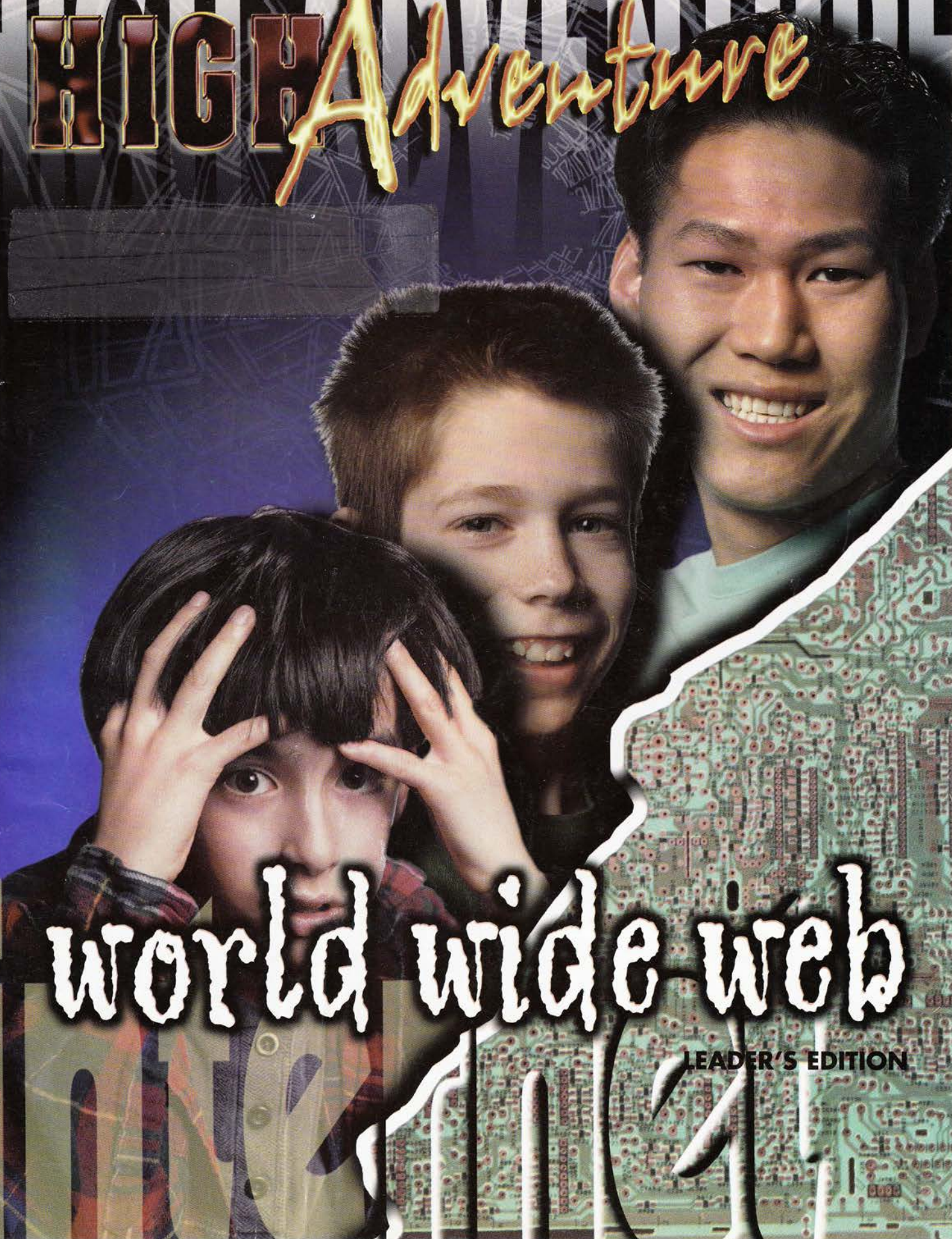


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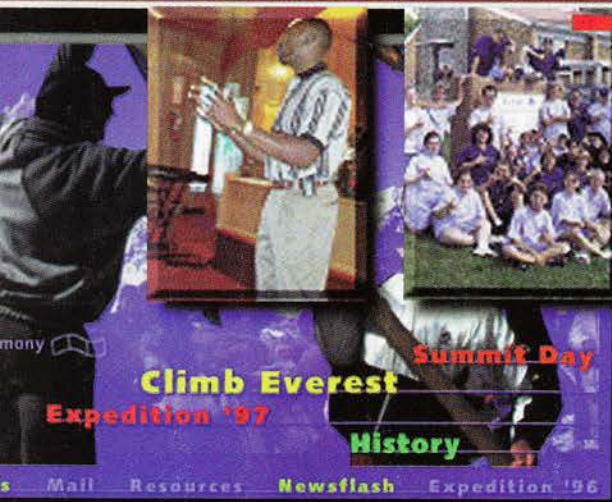


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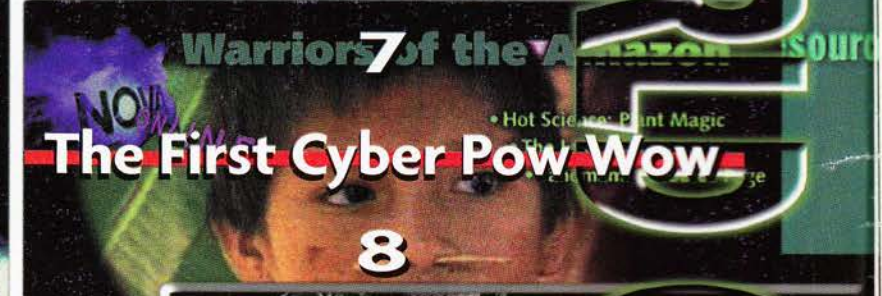
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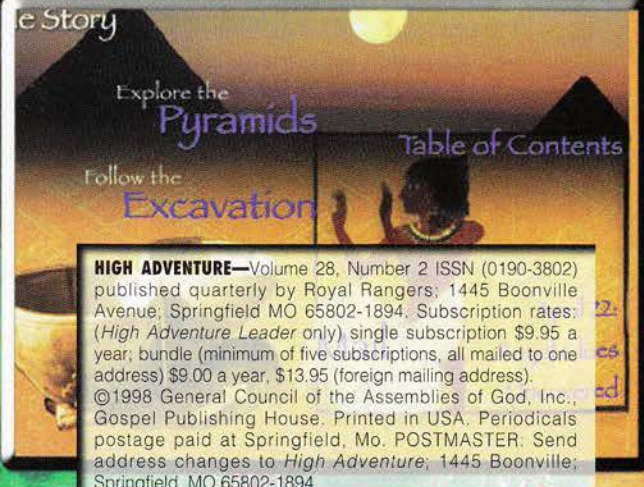
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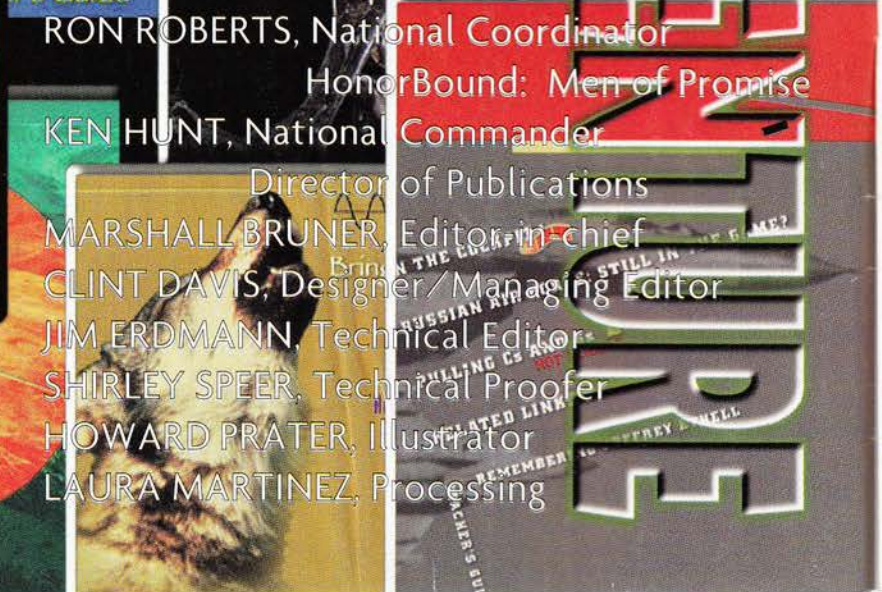


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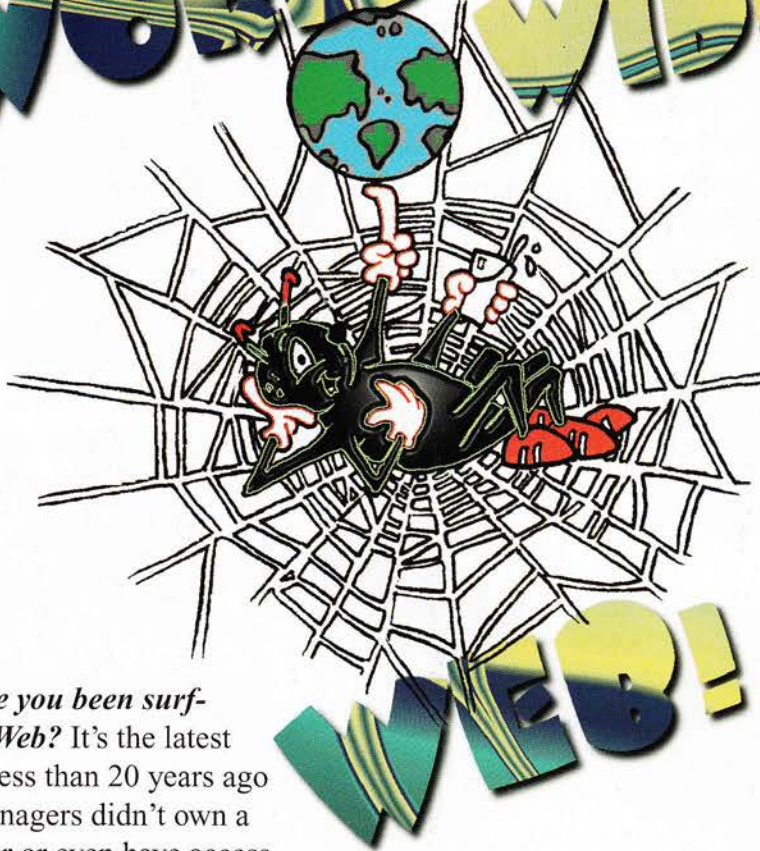


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Don't Get Trapped by the Web!

by Rodney Davis

Have you been surfing the Web? It's the latest craze! Less than 20 years ago most teenagers didn't own a computer or even have access to one. Today every home in America can be connected to the Internet and have access to the Information Super Highway. How it works is a mystery to most people, and so they say, "what I don't know can't hurt me."

