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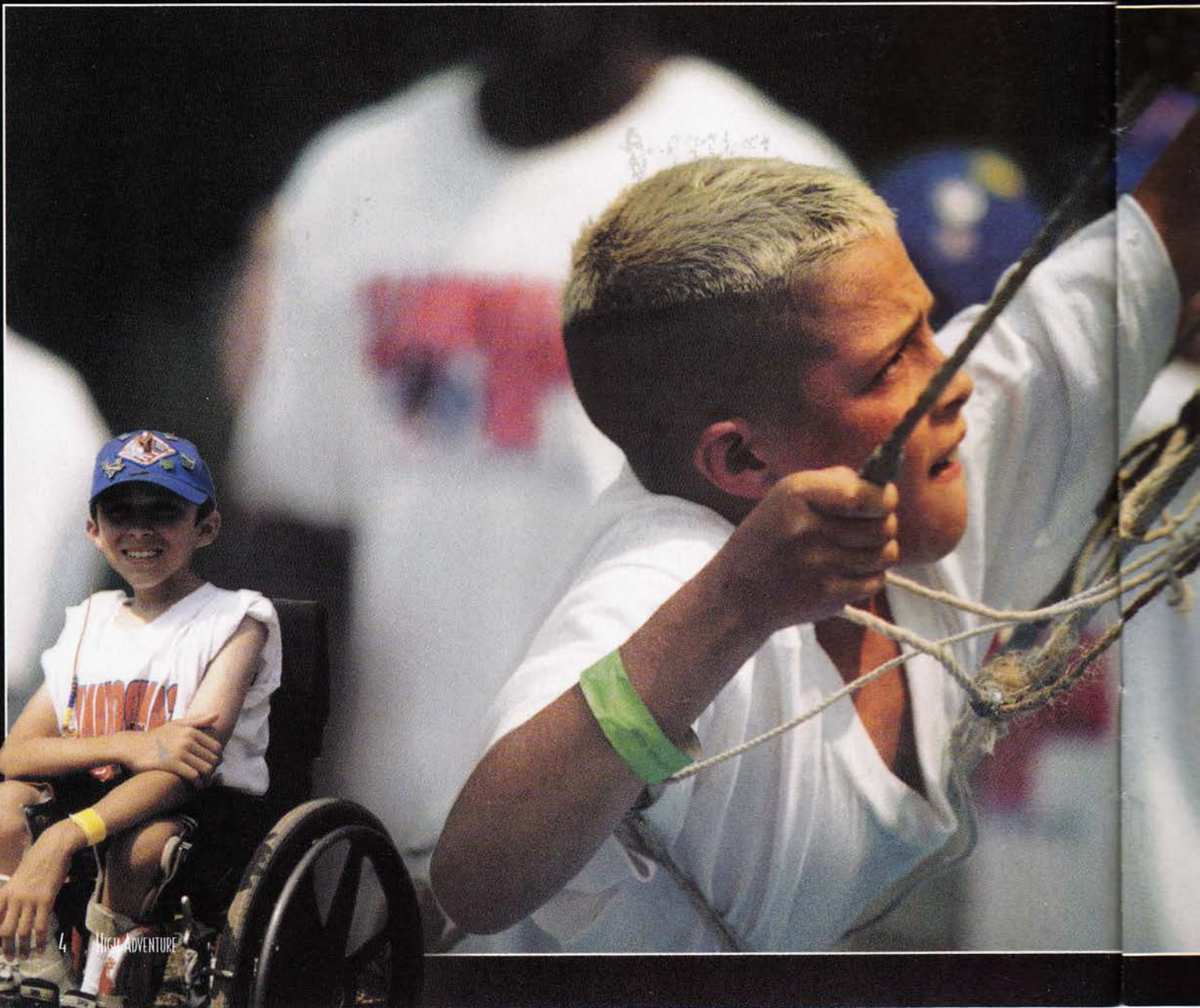


CAMPORAMA! *On July 13, 1998, the National Camporama opened its doors to the world. Some 5,200 boys and men from all over the globe descended upon Camp Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, Missouri, for a time of fun, fellowship, adventure, and worship.*

The following pages are pictorial presentations of the Camporama—it was impossible to do it all, but we hope we can give you just a little taste of what went on at the biggest Camporama ever.

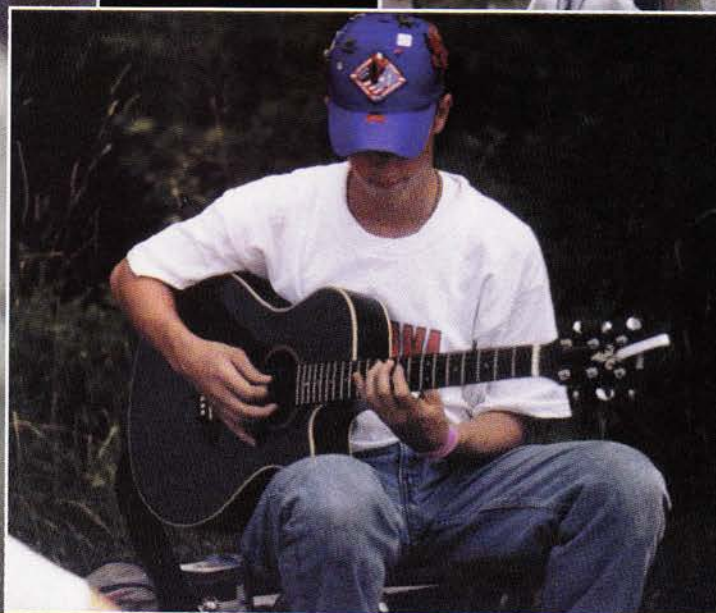
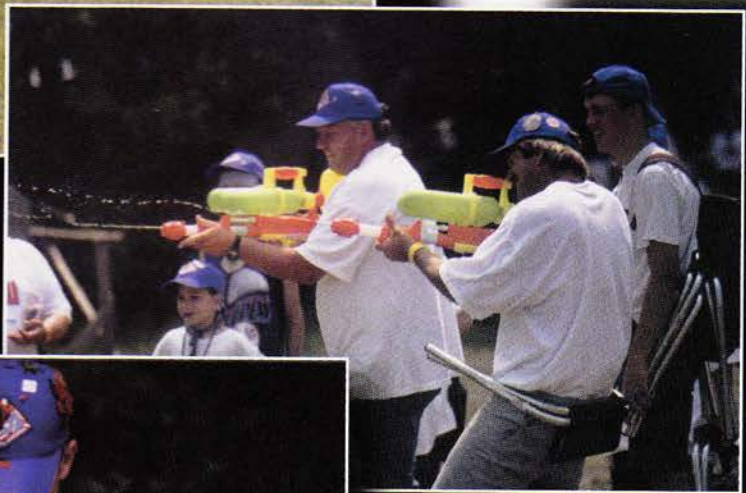
HIGHLIGHTS

High- and low-ropes, cannons booming, water pistols drenching, traders trading, you name it, we had it all! There was even time for a little rest and relaxation. Oh, and I mention the heat?



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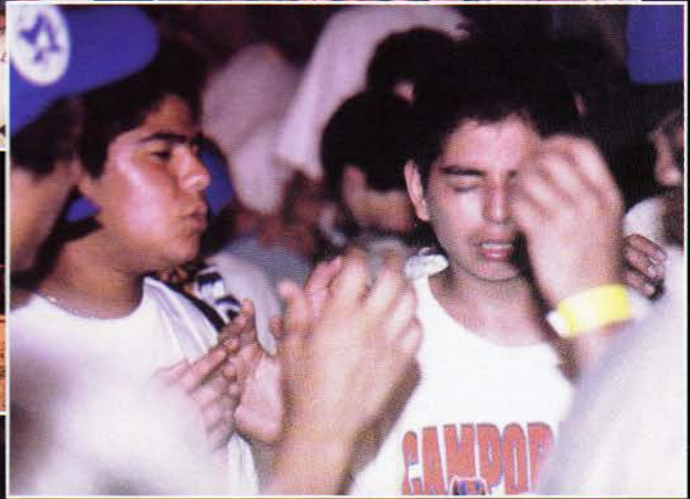
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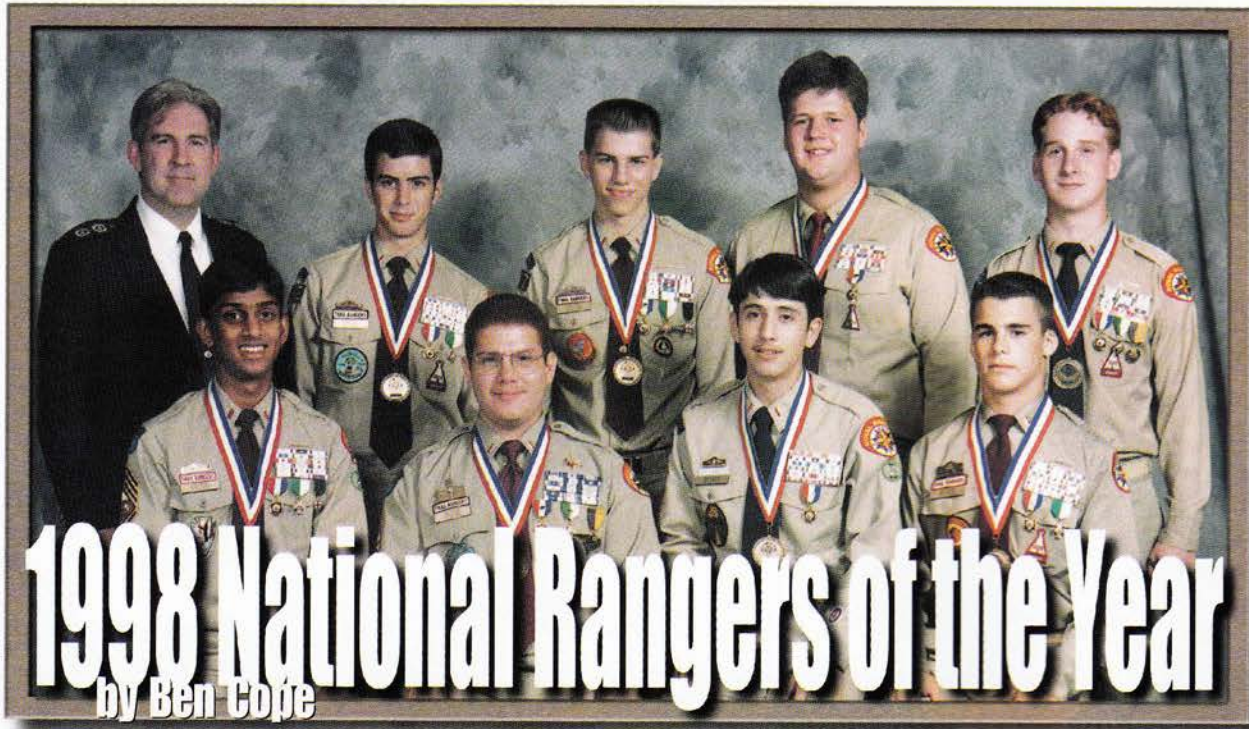
The amphitheater were ringing with the sounds of music, praise, and worship. Four of drama brought us that much closer to the realization of Jesus' impact on our lives.



