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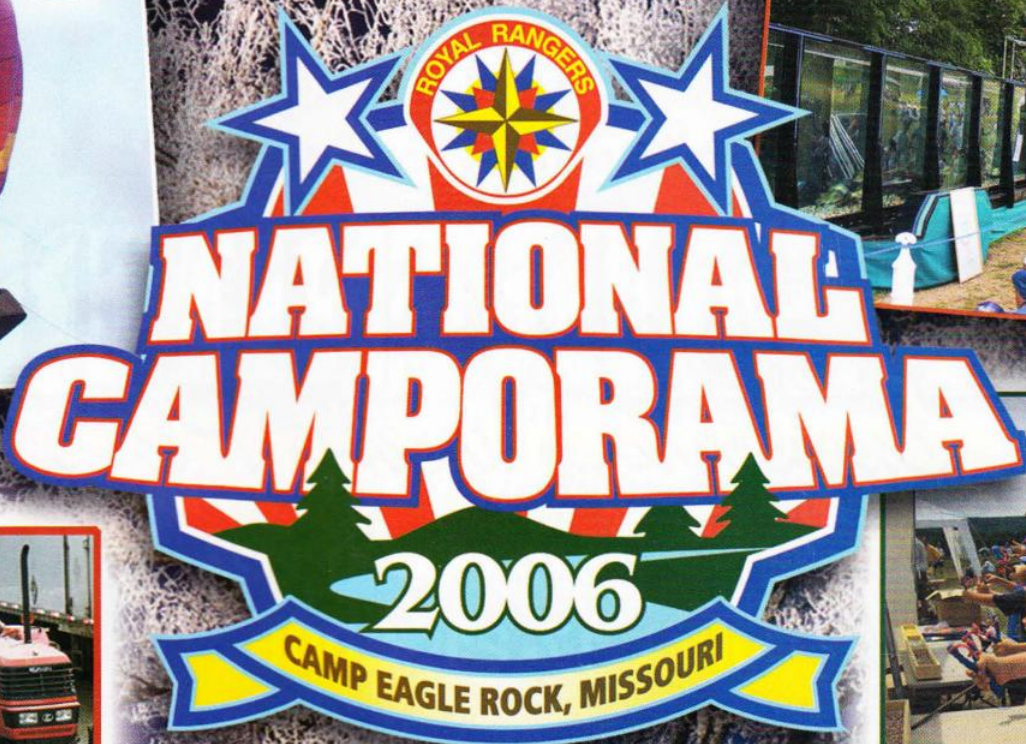
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The Value of Royal Rangers

by Eduvige "Eddie" **FELICIANO**
OUTPOST 133

*Second Christian Church Star of Jacob
New Haven, Connecticut*

The Royal Rangers ministry has been a big part of my life. Over the years the ministry has helped me to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. Rangers has helped me to be more physically active by going to camps and earning merits that required me to be more active. Being more mentally active has been a big help in my life because it has taught me to concentrate more on my work everywhere that I go. Most importantly, Rangers has taught me how to be more spiritual. Thanks to Rangers I read the Bible more, and I learn more about it. I have found out things about myself that I may never have found if I did not join Royal Rangers.

Becoming more physical has been one of the things that Rangers has helped. I have had fun at many different camps, including the sectional powwow, the district powwow, ATC, and others. These camps have made me a stronger person and a harder worker. When I went to my first camp, I ate food that I thought I was not going to eat. When I first saw the food, I thought it looked nasty. There was no way I was going to eat it. My commander came around and asked why I was not eating, and I explained. My commander began to laugh. When I asked why he was laughing, he began to tell me about missionaries and the types of food that they had to eat when they were in poorer countries. I never thought of this, and it shocked me. After that, I ate the food happily without complaining again that weekend.

When I went to ATC, I was scared because the rules were tough. The work was hard, but by using teamwork, it became easier. Going to this camp helped me with cooking and dealing with camping. As a result of going to this camp, I am not as afraid of going to a camp like JTC; instead, I plan on taking it as a new learning experience.

The merit that taught me the most about being physically fit is Physical Fitness. This merit helped me get a little stronger. When I was small, I was hyper, and I really didn't think of doing too much exercise. Doing five exercises for 10 weeks has made me healthier. Because of this merit I have a better understanding of what being physically fit is, and I exercise more often.