This highway may appear harmless, but there are places and people that give cause for concern. You might be thinking pornography is the only danger on the Web. There is plenty to be found on the Internet, and it doesn't take a lot of skill to find it. Pornography is not the only problem to avoid. There are **predators, chat rooms, electronic junk mail, and scam artists.**

Predators

These people use the Internet to meet and stalk kids for the purpose of hurting them emotionally, physically and sexually. As hard as this may be to believe, it's very true. They usually "meet" children in a chat room. They appear to be friendly, understanding, and always willing to listen to your problems. They want information about you and may even suggest that you get together to hang out. You need to know that they have an agenda for you and it's not good. Watch out for the person who wants to pressure you into friendship or

tries to gain information from you. Not everyone who you talk with on-line is out to get you; still it pays to be careful. The Bible puts it this way: be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). That means to think before we act.

Chat Rooms

What harm can there be in visiting a chat room? It's simply a place to talk with people from all over the country. Nothing is wrong with visiting a chat room and meeting other people ... if you are careful. But as I mentioned, predators use chat rooms to gain information about someone whom they intend to hurt. More commonly the danger in most chat rooms

is the language that other people use and the topics that are being discussed. The Bible says to think on things lovely, pure, and honest. Your mind is a wonderfully complex “computer” and just with the electronic kind, what you put into it comes out. If you think about impure thoughts, sooner or later your speech is going to give your thoughts away. As Christians we are called to live a different kind of life.

The Royal Ranger Code says a Royal Ranger is clean in body, mind, and speech. This means that the things that one reads, thinks about, and says should be clean. They should be things that you would not mind telling your parents. As Royal Rangers we shouldn't want to participate in things that do not honor Jesus Christ.

Electronic Junk-mail and Scam Artists

We've gotten used to receiving mail that we don't want. It's usually advertisements; special, once-in-a-lifetime offers; or a “personal” letter from Ed McMahon—you know the kind of letter, the one that you and all of your friends received in their mailbox. This kind of mail is called junk mail. All of it ends up in the recycle bin. Now with the Internet, people have started to send ads directly to my computer. It saves lots of money and enables

the advertiser to reach more people.

Along with legitimate companies comes the dishonest person that tries to take advantage of people by getting them to buy something over the computer—then maybe not sending them anything at all or the item not being what they ordered. People that do this have been called *scam artists*.

Be careful about giving information about yourself over the Internet. Most will use it legally and the way that you intend, but others won't. If the ad sounds too good to be true, a word of advice: It probably is! Check out the offer before you order. Ask your parents to help you check out the order. By investigating before you order, you won't be disappointed.

A Royal Ranger is Alert. He is mentally, physically, and spiritually alert.

So is the answer to avoid the Internet and just play games on the computer? No way! The Internet is a great tool when used properly. The Internet provides access to a world of information, but there are some rules that will help you use it safely. If you choose to ignore the safety rules, you could get burned.

What should I do to avoid the traps on the Web?

1. W.W.J.D.—If Jesus wouldn't, neither should you!
2. Let the Ranger Code guide you (ask yourself: Is it clean, honest, obedient, spiritual etc.?).
3. Be careful about the things you let your eyes see.
4. Don't give out personal information (address, phone number, e-mail address, credit card numbers) to anyone you don't know.
5. If the conversation is not one you would want your parents to know about, it's not something you should be saying.

6. If the offer sounds really, really great, it's probably too good to be true.

As Royal Rangers we march to a different drum beat than the rest of our friends anyway. As disciples of Christ we're called to live differently too. With Christ's help we can avoid the traps of the enemy.

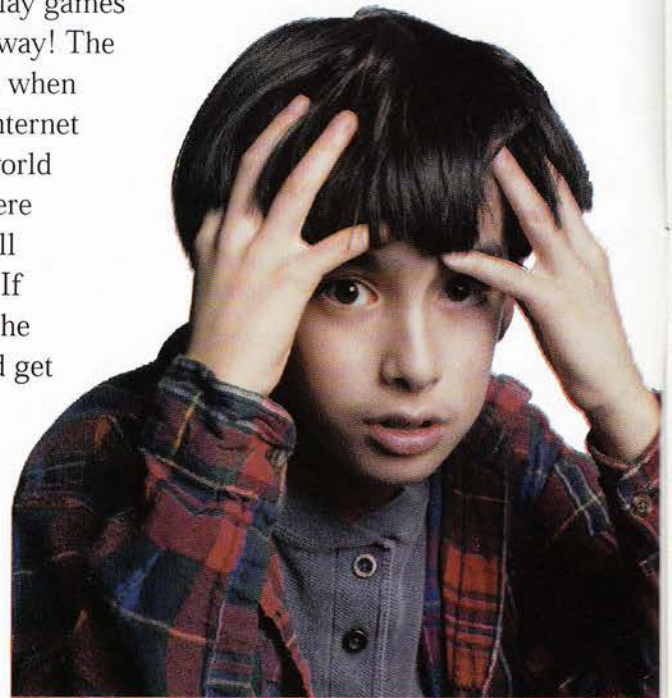
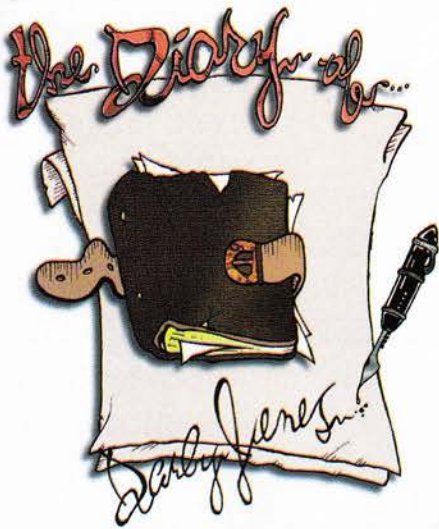


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BY ROBB HAWKS

Hi, I'm Darby Ryan Jones, Jr. Since everyone calls my dad Darby, I'm called Ryan. The tall man in the Royal Rangers uniform is my dad, Darby Jones. He has just finished giving his testimony at our outpost awards ceremony. You see, dad was not always a Christian. As a matter of fact he was involved in all kinds of terrible things.

Tonight he told how he had his first beer as a young teenager and how the beer started a habit that has followed him his entire life. Now you might wonder what this all has to do with me and my Ranger buddies. Well, let me tell you. . . .

"Hi Ryan! You made it! Great!" Jason said.

"Yeah, my mom had to do some shopping so she said I could hang out with you this afternoon," I said.

"That's great. My mom and dad just went shopping

also. We have the entire house to ourselves." Jason said as he led Ryan into the house.

"What do you want to do? Watch a video? Hey, I got an idea: Let's see if we can download a new video game."

"Sure that would be fun," I said.

Jason led me down the hall into his dad's office. The computer was on and Jason plopped down into his father's office chair. I pulled another chair over to sit by his friend. Jason found his father's Internet access program and opened it.

"Do you know how to use this program?" I asked.

"I think so. I have watched my dad use it a bunch of times. See this button? I click on this button and a window drops down that lists all of my dad's favorite Internet sites. We just have to click on a name and the computer will go find it for us."

"That sounds easy enough," I said.

"Look! This sounds like a place to find some video games," Jason said as he clicked on a button titled "Adult Games." The modem beeped and the screen changed as the computer accessed another computer which was part of the Internet. Suddenly the screen changed and an image began to appear one line at a time.

Jason's and my eyes bugged out as we saw a picture on the screen. The title across the top of the page was "XXX Adult Games." Just below the picture was a big red button that said, "Click Here for our library of XXX Girls!".

"What do you say, Ryan? No one's home for hours and we have unlimited access!"

"I . . . I don't know, Jason," I said shocked. "I don't think this is a very good idea."

"Why? Who's going to know? And besides, it doesn't hurt anyone," Jason said.

"What about us? Jason, once we let those pictures get into our minds, we can't

just forget them. It's not like we can just throw them away afterwards," I said.

"Yeah? So what?" Jason said.

"Pornography can become a bad habit like smoking and drinking. Bad habits can destroy you. Look at my dad! His drinking got so bad, he almost killed a kid while driving drunk," I said.

"Okay, I can see how drinking booze can be a bad habit that can destroy a person, but what harm is there is some pictures of girls?"

Jason said sarcastically.

"You know Steve at Royal Rangers, right?" I asked. Jason nodded as I continued. "His mom and dad just got divorced. Well, Steve said that his mom had caught his dad fooling around with other women.

His dad said that he had been reading pornography ever since he was a kid. One bad thing led to another. And now Steve's parents are divorced!"

"That's terrible!" Jason said.

"You can say that again. My dad's drinking

dad got addicted to this stuff," Jason said sadly.

"I hope not," I said.

"You said it. What can we do if he has?" Jason asked.

"I don't know for sure, Jason. But I do know that when my dad turned his life

back over to Jesus, his entire life changed. He stopped drinking, and now look at him.

He's our out-post commander!

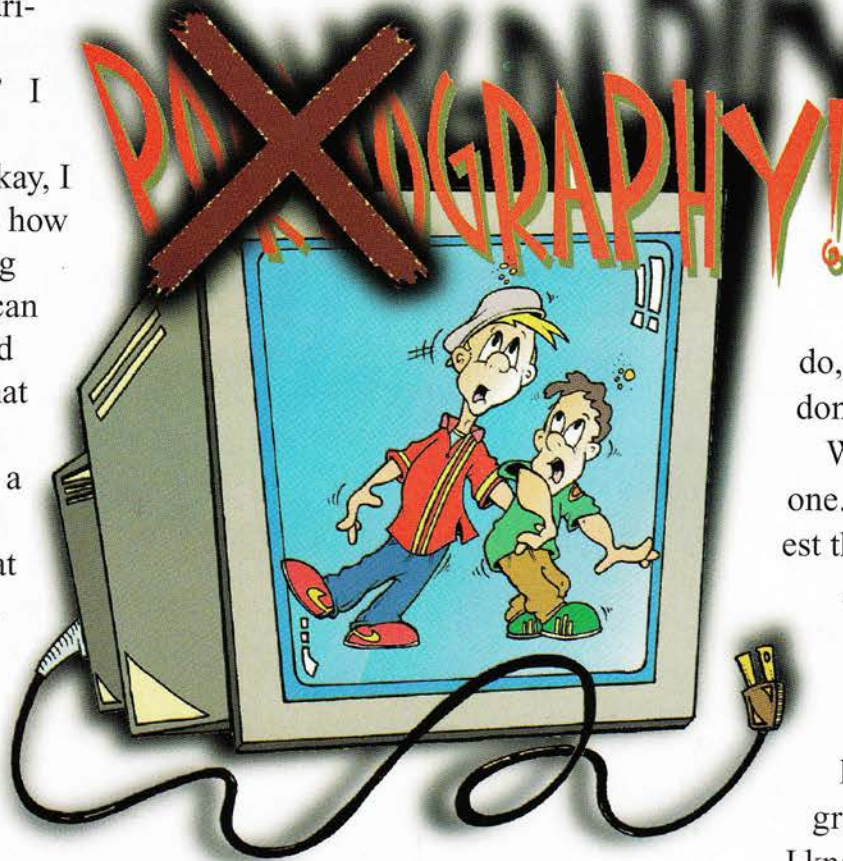
I don't know what to do, but God does. Why don't we pray for him?"