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Four nights
our lives.





Eight finalists were awarded the title 1998 National Royal Ranger of the Year on July 13 at the 1998 National Camporama, held at Camp Eagle Rock, Eagle Rock, Missouri. The young men were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during the preliminary activities of the Monday evening service of Camporama, where 5,200 boys and leaders had gathered.

This honor, recognizing outstanding achievement in the Royal Rangers ministry, is one of the highest awards a Royal Ranger can earn. Each of the eight national winners—one from each region—competed for the award in outpost, sectional, district, and regional levels. Their achievements will also award them the privilege of being 1-year members of the National Royal Rangers Council, while giving the opportunity to speak at Royal Rangers functions within their regions.

The 1998 national winners, listed by region, are as follows: David Legere, Great Lakes; Jeremy Hahn, Gulf; Aaron Norton, North Central; Anthony Feducia, Northeast; Joseph Elias, Northwest; Tony Eastin, South Central; Scott Stevens, Southeast; Christian Peralta, Southwest.

David Legere, age 16, attends Living Waters Assembly, Grayslake, Illinois. Jeremy Hahn, age 18, attends Praise Assembly, Springfield, Missouri. Aaron Norton, age 18, attends Faith Assembly, Chicago City, Minnesota. Tony Feducia, age 17, attends Highway Assembly, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Joseph Elias, age 15, attends Cornerstone Assembly, Idaho

Falls, Idaho. Tony Eastin, age 17, attends Glad Tidings Assembly, Silver City, New Mexico. Scott Stevens, age 17, attends Crawford Assembly, Mobile, Alabama. Christian Peralta, age 17, attends El Gulgota Assembly, Richmond, California.

**David Legere:
Great Lakes Region**



David began in Royal Rangers as a Straight Arrow and has been involved for 11 years. Royal Rangers has given him goals to aim for, says David, and has taught him he can achieve them. He has been encouraged through Royal Rangers to seek more of God in everything he does. Royal Rangers has also helped David become a bolder witness. David has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement; God & Me, God & Family, and God & Church Awards; and the Junior Leaders Service Award. Also, he has completed JLTC. He challenges other Royal Rangers to take part in Ranger of the Year competitions: "Shoot for the stars—you'll find they're not as hard to reach as you thought."

**Jeremy Hahn:
Gulf Region**

Jeremy began Royal Rangers as a Straight Arrow and has been involved ever since. Reading and memorizing Bible verses, praying, and seeking



God are only a few of the things that Royal Rangers has taught him. Jeremy says, Royal Rangers has given him the leadership skills and determination to reach his goals and has helped him build greater character.

Jeremy has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement and Gold Buffalo. He notes how Royal Rangers involvement has strengthened him spiritually: "To achieve the awards I wanted, I had to read my Bible and memorize verses. This got me interested in God's Word." One night while reading the Bible, Jeremy fell asleep, later to awake in the midst of a spiritual battle. The scripture verse (1 Samuel 17:47) he then read in the Bible before him gave him boldness. Jeremy recalls, "I sat up with a boldness and said to the spirit in my room, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, my King, get out of my room and my house ... and shut my door on the way out.'" Peace then filled Jeremy's room.

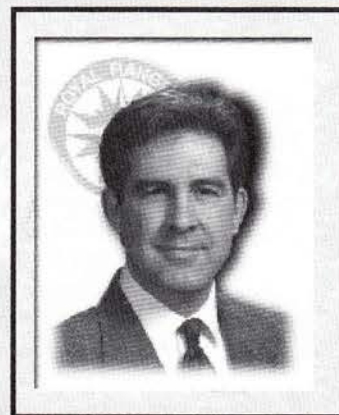
**Aaron Norton:
North Central Region**

Aaron became involved in Royal Rangers as a Pioneer at age 10. He says Royal Rangers has helped him to grow spiritually. Earning the Christian Service Award, for example, gave him a heart for the lost and helped him to develop the skills needed to lead others to Christ. Aaron says he has learned how to persevere and how to achieve God's perfect will for his life. Rangers has made him realize the importance of being a good example



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“Let Freedom Reign”

It came like a roaring lion and ended quickly as a passing storm. Months of planning and thousands of man-hours later, the event is now history. Fond memories linger, and I wonder how it passed so quickly.

I'm referring to the 1998 National Camporama. It became a historic event because it was the largest-ever activity in the history of Royal Rangers. Campers traveled from as far as Singapore and Germany and Australia while 5,200 boys and leaders converged on Camp Eagle Rock—it was a large “Let Freedom Reign” rally!

If ever I have seen commitment, it resided in the hearts of the commanders there. If ever was displayed a love for the ministry and the soul purpose of evangelizing boys, it churned in the hearts of our outpost leaders who had come. I marveled, as I have at past Camporamas, at the intense level of dedication displayed by the outpost leaders who had come to serve their boys.

You may have been one among the thousands of sweaty-faced leaders I saw at Camporama. The toll of the heat and humidity coupled with the long, demanding hours of leadership were felt by all. Yet the reward became so sweet, so satisfying to the many with whom I've talked that the discomfort momentarily imposed was swept away by the marvelous work of the Spirit during each wave of the evening services.

What a marvelous site: thousands of boys pressing toward the front of the amphitheater—boys weeping into the late-night hours, seeking God. Though all reports have not been collected, those gathered were affirmed: 1,387 boys committed or recommitted their lives to Christ, 820 boys received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and 716 boys were called to ministry. The physical and mental demands of Camporama were suddenly worth it all!

Now the Camporama has come and gone. The video tapes now being shown around the nation serve as remind of the grand time we all had.

We will one day hear testimonies from laymen and pastors alike how they were called into ministry during a long-ago 1998 Camporama. We may never fully understand the spiritual significance of this revival called Camporama until we are heaven-bound.

Until then we face yet another day, another outpost meeting, another camp-out—another challenge to tackle. So I invoke you once again to maintain the pace God has set before us: to display the model of godly commanders, to instill the love of God into the hearts of boys. Let the fire of God rekindle your evangelism zeal once again. Though great was the National Camporama, do not settle for what occurred yesterday. Yet, look for new spiritual heights to achieve tomorrow.

Let's live up to the challenge that echoed among the hills of Camp Eagle Rock during that final Camporama evening service. As Rev. Terry Raburn, superintendent of Peninsular Florida District, so aptly and enthusiastically challenged us: “I ask you to make a commitment to be a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ in this great country. I ask you to be a good citizen and a great member of this nation. More importantly, I ask you to be an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no political program that can change this nation. But the Spirit of God who has been with us during this Camporama can change not only this nation ... but this world! And I ask you to make the commitment to return to your family, to your outpost, to your neighborhood, to your school and tell them about Jesus Christ so that God can bless America again!

With that I conclude: “Let Freedom Reign!”

ONLINE

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1998 Camporama Biggest Ever

1998 CAMPORAMA: A WEEK TO CHANGE A LIFETIME

Scott Harrup, Office of Public Relations

They stood on the grass in a natural amphitheater surrounded by southern Missouri's forests. They watched as fireworks streamed above a huge American flag. They sang patriotic songs. They honored the veterans standing among them. Most importantly, they made a commitment to carry with them the personal revival they had experienced during the preceding week.

On July 16, at the concluding service of the 1998 National Camporama for Assemblies of God Royal Rangers, thousands of boys and men pledged themselves to change their home communities through the power of the gospel.

Rangers outposts came at the beginning of the week from across America representing their districts with pride. Royal Rangers look forward to Camporama every 4 years. They come with tents, cots, camping supplies, district pins and patches to trade, and boundless enthusiasm. Camp Eagle Rock, a 1,500-acre wooded reserve that is the national campgrounds for this outreach, was transformed from a series of grassy glades to a city of neatly arranged tents.

American Rangers were not alone. Royal Rangers has grown dramatically in Europe, Latin America, and Asia. More than 100 foreign delegates traveled from Australia, Germany, Guyana, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, Spain, and Switzerland. The 1998 National Camporama was, in reality, an international event displaying the kind of cross-



cultural unity reflected in the Ranger Code as well as in the Christian gospel. Throughout the week of July 13-17, 5,200 Rangers and commanders were encouraged to draw closer to God and to one another.

Camporama is an all-out demonstration of the Ranger life-experience. Its roots stretch back for nearly a quarter century. In 1974, the first Camporama drew 1,500 boys and men to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. By 1978, the attendance at Farragut State Park in Idaho had grown to about 2,000. The third Camporama in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., involved some 3,400 participants.

The 1986 Camporama ushered in the use of the new national campgrounds at Eagle Rock, Mo., and the dedication of its main facility, the Commander Johnnie Barnes Lodge. Barnes, the first national commander of Royal Rangers, can still be seen in the host of photographs along the lodge's walls. His death in 1989 is still felt by Rangers and commanders who

grew up under his leadership or served alongside him.

Ken Hunt has served as national commander since Barnes' death and has overseen the continued expansion of both Royal Rangers and the National Camporama. He was thrilled at this year's level of participation.

"We've had a great response to the altar calls each evening," Hunt said as the week progressed. "I noticed that on the first night there were a great number who were filled with the Spirit. It's important at our Camporamas and our Pow Wows to really watch how young people pray with young people. And we're seeing that with a lot of young people who receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it's due to another young boy praying with them. The men pray with them as well, but there is something that happens when Rangers team up."

