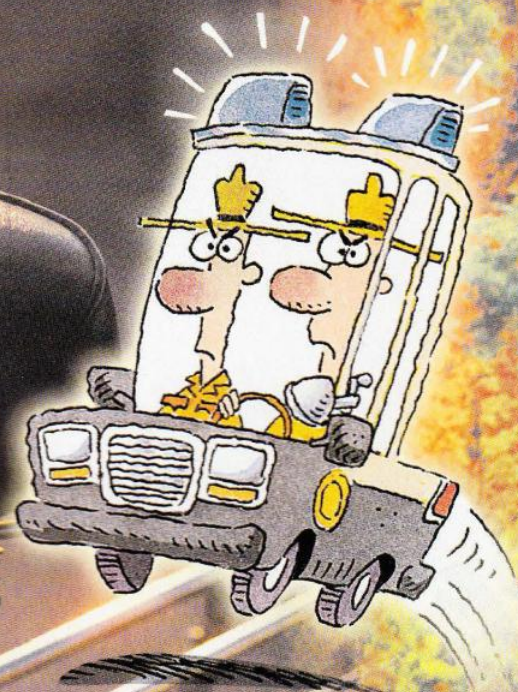
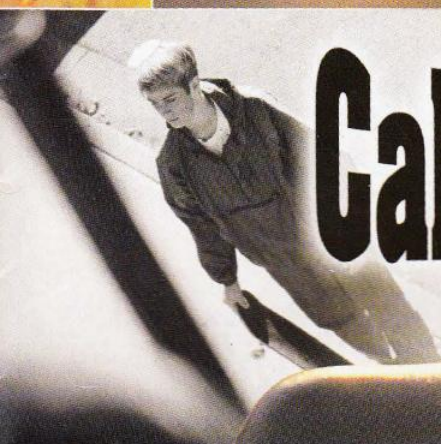


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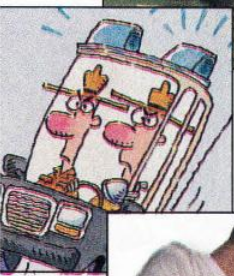
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# The MISSILE

by Ed **LIGGITT**

**B**uddy was so happy to be making his first visit to Florida. They were going to Cape Kennedy and maybe see a missile launch. The 12-year-old boy was so excited when they finally arrived at Cape Kennedy.

After checking into a seaside motel, his father started asking about the next launch. Nobody knew. The clerk at the motel said, "Nobody knows for sure, but everybody knows. It's a secret, but just watch the beach, and when you see crowds of people, it will happen."

Sure enough, the next day Buddy saw people setting up chairs, all facing the launchpad, which had a large missile in place, ready to launch.

Buddy was excited as more people kept coming until the beach was full of people all sitting on their beach chairs and facing the launchpad. He set up chairs for his family on the balcony, but then he got tired of watching the launchpad, and he dozed off.

The crowd got louder and it woke him up. He jumped up and looked toward the launchpad. White smoke was coming out of the bottom of the missile and slowly it started to rise. Finally it cleared the pad and was moving faster and faster. As it went higher, Buddy had to squint his eyes to see it. Then it went

out of sight. Buddy would not believe it happened so fast.

Then Buddy remembered a lesson in Sunday school about Jesus going to heaven. It was in the first chapter of Acts. Quickly he got out his Bible and turned to the Book of Acts. There it was—Acts 1:9. "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

Buddy read the next two verses: "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (KJV).

Jesus' going to heaven must have looked like the missile. Jesus will come out of the sky just like the missile went up!

Wow! Buddy thought, *Jesus went to heaven and is coming back the same way. The coming of Jesus is going to be like the reverse of the missile going up.*





# ROYAL RANGERS Testimony

by Scott **STEVENS**

*1998 National Ranger of the Year*  
**SOUTHEAST REGION**

I have been in Royal Rangers for 13 years, and this ministry has had a great spiritual impact on my life. Royal Rangers is a key reason that I came to know Christ when I was a Straight Arrow. After I was saved, Royal Rangers helped me to grow in God and, through the Rangers program, I learned many effective ways to witness to others. As great as this was, there still seemed to be something lacking in my spiritual walk. That "something" was filled at our Alabama District Pow Wow in 1998. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit by God's awesome power! As I lay on the ground, slain in the Spirit, the power of God was made real in my life, and I spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance! After being baptized with the fire from heaven, I have continuously grown closer to God, and I have a new boldness to reach others for Him. Thank God for the Royal Rangers program!



by Mart **VALERIO**

**T**he Royal Rangers handbook states that a boy grows in four ways: physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially. When I memorized that information 3 years ago as a recruit, I didn't really think much about its meaning. Now, as I look back, I can see how I have grown in these ways. I value Royal Rangers because I have grown physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially.

My physical growth goes much deeper than the 4 inches in height and 50 pounds of weight I've added over those years. Through the many adventurous opportunities, ranging from camping to surviving to rappelling, I have gained a sense of confidence in my accomplishments, as well as in myself as a person. If I can dangle from a 120-foot cliff, for example, then nothing that comes my way should disturb me. More importantly, I have realized that, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NKJV). Royal Rangers has prepared me physically to succeed in life.

My spiritual life has come a long way since I started Royal Rangers. While I wasn't saved as a direct result of Rangers, it has provided me with the spiritual discipleship to set in concrete my decision to follow Christ. I truly feel that, without Rangers, I

## The Value

would have drifted away from the Lord. While I have attended Royal Rangers, I have learned an immense amount about the Bible, evangelism, and the Christian walk. Commander Aaron's "Devil's Advocate" sessions have provided valuable material about how to defend my beliefs as a Christian, why I believe what I do, and how to convince others to come to the Lord. Royal Rangers has been the spiritual greenhouse for my spiritual tree.

In addition, my mental growth has been astounding. As I look back, I'm amazed at

how Royal Rangers has taught me so much about God's great outdoors. Everything I know about knots, lashing, camping, rappelling, nature, outdoor cooking, fire craft, orienteering, first aid, and survival, I have learned in Royal Rangers. Learning the basics and details of these disciplines has opened up such hobbies as orienteering, backpacking, and camping, which I will enjoy for the rest of my life. I have also learned much from the Advancement Trail.



My social growth has also been very noticeable. Royal Rangers has provided a safe atmosphere where I can make friends and be myself. When I first started in Rangers, I was extremely shy. It was through Rangers that I have "come out of my shell." Another aspect that I have noticed is that I have acquired leadership skills. Being continually placed in leadership and teaching positions within the outpost has allowed me to turn into a leader. Also deserving special mention are the fantastic commanders who have been excellent role models for me. It will be great if only I aspire to be like them. The Lord has used Rangers to turn me from a very shy person into a well-rounded leader.

In summary, I have benefited immensely from all aspects of Royal Rangers. I have gained confidence, grown in the Lord, learned outdoor activities, and turned into a leader. I plan to further my Royal Rangers career as a junior commander and become a lieutenant commander in time. Because the true value of the Royal Rangers program lies in its ability to work these same transformations in any willing boy, I hope to further its cause so that others can benefit from it also. I will be forever grateful for what Royal Rangers has done for me.

God has really worked in me to teach others about Christ. I personally believe that I've been called to some type of ministry. He has worked through me to help people come into the kingdom of God. Last year, we had the glory and the fire at our church. My friend and I went around asking people that didn't go to the altar, if they wanted to get saved. We led over 20 boys and some girls into the kingdom of God. This has personally encouraged me to do more for the Kingdom before our Lord comes back.

I just came back from a Ranger of the Year Banquet, where I got fourth place, but I didn't let it get me down. Tom Lester, one of my best friends, got second place for 3 years and never won. That just shows me to never give up, no matter what obstacle comes against me in any shape or size. Rangers isn't easy; it takes a lot of work and commitment. For the most part, I have had only a



## Gold Medal Achievement Essays... of Royal Rangers

by Sam **SPURGEON**

**R**oyal Rangers is more to me than just an activity; it's a lifestyle. It's a lifestyle simply because the book says to be a Ranger you have to live by the Code. Every point of the Code teaches young boys how to live by the path Jesus Christ followed: He would never deny His Father; they persecuted Him for this. Rangers teaches people to have that same love for God. Rangers has changed my life the same way. I am now living my life the closest to God I have ever lived it. At our last FCF Trace, I realized that I wasn't living my life for God as much as I wanted to. I went up to the campfire and everybody prayed for me.

Rangers is a program that develops fellowship between men and boys that are united in Christ to have a good time and to spread the gospel throughout the world. I am only 14 years old, and I was filled with the Holy Spirit on November 12, 1997, in a Rangers meeting. My life hasn't been the same since. I thank God for that. I'm getting to know more and more people in Rangers. We do have an elite group of commanders. I also thank God for the great fellowship we have together and how the power of God works through these men in an amazing way. I have learned many skills, such as leadership, camping, communication, patience, discipline, and how to work hard.

few people help me or teach me what to do. What I have accomplished in Royal Rangers, I have accomplished mostly on my own. This has been tough, but as a result I have come to believe that there is no standard that isn't possible to accomplish.

Philippines 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (NKJV). That personally means to me that there is no goal I can't accomplish. This Scripture verse enables and encourages me to do anything I set my mind to do. This Scripture verse has gotten me to this level in Rangers where I am now. It also gives me faith in Christ. It has taught me to try my hardest to live up to my goals. This is what Royal Rangers has done for me, and is still doing. This is my example to use in living up to my goals.

The GMA is the highest award in Rangers that a person can earn. I am proud that I am among the few who have reached this level. This is what I mean when I say that there is nothing stopping me from living up to any of my goals in Rangers or just my life. Because a lot of hard work has gone into getting me to this point, I will be very proud to tell people who ask me that I have earned this award.

These are some examples of how Rangers has had a strong effect on my life in a good way. I am very thankful to God that He has allowed me to be a part of the Royal Rangers program.





# Called Out

*"But you  
are a chosen  
people, a royal  
priesthood,  
a holy nation,  
a people  
belonging to God,  
that you may  
declare the  
praises of him  
who called you  
out of darkness  
into his  
wonderful light"  
(1 Peter 2:9).*

*I was put in an incubator for  
**3 MONTHS**... the air I had to breath had  
so high an oxygen content, it caused  
**my blindness.***



by Pastor Gil **PRIES**

# of Darkness

As I sit here writing this article, I cannot help but reflect back on my life, and on the way God has led me through the years. Each step from my birth to the present, I can see the hand of God on my life.

I was born in Chicago, Illinois, as a 6-month twin; possibly a triplet. I was 13 inches long and weighed over 2 pounds, then dropped to 18 ounces.

When I share this testimony with the boys in Royal Rangers, I tell them, "I could have been a ruler with an eraser on the end of it." I was put in an incubator for 3 months and, because the air I had to breathe had so high an oxygen content, it caused my blindness.

My brother lived for only 48 hours, and my family waited for me to die too, but God had a plan for my life, and I continued to grow.

A few years later, we moved to California because the schools were better geared for handicapped students. My parents did not want me away in a boarding school for the blind.

We lived on a dead-end street in North Hollywood, California, so I would have a safe place to ride my bike, skate, and do the things that boys like to do. However, the other kids thought that blindness was catching. Because of this, I was shunned, and many times my mom picked up the rocks from our driveway that had been thrown at me.

In school my grades were average or a little above, and we played ball games, which included sock-ball, and a form of baseball. The pitcher would pitch the ball on the ground, and the batter would listen for the bounces, hit the ball with the bat, and then run the bases.

As a boy, I had many hobbies that would help me later in life with my Royal Rangers ministry. I liked camping and I attended a camp every year with the Foundation for the Junior Blind. This was an organization which had the philosophy that blindness was not a handicap, but a nuisance or inconvenience. I learned to use a bow and arrow, swim, shoot a BB gun, and hike around the mountains, as any boy would do at camp. When I shot the bow and arrow and BB gun, there was a bell attached to the target and I would aim for the sound. This was training which I would put into practice many years later.

When I was a junior in high school, I joined the Boys Scouts. At first I was assigned to an all-blind troop, but didn't get very far. So I transferred to a sighted troop. I was the first blind person to attend the Cedar Badge program, which would be something like a Ranger JLTC. This was another step along the path God had planned for me. I made Eagle Scout and obtained the Bronze Palm Award. In all, I had earned 31 merit badges.