Well, that was a close one. It was one of the hardest things I ever had to do.

At that instant when I saw the XXX homepage, everything inside of me wanted to look at those pornographic pictures. But now I know that I did the right thing. I told my dad about it later, and you know what he said? "Ryan, you did the right thing. Habits that you start as a child can come back to haunt you as an adult.

Anyone who doesn't think so is very foolish indeed."

Illustration by Howard Prater



almost destroyed our family. As much as my curiosity wants me to see what's on the other side of that red button, I don't want to start a habit that could one day destroy me," I said.

"I guess you are right," Jason said. "I wonder if my

Update

The new Challengers program for Royal Rangers ages 12-15 is up and running ... and building momentum quickly. A new collegiate-looking outfit—consisting of a jacket, T-shirt, and cap—coupled with the new “merit pins” make an attractive attire any Ranger would be proud to wear.

- Three Challengers programs are now available and others forthcoming. A Challenger can participate in one or more of the following programs now available: Trail Rangers, Air Rangers, Harvesters.
- Trail Rangers has a merit-driven Advancement Trail that enables a Ranger to learn the art of camping, hiking, and other outdoor skills.
- Air Rangers has a merit-driven Advancement Trail that shows Rangers the skill of flight, through either airplane flight or radio controlled airplane flight.
- Harvesters has a merit-driven Advancement Trail involving Rangers in evangelism outreach and spiritual growth.

Soon coming, Challengers will offer the Sea and Computer programs. Now Royal Rangers who become Challengers have these options:

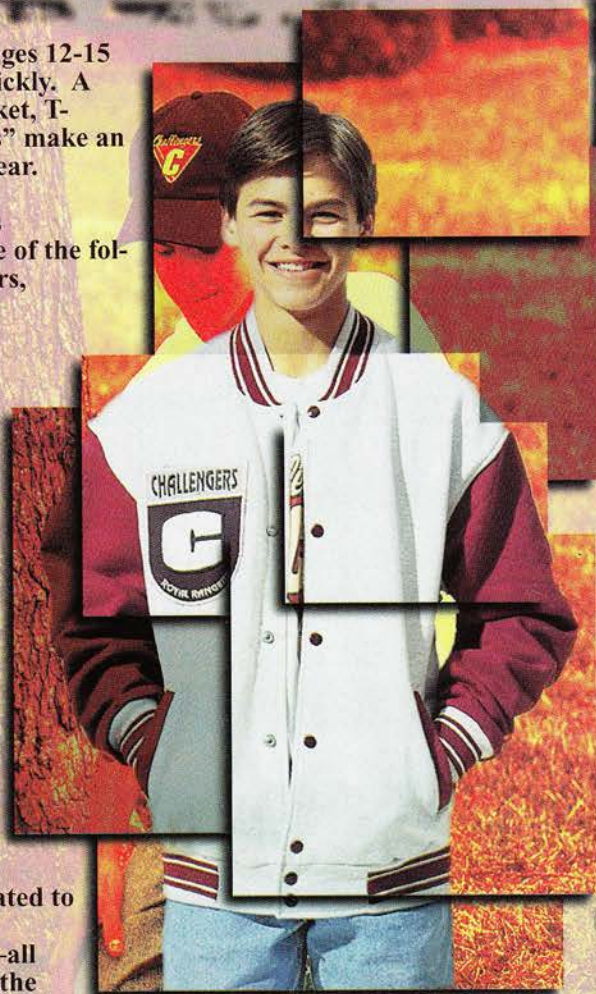
1. To participate in the traditional camping, khaki-wearing Trail Rangers.

Trail Rangers alone can wear the Royal Rangers uniform—though Rangers can join more than one Challengers program—and participate in FCF, Ranger of the Year competition, and the GMA program. (Note: Trail Rangers can wear the Challengers outfit as casual wear.)

2. To become involved in “special interest studies” not related to camping or the traditional program.

Rangers will wear the attractive cap, T-shirt, and jacket—all with Challengers logos. The jacket is ideal for brandishing the advancement pins and the new merit pins.

If you are age 15 and above, CHECK IT OUT! And invite a school friend to the outpost meeting. You'll both have a great time in the new adventure of Challengers.



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Cyber Pow Wow

by
Michael
Paul
Johnson

Duane Wheeler started out as a boy in Royal Rangers and was part of the very first FCF call-out with Commander Johnnie Barnes. He is now serving as senior commander of Outpost 207 at Glad Tidings Church in Vancouver, Washington. His wife is Ranch Boss Jennifer Wheeler.

In August 1994, Duane started looking for other Royal Rangers on the Internet. He posted a message to a news group for Christian youth work and got a reply from John Martinez, then on the Pacific Latin American District Royal Rangers

staff. These three Royal Rangers commanders decided to start their own news group. The day that news group was created, I happened to notice the new group and started reading what was posted.

Others joined in, and a discussion started that

is still going strong today.

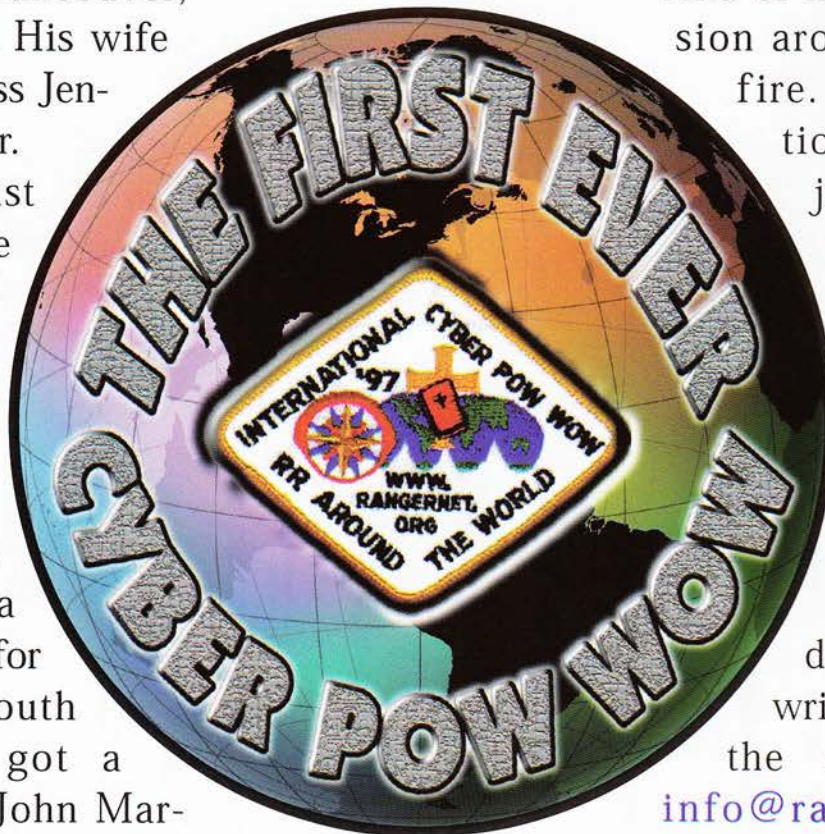
In addition to the news group, John started a mailing list. The mailing list has been much more fun than the news group, and that is what we now call RangerNet.

We talk about devotion ideas, craft ideas, games, outings, and just plain enjoy each other's company. It is kind of like the discussion around a camp-

fire. For information on how to join it, just send

E-mail to info@rangernet.org or look up <http://rangernet.org>

on your web browser. (You don't have to write anything in the message to info@rangernet.org because that is an "autoresponder" address.) There is no cost



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Clint Davis
National Promotions Coord./Designer

One-on-One

Ah, the wonderful world of technology!

As Christians, we have been mostly inundated with horror stories, warnings, and forebodings concerning the internet. The need exists for comprehension of the dangers involved, but let's take a step back and look at how we can use this marvelous tool for the Kingdom of God.

When Alexander Graham Bell first heard that still, small voice coming through his jury-rigged receiver, the world shuddered at the thought of one's voice being electronically carried over literally thousands of miles, instantaneously. Some muttered, "Witchcraft—it's just not natural." But now, nearly a century later, can we see ourselves without telephones or faxes? They have become integrated into our way of life and have provided us with tools to reach the lost in far away places. So must we use the World Wide Web, an incredible way to exercise Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and *ye shall be witnesses* both in Judea and Sumaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (italics mine).

The Web has provided us with means to transfer information, both visually and audibly, to literally the "uttermost parts of the earth." As a deadly tool in the hands of Satan's minions, the Web can be insidious—tricking and tempting the minds of old and young alike—but as a tool used by Christians, the Web can transform into a world of beauty and discovery, bringing visions of far off lands and answers to many of life's difficult questions into one's own living room.

As Royal Rangers, we are expected to conduct ourselves with honor, integrity, and intelligence. As leaders, it is our resolve to educate boys in the ways of Christ, using every means possible at our disposal. The Web can be an incredible asset to a Rangers commander—fellowship with other Rangers, both stateside and abroad; researching material once only accessible in the world's largest and most prestigious libraries; the list goes on and on.

In conclusion, let us remind ourselves of this—what we do as leaders is watched closely by others, including the boys in our outposts, sections, and districts. May in all things we be considered as righteous, holy, and responsible!