Spiritual interaction among Rangers is vital. Camporama offers boys who attend countless opportunities to competi-

tively play together throughout the day, but praying together remains the major focus. Evening services capped off each day with hundreds of boys seeking God at the amphitheater's large outdoor altar. By week's end, decision cards showed that 1,387 boys were saved or recommitted their lives to Christ, 820 boys received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and 716 boys were called to ministry.

Each evening service was built around the week's theme, "Let Freedom Reign." Monday evening, James Barger, president of the National Royal Rangers Council, spoke on "Freedom From Personal Slavery." Fred Deaver, president of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, shared about "Freedom From Political Slavery" on Tuesday. Wednesday night's theme was "Freedom From Spiritual Slavery" with Foreign Missionary Robb Hawks. Terry Raburn, superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District, spoke at Thursday evening's grand finale, a Freedom Rally that called every Ranger to be an agent of change in his home community.

The Camporama day begins at 6 a.m. with Reveille and a cannon blast. District camps begin sending their outposts to breakfast according to a master schedule that allows the entire Camporama to be fed in time for morning devotions at 9. When devotions are concluded an hour later, the day swings into full activity.

District camps are grouped according to Assemblies of God regions. Each regional area sponsors a variety of activities, some including elaborate props and displays. Boys move from camp to camp to participate and receive district pins or colored beads that allow them to earn a patch.

In July heat, staying cool is a priority. Besides the numerous public reminders to drink sufficient water, boys are encouraged to swim in the Zodiac inflatable pools spaced through the camp. Numbers of camp activities allow partici-

pants to get wet as well.

Besides the traditional outdoor activities of a camping-oriented ministry like Rangers, this year's Camporama helped participants look ahead to the 21st Century. Rangers waited to log on to 10 computer systems at a supervised Internet Center. They e-mailed friends around the world and accessed a variety of web pages reflecting their many interests. Web viewers around the world could capture live footage of the opening ceremony and read each daily newspaper.

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Camporama also gives attention to exceptional Rangers. Eight finalists were awarded the title of 1998 National Royal Ranger of the Year on July 13. The young men were recognized during the preliminary activities of the Monday evening service for outstanding achievement in the Royal Rangers ministry. Each of the eight national winners—one from each region—competed for the award in outpost, sectional, district, and regional levels. They will serve as 1-year members of the National Royal Rangers Council and speak at Royal Rangers functions within their regions.

By the time Rangers had been on the go from 6 in the morning through the unrelenting afternoon heat, they might have been expected to lose their exuberance. But each evening's service saw thousands of young men marching into the amphitheater ready to join in songs of worship and listen to powerful preaching. Pageants—full-scale dramatic presentations complete with props, lighting and sound effects—led up to each night's message. When altar calls were given, hundreds responded every night and many remained to pray until well after midnight.

The 1998 Camporama was the last of this millennium. Large "Millennium" gates decorated the regional campsites, and boys earned

"Time Traveler" patches as they completed the various activities offered. But the lasting heritage of this gathering will be found in a future Millennium, a biblically prophesied era when Jesus Christ will rule this world with His Church. Thanks to Camporama and the many other ministries of Royal Rangers, thousands of boys have turned their lives over to Christ and can look forward to His return.

Our NULC started by nearly being

GREAT LAKES REGION HOLDS NULC

DAN APPENFELDER

canceled. At the time of National Council, we had virtually no trainees signed up and few instructors. I was on the verge of canceling it when something someone said made me realize that those who had signed up were serious about being an urban commander, and we needed to help them all we could. From that point on, everything came together. Commander John Overton from the New York District agreed to come and be our conference commander. That was a tremendous help. As the weeks rolled on, we were able to get our instructors, our inner-city church, and a speaker for Friday evening.

Our NULC was held at Solid Rock Church, just north of Cincinnati. They had tremendous facilities which they opened to us. Of 27 originally signed up, 22 showed up for the conference. We had three patrols, led by Ed Link from Michigan, Larry Nisbeth from Indiana, and Rich Geno also from Michigan. Stan Bonk from Michigan was our senior guide; Gary Bayes from Ohio video taped the whole conference; Ron Carter from Ohio was the supply coordinator; Scott Fletcher from Ohio did all the cooking; Barry Rataiczak from Ohio was our chaplain; and Jamie Holaday from Ohio was an instructor as well as helped with the cooking. All of the instructors were professionals in the area in which they taught, so the trainees got practical, useful information in their classes.

Some of the most useful information, however, came from the pastor who spoke on Friday evening. He had grown up on the streets of Chicago and had been through Teen Challenge in Cincinnati. He taught us to "take the gospel with us" as we went into the streets. We didn't have to remember everything we had



learned at the conference, because it was the gospel that changed lives. His word to us on how to keep from getting burned out trying to work in the inner city was to try to "shake the dust from our feet" if they didn't respond—just as Jesus had said. It was a great time of learning and being ministered to.

On Saturday we went into the projects under the direction of Pastor Linda Williams from First Assembly of God in Dayton. We passed out food to the families, *The Book of Hope* to the kinds, and prayed with those who would let us pray with them. It was a great time, although it rained the whole time we were out. The trainees were pretty tense about going into the projects. I believe if we had let the rain stop us, they would never have gotten over that fear. As it was, they came back rejoicing over the experience.

After we all ate together (the trainees, staff, and workers from the church), Pastor Williams spoke to us that evening. At the end she and the other workers anointed each one of us for service, and we in turn anointed her. It was a great time and contributed a great deal to the overall success of the conference.

On Sunday, as we completed our teaching, we attended church at Solid Rock, had our last meal, and held our closing. We did the skit as part of our closing as well as had Communion. The skit and closing were very meaningful to the trainees. Some stood to testify as to what the conference had meant to them and to their renewed commitment to reach urban youth. Jon Miltenberger, a long-time Ohio District staff member, said that this conference head

ROYAL RANGER TAKES AWARD

by Mary Freeman, Editor, *The Suburban Tribune*, Balch Springs, Texas

"Amby Ocanas, a fourth grade student at Lagow Elementary School, received the Urban Royal Ranger of the Year Award at an awards ceremony held Saturday, February 28, and is the first student of the North Dallas section to receive this local outpost honor.

"In competition, contestants (about 40 participants in the North Dallas section) must perform a combination of skills, a written test, oral exam, uniform inspection, skills test (how to tie knots, first aid, CPR, etc), and Bible studies.

"All of these skills are taught in the weekly meetings held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Balch Springs Recreation Center. Other activities include social skills, Christian values, flag courtesy and history, color guard procedures, and outings such as camping and fishing."



meant more to him than any other training event he had attended.



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Begin now by involving the Rangers in outpost activities related to New Testament reading. Boys can read along with an audiocassette recording of New Testament readings, for example. Whatever the approach, start today.

Here's how to order the New Testament 2000 pin:

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Prepare your Rangers today for the great evangelism trust tomorrow.

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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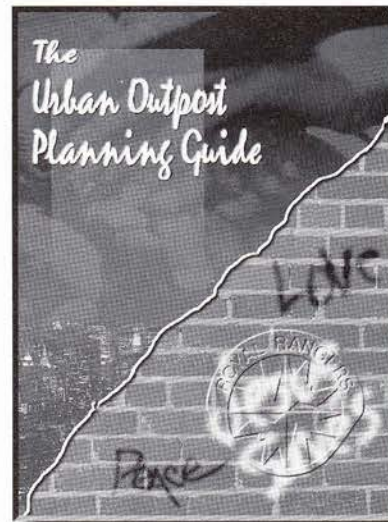
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The Book of Hope is ideal for urban evangelism in African-American communities.
Item Number: 729HC120
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The full-color brochure is ideal for promoting FCF.
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The software program for DOS computers with Windows enables a commander to effectively track the advancements and profiles of his Royal Rangers. The program includes the new Challengers/Trailrangers Advancement Trails.
Item Number: 729NZ140
Cost: \$65
- *Rangers Trailtracer*
The software program is designed for DOS computers without Windows. It enables the commander to create profile sheets for each Royal Ranger and to track his advancements under the new Advancement Trail.
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Order by calling the national office and requesting "Hearts of You." Audiocassette: \$12, CD: \$15

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Cost Each: \$15

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Cost Each: \$2



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Cost Each: \$2

Camporama Specialty

T-Shirt: This specialty T-shirt includes a full chest, four color logo that reads "Enter The Millennium ... '98 Camporama ... 'Let Freedom Reign.'"

Sizes: L, XL

Cost Each: \$9



Camporama Penlight Flashlight: This miniature flashlight is black with the words "1998 National Camporama" ... "Let Freedom Reign" inscribed in gold.

Cost Each: \$2.75

FCF REPORT

Jay "Maddog" Hoffman

Bringing the Light of the Gospel to the Andes: A Report on Pathfinders

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). In the village of Bentanzos, 12,000 feet high in the Andes mountains, there is now a great light shining from a new church building 110 feet long and 30 feet wide. For this Quechen Indian village of 3,000, this is the first evangelical outreach of its kind to be built there. The gospel has now taken a foothold in what is one of the darkest places in Bolivia. It is a place where witchcraft and blood sacrifices of animals and humans are common. God has given the Pathfinders yet another victory! For all those who prayed and gave to make this trip possible, thank you on behalf of the entire team. Mission accomplished!

Pathfinders is a special detail of 15 Royal Rangers men who are also members of FCF (Frontier Camping Fellowship). The members of this national team are trained in wilderness

survival, and each member possesses a trade needed in raising a structure in remote areas of the world.

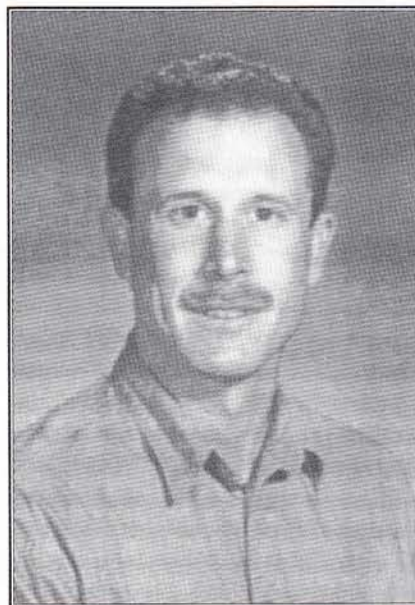
The Pathfinders mission statement is simple: "To Serve." They respond to building needs where no other team or organization is able or willing to go—areas where there is no electricity, running water, or roads. The Pathfinders have the unique reputation of raising an entire structure in just 4 or 5 days.