In high school, I got involved in debate and public speak-

ing, both in English and in a foreign language. I began to sense God's hand on my life. I wanted to become a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. I wrote to several orders and was told that I wouldn't be accepted, because I was blind. After graduation from high school, I attended Loyola University. There I got involved in music and toured with the men's chorus, conducted by Paul Solomonovich. I was accepted by a group called the Passionists, who preach Christ crucified. I studied in Detroit, Michigan, and Louisville, Kentucky, at Bellarmine College, where I graduated with a degree in philosophy and theology.

Meanwhile, God was moving on me spiritually. In the summer of 1968, I was on vacation from seminary and was listening to a Christian radio station. It was through this Christian station that I found Christ and was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible started to come alive to me. Luke taught me that what happened on the day of Pentecost was more than just a theological concept. I experienced it and found it to be real.

Eventually, God led me to leave the seminary, and I began attending a local Assemblies of God church. I had met the pastor some time before and had been on his radio broadcast.

After graduating from the university, I attended Bethany Bible College, which was then in Santa Cruz, California. This was in 1970. It was there that I began to work with the Royal Rangers ministry.

I have been in the Rangers ministry for over 29 years now. I was licensed by the Assemblies of God in 1971, and ordained in 1973, in the Southern California District. That same year I became the

sectional chaplain for the Royal Rangers ministry and completed all the leadership training courses.

As I look back over the years of ministry in Rangers, there are commanders that I trained directly or who were under me as a lieutenant commander or in one of my LTC classes, who are now running successful outposts. Many are pastors today as a result of my leading them to Christ.

At this time I am going to be 52, and I have no intention of slowing down. I look forward to each outpost meeting week after week with great excitement and anticipation.

One more thing: I have been told by some that I shouldn't be in Rangers; it is only for people with no disabilities. My reply is this, "God will use anyone who will dare to step up to the plate and say 'Put me in, Coach; I am ready.'"

I throw out the challenge to you who read this article. There are thousands and thousands of boys who haven't heard about the love of Jesus Christ. Rangers is still a relevant way to reach them. You yourself can ensure this, even as a boy.

Boys from every race, background, and income level are depending on you and your commanders to tell them of the love of Jesus. If God can use me, He can use you!







Going  
down the  
hill was  
more fun  
than  
pedaling up  
the hill...

**I**t was just 2 weeks ago we brought our bikes to the Royal Rangers meeting. The many different types of bikes at the outpost meeting surprised me. There were mountain bikes, road bikes, and the BMX racing bikes, plus all the new hybrids, to name just a few. Our commander explained that each type of bike was built for a specific use.

On this trip we would be staying mostly on paved roads, which would give the road bikes a slight advantage in speed. When we approached the campsite, we would do a little off-road biking where the road bikes would be at a slight disadvantage.

# BIKE

One of the commanders had a "recumbent" bike. On recumbent bikes it has a recliner-like seat that is really close to the ground. The pedals are level with your knees and you just lie there and pedal. They are a lot faster going downhill than regular upright bikes because they have a lower profile, which reduces wind resistance.

Safety was, and always is, a really big issue. We all had to have helmets and learn the proper rules for riding. Each bike had to be inspected. Brakes and chains had to be adjusted. Tires had to be properly inflated. The many styles of bikes made it hard for the commander to explain all the different types of components that came with each bike. But somehow we got everyone's bike working properly. We even learned a little about getting the best performance out of our own bikes.

After all the planning we headed out. For this trip we would be using a "sag wagon." That's just a vehicle that spends most of its time following us around. It carries tools and equipment to fix just about any problem the bikes might have. Plus, on this trip it was carrying our camping gear. What a blessing this was because riding a



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## ONE-ON-ONE

### An Important Lesson: ASSUMPTION & PERCEPTION

Several years ago, I went with my outpost on a campout in the Sierra Mountains of California, not far from Truckee. This was a gorgeous place; it had a small campground near a small lake. It was 1 1/2 hours off the main road, and because of its seclusion rarely had anyone camped at this campground.

This time however, there was someone at one of the campsites, but no one around as the boys started setting up tents, collecting firewood, and preparing for the evening meal. The commanders started preparing for the evening council fire service, in sight of the campsite near the lakefront for a spectacular view.

Prior to leaving from the church, one of the mothers dropped off her two sons. She said, "Commander, I appreciate you and the other men taking our sons camping. They have been excited for weeks." She continued on, "This will give their father and I some time this weekend to go over the details and figure out how to tell our sons that we are filing for a divorce next week."

We continued to set up for the council fire. I shared with the other commanders that we all needed to be in prayer for this family that weekend and pray that God would unite the family.

While we were eating supper, three men had come back from their backpack trip and were the ones camping in the other site near ours.

After supper the boys and commanders went fishing. From where we were fishing, we could see our campsite. One commander, looking across the water to our campsite, said, "Look! Those men camping next to us are stealing our campfire wood!"

The men were loading up the wood and taking it to their campsite. The other commanders and myself quickly moved around the lake and back to our site and confronted the men in our site. Catching them in our site, with their arms loaded with firewood from our wood stack, I asked the one closest to me, "Sir, why are you taking our firewood?"

The man appeared very surprised and was speechless. His lips began to tremble, apparently realizing how this must have looked. Here he was with his buddy in another campsite, taking their firewood when in walks five Royal Rangers commanders.

At that moment, I felt a tremendous compassion for this man, as his lips continued to tremble. I said, "Sir, we mean you no harm. If you need the firewood, please be our guest. We can have our boys gather up more wood. The commanders and I will even help you if you need help to carry it to your camp."

The other commanders looked at me almost in shock. As this man could gain his composure, he explained, "We brought this firewood from our home, knowing we were going to be hiking most of the day!"

Later, as we were busy setting up the council fire, we had learned the truth: Our boys admitted they had not seen anyone in the other campsite when we had arrived, so they assumed the wood was left by some previous campers. With this assumption they had moved all the wood from that campsite to ours. After learning this, we approached the men at their campsite, humbly apologized, and helped carry the wood back to their campsite.

You see, we had assumed that what we were seeing was someone stealing our firewood. What we saw was correct—someone taking the firewood back to their campsite. So our perception of what we thought was truth did not have all the facts.

After we helped the men move the firewood back to their site, they insisted we have some of their firewood, and we accepted it on the basis that they would have breakfast with us the next morning. When the three of them packed to go home the next day, they stopped to say good-bye. One of them said, "You leaders are doing a wonderful thing, taking these boys out camping, fishing, and having fun. But your example I will never forget.

Please help yourself to the rest of our firewood!" With that we all laughed.

I will remember several things about that campout: how each commander individually and collectively prayed for the boys' mom and dad to save this marriage; how 6 of the 15 boys had been filled with the Holy Spirit that weekend; and how the fishing, hiking, and activities were great. But there is one thing that clearly stands out in my mind:

After returning to church, following the campout, the parents were there to pick up their boys. The mother who had told me about the apparent divorce approached me and asked to speak to me.

She began, "My husband and I sat down and started writing all the reasons we were getting a divorce. We did this so we could explain to our boys, while anticipating their arguments. But when we began to write down all the reasons, we realized they weren't that valid. We just needed to communicate better. So we decided not to file for a divorce."

I responded to her, "Yes, the commanders and I were also shown an important lesson on communication this weekend."

Blessings to you!



Richard Mariott, NATIONAL COMMANDER

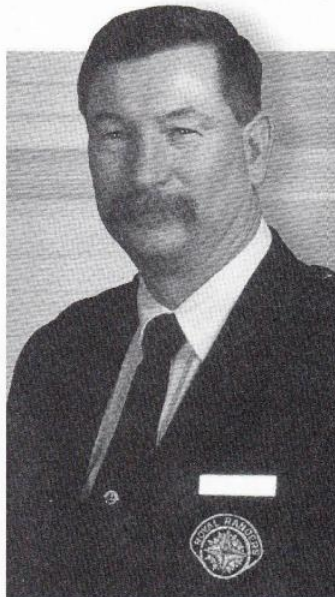




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## ON LINE

# New Staff Appointed to National Office



### ***Rick Dostal***

was appointed as national training coordinator in February 2000. His responsibilities include the coordination of all national training camps offered through the Royal Rangers ministry. He also serves as National Camporama and National Rendezvous coordinator.

Rick and his wife Maggie have been married for 25 years and have one daughter, Hannah, who is a junior in high school. Rick is originally from Oklahoma and moved to Southern California at age 12. Maggie and Hannah were born and raised in Grover Beach, California. The family moved to Northern California in 1992, where they resided until their relocation to Springfield in February.

Prior to his appointment, Rick worked 7 years as a building inspector for the city of Pittsburg, California, after working as a superintendent and journeyman carpenter for 15 years. Maggie has been a pharmacy technician for over 21 years. She has served as WM's leader, Missionettes coordinator, and Sunday school teacher. Hannah is an honor student and is very proud of her 1966 Mustang. She was crowned Honor Star in 1997. Rick and Hannah have used their skills in American Sign Language to interpret for the deaf at church services.

Rick has been involved in the Royal Rangers ministry since 1978. He served as the Northern California-Nevada District FCF president for the past 6 years and as FCF vice president and divisional representative in the Southern California District. He has served as commander of the following positions: sectional, area, senior, Trail Rangers, Trailblazers, Pioneers, Buckaroos, and Straight Arrows, along with serving in his local church as board member and Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

Rick's interests include spending time with his family, camping, and hunting. He enjoys speaking at FCF, Royal Rangers, and Men's Ministries camps and meetings. His vision is to see all boys have the opportunity to ask Jesus Christ, our Master Ranger, into their hearts as Lord and Savior.



### ***Mike Laliberty***

was appointed the Pioneers-Trailblazers coordinator for the national Royal Rangers Office on March 1, 2000. Mike and his wife, Alice, have two grown boys: Thomas, age 30, and Matthew, age 24.

Prior to his appointment, Mike and Alice lived in Longmont, Colorado. He was employed as an electrical engineer and programmer with IBM for over 25 years.

Mike graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1974 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Then, in 1992, he received an M.S. in Computer Information Systems from Denver University.

Mike has over 23 years of experience in a variety of leadership roles with the Royal Rangers ministry. He first became involved with Royal Rangers in 1976, when Alice asked him if he would assist his oldest son's Straight Arrows leader on Wednesday nights. Ever since then Mike has served as a leader in all the outpost groups except Pioneers. Prior to Mike's move to Springfield, he was serving as a lieutenant commander in his local outpost. Mike also served as a senior commander for 15 years.

In 1982, in addition to his local outpost duties, Mike also began serving in a variety of other positions—such as Leadership Training Course instructor, section commander, district Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship vice president, district FCF president, and most recently as district training coordinator. Mike has also served on Buckaroos-Straight Arrows Training Conferences, National Training Camps, and National Cadres in the Rocky Mountain and Northern California-Nevada districts.

Mike also has an excellent list of training credentials, which include LTC-1978, NTC-1979, ICS-1980, National Staff School-1982, ANTC-1995, IT-1995, BSTC-1996, Academy-Phase II Advisor-1996, Academy-Phase III Senior Guide-1997.

With this wealth of experience in Royal Rangers, Mike has been assigned the responsibility to coordinate the writing of the new curricula and training for the Pioneers and Trailblazers programs for the national Royal Rangers ministry.



## Outreach Ministry Pilot Programs



### Marshall Bruner

Two outreach ministry pilot programs are underway this year. Please look for an opportunity to participate in any of these events. Your labor toward the Great Commission can enable us to achieve our 10-year goal of reaching 2.5 million boys for Christ.

#### ■ Convoy of Hope, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Brian Schmid, deputy district commander for Wisconsin/N. Michigan District, is coordinating a Convoy of Hope, in which Royal Rangers boys and leaders will be participating. The event is scheduled for August 19. The Convoy of Hope involves Rangers and commanders in community outreach through door-to-door invitation to the Convoy and participating in numerous functions at the Convoy itself—such as server, altar worker, children's worker, security. If you wish to participate in this event, contact Brian Schmid at phone: 414-342-3720, e-mail: BRIANSCH@EXECPC.COM.

#### ■ Convoy of Hope, Richmond, Virginia:

This Richmond Convoy of Hope will also enable Royal Rangers and commanders to directly participate in evangelism. The event is scheduled for October 14. For further details on how to participate in this pilot project, please contact the national office.