Clint Davis

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1998 National Council a Success

1998 COUNCIL POINTS
TOWARD FUTURE,
COMMITMENT TO VISION

James Bilton

Royal Rangers commitment to vision, both in the development of ministry programs and in the spiritual training of young boys, was evident at its 1998 National Council in Springfield, Mo. Proposals for new programs, improvements to existing ones, and even the council's "We Build People" theme pointed to an emphasis on preparing for the future.

The annual Silver Eagle banquet kicked off the activities for the March 18-21 council, Springfield, Mo. Rev. George O. Wood, general secretary of the Assemblies of God, addressed a record crowd of 417 national councilmen, their wives, and guests on the the subject of leadership. Using Barnabas as a biblical model, Wood admonished the councilmen to develop leadership qualities for the purpose of training boys to reach their full potential in Christ.



Rev. George O. Wood, Silver Eagle Banquet speaker

During the banquet 30 district commanders were awarded the Silver Eagle Medal for their outstanding service to the Royal Rangers ministry during 1997. Another highlight of the banquet came with the presentation of the district and chartering Awards of Excellence. The North Texas District was awarded first place for the greatest number of churches with Royal Rangers outposts. Oklahoma was awarded second place, and the Pacific Latin American District won third.

First Assembly of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., (Outpost 21) was awarded first place for

the largest chartered outpost; the outpost chartered 403 boys and men. New Life Church, Colorado Springs, Co., (Outpost 200) was awarded second place, and Adrian, Mich. Assembly of God (Outpost 24) won third.

Prior to the council business on March 18, various standing committees gathered to plan for ongoing and future projects for the Rangers ministry. Among these was a 5-hour seminar, attended by 60 councilmen, devoted to the National Urban Leadership Conference. The Royal Rangers Harvest Task Force estab-

lished the NULC in 1995 as a means to train commanders in areas of urban ministry and to heighten their awareness of urban evangelism.

During council business, which convened March 20, the Harvest Task Force Committee reported that six NULC's are slated to be held in 1998, compared to two in 1997. The HTF also reported that New York City is the thrust for the 1998 missions project. The two-fold outreach, scheduled for October, will involve extensive fasting and prayer and a National Urban Leadership Conference.

"I believe that as we train leaders for inner-city ministry, God will do a work of grace in the lives of needy people," says National Commander Ken Hunt. "I pray that through efforts like this, God will give us a burden for America's cities. 'We Build People' is not simply a slogan—it's what Royal Rangers is all about."

Another business highlight was the introduction of The Giving Plan, a new Royal Rangers outreach program developed in conjunction with the Convoy of Hope. Under The Giving Plan, host Convoy of Hope cities will mobilize local Royal Rangers outposts 3-6 months before the event to gather food and other supplies to be used in the outreach.

"As the boys go door-to-door to col-



Harry Hunt

lect food, they will also spread the gospel of Jesus Christ," says Marshall Bruner, ministries and publications coordinator, national Royal Rangers Office. "It will give them a great hands-on ministry experience."

Officer elections were held on the council business floor. James Barger, Great Lakes Region coordinator, was elected council president. Freddie Espinoza, Pacific Latin American District commander, was elected vice president. And Harry Hunt, Ohio District commander, was nominated as secretary.

Among the many Royal Rangers projects for the remainder of 1998 and 1999 are New Testament 2000, the National Camporama, and the Challengers program. The councilmen were introduced to the New Testament 2000 program, which will encourage every Royal Ranger to read the entire New Testament in 1999. This effort is intended to spiritually prepare boys for the new millennium.

A report about the 1998 National Camporama revealed that a record crowd of 5,500 boys and leaders are expected to attend. The

Camporama is held every 4 years in July at Camp Eagle Rock in Eagle Rock, Mo., near the Missouri-Arkansas border. The 1998 event is July 13-17.



Jim Barger

A new Challengers program for boys ages 15-17 was premiered at the council. The new course offers the traditional advancement and camping program through Trail Rangers, while offering non-camping program that focuses on various independent special interest studies. In related news, the Buckaroos-Straight Arrows program will be totally revamped.

The National District Leadership Seminar, which targets district commanders and challenges them to develop their ministry programs, was held on March 19. Among the highlights was in-depth training given by the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Pathfinder ministry. FCF Pathfinders conduct church construction trips to foreign fields where other MAPS teams cannot travel due to harsh environmental conditions. It was reported that eight such trips are scheduled for 1998.

"Simply put, if the Pathfinders did not go into these places and finish these projects, the work would not get done," Hunt says. "The Pathfinder ministry provides an



Freddie Espinoza



Jacquie Blauvelt sings at Jr. Councilmen Banquet

and all who attend Royal Rangers are educated in the need for missions giving and prayer for missionaries.”

Hunt noted that the National Council was more than “business as usual.” Councilmen were envisioned of the ministry’s future while given the spiritual manna from the Holy Spirit, which enabled leaders to return home with greater passion to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.

to run the program in our own power.

We committed to pray daily for:

- God’s will and direction in Royal Rangers
- Pray for our pastors and churches
- Pray for our commanders, one another
- To send more commanders to the harvestfield
- The Summer Pow Wow
- Camporama

We also agreed to fast and pray 1 day a week for the summer Pow Wow. We are believing in a mighty move of God!



excellent opportunity for men and boys to partner with the Division of Foreign Missions in doing missions work. Each trip is a life-changing event for the people who participate.”

The final event of National Council activities was held March 21 at the Assemblies of God Headquarters. There, 205 councilmen and their wives gathered for the Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen Banquet. National councilmen pledged over \$166,000 toward LFTL Junior Councilmen literature projects. The LFTL Junior Councilmen began in 1993 to provide Rangers opportunities to participate in missions.

“Many boys who attend Royal Rangers on weeknights do not attend church on Sundays,” Bruner says. “We want to ensure that those boys

NEBRASKA ROYAL RANGERS CONFERENCE HELD; COMMITMENT TO PRAYER

STEVE BOWMAN

I just returned from the Nebraska Royal Rangers Commander Conference. This year we decided to go away from our normal format and make it a time of prayer and seeking Gods will. We spent Friday evening and Saturday until lunch praying and seeking God. It was a powerful time!

God united our vision and renewed our calling to reach boys for Christ. I can’t begin to tell you everything that God revealed to us. The primary thing was that we had to pray and seek God daily for his will and direction. We realized that most of the time we were trying

District commanders, please send us news of your Pow Wows, District/ Sectional events, and reports of ministry from the Convoy of Hope, Harvest Task Force, and other events happening in your area.



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- *The Ultimate—Spanish*
Item Number: 729NZ010
Cost: \$.05, min. order 100 *

The brochure highlights the "ultimate experience" for a boy, then presents the salvation message. This evangelism tool is ideal for canvassing neighborhoods to invite boys to Royal Rangers. The brochure is designed so that the outpost number and telephone number can be printed on the back of it.

* Both English and Spanish versions of *The Ultimate* brochure may be obtained free of charge by outposts unable to afford the cost or by outposts conducting outreach ministry. Such outposts must request the items through the national Royal Rangers Office, Marshall Bruner, and must pay for shipment.

- *Urban Commanders Training Guide*

A 66-page training manual that offers new insights to penetrating urban America with the Royal Rangers ministry.

Item Number: 729NZ009
Cost: \$6.50

- *Insight Group: Commander's Guide*
Item: 729NZ049
Cost: \$9

- *Insight Group: Ranger's Guide*
Item Number: 729NZ050
Cost: \$7

The *Insight Group* curricula is ideal for groups Pioneers age and up. *Insight Group* provides 13 sessions that are ideal for monthly meeting features or a weekly 30-minute values/Bible study. *The Commander's Guide*, a 104-page guide, instructs the leader how to use the curriculum along with the materials that are presented in the *Ranger's Guide*.

- *Victor's Victories*

For Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders: Contains 13 stories with Bible studies and discussion topics that address issues today's young boys face: the single-parent home, death is not the end, controlling anger, peer pressure and gangs, friendship, the importance of winning, and much more.

Item Number: 729NZ057
Cost: \$18

- *The Solid Rock*
Video & curriculum series

- *Kids 'n' Gangs*
Item Number: 729NZ100
- *Streets of Pain*
Item Number: 729NZ101
- *Finding God's Will for Your Life*
Item Number: 729NZ104
- *Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places*
Item Number: 729NZ105
Cost Each Packet: \$32.95

Each packet contains a video on the youth issue and a leader's workbook that can be duplicated.

- *Meeting Feature Videos:*

- *I Didn't Do It*
Topic: Telling the truth
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos
Item Number: 729NZ107
Cost: \$14.99

- *Strangers*
Topic: Child Abduction Prevention
Audience: Straight Arrows & Buckaroos
Item Number: 729NZ108
Cost: 14.95

- *Incest: Solving the Pain*
Topic: Child abuse prevention
Audience: Commanders
Item Number: 729NZ110
Cost: \$19.99

- *Urban T-shirt*

Size L: Item Number: 729NZ058
Size XL: Item Number: 729NZ059
Size XXL: Item Number: 729NZ060
Cost: \$9

- *Urban Cap*
Item Number: 729NZ067
Cost: \$8.50

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

The following may be ordered by mail through the national office:

Jacque Blauvelt's "Hearts for You"

This new release contains the heart-touching Royal Rangers song "The Campout"
CD: \$15.00
Cassette: \$12.00

**Send check with your request to:
National Royal Rangers Office;
1445 Boonville Ave.,
Springfield, MO 65802-1894**



CONVOY OF HOPE

Over 100,000
guests in 1997
30,000 responded
to the invitation
to accept
Jesus Christ

The Convoy of Hope is a one-day event whereby churches combine their efforts to provide groceries, games for children, health screenings, and other practical helps to hundreds of hurting people in the inner cities of America. Most importantly, guests are presented the gospel and given an opportunity to accept Christ as their Savior.

School Supplies Needed!

The Convoy of Hope would like to provide shoe boxes filled with school supplies to needy children throughout the country. The shoe boxes may be gift wrapped or creatively decorated. The boxes should be well packaged and tightly secured for shipment. Each box should contain at least one toy and your choice of the following supplies:

- #2 Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Small Notebooks
- Pens
- Scissors
- Rulers
- White Liquid Glue
- Crayons
- Folders

It is important that knives, fireworks, or other unsafe items not be included.