Although Bentanzos had electricity, running water, roads, and flush toilets (all creature comforts we normally do not encounter), this was by far the most difficult trip to date. To

begin with, the luggage of five of our team members did not make it to Bolivia. That meant they had no clothes, food, tents, sleeping gear, or equipment.

Right from the start we had a handicap to overcome. The next challenge was the high altitude. We felt the effects as soon as we stepped off the plane in La Paz, the capital city at 11,900 feet.

To compound these challenges, when we reached the work site we saw that the people were not ready for us to begin. We expected to find the footings poured, columns poured, and bond beams in place so we could begin laying block and fabricating the roof, etc. We were astonished to



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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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An up-to-date chartered group: 20 points _____ 2. Completed <i>Leadership Training Courses I-V</i>: 20 points _____ 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 _____ 4. Outpost camp-outs: 2 points each _____ 5. Outpost outings: 2 points for each except for camp-outs _____ 6. Attended a National Training Camp: 5 points _____ 7. Attended other national training events: 5 points _____ 8. Outpost group participation in a district Pow Wow: 5 points _____ 9. Boys won to Christ: 5 points each _____ 10. New members: 2 points for each _____ 11. Ranger of the Year program: 5 points _____ 12. Wearing proper uniform at all functions: 5 points _____ 13. Outpost group meetings: 1 point each meeting conducted _____ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Outpost group using the patrol method program: 5 points _____ 15. Gold Bar meetings: 1 point for each meeting of boy/adult leadership planning outpost meetings and activities _____ 16. Current Red Cross type cards: 2 points for each card _____ 17. Outpost group service project: 2 points for each project _____ 18. Active FCF member: 2 points _____ 19. Leadership meetings: 2 points each for attending area, sectional, or district Royal Rangers leadership meeting. _____ 20. Outpost group visitation program: 2 points for each home visited _____ 21. Light-for-the-Lost involvement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2 points for attending a LFTL rally or banquet _____ b) 2 points for an outpost group pledge to LFTL literature _____ c) 4 points for paying in full an outpost group pledge to LFTL literature _____ |
| 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) _____.

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**NATIONAL TRAINING
 CAMP
 APPLICATION**



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT No. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 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.



CAMP LOCATIONS FOR 1999

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| FLORIDA: FORT MEADE (CAMP WILDERNESS), | JANUARY 28-31 |
| NORTH TEXAS: MAYPEARL (LAKEVIEW CAMP), | MARCH 4-7 |
| IOWA: OGDEN (A/G CAMPGROUNDS), | APRIL 29-MAY 2 |
| NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: MINERAL (CAMP MT. LASSEN), | MAY 13-16 |
| MARYLAND: WHITEFORD (CAMP SPENCER, BSA), | MAY 13-16 |
| KENTUCKY: MOUNT STERLING (McKEE SCOUT RESERVATION), | MAY 20-23 |
| OREGON: HARLAN (CAMP WILDCAT), | JULY 22-25 |
| ALASKA: WASILLA (CAMP LITTLE BEAVER), | AUGUST 19-22 |
| NEW JERSEY: WOODSTOWN (CAMP ROOSEVELT), | SEPTEMBER 9-12 |
| MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), | SEPTEMBER 9-12 |
| NEW MEXICO: CARLSBAD (GUADALUPE CHRISTIAN CAMP), | SEPTEMBER 16-19 |
| UTAH: LIBERTY (CAMP UTABA), | SEPTEMBER 16-19 |

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 \$115. 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.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Royal Rangers; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894

CREDIT LEDGER: 001-01-031-4001-000

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1998

Royal Rangers national training events are designed to give leaders the best training for all phases of the Royal Rangers ministry.

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP is designed to give leaders professional training in camping and leadership, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the outdoors. 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 a National Training Camp before enrolling.

- FLORIDA: FORT MEADE (CAMP WILDERNESS), FEBRUARY 4-7
- IOWA: OGDEN (A/G CAMPGROUNDS), MAY 20-23
- MARYLAND: WHITEFORD (CAMP SPENCER, BSA), SEPTEMBER 16-19
- PUERTO RICO: SAN SEBASTIAN, NOVEMBER 18-21



BUCKAROOS/STRAIGHT ARROWS TRAINING CONFERENCE is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will also receive training in various aspects of the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos ministries.

- NORTH TEXAS: MAYPEARL (LAKEVIEW CAMP), FEBRUARY 26-28
- IOWA: OGDEN (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), APRIL 9-11
- WEST VIRGINIA: FALLING WATERS (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), APRIL 15-17
- UTAH: LIBERTY (CAMP UTABA), SEPTEMBER 10-12
- OHIO: BIG PRAIRIE (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), SEPTEMBER 16-18
- MISSOURI: ROCKY MOUNT (ASSEMBLY OF GOD CAMP), OCTOBER 22-24



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 that will enable them to earn merits currently not available to other Rangers.

- MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), JULY 13-19



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.

- MINNESOTA: PILLAGER (LAKE PLACID CAMP), JULY 22-25



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.

- MICHIGAN: LACHINE (BEAVER LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH), MAY 27-30
- NEW YORK: BAKERS MILL, SEPTEMBER 23-26



NATIONAL ACADEMY is a national training school designed to train selected leaders to become staff members for national training camps.

- MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), PHASE 2—MAY 12-16
- MISSOURI: EAGLE ROCK (CAMP EAGLE ROCK), PHASE 3—MAY 10-16



NATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE consists of 3 days of workshops, interaction sessions, special inspirational services, special speakers, coupled with tours of urban areas. For locations and dates in your region, contact your district commander.



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

observe that none of this was done aside from a few columns poured. There was no way we could ever expect to finish, being so far behind from the start. We needed an extra week to do all we wanted to do!

Downheartedly, we began our impossible task. You see, we always had completed our projects up to this point. That's what sets us apart from so many other teams. Each man pushed his hardest from 5:30 a.m. till after dark, welding 21 trusses, pouring tons of concrete, and laying 5,000 blocks. Always a few men were feeling the effects of high altitude and had to take more breaks than they wanted. God gave me exceptional strength, and though breathing was difficult, I always felt strong and energetic.

We pushed toward the mark, each man feeling a bit overwhelmed but not wanting to admit defeat in any way! Finally with 2 days left to work, we could sense the possibility that just maybe there was an outside chance we could make it happen—with God's help, of course! With renewed strength we pushed harder, getting up on our last work day at 4:00 a.m. to give us a little more time to work. I praised God as we screwed the last sheet of steel on the roof. We had done the seemingly impossible! We had completed the 110- by 30-foot church building!

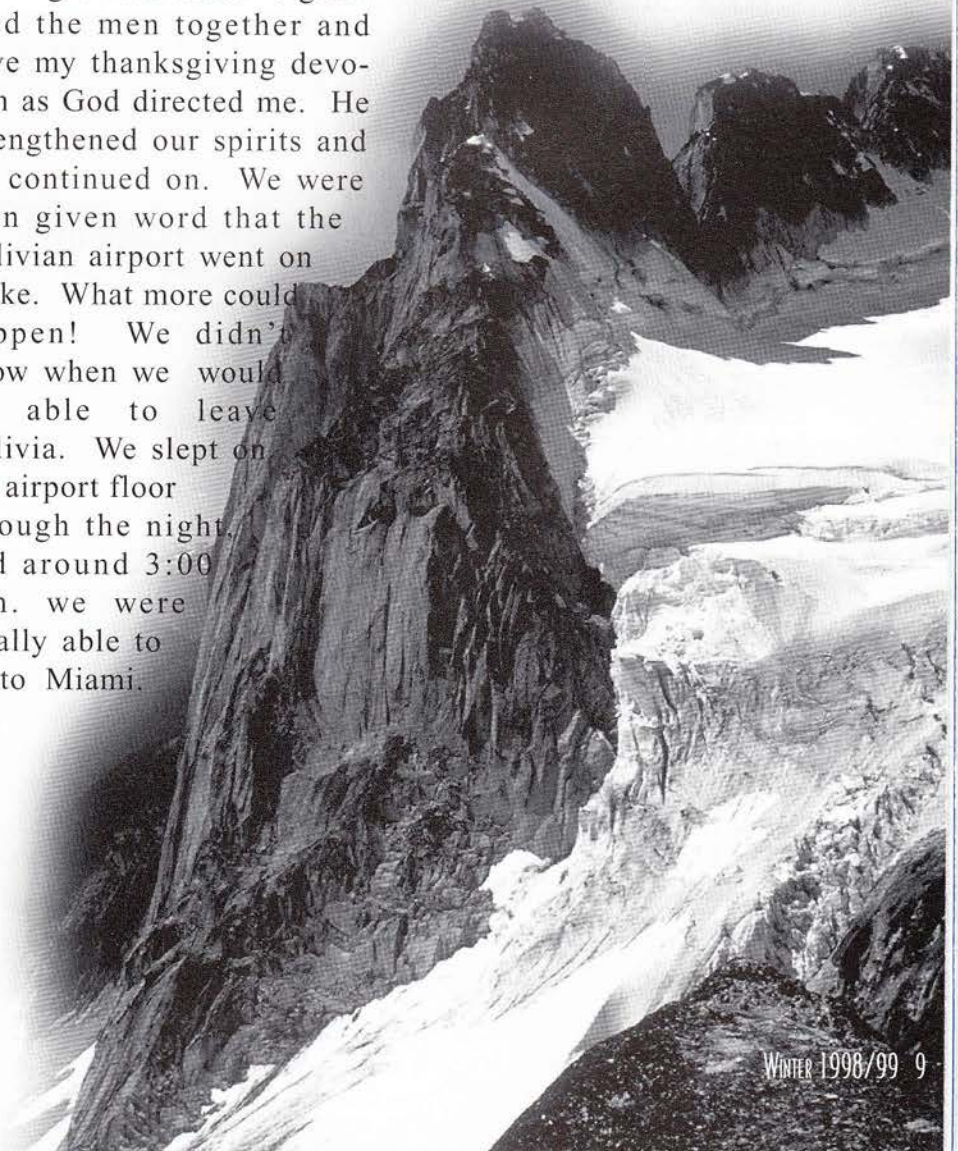
As we prepared to leave, it became apparent there was going to be a price to pay. The

previous night the natives prepared a meal for us featuring meat. Ah, yes meat! We were very tired of dehydrated food, and anything on four legs and barbecued had our undivided attention. Against my better judgment, I ate with dirty hands and all. One quarter of the team became sick. Our youngest Pathfinder was the sickest, and we determined the need for a doctor. I was the next sickest and lost my guts as we departed the city of Sucre. While I was sick, I laid on my hotel bed and began to praise God.