### ATTENTION 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.

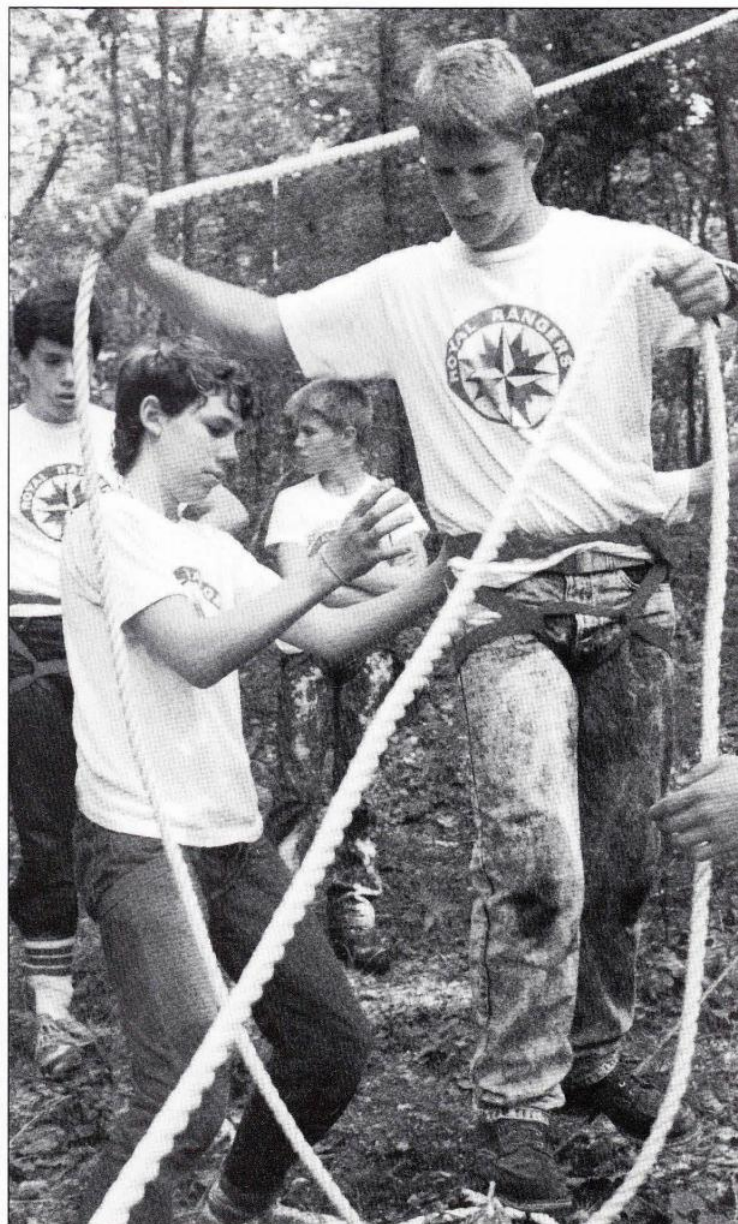
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### An Outstanding Volunteer

#### CORRECTION

We wish to note a correction regarding the *An Outstanding Volunteer* article about Kevin Lee, which appeared in the *Spring 2000 High Adventure Leader*. He wishes to note that he served as a commander under the direction of other senior commanders while serving in the Royal Rangers ministry in Okinawa, Japan. "I learned a lot from those three senior commanders at Neighbor A/G in Okinawa," said Kevin. And in Virginia he served as the Trailblazers commander.

Our thanks to Kevin for his corrections.





# PATHFINDERS: the Missions Construction Arm of Royal Rangers

by Becky Reigel and Paul H. Walters II

Becky Walters Reigel lives in Springfield, Mo.

Her brother, Paul H. Walters II, is president of the George Washington Chapter of the FCF.



It took 24 hours round-trip. They spent days mixing concrete, laying block, and roofing in the hot sun—laboring from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and nights sleeping on the ground in tents near the construction site. We lived without running water or its conveniences and ate military-style “meals ready to eat.”

Most would consider it a rough 7 days—and certainly not a vacation. But the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship team from the Pennsylvania-Delaware District used vacation time in February to experience such a trip to the Dominican Republic.

For the 14 FCF’ers of the George Washington Chapter, it was an adventure and a challenge. That’s just what FCF—a Rangers auxiliary featuring pre-1850s-style camping experiences—is all about. They had a job to do and a mission to complete.

When they loaded their backpacks and said good-bye to Las Barreras, a village of 5,000 on the country’s southwest coast, they left behind a 24- by 53-foot block church. It stands in the mountainous region as a testimony of a commitment to spread the gospel—everywhere.

## Inspired by the Holy Spirit

The Pathfinder Missions trip was one of four the Pennsylvania-Delaware FCF group has taken in as many years—and 1 of more than 50 that FCF groups and others from across the country have taken since the inception of this ministry.

The idea for the trips was birthed in 1991 while Paul Etheridge, a lieutenant with the Missouri Highway Patrol and a member of the FCF Executive Committee, was on a MAPS trip in Mexico. “We found out from Missionary Dave Cave that the construction missionaries can’t really

get down into the brush,” he recalls. “We found out that there were hundreds and hundreds of churches in those areas that needed help.”

After returning home, Etheridge couldn’t get away from the conversation. Before long, he organized a team and returned to Mexico to a remote area.

“When I plan a trip, I want my FCF friends to be involved, because they’re used to camping in those kind of conditions,” he says. “We like to take people with a background in construction skills, but we need gophers, like me, for hauling and mixing the cement and other jobs.”

It’s teamwork that makes the Pathfinder trips successful, says Darren R. Geesaman, Northeast Region coordinator for the Royal Rangers and a member of the Penn.-Del. team.

“When you go on a Pathfinder trip, who you are and what you do for a living seems so far away. Your identity is no longer important, and that’s the way it should be. Everybody pitches in, works hard, has fun—and we get the job done to the glory of God.”

Pathfinder Missions was officially organized in 1994. Etheridge serves as the national coordinator. Board members include Fred Deaver, national FCF president, and Gerald Jackson, representative for foreign construction. Jackson coordinates MAPS builders trips, a special ministries department of the Division of Foreign Missions.

Like all MAPS (Missions Abroad Placement Service) teams, the Pathfinders raise money for their own travel costs and for the project they are going to complete. But the Pathfinders focus on remote areas where projects must be completed under harsh conditions.

“Occasionally there are projects and needs where it’s not practical to take a team because there aren’t accom-



modations for them, specifically food or lodging," Jackson says. "It wasn't an effort to be 'Rambo' or anything like that; it was an effort to meet a need. These teams are self-sufficient. They take their tents, camping stoves, and water purification system and MRE meals," he explains.

Jackson went on a Pathfinder trip up the Amazon: "It was an 8-hour boat trip; we slept in a hammock on the boat."

Etheridge remembers a trip in the Andes when a team had to rebuild a roadbed to get out of the mountains.

Pathfinder trips, Deaver says, fit well with the Royal Rangers and FCF programs. "It's an adventure—and that's what Royal Rangers is," he says. "We go to areas where others aren't able to go. In some areas we've taken mules in."

## To the ends of the earth

By plane, boat, mule, and on foot, teams have traveled to remote villages to build and remodel churches, schools, and orphanages in Fiji, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Chile, Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and other countries. They've traveled up the Amazon and through the Andes. Teams have been to Africa and the Asia Pacific, even Mongolia in the middle of winter. A national FCF Pathfinder Mission team traveled to China in April, where they built a 70- by 40-foot structure with a clay tile roof.

Interest in the program is growing, Deaver and Etheridge say, as teams come back and share reports of their trips.

Etheridge teaches classes to FCF members on how to lead a Pathfinder trip; and he's written a manual that covers the details for leading such trips.

Currently, there are team leaders in almost every district, he says, and others besides Rangers are doing Pathfinder-style trips. "I never set out to do this. I'm not a builder," Etheridge says. "It was the Holy Spirit."

## Making a difference

The Pathfinders and their projects have made quite an impact on the residents of many villages. In some communities, the church/school they've built is the only permanent structure among thatch dwellings, Etheridge and others say. Often the teams' campsites and work areas are gathering places for children and adults of the villages. The Penn.-Del. team has joined in celebration services after the projects' completion and seen the newly constructed churches filled to capacity at the first service.

The trips have also changed team members.

"Due to their remote location, some of the poorest living conditions have been revealed to me. It has changed my life forever by helping me to be thankful for the little things in life, like pure drinking water, or more than one change of clothes," Geesaman says. "I like to think that I am a good Christian, but when I look into the eyes of these people and see just how excited they are about the gospel of Jesus Christ, I can't help thinking that I'm not doing enough. I pray that their enthusiasm would rub off on me and that our North American dreams would become subject to the will of God."

Like the other missionaries and pastors the team has worked with, Virgilio Fortin, missionary to the Dominican Republic, is hoping the group will return.

"These guys are good troopers," he

says. "They set up camp and finish the work and do a good job. We are proud to have them in the Dominican Republic. We are still going to be able to use them some more in the future."

There are villages and people in need of churches and God uses those who are willing to find a way off the beaten path to do the job.

The Pennsylvania-Delaware Pathfinder trip to the Dominican Republic was a special one for Herman R. Geesaman, Darren R. Geesaman, and Adam R. Geesaman.

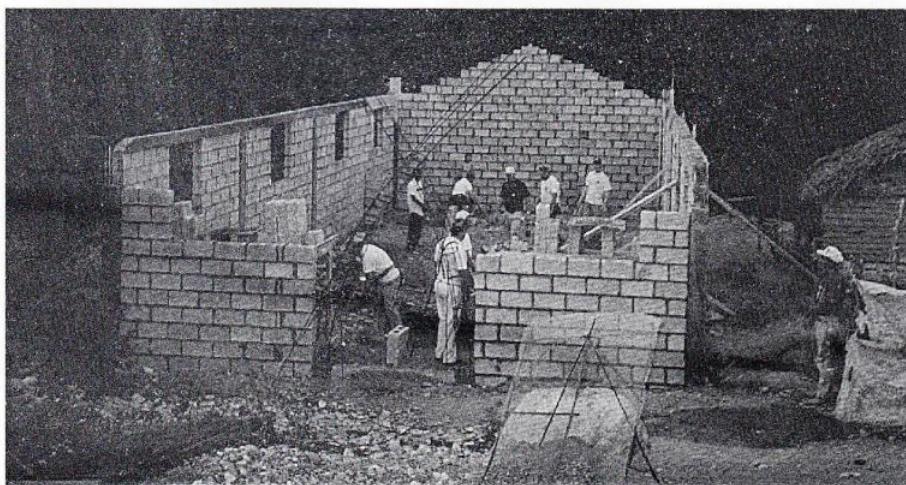
The family has had a longtime commitment to missions—and Royal Rangers. Darren is Northeast Region coordinator for the Royal Rangers; his father Herman is FCF representative for that area; and Darren's son Adam is a Royal Rangers gold medalist and junior commander of Outpost 87 at Living Waters Chapel in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

The February trip was the 14th or 15th missions construction trip Herman and his son Darren had been on, and the fourth or fifth time they've taken a trip together.

However, it was the first trip for Adam, and a three-generation experience they'll long remember.

"It was good to be in the company of my father and my son on this past trip to the Dominican Republic," Darren says. "I believe that being together in such conditions has brought us closer together and has generated some memories we will not soon forget."

"I would not have been able to participate in so many trips without the support of my loving wife, Yvonne, and a missions-minded pastor (D. Dean Cover) and church. If you want to see your church grow and the people get excited, involved, and committed to a cause, then open up your heart to missions. It will change your life forever."





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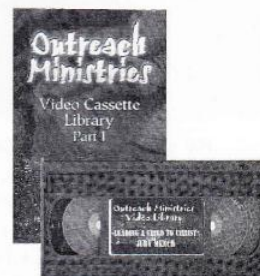
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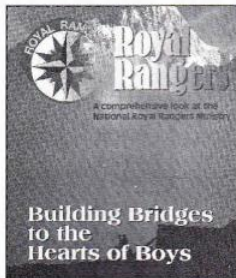


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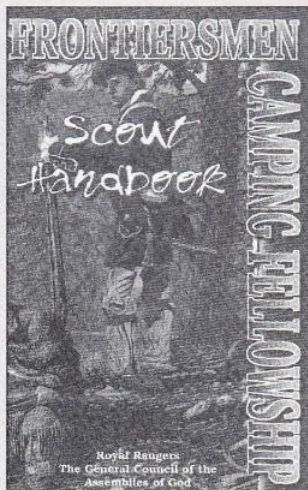
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## NATIONAL TRAINING CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2000

### Advanced National Training Camp

- Michigan—Gaylord (Lost Valley Bible Camp), September 14-17

### Buckaroos/Straight Arrows Training Conference

- Southern California—Frazier Park (Frazier Park Conference Center), August 11-13

- Washington—Silverlake Bible Camp, September 29-October 1

- Wisconsin—Spencer Lake, October 6-8

- Alabama—Springville Conference Center, October 27-29

- Minnesota—Alexandria, April 7-9

### National Training Camp

- Southern Missouri—Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), September 7-10

- New Jersey—Woodstown (Camp Roosevelt, BSA), September 7-10

- Washington—Silverlake Bible Camp, September 28-October 1

- Alabama—Springville (Camp Lone Eagle), October 5-8

- North Texas—Maypearl (Lakeview Camp), October 12-15

### National Training Trails

- Northern California—Placerville (Camp Loon Lake), August 24-27

### Winter National Training Camp

- Northern California—Mineral (Mount Lassen A/G Camp), January 27-30





National Commander Richard Mariott presenting District Award of Excellence to North Texas District Commander Paul Patterson.