Summer/Fall 1998 Events

JUNE

13 - Chicago, IL
20 - Raleigh, NC
27 - Twin Cities, MN

JULY

18 - Houston, TX
Kansas City, MO
25 - Saginaw, MI

AUGUST

15 - Baltimore, MD
22 - Columbus, OH
Everett, WA
29 - Oklahoma City, OK

SEPTEMBER

12 - Newark, NJ
19 - Philadelphia, PA
Las Vegas, NV
Kansas City, MO
26 - Rockford, IL
Little Rock, AR

OCTOBER

10 - Los Angeles, CA
17 - Palmdale, CA
24 - Marysville, CA
Sachse, TX

NOVEMBER

7 - Concord, CA
14 - Jacksonville, FL
South Texas
21 - San Jacinto, CA

DECEMBER

Columbia, SC
Miami, FL

If you have any questions please call 1-800-988-0664

INTERNET

jonathan trower

The Internet: An Aid to the Local Outpost

The Internet has exploded in recent years. We see Web addresses appearing on billboards and advertisements and e-mail addresses printed on business cards. And our kids have found friends from around the world they've never met.

You can purchase any product imaginable over the Internet, keep up with the latest news and weather, and find information to help your kids with their homework. The Internet also has the potential to help your local outpost and your ministry to boys by giving you ideas for games and skits, devotions, advancement aids, training aids, answers to questions, encouragement, and sharing of prayer requests.

A wide variety of resources are available on the Internet that can help your outpost. Some of these resources are there because local commanders have placed them there. Others are in place through the sponsorship of one of our districts. Still other resources are available from other sources, like Boy Scouts. These resources take the form of Web pages, e-mail discussion groups, and chat rooms. Let's look at each of these in turn.

WEB RESOURCES

A great guide to Royal Rangers Web resources is available at <http://www.rangerdj.com/links-page.html>. This list is maintained by a local outpost commander, D.J. Nemes, but provides links to Royal Rangers Web sites around the world. D.J. also maintains a great personal Royal Rangers Web site that contains links to devotions, games, a knife and ax course, links to other Web sites to help with at least 35 of the merits, and others. In addition, he has started an award* for other Royal Rangers web sites that meet certain standards: the Silver Lantern Web Site Award.

The list of sites that have earned this distinction can be found at <http://www.rangerdj.com/rdslwa.html>.

If you are interested in looking for scouting resources on the Web, check out <http://www.macscouter.com>, <http://w3.trib.com/~dont/scouting.html>, or <http://www.isd.net/stobin/scouting.html>. So many different sites for scouting exist that it is difficult to select just a few to mention here. However, all three of these sites contain a wealth of information on

their own, and a number of links to other quality scouting Web sites are worth visiting.

On these sites you will find information on skits, training, camping, and council fires, as well as clip art, software, and fonts that would be particularly useful in preparing your own materials for Royal Rangers.

Commanders interested in urban Royal Rangers may want to explore sites like The Coroner's Report (<http://www.gangwar.com/>), M.A.D. D.A.D.S. (<http://www.kidscampaigns.org/Whoseside/Maddads/gangs.html>), National Youth Gang Center (<http://www.iir.com/nygc>), or the Justice Information Center (<http://www.ncjrs.org/jjgangs.htm>).

Like the scouting pages, each of these contains a wealth of information on their own and a variety of links to other sites that may be of use to urban commanders.

Finally, if you want to search the Web for specific information, you can use one of the many search sites available. All of these sites will allow you to search for specific words or phrases, like "bow saw" or "frostbite." My son has used these search sites for

**Not recognized by the national Royal Rangers Office*

many of the merits on his path to the Gold Medal of Achievement. Among the search sites you may want to consider are Alta Vista (<http://www.altavista.digital.com/>), Excite (<http://www.excite.com/>), or Infoseek (<http://www.infoseek.com/>). Each of these sites will return a large number of sites if you enter the search term "Royal Rangers." In fact, Alta Vista returned 1825 sites when I performed the search while I was writing this article.

E-MAIL DISCUSSION GROUPS

One of the first Rangers discussion groups developed was *RangerNet*. This forum is designed to facilitate communication among commanders. This discussion is similar to that commanders have on a camp-out around a campfire after the boys are in bed. The messages on RangerNet range from prayer requests and devotion ideas, to program features and special activities, to requests for help and advice, to joking and fun-natured bantering.

This is a very active list, with an international group of commanders who participate. Therefore, if you join, be prepared for the sudden increase in your daily e-mail traffic. This is the group that sponsored the International Cyber Pow Wow in 1997.

To subscribe to RangerNet,

send an e-mail message to majordomo@rangernet.org with the message "subscribe RangerNet" (without the quotes) in the body of the message. Once subscribed, you can send messages to everyone who is subscribed by sending a message to RangerNet@rangernet.org.

Another e-mail list for leaders exists, but without near the volume of messages that RangerNet has, is called Leaders. The purpose of this list is to share ideas, get answers to questions, and make announcements about major upcoming events, like regional seminars, Camporamas, Rendezvous, and so forth. To subscribe, send a message to Leaders-Request@RoyalRangers.net with the message "subscribe Leaders" (without the quotes) in the body of the message. Once subscribed, you can send messages to everyone who is

subscribed by sending

a message to Leaders@RoyalRangers.net.

A new addition to Royal Rangers e-mail discussion lists is one designed only for boys.

This list is designed to be a "pen pal"

list for Rangers, though it is monitored by commanders. If your sons or Rangers would like to join this list, they need to send a message to Rangers-Request@RoyalRangers.net with the message "subscribe Rangers" (without the quotes) in the body of the message.

The boys will receive a follow-

up message asking for the following information: name, birthday, outpost number, section, district, and e-mail address. This information is used to verify that those subscribing are truly Rangers. Once approved, the boys are sent information on how to send and receive messages on this discussion list.

CHAT ROOMS

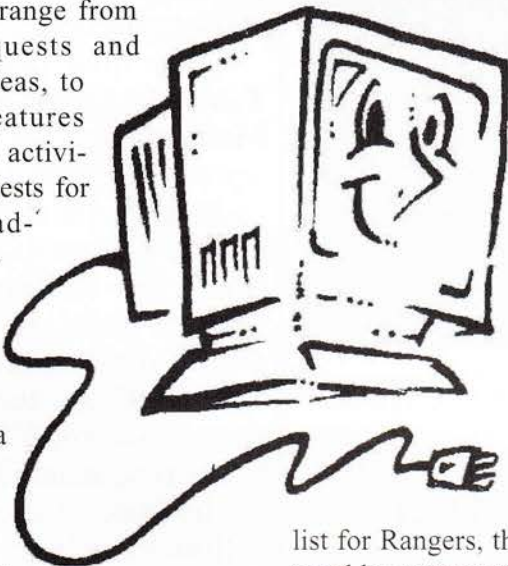
This is an area of the Internet that many people try to keep their children away from, since it has many drawbacks. However, many districts are including chat rooms as part of their Web sites, thus sheltering the participants from many of the potential drawbacks of open chat rooms.

Some districts have specific times for chats, while others are open all the time. The disadvantage of the open times is that often you will not find anyone in a chosen chat room. The advantage of chat rooms is that participants can interact with each other "live," even if separated by great distances.

CONCLUSION

There is a wealth of information on the Internet for commanders and Rangers today. A little searching, or surfing the Web, will lead you to all kinds of resources that will make your job as a commander easier.

Editor's Note: The Web sites noted above are provided as information sources, though not necessarily endorsed or recommended by the national Royal Rangers Office.



TRAINING

paul stanek

Teaching to Lead

Too many commanders emphasize the Royal Rangers curriculum rather than focusing on the Royal Rangers themselves. The job of the commander is to train, mentor, and encourage boys to run their outpost and patrols. The purpose of the patrol system is to focus on our boys. The patrol system is the vehicle that provides boys an opportunity to lead, plan, and implement the activities of the outpost.

The core of leadership is found in the patrol method. The life of an outpost is its junior leaders. Without a functioning patrol, and an ongoing junior training program, the life of the outpost will be void of growth, leadership, servanthood, and purpose.

The patrol system is more than advancements, badges, camp skills, and activities. These are but tools. The patrol system is the spark that flames the

spirit of potential in each of our boys. The patrol system will help boys to develop the ability to: make sound decisions, plan effective activities, build relationships, and learn new skills.

“The job of the commander is to train, mentor, and encourage boys to run their outpost and patrols....”

How do we teach leadership?

Teach Godly Values

Leadership must be built and founded on God’s Word, moral values, ethics, and Christian principles. Leadership begins on these foundations. Problems can be avoided if these are followed and practices.

Teach Skills

The leadership role is to help boys develop their skills and abilities. Boys learn by doing. We retain more by action and doing. Hands-on training is the best method to learning. Activity involvement builds interest, motivation, and experience.

Teach Through Role Modeling

It is said that leadership is taught, not caught. Modeling leadership will provide boys the opportunity to observe and experience what leadership should or should not be. Effective modeling will build inner values in its followers, along with the desire to follow those same principles that are being lived.

Teach Relationships

Relationships are the cohesiveness that binds

individual together to obtain common objectives. Building relationships produces trust, self-esteem, human worth, and friendships. The value of working together cooperatively, and making activities fun and purposeful, will build teamwork and unity. Meaningful relationship will build character and stewardship with one another.

Teach by Reflection

After each outpost activity, take time to reflect on the event. Talk about the experience as a group. Let each person share the experience, expectations, and disappointments. Help the boys to consider the ideas and feelings of others. Deal with ethical or moral situations that may have occurred. Reflection teaching will help to build quality into the next planned activity.

The patrol system and Gold Bar training is the seed to a vibrant, alive outpost. Let us focus on the boy and not on the program. In doing so, we will prepare leadership for the present and the future!

For more information and helps, contact the national Royal Rangers Office and ask for the booklet entitled Royal Rangers Gold Bar Orientation.



CONVOY OF HOPE

See "The Giving Plan," page 16

1998 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CONVOY OF HOPE, P. O. BOX 1476, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65801-1476

(417) 823-8998 FAX: (417) 823-8244

EMAIL: NATCCA@aol.com

APRIL

11 - Santa Ana, CA
San Jose, CA
12 - Fort Myers, FL
18 - Sacramento, CA
25 - Lakeland, FL

MAY

2 - Griffin, GA
16 - Winston Salem,
NC

JUNE

13 - Chicago, IL
20 - Raleigh, NC
27 - Twin Cities, MN

JULY

18 - Houston, TX
Kansas City,
MO
25 - Saginaw, MI

AUGUST

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Everett, WA
29 - Oklahoma City,
OK

SEPTEMBER

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Las Vegas, NV
Kansas City,
MO
26 - Rockford, IL
Little Rock, AR

OCTOBER

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17 - Palmdale, CA
Washington, D.
C.
24 - Marysville, CA
Sachse, TX

NOVEMBER

7 - Concord, CA
14 - Jacksonville, FL
South Texas
21 - San Jacinto, CA

DECEMBER

5 - Columbia, SC
12 - Miami, FL

DEVOTIONS

david boyd

Object lesson #1: Reach the Word

Supplies: Boxes of toothpicks

Count the number of boys in your classroom. To make these instructions clearer, let's assume there are nine boys and one leader in the outpost group. Place 10 toothpicks in the center of a table in front of the boys. Explain that these 10 toothpicks represent those boys in the room. Explain that today's lesson talks about Jesus being the sacrifice for all our sins. We need to share Jesus with others so that they can ask Jesus to be their Savior.