As I praised Him, His Spirit came upon me and I had a glorious time. I gathered the men together and gave my thanksgiving devotion as God directed me. He strengthened our spirits and we continued on. We were then given word that the Bolivian airport went on strike. What more could happen! We didn't know when we would be able to leave Bolivia. We slept on the airport floor through the night, and around 3:00 a.m. we were finally able to fly to Miami.

Though I spent Thanksgiving away from my loved ones, I have never been more thankful for God's unending mercies, which He pours on each of us day by day. Gloria a Dios y que Dios les bendiga ("Glory to God and God bless you!").

Editor's Note: Jay is currently serving as the Northern New England deputy divisional commander and is very active in Pathfinders.



URBAN

dr. james dougherty

Urban Rangers: An Example

About a year ago, I had an opportunity to travel to Pensacola, Florida, and observe what they were doing with the Urban Royal Rangers ministry.

I was there at the invitation of Mike Simmons, a lieutenant on the Pensacola police force and senior commander of the Royal Rangers outpost for First Assembly of God in Pensacola. One of the major effects of the outpouring at neighboring Brownsville Assembly of God upon First Assembly was to revitalize men who had basically done very little in the way of ministry for years. There was also an influx of new believers. These men, both the old and new believers, were seeking outlets for ministry.

So the outpost at First Assembly (which had Royal Rangers for years) had an influx of men wanting to work for the Lord and needing training.

They instituted the classes which I had used for the Teen Challenge students—and took it even farther by developing what they call “Total Care Advancement Patrols.”

“Commander Mike, do you have a leader for us yet?”

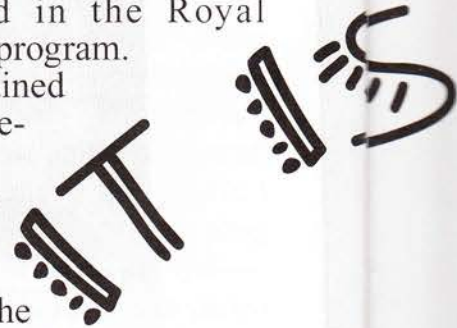
I saw tears in Mike’s eyes as he said, “Not yet boys, but we’re working on it.”

In the Pensacola Village Housing Projects there are approximately 453 boys and girls under age 18. The manager of this inner-city housing project is providing a clubhouse facility free of charge on a weekly basis, where First Assembly comes in and holds a combination children’s church/ kids crusade/Royal Rangers service right

there in the projects. The youth learn about basic Christian truths, salvation, praise, worship, prayer, etc. They also become involved in the Royal Rangers program.

As trained leaders become available (and that is

one of the limiting constraints) interested boys are invited to become part of a Total Care Advancement Patrol. Each leader makes a commitment to the Lord and to the 6-8 boys in his patrol. He takes them over to his home—under properly supervised conditions—at least once every week for 2-3 hours, where they can enjoy a time of Christian fellowship. They also work on advancements with their commander and his family. In these Total Care Advancement Patrols, many of the boys may not



be able to read. So advancements have been divided into those requiring reading and those which don't. The boys all help one another complete each step before they proceed to the next advancement. The goal is to have every boy in the Total Care Group earn the coveted God Medal of Achievement, the highest honor a boy can earn in Royal Rangers.

I was privileged to sit in on one of these Total Care Advancement Patrols, named the

“Hawks,” held in the home of Commander Mike Simmons. Seven of the eight boys were there for the meeting that night, along with their senior guide Josiah (name changed), a 16-year-old saved through the Royal Rangers outreach to inner-city youth some 5 years earlier. The boys were ages 9 and 10. As I rode with Mike to pick up the boys in the part of the projects, we were overwhelmed at each stop by boys saying, “Commander Mike, do you have a leader for us yet?”

I saw tears in Mike's eyes as he said, “Not yet boys, but we're working on it.”

Later that evening, as

we sat in the Simmons living room during the advancement portion of the Care Group, one of the little boys, Jimmy (name changed), was slumped on the couch. Mike said, “C'mon Jimmy, let's not go to sleep.”

Very quietly—so much so that I heard him only because I was sitting next to him—Jimmy answered: “I'm not sleeping. I just feel so relaxed and peaceful when I come to your house.”

As I related Jimmy's comment to Commander Mike after we'd taken the boys home, he told me

Jimmy's story:

Jimmy (as well as most

of the other boys in his patrol) had come to know Mike as a result of his work as a police officer.

In Pensacola, when juveniles under a certain age repeatedly get into trouble with the law, they are remanded to the care and oversight of a police officer to whom they must report twice daily. Jimmy, at 9 years of age, had a series of 5 or 6 offenses. The latest was starting a fire to try to burn down his elementary school. Jimmy and his brothers and sisters were not allowed to come

into their apartment until after 11:30 every night. Their mother was a drug addict and prostitute who practiced her “trade” from their apartment.

As I shared with Mike what little Jimmy had said about feeling so safe and peaceful in his home, 16-year-old Josiah, the Hawk's senior patrol guide (whose patents had sent him to a military school to try to curtail his involvement with the gangs at one point in his life), said: “Yeah, Commander. That's exactly how I used to feel when I could come to your house.”

Later that week, I watched Josiah and some of the other Royal Rangers in the

outpost there at Pensacola First Assembly serve as an honor guard for the Missionettes Honor Star crowing. I thought of little Jimmy and of the difference that Royal Rangers can, and will by faith, make in his life.

Whatever the cost, whatever the sacrifice, whatever it takes to reach these boys, girls, and their families, IT IS WORTH IT ALL!



DEVOTIONS

david boyd

Paralytic Healed

The following is a true story to be shared with your boys. After you tell the story, allow the boys time to express times when God answered their prayers.

Elumee Kutala was a pastor trying to reach the Zande tribe in the 1950s. This tribe was in an area that had not yet been evangelized. On his way through the jungle, he came across a village. In the village there was a woman who was paralyzed from the waist down. She would pull herself along by her hands, trying to find food. He paused to talk with her and she explained that she had been this way for 3 years since she had gotten very sick with a fever. The pastor shared the truth of Jesus with this woman and her husband in their home. Soon they both accepted Jesus into their lives. As the pastor left for home, the Lord spoke to him and told him to go back to this woman's home and pray for her healing.

Elumee Kutala returned to the crippled lady's home and told her about God's ability to heal her.

She asked, "Can God heal bodies?"

He answered, "Of course He can; He made us!" He prayed for her, nothing happened, and later he left.

Sometime later he returned to this part of the jungle to teach this couple more. As he neared their home, sud-

denly a woman came running down the hill with a machete swinging over her head. The woman was shouting at the pastor. He was scared and didn't know what to do. The woman was getting very close. Suddenly she rushed up, dropped her machete and hugged him. It was the crippled woman. God had healed her completely.

Did Jesus heal paralyzed people in the Bible? Does God still heal today? Can we go to Jesus when we need healing?

He sees the future

Supplies: a blindfold, a fork, and a piece of pie for each boy

Give each boy a piece of pie and a fork. Then blindfold them and ask them to eat the pie. Pie has been chosen for this object lesson because it is difficult to pick up and eat, like a piece of cake or a cookie. Use apple pie since it doesn't stain if spilled.

The boys will have to learn how to eat the piece of pie blindfolded. It won't be easy. As they are eating, explain to them that this is how a blind person has to eat a piece of pie. As they are continuing to eat, help them if they are having difficulty or if they have missed a piece on their plate.

Discuss with them how easy it is for you to help them because you can

see what they cannot see. With their blindfolds still on, explain to them that this is a little bit like following Jesus. Jesus knows what lies ahead in our lives. He sees what we cannot see. We are blind to what lies ahead of us. We have to learn to listen to what He tells us to do because He knows what we don't know.

Allow the boys to remove their blindfolds. Ask them what it felt like to not be able to see what was on their plate.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He sees what lies ahead of us, and He leads us where we should go. We are blind to what lies ahead of us, but Jesus can see everything. Take time to pray and ask God to lead us. Talk a little about people who might be blind or have something else wrong with their bodies. Can Jesus heal them? Pray for people with needs.

Story: Wolf Pack

Supplies: None

Once there was a mother wolf and her three little pups. This little wolf pack lived way up in the Canadian wilderness. The little pups were no more than little bundles of fur and energy. They were only a couple of weeks old and already they were bursting with energy.

The mother wolf would order her pups to stay inside the den for safety

while she would go out and hunt for food. Often she would bring back a partridge or a rabbit.

One day as the mother wolf was out hunting, she smelled something that brought fear to her trembling body. That smell was a fire! She raced back the way she had come only to find out that the fire was heading directly for her den and her precious little pups. She went this way and that, trying to find a way back to the den. Finally she found a little opening and forced her way through the flames to her den. Scorched and blistered she made way to the den just as the fire engulfed the area. Soon the blistering winds would suck every ounce of oxygen out of the den and suffocate and burn them all.

Three days later, fire fighters from the forestry service were working in the area trying to put out the last of the small hot spots that still were in this charred and blackened area. One ranger was walking past a small hill when he noticed another charred patch of fur poking its way out of a small hole in the ground. As he went up to it, he realized it was another animal that had lost its life in the fire. Reaching down he carefully pulled the lifeless body of a mother wolf from the entrance to her den. It was then that he noticed that the inside of the den wasn't charred. Suddenly stirring from within came three very hungry, little bundles of energy-filled fur.

The mother wolf had sealed the entrance to her den with her very own body. She had given her life that her three little pups might live.

Jesus is called the Good Shepherd. The Bible says that the good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. Jesus gave His life on the cross that we might live.

The mother wolf could have run away from the fire. She didn't run

away because she loved her pups. Jesus gave His life for us.

The mother protected her pups from injury. She didn't want them feeling pain. Jesus died not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses as well. Isaiah 53:5 says, "By His stripes we are healed."

Discuss needs in your class and pray for them.

When Jesus gave His life for us on the cross, He was both protecting us from the consequences of our sins

and bearing our sicknesses upon His body. He loved us so much that He suffered and died for us.