# National Royal Rangers Council Prepares for 21st Century

*by Charles Hungerford*

***Moved to tears by their giving, Broberg replied, "Your giving has enabled children to learn about Jesus."***

The 2000 National Royal Rangers Council convened March 16-18, 2000, in Springfield, Mo.

It was under the leadership of National Commander Richard Mariott. "The council will be remembered as an historic event in Royal Rangers history," said Mariott. This year's council marked a number of important and outstanding events.

Utilizing the theme, "Beyond All Limits," the Royal Rangers National Council presented an approach of ministry to boys that will be just that: a ministry that exceeds all expectations and previous limits.

Prior to the opening ceremony and Silver Eagle Banquet, the national executive committee gathered on March 13 and 14 to discuss the exciting future of Royal Rangers and an expanded approach to ministry to and for boys. Curriculum resource members met on March 15 to discuss and assign curriculum writing for the enhanced program. Survey responses from district and outpost leaders have shown an overwhelmingly positive response for the expansion and enhancement of the Royal Rangers programs.

"Although the revisions are just in working stages right now," said Mariott, "excitement was at an all-time high as Royal Rangers leaders across the nation prepare to 'reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.'"

One leader expressed his sentiments toward the new program by saying, "I only wish I had this new program now!"



Don Jaques challenges councilmen during LFTL Junior Councilmen Banquet.

While Royal Rangers will continue primarily as a camping and advancement ministry program for boys, the curriculum revision will include non-camping activities, awards, and advancements. The leadership survey respondents and the national Royal Rangers Executive Committee both demonstrated continued support for Royal Rangers remaining a ministry specifically to boys.



The District Leadership Training Conference, held March 16, provided training opportunities to district Royal Rangers leaders for improving their ministries. Workshop topics included Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship training, Junior Academy training, Pow Wow ideas, public relations how-tos, pointers for senior commanders, strategic planning and preparing for the 21st century, Pinewood Derby topics, and Leadership Training Course updates.

The council kicked off with the Silver Eagle Banquet, March 16, attended by 425 Royal Rangers supporters. Of those in attendance, 329 were registered councilmen. Along with these councilmen, 91 wives also attended to participate in ladies activities. The primary focus of the banquet was to recognize district commanders for their outstanding service in ministry to boys during 1999. This recognition was given through the awarding of the Silver Eagle Award. During the banquet 37 district commanders received the Silver Eagle Award.

The Silver Eagle Banquet also highlighted the 1999 District and Chartering Awards of Excellence. The 1999 District Award of Excellence for the greatest number of churches with Royal Rangers programs was awarded to the North Texas District (Paul Patterson, district commander), with a total of 262 outposts. Also recognized were the Oklahoma District, with 229 outposts, and the Southern Missouri District, with 198 outposts.

The 1999 Chartering Award of Excellence for the largest chartered church went to Outpost 21 at First Assembly of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., (Wayne Benson, pastor). This outpost has 402 boys involved in the church's Royal Rangers program. Other churches recognized were Outpost 200 at New Life Church,



FCF National President Fred Deaver presenting his drawing to Silver Eagle Banquet keynote speaker Charles Hackett.

Colorado Springs, Colo., with 263 boys, and Outpost 22, First Assembly of God, Kenosha, Wisc., with 241 boys. In addition to these awards, Ellis Stutzman was recognized for his 28 years of outstanding service to the Royal Rangers ministry.

Charles Hackett, executive director for the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions, provided the keynote address during the banquet. Drawing upon a number of topics, Hackett created an inspiring message that challenged the councilmen to be godly role models as they work with boys.

The following day, March 17, the council business sessions convened. One unique feature focused on the introduction of the national Royal Rangers staff. Two new positions were added to the national office staff, along with two replacement staff members. Those introduced include: Richard Mariott, national commander; Brian Hendrickson, Buckaroos/Straight Arrows coordinator (a new position); Mike Laliberty, Pioneers/Trailblazers coordinator (a new position); Rick Dostal, national training coordinator; and Marshall Bruner, administrative and ministries coordinator.

"We truly appreciate the tremendous support shown for



Paul Stanek receives warm greetings during his retirement reception.

the national Royal Rangers Office and the new staff," Mariott said.

During the council business session, much time was devoted to discussing the development of Royal Rangers for the 21st century. With the addition of non-camping advancements and achievements to the program, Royal Rangers leaders expect the program to continue to grow and reach multitudes of boys for Christ every year.

The council business session also included elections for council leadership. James Barger, regional coordinator for the Great Lakes Region, was reelected as the National Council president. Freddie Espinoza, district commander for the Southern Pacific Latin America District, was reelected vice president. Harry Hunt, Ohio District commander, was reelected as secretary.

During the council business session two major national Royal Rangers events were discussed: the 2000 National Rendezvous and the 2002 National Camporama. Some 1,500 boys and men of the FCF ministry are expected to attend the Rendezvous. During the Camporama, more than 7,000 campers are anticipated.

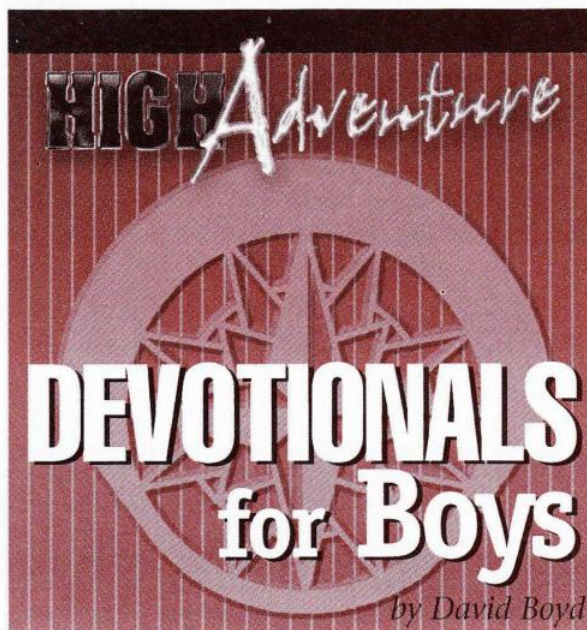
Council business reports included comments from foreign and home missionaries involved in the Rangers ministry. Mark Broberg, a missionary candidate preparing for ministry in Russia, shared his vision to spread the Royal Rangers ministry throughout Russia. Spontaneously, councilmen pledged \$15,551 toward this new work. Of this amount, \$5,000 was pledged by David Boyd, national Children's Ministry Agency/BGMC coordinator, on behalf of BGMC for the translation of Royal Rangers materials into Russian. Moved to tears by their giving, Broberg replied, "Your giving has enabled children to learn about Jesus."

The council closed on March 18 with three special events. Additional time was slotted for the councilmen to plan for the revisions of the boys programs. During the afternoon, a reception was held for Paul Stanek, recognizing him for his 25 years of service as the national training coordinator and deputy national commander. Stanek received plaques from the General Council of the Assemblies of God and from the National Royal Rangers Council for his years spent in "reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ."

The closing function was the Saturday evening Junior Councilmen Banquet, sponsored by Light for the Lost. Don Jacques, a Springfield, Mo., businessman and executive member of the national LFTL Council, challenged the councilmen to continue to extend their support of the Junior Councilmen program, a ministry for Royal Rangers involvement in LFTL. During the banquet \$268,251 was pledged toward the continued development and printing of two Junior Councilmen evangelism literature projects.

As Royal Rangers moves forward to meet the unique challenges of ministering to boys in the 21st century, God is providing the vision and leadership to make the transition possible. The plans and goals for future ministry would seem mind-boggling without God's help. But following His leading will allow the Royal Rangers ministry to go "beyond all limits" as the ministry intensifies its efforts to "reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ."





## OBJECT LESSON

### ▶ Ruining a Perfect Thing

#### SUPPLIES

■ One marker; one bottle of each of the following: ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise; a pan of brownies

Write "lying" on the bottle of ketchup. Write "swearing" on the bottle of mustard. Write "stealing" on the bottle of mayonnaise. Cut three brownies and hide the rest of the batch.

Set three brownies in front of the boys. Talk about how perfectly they were made. Each one is done just right—chocolaty and gooey. Compare the brownies to the boys. Someone who knew just what he was making made each brownie or they wouldn't have come out right. The hand of God has made each boy. When God washes away our sins, God makes us into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are made perfect. God looks at us and He is pleased. We are pleasing in His sight, just like these brownies are pleasing in our sight.

Ask who is hungry. Take the first brownie. Squirt ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise on it until it's

covered. See who wants it now. Explain that even though the brownie was made perfect, placing the wrong things on it can ruin it. Compare this to the boys. We are pleasing in God's eyes, but He isn't pleased when we allow sin into our lives. Turn the bottles around. Talk about the sins of lying, swearing, or stealing. (Note: you can talk about different ones if you wish.) Talk about how sin is like an ugly stain in our lives. It ruins what God is doing in us.

Repeat this object lesson with the second brownie and then the third, each time using less ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. Teach the boys that even a little bit of sin spoils what God has made out of our lives.

## OBJECT LESSON

### ▶ Right on Target Game

#### SUPPLIES

■ A bunch of medium-size rubber bands; six to eight small diameter dowel rods; a box

Set a box at the end of an 8-foot table. Allow the boys to practice shooting rubber bands off their fingers and into the box at the end of the table. Make sure it's a medium-sized target so it's not too easy and not too hard. After they've played this game for a while, write the word "Heaven" on the box.

Explain that when you shoot your rubber band into the box, it represents someone's making it to heaven. Before you let someone try this, line up three or four boys on each side of the table. Have them hold up dowel rods and move them around trying to block the rubber band from going into the box. Thus you have a boy at one end trying to shoot the rubber band into the box at the other end of the table. Boys with dowel rods are creating interference, trying to block the shot. Give all the boys a try.

Is it easy? No. Why? It is because the boys create interference by holding the dowel rods in the way. Compare these boys to non-Christian influences like non-Christian friends, bad music, bad videos, going to bad events, etc. Explain that the more of these influences you allow in your life, the easier it will be to miss heaven.

Remove half the blockers and try to get the rubber bands in the box. Then remove all the blockers and try again. Encourage them to get rid of the wrong influences in their lives. These wrong influences can turn them away from Jesus and keep them out of heaven.



## OBJECT LESSON

### ► What's on the Inside Counts

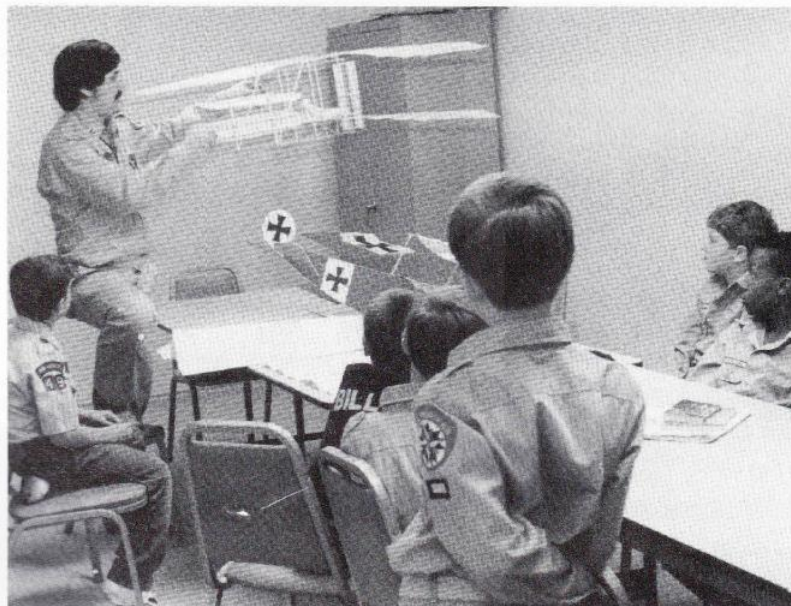
#### SUPPLIES

■ Seven cans of different foods like peas, pork and beans, fruit cocktail, refried beans, pudding, frosting, carrots, etc.; one can opener and several spoons

Switch the labels on all but two of the cans. Have the class divide into seven groups (more or less for different size groups). Choose a group to start. Explain that some of the cans have the right labels on them and others don't. Have the first group choose a can. Have them open it and see what they get. Have the second group open a can. Talk about the fact that it's what's on the inside that is important. Compare this to what's on the inside of people. Have you ever met someone who looked like he would be a nice person, but when you got to know him you found out he wasn't?