Ask the boys: How many Christians would there be if each of us went out this week and introduced one other person to Jesus, and they asked Him into their lives? (Desired answer: 20.) When they give you the correct answer, drop another 10 toothpicks on the table.

Ask the boys: How many Christians would there be if each of the 20 people represented by the toothpicks went out this week and introduced one other person to Jesus, and they asked Him into their lives? (Desired answer: 40.) When they give you the correct answer, drop another 20 toothpicks on the table.

Ask the boys: How many Christians would there be if each of the 40 people represented by the tooth-

picks went out this week and introduced one other person to Jesus, and they asked Him into their lives. (Desired answer: 80) When they give you the correct answer, drop another 40 toothpicks on the table.

Ask the boys: How many Christians would there be if each of the 80 people represented by the toothpicks went out this week and introduced one other person to Jesus, and they asked Him into their lives. (Desired answer: 160.) When they give you the correct answer, drop another 80 toothpicks on the table.

Ask the boys: How many Christians would there be if each of the 160 people represented by the toothpicks went out this week and introduced one other person to Jesus, and they asked Him into their lives. (Desired answer: 320.) When they give you the correct answer, drop another 160 toothpicks on the table.

The boys will be amazed as you drop these stacks of toothpicks on the table, but it will be a great visual reminder of how many people there are who need Jesus to wash their sins away. Our job is to continue to spread the news. Ask the following questions if you choose:

If the first 10 Christians refused to share Jesus, how many toothpicks would have we had left on the table? (Desired answer: 10.)

When each person began to share Jesus, how many toothpicks were there

when you finished? (Desired answer: 320 or whatever number you ended with.)

Does the world need Jesus? (Desired answer: yes.)

What can Jesus do for the world? (Desired answer: He can take people's sin away.)

What are we as Christians supposed to do? (Desired answer: Tell people about Jesus.)

Jesus died so that everyone might have eternal life. We have to tell people about Jesus, so that they can accept Him and receive forgiveness of sins.

Object lesson #2: Nail it to the cross

Supplies: Wood shaped like a cross, hammer, nails, paper, markers

Ask the boys to write down on slips of paper things they know they have done wrong. Don't have them put their names on them and don't let anyone else see their lists. When they are finished allow them to step up to the cross and nail their list to the cross. Allow this to continue until all of the children have nailed their lists to the cross.

Ask the following questions if you choose:

What significance is there in nailing our lists of sins to the cross? (Desired answer: It was on the cross where Jesus once and for all took the sins of the world upon Him.)

When we ask Jesus into our lives, He takes our sins away—never to be remembered again. Why would Jesus do that? (Answer: He and God love us and want us to go to heaven.)

Why can't we go to heaven if we have sin in our lives? (Answer: God is holy; He demands that we be holy.)

Even as Christians we still fail God. Does that mean that we aren't holy? (Answer: Through Jesus we are made holy. God doesn't want us to sin. If we make a mistake, God is there to forgive us.)

Object lesson #3: The Greed Game

Supplies: Treats

The Greed Game: This game works best in a larger room or by using a hallway. Place a chair at either end of a long room or hallway. Fifty feet apart is a good distance. Place treats on each chair. A boy is chosen to come up and stand by one chair. The leader secretly chooses a number of seconds to count. (Choose a number between 5 and 30 seconds.)

On a signal, the boy runs across to the opposite chair and the leader begins to watch the second hand on his watch. The boy, upon reaching the chair, picks up a treat and then either stays there touching the chair or runs back to the first chair to grab another treat. The boy may run back and forth as many times as he chooses, grabbing treats. However, when the leader says time, he must be touching a chair or he loses all the treats he has accumulated. Note: Determine ahead of time how many treats the boys can grab at each chair. This will depend upon what the treats are.

Children must decide how greedy they want to be. Will they settle for one or two treats or will they risk going for more.

Talk about greed. Talk about how easy it is not to be satisfied with what we already have.

Object lesson #4: "Revised" Sword Drill Game

Supplies: Bibles

"Revised" Sword Drill Game: Sword drills are fun ways to emphasize the lesson. They also give the children a chance to have fun while practicing finding books and verses in the Bible. Rules are as follows:

1) The Bibles need to be closed and laying on each boy's lap.

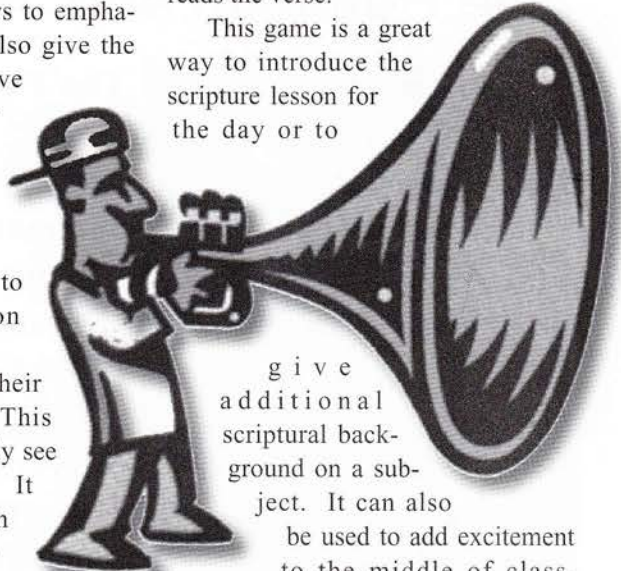
2) The boys place their hands on their heads. This allows the leader to clearly see if anyone begins early. It also keeps fingers from secretly marking locations.

3) The leader reads the reference several times. The kids don't get to start looking up the verse until the leader says "go." This gives the leader plenty of time to ensure everyone knows what verse to find.

4) When a boy finds the verse, he stands up and shout out the first word of the verse. This allows the leader to clearly see and hear who has found the verse first.

5) The boy who is first receives a treat. Then the leader or the boy reads the verse.

This game is a great way to introduce the scripture lesson for the day or to



give additional scriptural background on a subject. It can also be used to add excitement to the middle of class.

1998 Harvest Task Force Calendar

The first Saturday of each month is dedicated to prayer and at least 1 hour of fasting for the Royal Rangers ministry.

September							October							November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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CRAFTS

brenda millhouser

The Pumpkin and “Tommy” the Tater Turkey

Supplies Needed:

For Pumpkin:

2 feet of 4-inch dryer exhaust hose
2 artificial ivy leaves
1 1/2-inch piece of twig
Orange spray paint
Hot glue stick and glue gun
A large appliance box (to use as a spray paint area)

For Turkey:

1 extra large baking potato
3-piece turkey pattern (copied on tan or gold paper)
Crayons or felt markers
Scissors
2 craft sticks (popsicle sticks)
Hot glue sticks and glue gun

The Pumpkin Project

With the assistance of a commander or an adult helper, stretch the dryer hose around to form a circle, tucking one end inside the other end. Secure the two ends with a line of hot glue. This sets up fast, so you can go to the next step. In a prepared, sheltered area (the appliance box) spray the entire pumpkin with the orange spray paint and set it aside to dry. Once it is dry enough to handle, poke the small twig in the tiny opening in the top center of the pumpkin and secure with a drop of hot glue. Now you can add the two silk or paper ivy leaves with a drop of glue to each side of the twig, and the pumpkin is finished.

The Turkey Project

Give each boy a sheet with a turkey head, fan tail, and a pair of feet (fig. 1), and have them color in the pattern as colorfully as they would like. Next they will need to cut out the three pieces. (Some boys may need assistance.) Once the pieces are colored and cut out, turn the head and tail pieces over and hot glue a wooden craft stick to the back of each, letting 1 inch hang over on the bottom side (fig. 2). Now to finish the turkey, make a slit in each end of the potato with a small paring knife, on the top side (fig. 3), and push the 1-inch extended piece of the craft stick of the head into the potato into a slot on one end of the pota-

to, and the tail on the other end. Make sure the pieces face the same way. Now, with a few drops of glue, attach the pair of feet to the bottom of the front end of the turkey, and you have created "Tommy" the Tater Turkey.

These two projects are fun to make and can be done in 2 weeks. Do ahead in plenty of time to take them home for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

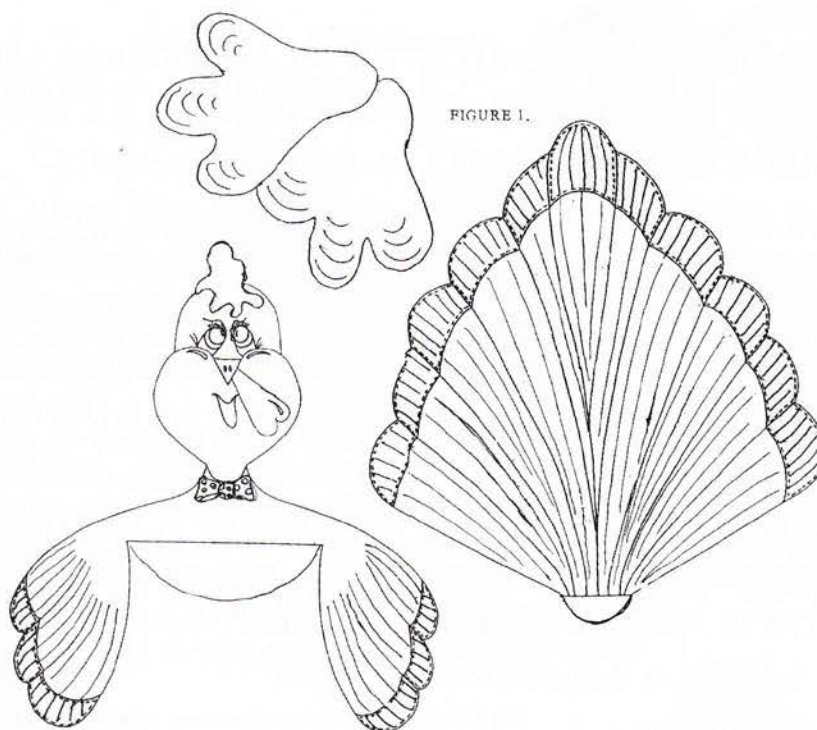
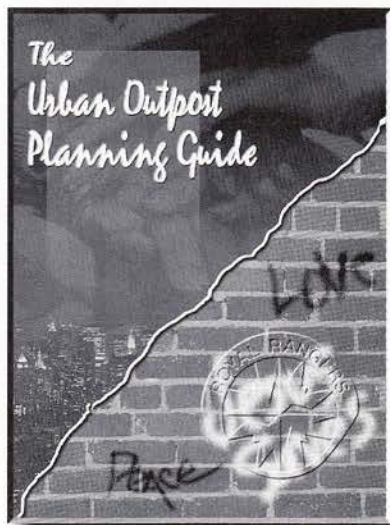


FIGURE 1.