Kitty Litter Game

Supplies: Two or more tubs, two or more pooper-scoopers, M & M candy (or similar types), two large bags of kitty litter

Here Kitty, Kitty: Before the class begins, prepare each tub with an equal amount of kitty litter and equal

amount of candy pieces mixed in. Divide the class into two or more teams. Give a pooper-scooper to one person on each team. (Note: A pooper-scooper is a scoop with holes in it which allows the kitty litter to fall through while collecting larger chunks of materials.)

Each child will be given 20 seconds to try to dig as many pieces of candy out of the kitty litter as they can. The teacher keeps time on a watch. On a signal, the member on each team with the pooper-scooper begins. When 20 seconds are up, the teacher says, "switch," and the next team member takes the pooper-scooper and begins.

Each team member gets 20 seconds. When time is up and each child has had a turn, find out who has won by counting the pieces of candy each team has. The team who scooped out the most candy wins. Throw the candy away and award the children some type of prize.

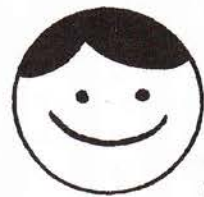


1998/99 Harvest Task Force Calendar

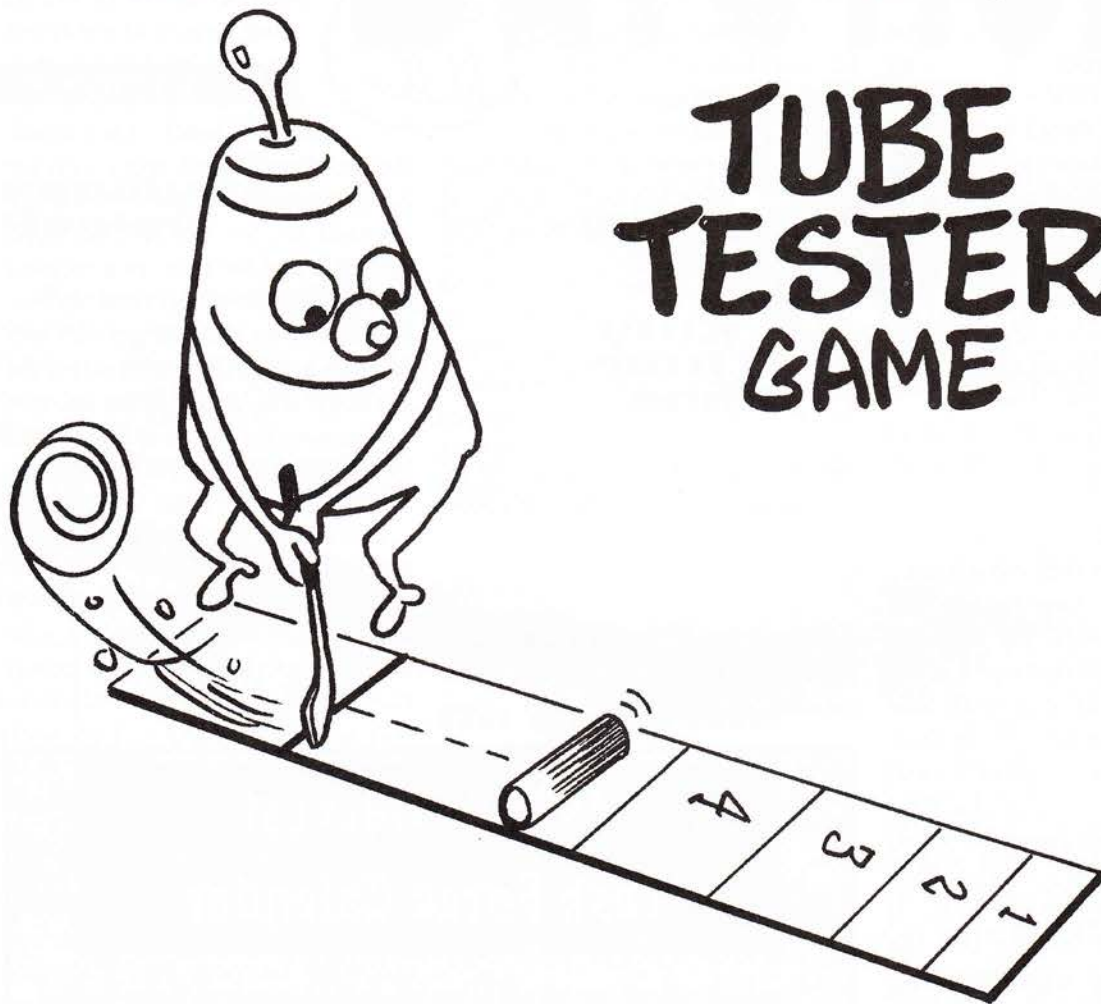
The first Saturday of each month is dedicated to prayer and at least 1 hour of fasting for the Royal Rangers ministry.

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TUBE TESTER GAME

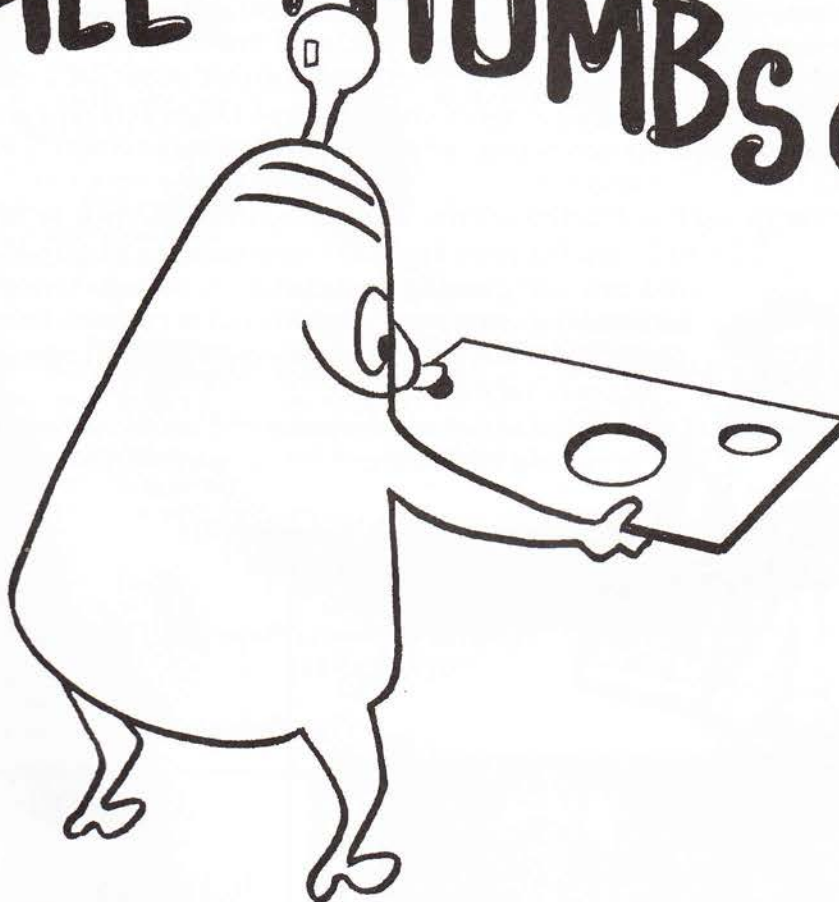
EACH PLAYER PUTTS THE CARDBOARD TUBE ALONG THE CARDBOARD BASE AND TRIES TO GET IT TO STOP ON ONE OF THE NUMBERED RECTANGLES. THE TUBE STOPPING ANY PLACE ELSE COUNTS FOR 5 POINTS. THE PLAYER WITH THE LOWEST TOTAL AFTER 9 PUTTS WINS.

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ALL THUMBS GAME



HOLD THE MARBLE WITH THE THUMB THEN TIP THE CARDBOARD BASE. RELEASE THE MARBLE AND TRY TO ROLL IT THROUGH ONE OF THE HOLES. THE LARGE HOLE COUNTS FOR 5 POINTS AND THE SMALLER HOLE - 10 POINTS. THE PLAYER WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL AFTER 20 TIPS WINS THE GAME.



The Giving Plan

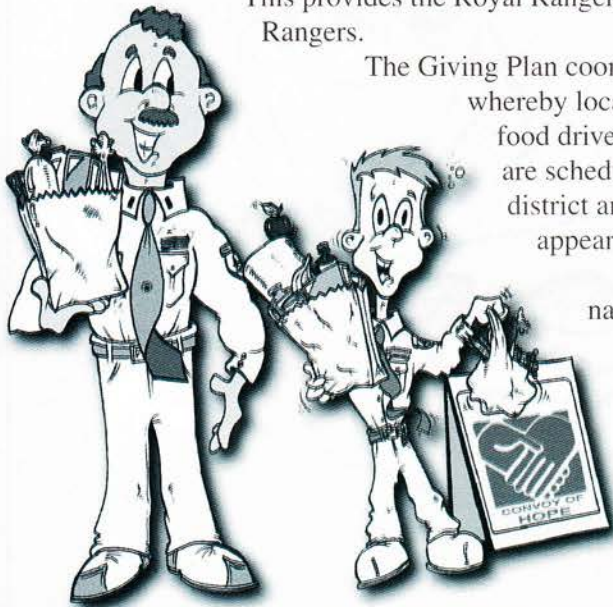
The Giving Plan is a new partnership with Convoy of Hope whereby local outposts are called upon to assist in a food drive—through door-to-door campaigns and churchwide projects led by Royal Rangers. The food drive, called The Giving Plan, is coordinated by an appointed Royal Rangers commander in a city 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 or district. 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 a 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 further information on The Giving Plan, contact the national Royal Rangers Office, Marshall Bruner.



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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.

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to others, always displaying God's love. He has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, the Gold Buffalo, and the Junior Leaders Service Award. Aaron has served as district FCF Scout and has completed JLTC. He gives this advice to those who want to earn the GMA and to participate in Ranger of the Year competitions: "Anything is possible with Jesus Christ. As you become closer and closer to your accomplishment, your desire, enthusiasm, and relationship with Christ will carry you through to the finish."