Have a third group open a can. Talk about people. It's what's on the inside that counts. Tell the story of Samuel's choosing David in 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 which says: "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

As you open the rest of the cans, talk about the importance of matching our inside with our outside. If Christ is on the inside our outside should show it. Conversely, don't judge people by the way they look. God looks at the heart.



## OBJECT LESSON

### ► Which Hat Are You?

#### SUPPLIES

■ Bring as many different kinds of hats to class as you can find. These might include army hats, firemen hats, cowboy hats, construction hats, policemen hats, etc.

Show your first hat. Talk about the kind of person who would wear the hat. Talk about how the person in that position can be a positive influence on the world for Christ. Bring out the second hat, the third, etc. This leads you into a great discussion concerning God's plan for our lives. Each of these hats is a hat, but each is different. Each has a different purpose. God made us all look different. We all have different talents, but each of us has a

purpose in God's kingdom. Each of us will have the ability to do great things for Him even now. Talk about ways boys can be involved in ministry, such as helping the elderly with household chores. They can help out around the church with projects that need to be done. They can tutor younger boys in their Rangers work, etc.



## CRAFTS for Kids

### Royal Rangers Emblem Rice Mosaic *by Brenda Millhouse*

This craft time is fun for the boys but will also serve as a learning tool to help learn the lessons in the points of the Royal Rangers Emblem. If you can allow 15 minutes or longer a night to work on this, it may take 4 to 5 weeks to complete.

#### NEEDED ITEMS

- 8-inch enlargement of a blank Royal Rangers Emblem
- 10-inch square of 1/4-inch plywood or heavy cardboard
- Red and yellow markers to color in the border of the emblem
- 15-inch pieces of small rope or jute
- Elmer's or Tacky glue
- Colored rice in yellow (gold), red, blue, and plain white\*
- Brown package rice (already light brown)
- Popsicle craft sticks and plastic spoons

*\*To color the rice, place 2 cups of regular rice in a gallon zip-lock bag with a few drops of food coloring and toss until the rice has changed color.*

#### 1st Week:

Start this craft project by enlarging a blank Royal Rangers Emblem on a photocopy machine. Each boy will need a copy. The first night, the boys will need to glue the emblem to the 10-inch board or cardboard and color in the border around the emblem (the red border with the yellow lettering). If time allows, they can also punch or drill a hole in both of the top corners and run the ends of the rope through the two holes and make a knot. This will provide a way to hang up the plaque when it is finished.

#### 2nd Week:

This week, each boy will need to glue with craft sticks or plastic spoons all of the area of the large starburst in the center of the emblem (doing the gold half only at this time). Then, while the glue is still very wet, they can spoon the yellow tinted rice over the glue to cover that half. Once this is done, they can do the other half and cover it with the natural brown rice for shading. (This can be done next week. It will prolong the craft for one more week, but it will probably make it easier for the boys to work with.) As they fill in these points, encourage them to recite the meaning of each point until they can quote them from memory. (The four phases of a boy's development: Physical, Spiritual, Mental, and Social.)

#### 3rd Week:

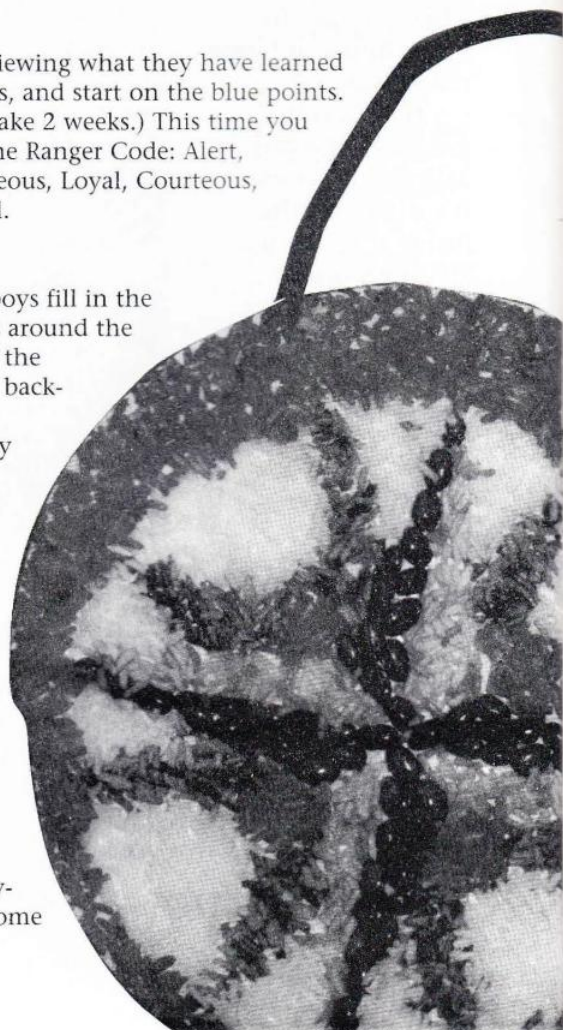
Review what they learned on the gold points and quickly move to the four red points, again applying the glue and then the rice by the same process as last week. Encourage the boys to memorize the four cardinal doctrines of the church: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing, and Rapture. This is a great time to help the younger boys especially to understand what these four doctrines mean.

#### 4th Week:

Begin again by reviewing what they have learned in the past 2 or 3 weeks, and start on the blue points. (The blue points may take 2 weeks.) This time you will be working with the Ranger Code: Alert, Clean, Honest, Courageous, Loyal, Courteous, Obedient, and Spiritual.

#### 5th Week:

This week let the boys fill in the remaining yellow areas around the core of the starburst of the emblem and the white background with the plain white rice. Let these dry completely and then spray the entire seeded emblem with a clear acrylic spray (convenient store's cheapest) and let dry during the week. The following week, the boys can take their rice emblem plaques home to hang in their rooms. The boys will surprisingly learn the points of the emblem without even realizing they are studying, because it has become a fun time.





# G.I. Joe Campout

When you're a member of the deacon board and one of your responsibilities is to be on the pulpit committee to hire a new pastor, it's hard not to look for a pastor who is Royal Rangers minded. This is especially true when you are also the senior commander of the outpost. Well, that's exactly what happened to me once upon a time. I know you would be the responsible deacon and think of your adult church congregation. You would be heavy in prayer and fasting and listening to all the tapes and reading all the résumés sent to you from dozens of candidates. You would be listening to all the wise council that was being offered. Well, me too, but I'm Royal Rangers all the way! And I was also listening to what God had placed in my heart—a burden for the souls of boys. So we ended up with the best. We hired a pastor who could both minister to our adults and had a burden for kids. What a blessing!

This is kind of how it went: The man we chose to be our pastor had recently completed his tour in the Navy as a chaplain to the Marines. Pastor Al was somewhat of a superhero, especially to the Rangers, since he had been in active military duty. As we got to know each other better, I found out he had some MRE's (meals ready to eat) left over that we could have. He also had a great big, old Suburban that he was willing to let the Rangers use.

Well, you know the kind of mind a commander has, and mine went a whirling. We were ready for another campout. Pastor had a vehicle we could use along with our van to get more boys to that camp. It wasn't long until we had all the plans made for a genuine, official G.I. Joe Campout.

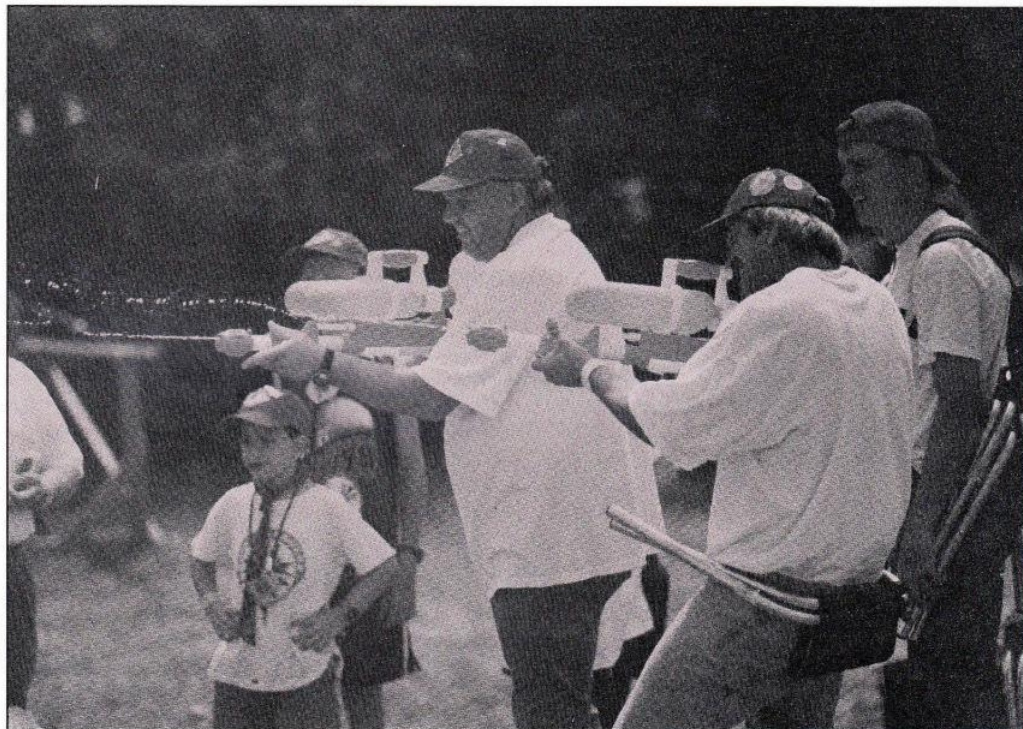
Anyone who wanted to go to the campout had to have camouflage outfits. Hold it right there; I didn't make all of my boys go out to the specialty store and buy expensive clothes. Anything that even resembled camo was close enough. I went to discount stores, such as K-Mart and Wal-Mart, and found some inexpensive camo print tee shirts and some green pants. The local Army and Navy surplus store was very helpful when they heard what we were doing and donated some other stuff. We also were allowed the use of some green Army tents to make it all the more realistic.

The other requirement was that they needed to bring water guns. Wait a minute. You didn't let me finish. If a boy didn't have money to buy a squirt gun, he could use

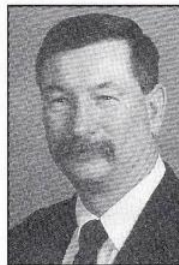
a cup or even a tin can. It didn't really matter, just so he could get somebody else wet. It turned out that the fancy squirt guns and water cannons just didn't cut it. Everyone's trigger finger started cramping, and they couldn't keep up with a bucket and a cup. Of course we didn't even allow water balloons because the campout was at the national forest, and I wasn't about to pick up 10 million pieces of broken balloon.

When we broke out the rations at mealtime, I was sure glad we had decided to bring along some extra meat for the grill! But for the most part the rations were a big hit. Most boys have never experienced such things as boiling water in a canteen or putting a plastic bag in the cup of hot water to create a meal. Plus, there was other stuff we don't consider as normal cooking methods. I remember the brownies and gum being a big trading item.

As we sat around the campfire later that night, we let our veterans share some of their wartime and even peacetime experiences with us. Commander Jerrald, Commander Jesse, and Pastor Al were careful in what things they told, since this was a Royal Rangers campout.



I didn't want to have to explain myself to any upset moms after we got home. I think back of the stirring devotion that night in honor of our service men and women who have fought and even died to preserve our way of life here in America. I also remember when we had an altar call and those boys came forward to recommit their lives to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the One who died on the cross for all of us, no matter where we live.



by Rick Dostal, National Training Coordinator



## PART 2:

# Involving Boys in Doing Puppets

by Mary Boyd

**P**uppets! Just say the word and boys will light up and get excited. Boys not only enjoy watching puppets, but they also enjoy doing puppets themselves. Boys like to help and like to be involved. When you let your boys help you with the lesson by doing puppets, that lesson will come "alive" and it will be remembered.