NEW!

The Urban Outpost Planning Guide



This 1-year urban outpost meeting manual contains meeting features, Achievement Badge activities, devotionals, and group activities.

To order, call 1-800-641-4310.

Item 729-012, w/binder, cost: \$13.45;

Item 729-013, w/o binder, cost: \$10.00

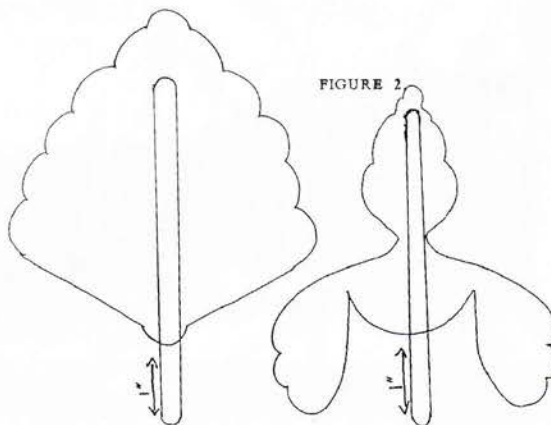


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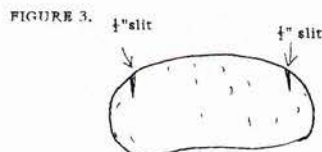


FIGURE 3.



The Giving Plan

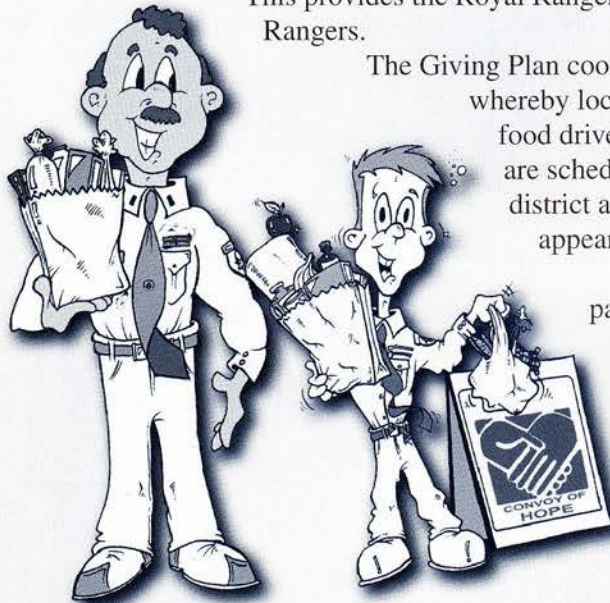
The Giving Plan is a new partnership with Convoy of Hope whereby local outposts are called upon to assist in a food drive—through door-to-door campaigns and churchwide projects led by Royal Rangers. The food drive, called The Giving Plan, is coordinated by an appointed Royal Rangers commander in a city where a Convoy of Hope is scheduled. The nonperishable goods gathered by the local outposts will be used to assist in conducting a Convoy of Hope in that community. Boys and leaders who participate can earn the Convoy of Hope national activity patch.

About 50 Convoy of Hope events are scheduled each year throughout the United States. A semi-truck loaded with groceries is placed in a needy area of the city to attract the “guests of honor” to receive free groceries. As the guests wait in line, their children participate in a children’s crusade and carnival. Guests often participate in medical screening. The primary focus is to introduce the guests to Christ Jesus. Prior to receiving their free groceries, the guests participate in a 30-minute crusade, where they are exposed to drama, music, and a simple presentation of the gospel message. An average Convoy will lead 150-plus children to Christ.

This provides the Royal Rangers ministry an ideal opportunity to invite boys to Royal Rangers.

The Giving Plan coordinator’s role is to develop a community-wide food drive, whereby local outposts throughout the community participate. These food drives are generally conducted in areas where Convoys of Hope are scheduled. However, food drives can be conducted throughout a district and delivered to the Convoy of Hope site(s) scheduled to appear in that district.

For locations of upcoming Convoys, see the schedule on page 11. For further information on The Giving Plan, contact the national Royal Rangers Office, Marshall Bruner, or the Convoy of Hope Office.



National Royal Rangers Office
417-862-2781, ext. 4177

National Convoy of Hope Office
417-823-8244

ROYAL RANGERS WEEK

October 4 - 10, 1998

Royal Rangers Week bulletin inserts can be ordered by calling the number below and requesting item 729-130.

How to order: 1-800-641-4310

ATTENTION!

The 1998 2nd edition of the Outpost Planning Guide, which previously appeared in the *High Adventure Leader*, is expected to be released soon on the new Royal Rangers official website.

The address is:

<http://www.ag.org/rangers/>

The *Guide* is available as a downloadable .pdf file—a free Acrobat Reader is available from the site.

to join RangerNet, except whatever it might cost you to get E-mail.

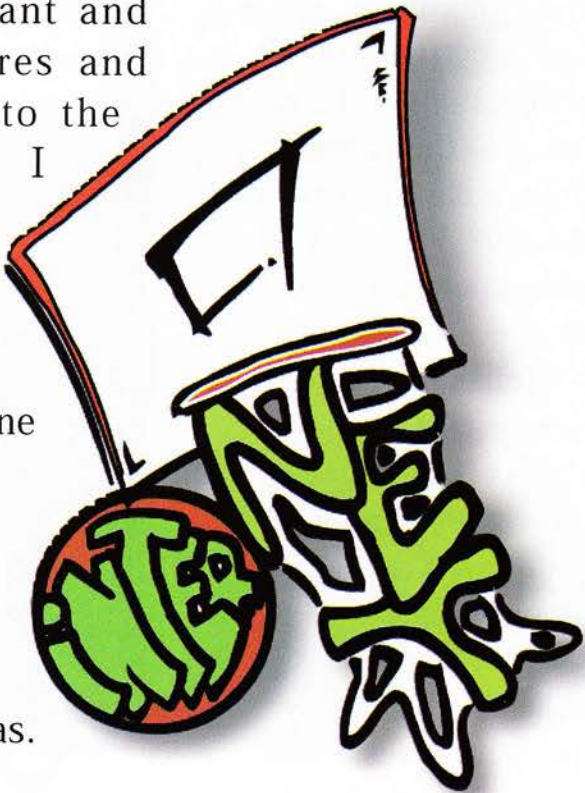
Here is how the RangerNet mailing list works. First, you join the list by sending a message containing just "subscribe rangernet" (without the quotes) in the body of the message (not the subject line) majordomo@rangernet.org. The computer program called "majordomo" will send you back a message asking you to confirm that you want to be on the list by sending another command back to it. If you send back the command it asks you to, you will get a welcome message. To send a message to everyone who has joined the mailing list, you just send the message to rangernet@rangernet.org, and the message is sent to everyone who has joined the list. As you can imagine,

this generates a lot of mail. Last year, we had a "Cyber Pow Wow" on the Internet. We had special web sites for the Cyber Pow Wow, special postings to RangerNet, and even a patch that you could get for participating. Over 500 people from 22 countries registered. There were special messages from guest writers, devotions, nature study, interactive web pages, and places to learn about all kinds of scouting skills. You could add plant and animal pictures and descriptions to the web pages. I added a picture of a bull elk, a hummingbird, and a columbine (the Colorado state flower). Other people added plants and animals from their areas.

I liked the Rainbow Lorikeet that Fiona Thorne from Australia added. There was so much going on that it is hard to write it all down.

The next big Royal Rangers event on the Internet is in the planning stages right now. When it happens, it will be announced on RangerNet. It is going to be bigger and better than the last one!

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The Secret's in Your Face



by
**Brenda
Bone**

good and evil men. The first faces he painted were those belonging to the 11 good disciples.

Next, da Vinci began a long quest to find a face glowing with love and hope, that would be worthy enough for him to use as the foundation for his portrayal of Christ. The artist was almost ready to

"From a person's face, I can read their character," Petronius, an ancient Roman writer, once observed. What does your face tell the world about your personality?

Do you often guess correctly what kind of mood family members are in by studying the expressions on their faces as they return from a day at work or school? Faces say a lot about people before they ever speak.

It has been said that when artist Leonardo da Vinci started working on his famous painting, *The Last Supper*, he searched for many years for the faces that would be perfect for Jesus and

the 12 disciples. As he made this character study, he sketched pictures of



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give up when he spotted a young man singing in the choir in the Milan Cathedral.

“Your face reflects an aura of truth and appears to shine with love,” da Vinci told the young man. “Would you be interested in posing for me?”

The singer agreed. His kind-looking face became Leonardo’s model for Jesus.

Satisfied with his painting so far, Leonardo needed to find one last face—that of the traitor Judas. This time he searched prisons, taverns, and other crime-infested places. His goal was to find a face that mirrored the awful depravity and loss of spirit that could betray the mildest of people.

When da Vinci visited a dirty prison cell in Rome, he saw a face that made him envision what Judas must have looked like. One prisoner, not yet middle-aged, possessed deceitful-looking eyes and traces of hard, evil living in his face. Leonardo studied this man and pictured him in

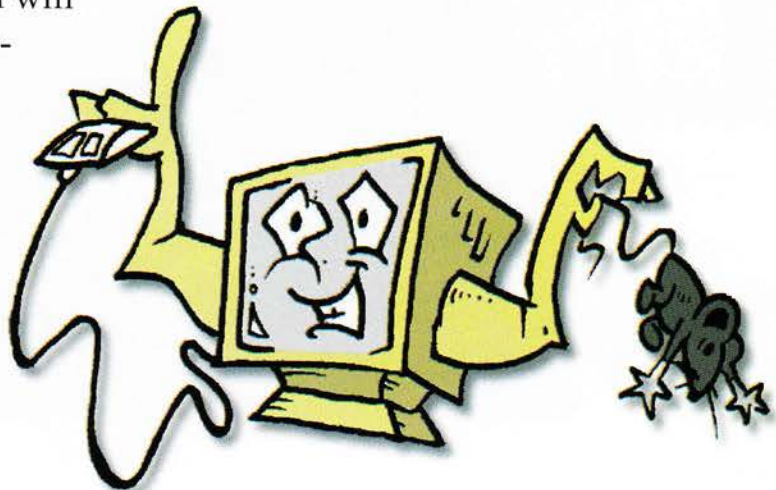
his mind when he painted Judas.