**Anthony Feducia:
Northeast Region**

Anthony began as a Buckaroo and has stayed involved in Rangers for over 10 years. He notes that Royal Rangers has provided him with weekly Bible studies and spiritual lessons that have given him more dedication, interest, and discipline in his spiritual life. In addition, Anthony says he has gained greater confidence in himself and his abilities, which has helped him to become a better witness for Christ. He has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold Buffalo, and Junior Leaders Service Award. He is a Buckskin Frontiersmen in FCF, Free Trapper in the Trapper's Brigade, and also a Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilman. He has also completed JLTC. To other Royal Rangers Anthony offers this advice: "The most important thing in life is to serve God with everything you are."

**Joseph Elias:
Northwest Region**

Joseph has been in Royal Rangers for 10 years. He began as a Straight Arrow and has since earned the Gold Medal of Achievement. In 1992 Joseph was filled with the Holy Spirit at a district Pow Wow. Royal Rangers, he notes, has helped him to build self-confidence, to be a greater witness, and to become an achiever. He has also been challenged to read and to search through the Scriptures to learn more about the Lord.

Joseph has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, God & Church Award, and Junior Leaders Service Award. He is a Frontiersmen in FCF. Joseph encourages other Rangers to set their goals and not to lose hope. He reminds Rangers: "God will be there to support you the entire way."

**Tony Eastin: South
Central Region**

Tony has been involved in Royal Rangers for 5 years. He has learned through Royal Rangers how

to take the challenge of getting closer to God through prayer and by studying God's Word. He believes that as a Royal Ranger, being a living example in any form of leadership is of utmost importance. Royal Rangers, Tony says, has given him the opportunity to shine a light in the darkness and to point the way to others in times of confusion. He has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold Buffalo Award, and God & Family Award. Tony offers these words to other Royal Rangers seeking the Gold Medal of Achievement or Ranger of the Year title: "Royal Rangers is a lifestyle—something you will carry on throughout your entire life. Remain dedicated to your church and outpost, and don't take shortcuts."

**Scott Stevens:
Southeast Region**

Scott was introduced to Royal Rangers by his dad when he was a Straight Arrow. He has been involved for 12 years and has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement and Gold and Silver Buffalo Awards. He says that Royal Rangers was a key reason he came to know Christ as a Straight Arrow. He was also filled with the Holy Spirit at a Pow Wow. Royal Rangers, Scott says, has helped him to develop a deeper relationship with Christ, to become a better witness, and to make Christian friends within his outpost, district, and region. He has earned the God & Church Award and


the Junior Leaders Service Award. He is a Frontiersmen in FCF and has completed both JLTC and AJTC. Scott gives this advice to those who want to excel in Royal Rangers: "If you will humble yourself before God and always put Him first in your life, you will succeed and God will lift you up."

Christian Peralta: Southwest Region

Christian was introduced to Royal Rangers at age 4. He has participated in Rangers for 13 years. It was through Royal Rangers, Christian notes, that he was saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. He has also benefitted through Royal Rangers by learning the discipline needed to succeed as a National Ranger of the Year. Learning how to study successfully has helped him to reach many of his goals—both in school and in Rangers.

Christian has earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold Buffalo Award, and four Silver Buffalo Awards. Also, he has earned the Junior Leaders Service Award and God & Life Award. Christian has completed JLTC. He offers this advice to Royal Rangers: "Every boy should strive to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement. As well, the Ranger of the Year competition is an added plus: It is an experience worth remembering and an opportunity to meet a myriad of friends."

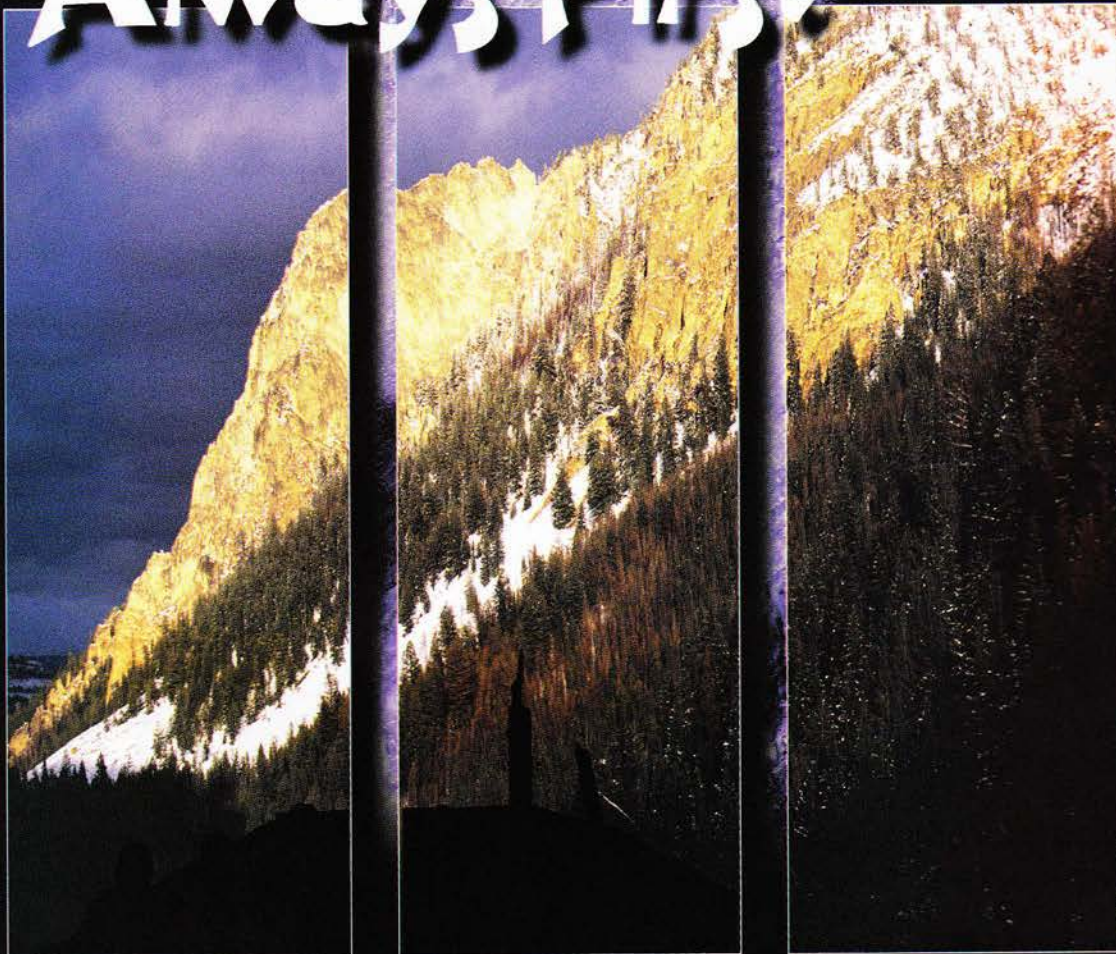
During the 1998 National Camporama, elections were held for the FCF national scout and assistant national scout. Winners are as follows:



Left to Right: Ryan Beaty, national scout, of Breham, Texas; Eli Harris, outgoing national scout, of Hillsboro, Texas; Richard Price, assistant national scout, of Costa Mesa, California.

photo courtesy Ralph Allen

Safety Is Always First



Commander Seilhymer stood frozen in disbelief as his oldest son Joshua rocketed down the icy slope. This was supposed to be an “easy hike” to the top of an “easy mountain.” When attempting an activity as dangerous as mountain climbing, always keep personal safety foremost in each person’s mind.

Mt. Adams (elevation 12,238 feet), an extinct volcano, is located in south-central Washington. The southern approach to the Mt. Adams sum-

mit is considered one of the easiest climbs for a mountain of this elevation.

A team of Rangers from the Yakima/Tri-Cities Section, Northwest District, made the climb in August 1994. The team consisted of Dennis Huenefeld (sectional commander), pastor of New Life Assembly of God in Goldendale, Washington, two of Dennis’ sons, Cory (age 10) and Neil (age 12); Commander Pete Seilhymer of Richland, Washington, and his son Joshua (age 14); and Glen Dunham,

of Richland, Washington. The only people with climbing experience were Commander Huenefeld and his older son Neil. For the rest of the team, this was the first time climbing to the top of a REAL mountain.

The first leg of the trip involves a one-day hike from the trailhead to a base camp named Lunchcounter, elevation 9,000 feet. Most of the first day’s hike was a gradual uphill climb of 4 miles. Just before base camp, the first small glacier—Crescent Glacier—was encountered.

The team stopped to put on crampons. Crampons are metal spikes on a framework that strap onto a climber's hiking shoes. Additionally, each climber used an ice ax to assist in the uphill trek. While Lunchcounter was only half a mile past Crescent Glacier, the change in elevation caused a dramatic change in weather! Howling winds were so cold and loud, conversations could only be heard within a few feet when a person shouted. By the time the team set up base camp, some of the members needed to crawl into sleeping bags to stay warm. Later in the evening, clouds to the west broke, and an awesome view of decapitated Mt. St. Helens peeked through a crimson sunset.

Early the next morning, team members slammed down a freeze-dried breakfast and started the final ascent. The weather looked innocent enough, although the wind was a little stiff. The final climb consisted of a straight, uphill climb in crampons, with breathtaking views of Mt. St. Helens to the west; Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, and Three Sisters to the south! Sunglasses and sunscreen were essential, since sunlight reflecting off the glacier's surface can cause severe sunburn to any unprotected skin.

Like most things in life, Mt. Adams has a false summit at 11,500 feet. Once this false summit was reached, the team dropped their crampons and walked the last half mile to the real summit. There was just one problem though: Clouds began to roll in and obscure the view of the summit and the surrounding mountains. Walking through these clouds, the group was buffeted by stinging ice crystals which felt like needles pricking into their skin.

When the group reached the summit, Commander Seilhymer shared a brief devotion while the team huddled out of the wind. Commander Huenefeld produced a Royal Rangers flag and briefly flew it from the summit. A friendly climber from another group photographed the team with the flag in the foreground. A few weeks later, Commander Huenefeld presented the flag to the National Commander of Royal Rangers in Ghana, West Africa, while he was on a leadership training missions trip.



L to R: Dennis Huenefeld, Cory Huenefeld, Pete Seilhymer, Neil Huenefeld, Glen Dunham, Josh "Broken Chest" Seilhymer

At the top, the team quickly decided the weather was growing much worse than they bargained for, so they hastened down to the false summit. All that remained was the "simple" descent back to base camp. A technique known as "glissading" was used, since it cut down on the return time considerably. Glissading involves sitting and sliding down the snow with an ice ax across the lap, used as a brake and rudder.