There's a Chinese proverb that says, "What I hear, I forget. What I see, I remember. What I do, I learn." Your boys learn best by doing, and puppets are a great way to involve them. They can use the puppets to retell the Bible story, recite their Bible verses or pledges, or act out the story you're telling. Here are some simple, easy ways to involve your boys with doing puppets:

**Brushes and Feather Dusters:** Your local dollar store or discount store is a great place to buy large scrub brushes and feather dusters. Look for variety and unusual shapes—the more colorful, the better. Make sets of eyes, noses, and mouths out of felt or construction paper. Allow the boys to tape these on the brushes and feather dusters to create faces. Let them have fun and be creative.

**Mops and Brooms:** This is just like the brushes and feather dusters, but it's more for your older boys. Cut out shapes of faces from plywood or foam core. Attach these to mops and brooms so that the bristles become the "hair" of the puppet. Add foam to the face and cover with a soft cloth. Make sets of eyes, noses, and mouths out of felt or construction paper and pin these to the faces. Once again, have the boys create their own faces.

**Paper Lunch Bag:** These are great for doing puppets and they're very inexpensive. You can use this for your craft and then use the bag puppets for your story time. Cut out faces of animals and glue them to the folded part of the lunch bag. Have your boys decorate the faces by coloring, painting, gluing on yarn or fur, etc. You can get lunch bags in a variety of

colors that will also add variety to the puppets. (A great resource for patterns is a book called *Christian Crafts with Paper Bag Puppets*, by Susan J. Stengenga. It's published by Shining Star Publications. Check your local Christian bookstore.)

**Finger Eye Puppets:** These puppets have a set of eyes that are attached to each other with a loop. You slip these eyes onto your fingers and make a puppet. Your hand becomes the puppet's mouth. It will seem even more like a puppet if a white or colorful glove is worn. You can also glue hair, tiny hats, etc., to the glove to make it more creative. Craft stores sell tiny hats and decorations that you can use with the finger eye puppets. Because these are inexpensive, you can get sets of eyes for your entire class. (Finger eye puppets can be purchased through GPH at 1-800-641-4310. The item number is 715-095. Cost is \$1.00 each.)

**"Sock" Puppets:** These are inexpensive, yet fun. Give each boy a sock and have him decorate it with yarn, buttons, felt, etc., to create a face and hair. Using foam core or poster board, cut out the body shape of an animal such as a turtle, bee, dog, etc. Decorate the body by coloring it with crayons, paints, or markers. Do not make a head on this animal, only the body. Get a thick rubber band and cut it in half. Tape the rubber band to the back of the animal body near the top of the body. Slip the sock puppet through the rubber band and position the body so that the sock puppet becomes the head. The rubber band will hold your hand, with the sock on, in place. You can make several animal bodies for the boys to use or have them each make their own body. You and the boys can have lots of fun with this one.

As you can see, boys CAN be involved in doing puppets and they'll enjoy it. They will also remember the lesson more. Be creative! Experiment! Puppets can really capture the attention of your boys, whether you're doing the puppets or the boys are doing the puppets themselves.





# Saving Zachary's Life

by Pete Zanoni, children's pastor, Royal Rangers Outpost 15, Northville Christian Assembly, Northville, Michigan

It was 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, and our Royal Rangers outpost was just about to begin its mid-year Council of Achievement ceremony. The meeting room was packed full of talkative boys, eager to receive their awards, and parents sitting quietly, ready to give their applause.

This was Zachary McKinley's first time at a Council of Achievement. He burst into the door and ran across the room to sit on the floor with the other boys in his Straight Arrows group. As he jumped and bumped into the other boys, a large piece of hard candy he was sucking on found its way into the back of his throat. Gasping for air, Zachary got up and walked over to Commander Craig Wroblewski.

Craig could see that something was wrong, so he took Zachary out of the noisy room into the quiet hallway. Zachary was really struggling. His eyes were wide with fear, and his breathing came in quick, shallow breaths that left him looking pale and weak. Craig bent Zachary over his arm and hit him squarely on the back with his open hand, trying to knock the piece of candy out of his throat.

Just then, Senior Commander Paul Zometsky came upon the scene in the hallway. He took charge and told Craig to find Mark Harrington (one of our commanders who is a nurse). Then Paul knelt down by Zachary to see what he could do to help the boy. Paul says: "I told the boy to cough up the candy, but he just looked at me with a frantic look that I never want to see again. I tried to talk to the boy and get him to calm down and cough. The boy was trying very hard, but with no success. All this time my mind was saying, 'Lord, I do not want this boy to die.' As I watched the boy, I knew he was now at the point where he could not get any air, and his chest looked like it was collapsing. I said, 'Lord, help!'"

Paul realized immediately that he would have to do something more to help Zachary. He says, "I looked at the boy's size and he was very small—only 5 years old. I placed one of my hands on his back (which covered all of the boy's back), and used the other hand to do the abdominal thrust. I tried once, then twice, and nothing appeared but small secretions. Then I gave one more thrust and out came the candy. Praise the Lord!"

At this point, Nurse Mark took over to assess Zachary's breathing and made sure he was going to be all right. Paul breathed a sigh of relief and walked into the meeting room to open the ceremony in prayer. He gave a special prayer of thanksgiving that Zachary was still with us. Within 10 minutes, Zachary was back to normal—with the exception of a few broken blood vessels on his face (the result of the pressure of trying to cough up the candy) and the fact that he was unusually quiet through the rest of the evening.

We are thankful for our quick-thinking commanders, and for the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Courses that taught them how to administer the Heimlich maneuver.

# RECIPES for Dutch Oven Cooking

by Steve Copeland

Southwest Divisional commander,  
Southern Missouri District

## Pistol Rock Chicken

- 1 whole chicken, cut up and skinned.  
Salt and pepper to taste  
(garlic salt optional)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3 14 1/2 oz cans pasta sauce
- 1 4 1/2-oz cans sliced mushrooms drained

Rinse chicken and pat dry with paper towel. Place chicken inside a jumbo ziplock bag in a single layer. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and garlic salt. Add flour. Close bag and shake well to coat chicken with flour. Heat in oil in 12-inch Dutch oven. Add chicken and brown well. Use 15 coals under the oven until chicken is brown. Pour in pasta sauce and mushrooms. Spread sauce over chicken. Simmer 1-1 1/2 hours until sauce thickens and chicken is tender. Use approximately 15 coals on top and 9 on the bottom. Replace with fresh coals as needed during the cooking time.

## Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

- 4 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 5 1 can (20 oz.) sliced pineapple
- 6-10 maraschino cherries
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water

Line a 12-inch Dutch oven with foil. Place 9 coals under the oven. Melt butter in foil-lined pan. Arrange pineapple slices with cherries in center of each slice in bottom of the oven. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over fruit. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. (You may use juice drained from pineapple slices for part of the liquid). Carefully pour the cake batter over the fruit. Bake 30-40 minutes until cake is brown and springs back when touched. Use 9 coals on the bottom of the oven and 12 on top.



# Royal Rangers Participate in Service for Faithful Member

**O**n February 3, Brian Atkins, 15, waged his last battle with asthma at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, North Carolina, and on Sunday afternoon, February 6, the Royal Rangers of Outpost 29 at Sandhills Assembly, Southern Pines, N.C., helped lay Brian to rest in a moving, military-style memorial service.

Kenny and Darlene Atkins, of Raeford, N.C., say the Royal Rangers program at Sandhills Assembly was very important to their son Brian. They wanted the Rangers to participate in the ceremony celebrating his life.

"Brian was a Christian soldier, and I wanted him buried like a Christian soldier," says Kenny Atkins. "Life was against him from the start. He was born premature and the respirator scarred his lung tissue, causing asthma to set in."

Brian joined Sandhills Assembly's Royal Rangers group while he was in grade school, and the group became a major part of his spiritual and social life, his parents say.

A pianist and organist played *Onward Christian Soldiers* as nearly 30 Rangers and several commanders entered the church building to begin the service attended by a large crowd. Standing at arm's length from each other, Rangers lined each side of the church's center aisle, stair-stepping in heights from khaki-clad teenage Trailblazers near the rear of the sanctuary to red-vested 5 to 7-year-old Straight Arrows near the front.

Following a presentation of colors, several boys draped a Royal Rangers flag over the casket and seated themselves with their outpost.

Steve Gibson, Brian's Rangers commander, said, "'Can't' wasn't part of Brian's life. He exemplified the Royal Ranger Motto, 'Ready.'"

He was ... a blessing to me. He told me that his favorite place to be was in church."

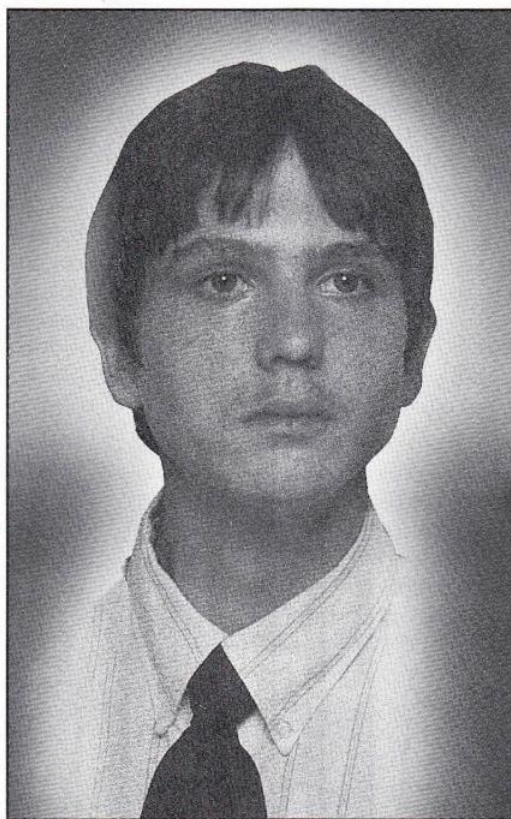
Rev. Daniel Duncan, pastor of Sandhills Assembly, said Brian once told of having a dream in which he was in heaven, eating popcorn with Jesus. "That may seem sacrilegious to some," he commented, "but, who says?" Duncan also related that Brian was eager to share his faith and had been known to greet strangers by saying: "My name is Brian. Do you know Jesus?"

As the service ended, three Rangers folded the flag draping the casket and presented it to Mrs. Atkins.

"I feel the Royal Rangers ministry taught [Brian] to be a man of God," said Brian's mother. "He would study his Rangers books and know his work before many of the

other boys." She noted that on the day he died, Brian had three compasses in his pocket.

Brian lives on in heaven and is a compass, pointing the way there for the Royal Rangers who remembers him well.





bike with a heavy pack on can be difficult at times. A pack can make it difficult to keep your balance.

This time the sag wagon also went ahead and set up a little refreshment stand on top of the big hill. Several of the guys had to get off and push, but at least they made it to the top. We thought Ryan was behind us, but he had gotten a flat and the sag wagon picked him up and brought him ahead where he could fix his flat and not get too far behind.

Going down the hill was a lot more fun than pedaling up the hill. We went so fast we passed several cars. Okay, they were parked, but I think we could have passed a moving car. I'm sure glad my brakes were working properly.

We biked about 15 miles that day in around 2 hours.



and close to the ground, it wasn't that bad. Then it was finally time for supper. Boy, was I hungry!

After supper we had a little free time before the council fire that night. The two patrols each did a funny skit. I think ours was the best. Then, after a few songs, the commander gave a short devotional. It was about how everyone is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. What

# CAMPING

by Dana **LEMIEUX**

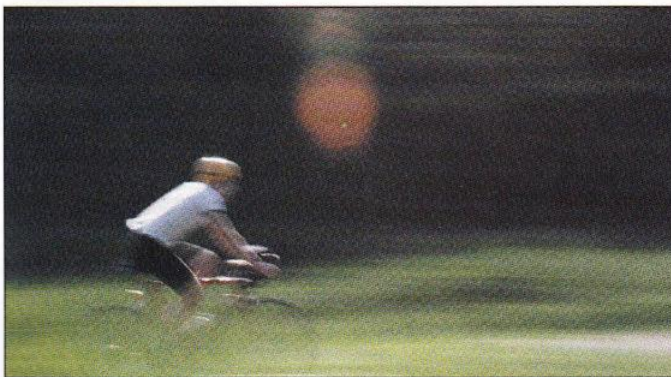
type of career we choose is not as important as how we live our lives for Jesus. We must first be witnesses to those around us.