Quite by accident, Leonardo learned later that the angelic-looking choir member who had posed for the picture of Jesus was the prisoner whose face he had chosen for the model of Judas! Why didn’t Leonardo recognize the man when he saw him for the second time in prison? Several years of living a wicked lifestyle left its mark on this man’s face. Even his friends and acquaintances no longer recognized him as the same individual who used to look so pleasant and gentle.

There is an old saying that goes, “You’ll always be in style if you’re wearing a smile.” Have you ever noticed that a curl of the mouth or a flash of the teeth will make a person with unsightly features look more attractive than some-

one who has a face that’s fit for an elegant model?

Your face is constantly influencing others. Look at yourself in the mirror. If you aren’t satisfied with the message your face delivers, you can change the way it looks. Of course, you can’t change the shape of it or your bone structure, but you can decide how you’ll appear to the world. A healthy tan and an athletic build might help to improve a person’s image, but these can never compare with possessing an inner handsomeness that shines like a natural glow over one’s face. Keeping your spirit peaceful and living a clean, honest life can make you attractive. Try it and see.



Rascal Rangers

A Royal Ranger is **OBEDIENT**:
To his Parents; his Elders;
and Especially to **GOD!**

"Hey, I'm bored. Let's find something cool to do."



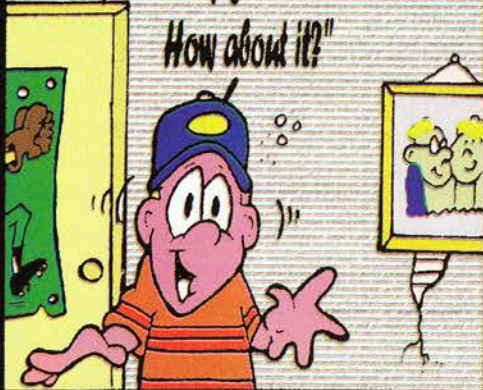
"I know! Let's go to my computer.
We can 'surf' the Internet."



"WOW! This is COOL! You can get information about anything on here!"



"My older brother said that you can find
ADULT pictures of GJRLS on the Internet!
How about it?"



"No Way! That's not right! And
it's not being Obedient to GOD either."



"My Dad was a Senior Commander in the Royal
Rangers and taught me to always be Obedient to
GOD's teachings."



"Yeah you're right.
That would be totally wrong!
Let's Obey God; AND
your Father."



**As Royal Rangers and Christians, we are children
of God and are to Obey HJM, and HJS teachings.
Acts 5:29 ...But Peter and the apostles replied,
"We must OBEY God rather than men."...**

GMA Focus

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The Value of Royal Rangers

When I first joined the Royal Rangers program at the age of 8, I knew I would learn some important guidelines for my life. Being a Royal Ranger has changed my life completely. Now that I am a Trail Ranger for God, I have learned to help others and pray for them. The values I have learned in the Royal Rangers have been based mainly upon the four gold points of the Royal Rangers emblem. The four gold points describe the four ways a boy grows: physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially.

These four gold points have had a major impact on what I do and how I act. Guidance from God and my commanders is helping me become a godly man. The Royal Rangers ministry has brought many benefits to my life.

Working toward advancements, hiking, camping, and special activities has helped me keep my body clean and healthy. Working on my physical fitness advancement has taught me how to keep my body in shape and the importance of a balanced diet. My body is God's temple, and God expects me to treat His temple in the best way possible. I eat right, exercise, and stay away from

harmful things such as drugs and alcohol. I have also learned what my physical limitations are through the Rangers program.

Spiritually, Royal Rangers has brought me closer to God. This part of the Rangers program has affected my life the most. I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I fully believe that Royal Rangers

"Mentally, I am pure in my thoughts.... I try to think upon good things."

has given me understanding for what God plans to do with my life. Without the Rangers program, I believe I might have been lost in a world of lies, hatred, violence, and sin. To me, Royal Rangers is just like a weight watcher program, except the Rangers program helps you trim away sins and opens and cleans out your heart to be a suitable place for Christ to live.

Mentally, I am pure in my thoughts. I believe a boy, in order to mature as a Christian, must have a pure mind and be clear of sinful thoughts. I try to think upon good things. I even got rid

of my video games because they were feeding bad things to my mind. I don't watch bad movies. I read my Bible and try to fill my mind with good things. If it were not for the Rangers ministry, I would have never learned the importance of setting goals and attaining them. Using your mind is as important as physical activity.

Socially, I am pure about what I say to people. I try to live by the "Golden Rule" and treat others as I want to be treated. I try hard to get along with everyone—even those who mistreat me.

I know Jesus is coming soon, and I am prepared for Him. Working on my "God and Church" awards has helped me learn about God and gifts He has for each individual. I am prepared because of the Royal Rangers ministry.

In 1995, I was afraid I had lost God because I was not being a model Christian. During my orchestra class in school, one of the people in my class I have trouble getting along with left a 20-dollar bill underneath her seat. I tried to get along with her but it was hard sometimes. When I picked up the money, there were two little voices fighting inside me. One of them said, *Don't keep the money; turn it in.* The other voice said, *Keep it; you will be \$20 richer.* I decided to listen to the first voice, and I gave the money to the teacher. I believe the Royal Rangers program helped me make the right decision.

I believe the four gold points in the Rangers program have helped me to become a better Christian. The Royal Rangers ministry has provided guidelines in my life to prepare me to serve the Lord. I thank God for the Royal Rangers.



COMEDY CORNER

HUMOR FROM THE INTERNET...
AUTHORS UNKNOWN

After the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. They passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden. One of the boys asked, "What's that?" Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

Sunday School Teacher: "What evidence is there in the Bible that Adam and Eve were noisy?"

Boy: "They raised Cain!"

What a good thing Adam had going. When he said something he knew nobody had said it before.

A minister was opening his mail one morning. Drawing a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it only one word: "FOOL." The next Sunday he announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgot to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter."

A pastor had a practice of leaving his pulpit for a brief time during the morning service. While one of his staff made the announcements, he went to tell a Bible story to the children in children's church. One new member didn't understand. One day he said to the minister, "Pastor, you're the first preacher I ever saw who takes a coffee break during the service."

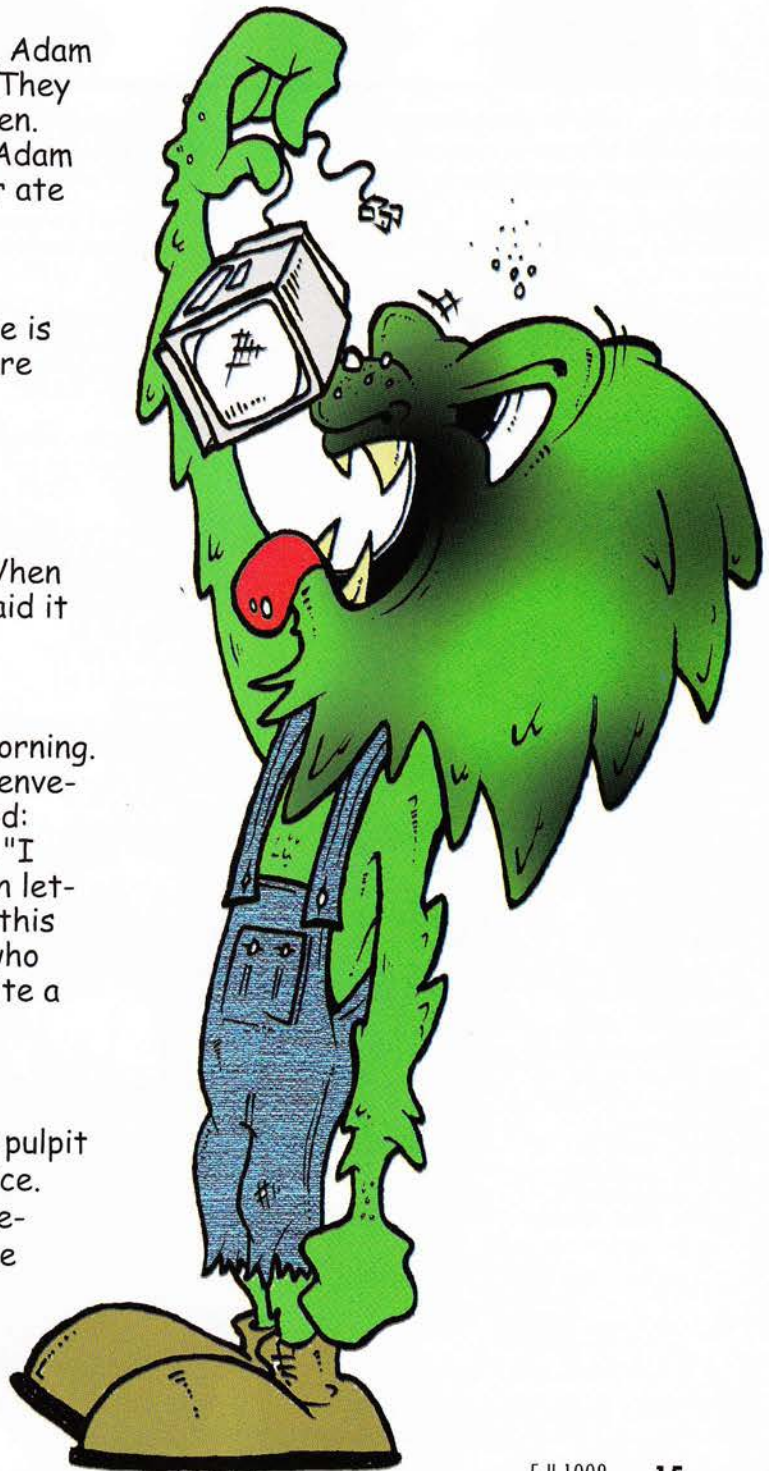


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