While preparing to glissade down from the false summit of Mt. Adams, Josh had expressed concern about his ability to safely pilot down the ice. The three climbers from Goldendale went first, with the Richland climbers following.

At first, Josh appeared to have some minor difficulty, but very quickly he lost control of his speed, plummeting towards a large field of lava

boulders. All his dad could do was shout for other climbers to try to stop him.

After sliding about 200 yards, Josh struck the boulders, rolling over and bouncing several times before coming to a stop. Several other climbers quickly converged on him. One climber, a trained EMT (emergency medical technician), was concerned about neurological damage and head/spine injuries. The EMT carefully checked Josh over for life-threatening injuries and fractures.

After a thorough examination, Josh was allowed to move, then stand up. He had some pain in his side and chest, but was able to move around on his own.

Praise the Lord! The Bible says in Psalm 91:11 that the Lord will give His angels charge over us. Joshua was able to walk and team-glissade with his dad back to base camp. A

closer inspection at base camp revealed a few minor bruises. A full medical examination back home uncovered a broken xiphoid—the bone at the lower end of the sternum, or breastbone. With time, this healed up. The event gave Joshua his FCF name: Broken Chest.

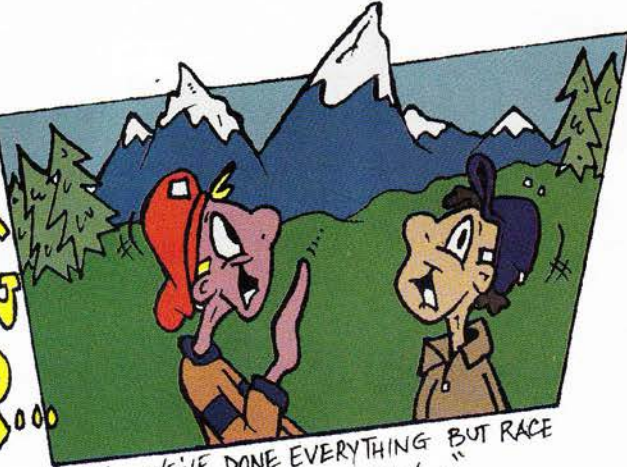
Climbing to the top of Mt. Adams, or any mountain of its caliber, is an experience most people never gain in a lifetime. The effort is well worth it, for the beauty of God's creation and the joy of accomplishing such a great feat more than make up for the hardships endured.

Remember, trips such as this require a great amount of planning and should never be attempted without experienced climbers or proper training. Otherwise, the outcome could be disastrous.

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Kascal Rangers

GREAT
HIKING
TRIP...



"MAN... WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING BUT RACE
DOWN EAGLE MOUNTAIN...."

"LAST
ONE DOWN
THE HILL
WEARS
DIAPERS"



AND
THEY'RE
OFF!

AAAAAHHHH



"NOW"

"OUCH"

"OH"

"UG"

"COOH MY
LEG"

"AUGH
MY NECK"



SPLAT

H. PRATER



"GET THE LEADER!
RICK JUST TACKLED A
TREE
WITH HIS
FACE!"



"IS THERE ANYTHING
WE
CAN
DO?"



"PRAY WITH ME FOR
GOD TO HEAL HIS BODY"



"WHOA...
HE CAN DO THAT?"



"HEY... did i win?"



"HE'S HEALED!
THANK YOU GOD!"



"SO I
GUESS I
DIDNT WIN
HUH?!"



The Mystery of the GI Runs

by Robb Hawks

Hi, I'm Darby Jones. That young lieutenant commander over there, he's my son, Darby Jones, Jr. It has been quite a few years since I became a Royal Rangers commander, and my son earned his God Medal of Achievement. But those are other stories for other times. I want to tell you about the case of the "GI Runs!"

Now you might wonder what the GI Runs are all about. Well, let me tell you. It is called by many names. But the bottom line is this, it's just plain old diarrhea. And when you get it on a camp-out, it's bad! Real bad! It all happened many years ago at a National Training Camp. Johnnie Barnes was the camp Commander, and I was serving on the NTC staff for the very first time. Here's the mystery!

"Out of my way! Out of my way! Emergency! Emergency!" The trainee screeched as he went racing across the camp, waving a roll of toilet paper in his hand. There were two "porta potties" in the trainee camp area and this poor trainee was desperate to get to one.

"Run Jack! You can make

it!" a member of the Soaring Eagle Patrol laughingly called.

But Jack didn't make it. Well, actually he did. He made it to the porta potty, but someone was already inside. Poor Jack was in real trouble. The other porta potty was at the opposite end of the camp. Knowing that he had only a moment or two left, he disappeared into the bushes.

Now you might wonder how I know about these happenings. It's simple. I was the Fast Fox Patrol advisor and had been walking through the trainee area when I saw this all happen. And as fate would have it, Jack was a member of the Fast Fox Patrol.

"What's wrong with Jack?" I asked.

"He's got a bad case of the GI Runs," Patrol Guide Joe answered.

"That's too bad. He must have a stomach virus," I replied.

"I don't know, Sir. But it's not just Jack," he whispered. "We all have it!"

"You all have diarrhea?" I asked in surprise.

"They don't call us the Fast Foxes for nothing!"

Later that evening, after the evening council fire, I sat with Commander Barnes and Senior Guide Deaver. It had been a long second day of NTC and everyone was just a little tired. Senior Guide Fred Deaver looked perfect though. The crease in his trousers was still razor sharp. I, on the other hand, looked like I had been dragged through a bramble patch!

"You know, it seems like every time we use this camp, the patrol in that camp site gets a bad case of the runs," Commander Barnes said.

"I have been down to their camp six times in the last 2 days," Commander Deaver said. The cooking gear is clean. Even the spatula is clean! Everything seems to be in tip top condition. As a matter of fact, they are the only patrol that has not gotten a word theme yet!"

Now Commander Deaver as the senior guide was responsible for making sure that the trainees had a safe camp. Whenever he found a patrol that had committed a safety violation, he would assign them a word theme. They would have to write a paragraph

explaining the safe way to do things.

"It's a mystery, that's for sure," Commander Barnes said. "We had better figure it out fast! These poor trainees are going to have a miserable camp if we don't."

There was a mystery. But how could I solve it? I went into the kitchen to check the food supplies. Everything was normal there. They were not getting bad food; that was for sure. We checked all their cooking equipment again. It was clean. We asked them about their clean-up methods. They were cleaning up by the Ranger methods.

Everything checked out. I was going crazy. I needed some help and I needed it fast. I got on the phone and called Darby Jr. He was in junior high school and was studying history. He was the one who gave me the idea.

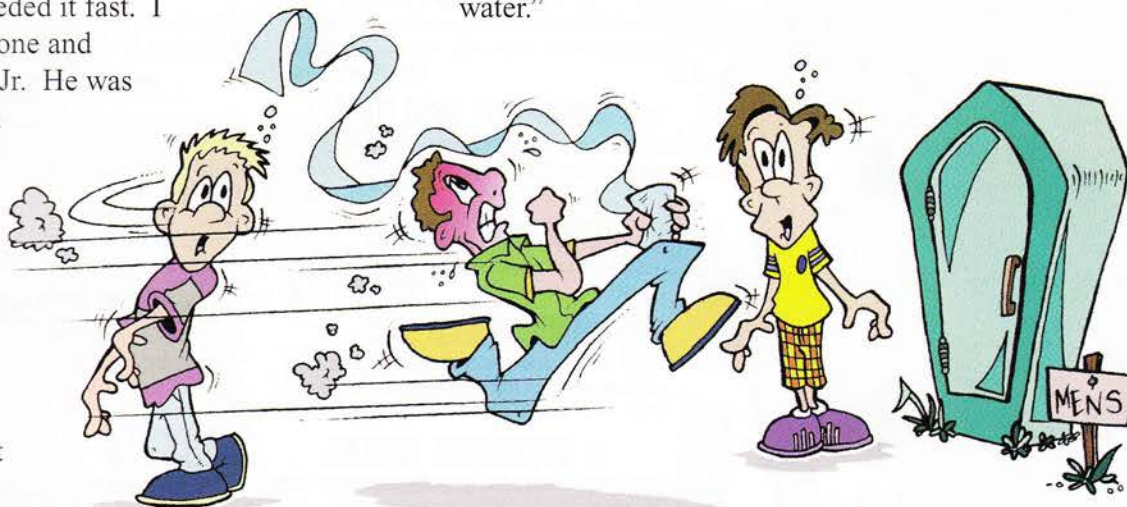
Later that night, when everyone was asleep, I snuck down to the Fast Fox Patrol campsite. It was the last campsite on the trail. It took a few minutes to find it, but find it I did. There, shining in the glow on my flash light was the Fast Fox Patrol's water spigot! I whipped out my official Swiss Army knife and using it's screwdriver blade and I removed the handle from the spigot.

The next morning the Fast Fox Patrol awoke to find that

they would have to hike up the trail to the next campsite to get water! They were not happy. But something amazing happened by evening. The NTC runs had gone away. Everyone in the Fast Fox Patrol was beginning to feel better. Later that night Camp Commander Barnes, Senior Guide Deaver, and I sat relaxing for a few moments before we headed off to our beds.

"How did you figure out there was something wrong with the water?" Commander Barnes asked me.

"That doesn't make sense, Darby," Commander Deaver said. "All the water lines are looked together. All the trainees are drinking the same water."



"That threw me also. I called my son, Darby, Jr. and asked him what he thought. He told me that in the 1700's a cholera epidemic was sweeping through one part of London. A doctor guessed that it had to be coming in through the water and so removed the pump handle from the community pump. Sure enough, it stopped the disease. I got to thinking about it. London

had a lot of wells, but all the water was coming from the same underground water field. There had to be something near that pump that was polluting the water. Since the Fast Fox Patrol was the last one to get its water from the pipes, I guessed that maybe there was a break in the pipe near their campsite that was allowing something into the water!"

It really is amazing, actually. One of the first disease detectives stopped an epidemic just by removing a handle from a water pump. With the handle gone, the people of London had to go to a different water source to get their water, and thus the disease died out.

There's a lesson we can learn here, Rangers: Sometimes in our lives we need to walk away from people we think are our friends. They are kids who do not know Jesus. They curse, tell dirty stories, and do things that we know are wrong. If we are not careful, their bad, sinful habits will rub off on us. If you won't want to catch the disease, don't go near the source!

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