Our trip was pretty easy so far. After setting up camp, we got back on our bikes and went on the dirt trail that went around the campgrounds where we were staying. I was glad I have those big knobby tires. The tires made road biking a little tougher, but then they came in handy on this off road biking trail.

The trail was really muddy, so when we got back, we had to jump into the stream to get clean. The bikes needed to be cleaned as well.

Our commander made us clean all the mud off the bikes, especially the crank, chains, and brakes. Some of us got to try out the recumbent bike.

Pedaling a bike when you're almost lying on your back was really strange. And the handlebars were under me. Everyone had trouble learning to pedal this bike and we all crashed at least once. But since the bike is so low



After the devotional we tried to find the different constellations. Orion, my favorite constellation, is gone during the summer months. We did find the North Star and Cassiopeia. The commanders finally made us go to bed where, after being reminded we were supposed to be sleeping, we drifted off to sleep.

The next morning the sun was shining brightly, and I had to cook breakfast. Some of the guys complained their legs hurt, but not mine. After breakfast and a short devotional, we headed back to the church. It seemed like it was mostly uphill. We got to the church early where we set up an obstacle course for the bikes.

Next, we timed ourselves to see who could go the fastest. Several of the guys ate dirt and I almost did once too, but I was able to recover just in time.

Our parents finally came and picked us up. It was a fun trip, and I can't wait to go on another biking campout.



# RASCAL RANGERS



...SO, REMEMBER, BOYS...A ROYAL RANGER IS ALWAYS "READY!"

BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO GO HIKING TOMORROW....

written by Marshall BRUNER—art by Craig SCHUTT

THE COMMANDER CONCLUDED HIS CAMPOUT DEVOTIONAL RIGHT BEFORE THE **RASCAL RANGERS** PATROL HEADED TO THEIR TENTS FOR THE NIGHT....

COME ON, BOYS... DON'T GET BEHIND!

LOOK, IT'S BAMBI!

WHERE?!

JOEY BENT OVER TO GET A **CLOSER LOOK** AT THE ANTS MARCHING ALONG. HE **FORGOT** THE LESSON TAUGHT IN **OUTPOST 4** THE WEEK BEFORE...

...KEEP AWAY FROM THREE-LEAFED PLANTS...CALLED **POISON IVY!**

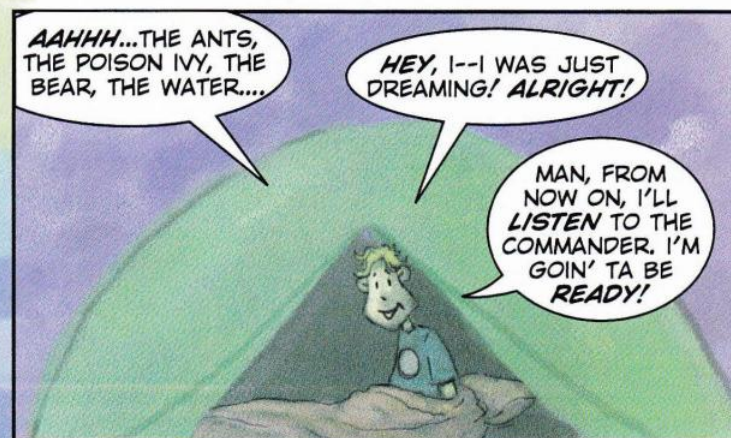
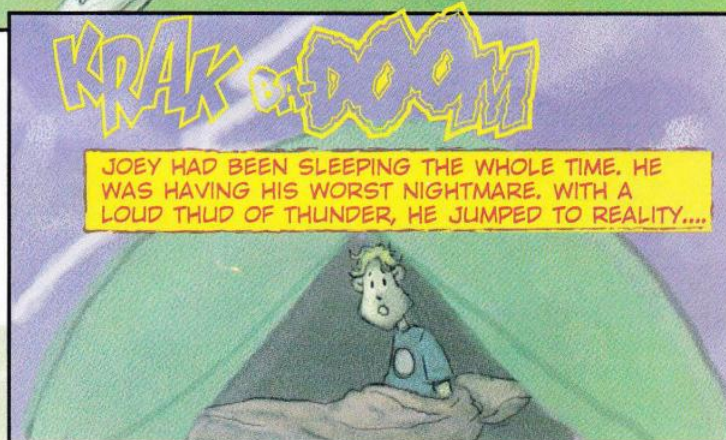
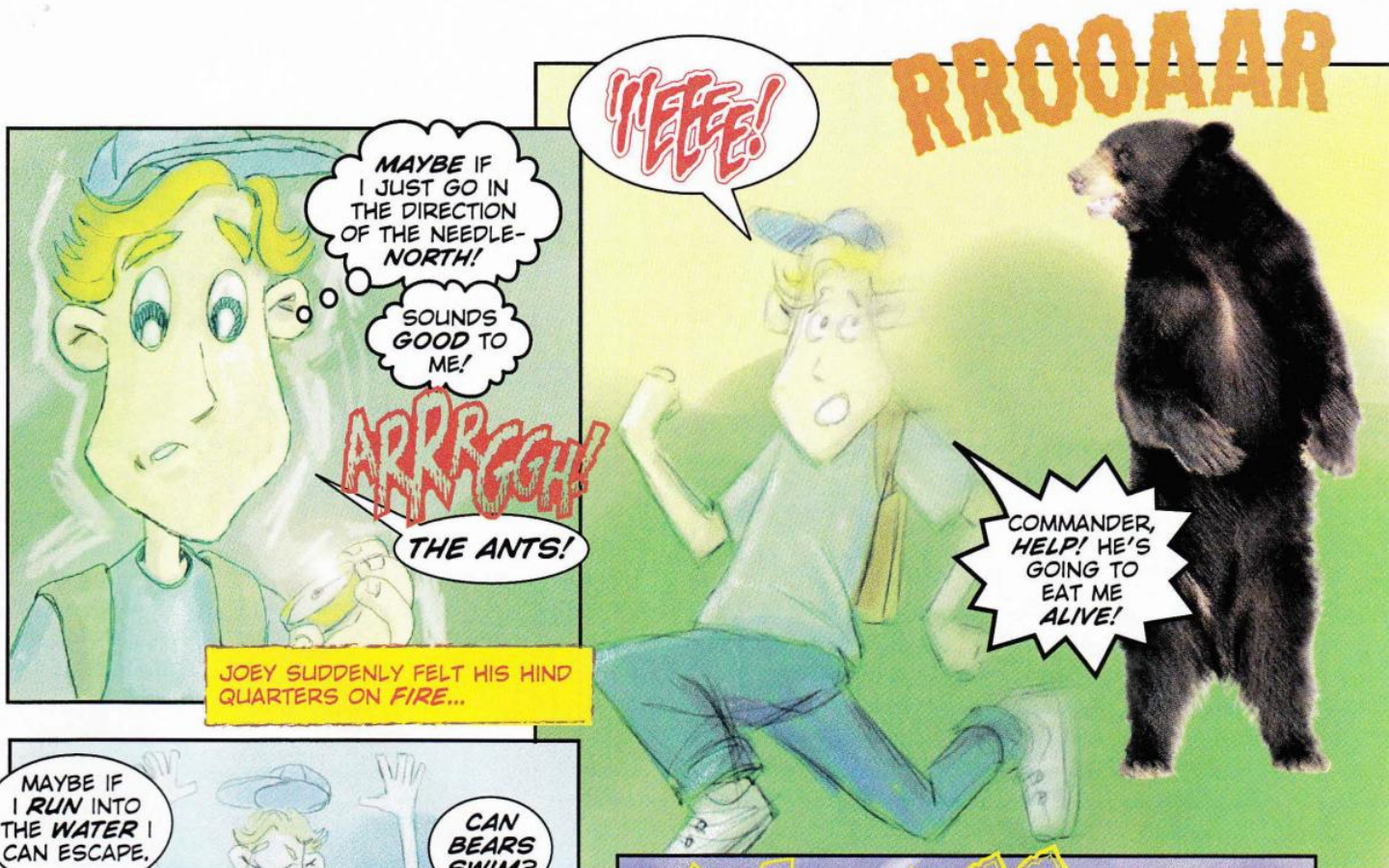
AWESOME ANTS!

ANTS CAN GET SIDE-TRACKED TOO! **MANY** THOUGHT JOEY'S LEG WAS AN EASY PATH TO FOLLOW!

HEY, I WONDER WHERE THAT TRAIL GOES. I BET I CAN BEAT **EVERYONE** BACK TO CAMP!

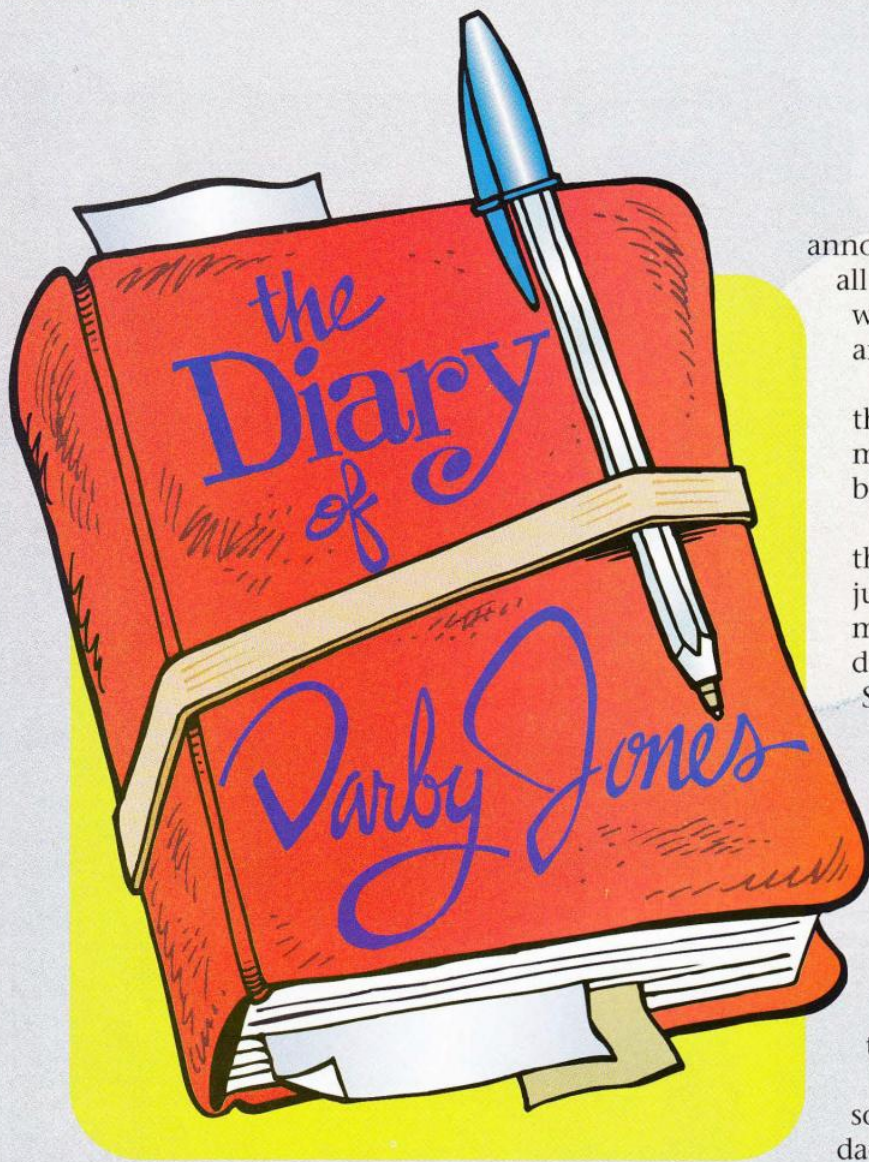
NOW **WHAT** DID THE COMMANDER SAY ABOUT **HOW** TO USE A COMPASS?





"REMEMBER...TO BE SUBJECT TO RULES AND AUTHORITIES, TO BE OBEDIENT, TO BE READY TO DO WHATEVER IS GOOD" (TITUS 3:1).





by Rev. Robb HAWKS

**T**he white and silver rocket stood almost 8 feet tall. It was much taller than even my dad, Commander Darby Jones, Senior. We all waited in anticipation. In just moments the rocket would be launched. Not just any rocket, but our rocket!

