta was healed?

Things You Can Do

(Projects for Rangers and their Commanders)

1. Use a world atlas to find Nicaragua and its capital, Managua. Explain that Sebaco is a town north-east of Managua.

2. In 1972 an earthquake in Nicaragua killed 5,000 people and damaged much of Managua. Find out more about earthquakes in the encyclopedia. Discuss why earthquakes cause such severe damage.

3. With your commander's help, learn how to prepare Maduro En Gloria (Heavenly Bananas) as an example of food eaten in Nicaragua. Explain that bananas are plentiful in Nicaragua's tropical climate.

4. For Your Leader: Supply materials for an art project that can be created then given to someone who is ill. You will need a business-size envelope, a pencil, glue, potpourri or small dried or artificial flowers, ribbon, and used greeting cards.

Seal the envelope. Sketch a heart shape in the lower corner. Cut it out, leaving the sides connected to the fold. Cut out the shape of a cross and glue it to the center of the heart. Then cut a 1/2-inch strip across the top of the envelope for a basket handle. Glue the ends of the strip

to the inside of the heart. Decorate the basket with pictures from an old greeting card or a picture of the Royal Ranger. Fill the finished basket with potpourri or small dried or artificial flowers.

5. Find three Bible verses that refer to Jesus' power to heal. The commander will make plans for the outpost group to visit a hospital or a nursing home. Take the basket as a gift and share the verses as an encouragement that Jesus is our Healer.

Maduro En Gloria

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 6 firm bananas
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup heavy cream

Melt butter in skillet. Peel the bananas and slice lengthwise. Brown quickly in butter over high heat. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, and cinnamon until smooth.

Place half of the banana slices in a buttered pie plate. Top with half the cream cheese mixture. Repeat. Then pour cream over the top. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes or until most of the cream is absorbed and the top is lightly browned. (If all the cream is absorbed, the bananas will be dry.) Serve warm.

Adventure Awaits

God's world is yours to explore and enjoy. Gear up for fun indoors and out.

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RANGERS
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