It all started last fall. Outpost 193 is located in Orlando, Florida. That's just a short distance away from the Kennedy Space Center. So, of course, we all had loaded into the church van and off we went. The Space Center is really awesome. There is a full-size model of the space shuttle and we actually went inside it. As I said, the Space Center is really great. But my dad gets inspired to do the craziest things!

"Space is the final frontier! Our outpost is going to build its own rocket!" my dad had

announced soon after the trip. Of course, we all got really excited. We assumed that we were going to build small model rockets and launch them. We assumed wrong!

"Here are the plans, boys. I ordered them from the back of a *Popular Science* magazine," Dad announced as he set the blueprints on the table.

We all stared in amazement at the thick stack of blueprints. Surely he was just teasing, right? Wrong! From that moment on we worked on the rocket during every meeting and even on Saturdays. A 4-inch diameter aluminum tube appeared one day. Then came fins and a nose cone. The real trick was going to be the rocket engine. That is what made the thing go. The plans called for a solid propellant rocket engine. A week later, one appeared in the mail. It was a really fancy nozzle piece that screwed into the base of the aluminum tube. By late summer the rocket was complete.

"This powder is very flammable. It is so flammable it is almost explosive," my dad said as he poured it into the rocket and then carefully screwed the rocket engine nozzle into place.

Joey and I helped set the launch tower in place. It was made exactly to specifications. Within minutes everything was set and ready to launch.

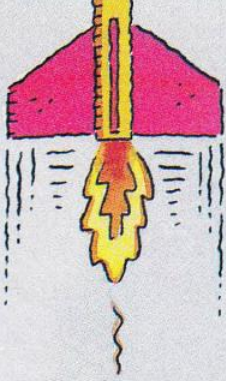
"Everyone back behind the car!" Dad ordered as he carefully connected the wires to the firing box. "We don't want to take any chances!"

"Ten, nine, eight, seven, six . . .," we all called out together as we counted down to the launch. "Five, four, three, two, one . . ." My dad threw the switch. For a moment nothing happened. All of us had the same sickening feeling. *It's a dud!* I thought. Then suddenly, without warning, there was a blast of smoke, a loud whooshing sound, and then the rocket was gone.

We all followed the trail of smoke upward. It never seemed to stop. It just went higher and higher.

"Wow! It's gone!" Joey shouted.





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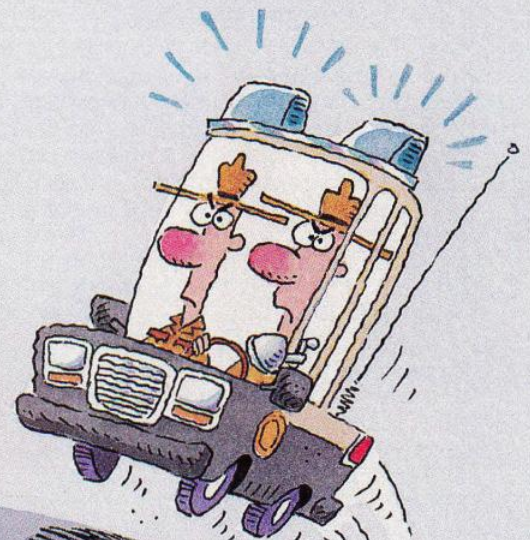
We all continued staring up into the sky. The rocket was supposed to return to the earth with a parachute. But we could see nothing. Shelton had some binoculars and was scanning the sky also. We were so busy looking up that no one noticed the Florida Highway Patrol cars as they arrived. One minute we were looking up into the sky and the next minute Dad was being slapped into handcuffs!

As the officers read my dad his rights, another patrolman explained that we had just launched a rocket in a controlled air space involving military and passenger aircraft. Radar had tracked our rocket to an altitude of almost 2 miles! The rocket launch had been a great success—well sort of. The rocket had flown perfectly, but we had unknowingly broken the law by launching it.

You know, sometimes you can do something good but do it in the wrong place or at the wrong time. This can result in a lot of trouble and expense. Take it from me: Neither Dad nor Mom were very pleased when she had to come to the police station to bail him out of jail!

The Bible says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

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# The Advancement Academy

by Don BIXLER

The Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA) is widely recognized by Royal Rangers as a most honored award sought after by many... but achieved by a limited few. With a requirement of 28 merits, the GMA is not easily accomplished. Some merits can be earned in outpost meetings and campouts. On the other hand, many of the



required merits for the GMA, and some elective ones, need an additional thrust from Rangers leadership to help make them happen for many Rangers.

Districts across the nation are holding special merit camps. The camps enable boys to achieve in a given camp many merits that would normally take weeks to earn. By placing concentrated effort at the needed time, boys are leaving the advancement camps having achieved much toward earning their GMA.

The Southern Missouri District, under the direction of Jerry Millhouser and several other staff members, has been conducting such a weeklong Royal Rangers Advancement Academies for about 10 years now. Each year, during the middle of August, a large, state-owned summer camping facility, known as Camp Shawnee, at Knobnoster State Park, is rented to conduct the academy. It provides the required facilities, such as 14-person cabins, a kitchen/mess hall, swimming pool, medical and recreational facilities, as well as plenty of wooded and grassy areas for instruction and training.

After many months of planning, promotion, and preparation, a staff of approximately 40 of the finest and most dedicated people come together to make available this memorable experience for approximately 100 young Rangers, ages 10 to 17. Last year 44 different merits—such as Aviation, Nature, Reptile, Geology, Archery, Survival, Rifle Marksmanship, Carpentry, Puppetry, Black Powder, Swimming, Cooking, Firecraft, Ropecraft, Pathfinder, Computer Science, Handicapped Awareness, and Electricity—were offered.

Most boys earn four or five merits during the week.



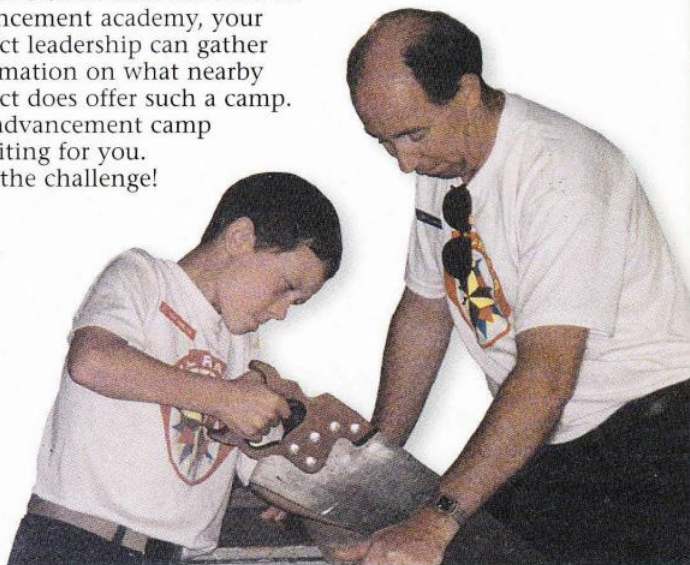
They are recognized at a banquet on Saturday night in front of many parents, pastors, and friends. But working on merits is not the only benefit to these Rangers. Typically, they are divided into patrols of 11 campers, 1 junior staff member (a GMA recipient himself), and 2 adult cabin counselors. The Rangers are encouraged to use the patrol method and a patrol spirit. They are rewarded during the refreshment period just before the evening council fire. First- through sixth-place ribbons are awarded on such aspects of the campers' day as promptness, appearance in uniform, conduct, cooperation, cabin condition, course completion percentages, etc.

One of the more tangible measurements of the academy's accomplishments is the number of awards earned. However, of equal importance are other things, like providing an atmosphere in which boys can build teamwork and meaningful friendships with one another and with the staff. Another goal is to provide an opportunity and to emphasize such things as daily personal devotionals. Group devotionals at morning formation and a time of spiritual renewal and dedication at the evening council fires are also part of the program. The campers also conduct some of these council fires. The Friday evening session, led by Dave North, is always a very special time of soul-searching, rededication of lives to Christ, and campers praying for each other. Often these services run late into the night, with boys slain in the Spirit and praising the Lord. The testimonies from the boys at the Saturday night banquet are enough to bring tears to the eyes of many proud parents, leaders, boys, and others who attend.

For you, the Royal Ranger, all this hard work is well worth our effort. Since we have been conducting these academies, the number of GMA presentations has increased significantly in our district. Some churches are having multiple GMA award ceremonies each year.

If you are serious about earning the coveted GMA and want to earn merits, contact your district office today.

If your district does not offer an advancement academy, your district leadership can gather information on what nearby district does offer such a camp. The advancement camp is waiting for you. Take the challenge!





# BIBLE QUIZES

by Margaret SHAUERS

## Something To Think About

God wants us to choose how we think about things. Learning what the Bible says are some good things to think about by solving the puzzle. Each box contains a number and a letter. Find the letters for each number and write them on the blanks in the order they are given.

Read Philippians 4:8 to learn more about what God wants us to do.

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ANSWER: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure..." (Philippians 4:8, NIV).

## COMEDY CORNER



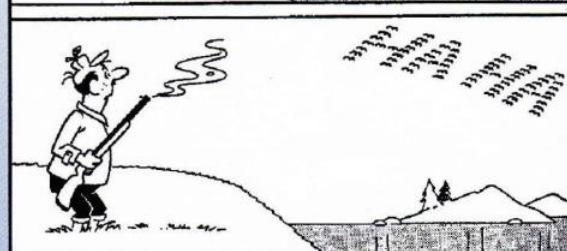
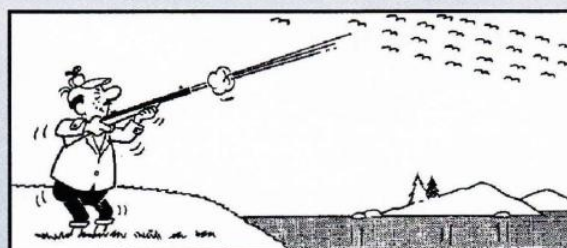
"That's quite a hunting dog you have there, Orville."

How do you stop a cold from getting to your chest?

*Tie a knot in your neck!*

"Waiter this soup tastes funny."

*"Then why aren't you laughing?"*



How do hens encourage their football teams?

*They egg them on!*

Why is a polar bear cheap to have as a pet?

*It lives on ice.*

*Slippers.*

If a crocodile makes shoes, what does a banana make?

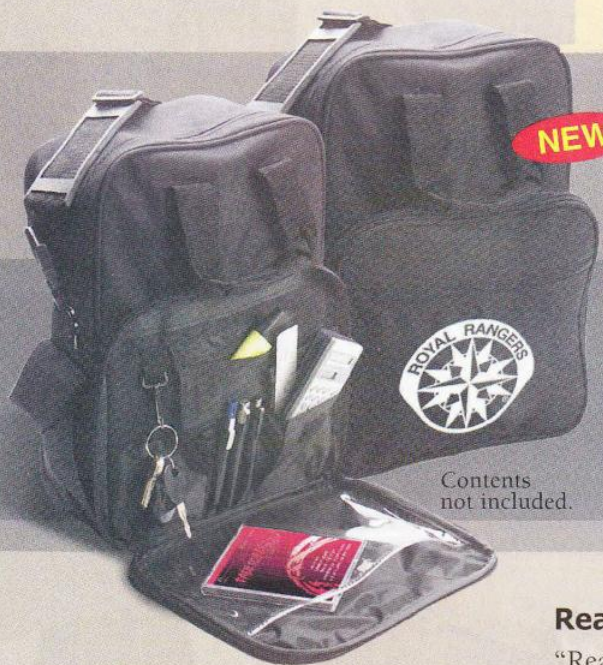
*A nervous wreck.*

What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers?



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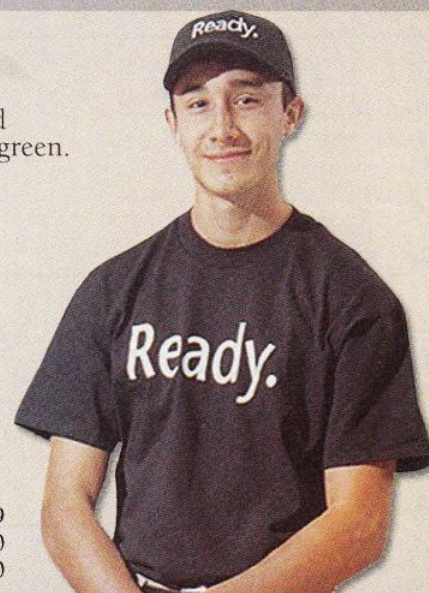
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