Royal Rangers has made me more spiritual. Before entering Rangers last year, I quit during Pioneers. I quit because I felt that it was boring and I did not understand the program. I also quit because there was a conflict with the drums. (I found the drums more interesting because God had given me this talent.) Four years later however, something happened that brought me back to Rangers. My friend's mom spoke to me one day after church about the Rangers program. She explained to me how good her son was doing, and it interested me. I got back into Rangers, and I learned of the new program. It was there that I made up my mind to reach out for the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Now I am at the end of my journey. I can see that I am very close to reaching the GMA. I think that this is going to help me continue in Royal Rangers. After getting my GMA, I will help others reach it also. I would like to be a role model for the Ranger Kids and Discovery Rangers. I hope to help all Rangers reach for what I have reached.

by Jonathan **KINZ** — OUTPOST 99
Assembly of God, Forest Grove, Oregon

My youngest memories of Royal Rangers are about my father. He was a commander in Outpost 99 long before I was ever involved. While I was still too young, he and my older brother, Marcus, attended meetings and went on activities. All the while, I had joined Rainbows and could only live a Ranger's life vicariously through their stories of powwows and other such trips.

I remember being very excited when I could take off the green Rainbow vest and don the red Straight Arrow vest. This was Commander Pat's world. He was a great first commander for a kid to have. He set a foundation in our minds about what Royal Rangers was and is. He was an example to us of a godly man who cared about others. We learned a lot from him.

Then I moved out of his class into the Buckaroos. Here I began working with my father as my commander. He continued my spiritual training as well as teaching me other lessons like rope craft and camping skills. I started going to powwows, fishing trips, kite days, and any Rangers activity that I could.

Once I made it through Buckaroos, I got into Pioneers, where I met Commander Harold. I had always known him as my brother's commander and my father's friend, so I was glad to finally get a

chance to learn from him. Those were interesting times. I met and made many good friends in those years, including my friend the late Mr. Terry Raymond.

When I became a Trailblazer, there was talk about changing the Royal Rangers curriculum. There was only talk until I became a Challenger. Then we began to see things change. At first I disliked all the changes, but as things progressed, and after many conversations with Commander Harold, I eventually came around and accepted the change.

In these years, I began heading to summer powwow at Camp Davidson a few days early so I could take part in the Oregon Junior Leadership Training Academy. Every summer for four years I went back and attended the courses, and after graduating from the academy, I came back to help teach last year. I had some awesome life-changing experiences at each camp.

In all my years and adventures with Royal Rangers, I have developed a network of friends all over Oregon and close at home. I met one of my best friends, Luke Clark, when he moved into my outpost. I met many boys at powwows and at the academy that I can call friends and with whom I still enjoy spending time.

But what does it all mean to me? To me Royal Rangers is a place to go that means something. It is something to do that is constructive. It is a place of learning; learning skills, manners, and life lessons—like how to set goals and how to accomplish gracefully. It is a facilitator of adventures. It is a place to meet new friends and grow friendships through common ground. It is a venue for spiritual growth. God is not afraid to move. He does so through programs like Royal Rangers and with people like my commanders. I am who I am because of this program. To me, Royal Rangers is a piece of myself that can never be taken away.

by Milton **LOVE** — OUTPOST 9

Solid Rock Assembly of God, Midland, Georgia

For me, Royal Rangers is more than just camping, hiking, and outdoors. It is about reaching boys for Jesus Christ. I remember my first powwow in 2002. On Saturday night when they held the altar call for all boys who wanted to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior, two boys from my outpost received Christ. At that point I realized what Royal Rangers was really about.

When I first began to work toward my GMA, I was enthusiastic about earning this prestigious award, but as I continued to work, I became very discouraged. I was sure I would never earn this award. After about three months I just stopped working on it altogether. Three things helped me to persevere: the encouragement of my commanders, the support of my parents, and Philippians 4:13, which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Another part of Rangers that helped me understand my position as a junior commander is junior training camp, which I attend every year. These camps have taught me many things, but the most important thing I have learned is that younger boys follow by example more than by what you say to them. I joined FCF in spring 2004 and was able to attend the National FCF Rendezvous. At this event I witnessed an amazing thing, my father slain in the Holy Spirit.

During my years as a Royal Ranger, I have made many friends, gained self-control, and learned valuable information about camping and witnessing. At the 2004 Powwow, I had my first chance to pray for a young boy in my outpost who had decided to accept the Lord at one of the altar calls. This is an experience I will never forget. I am continuing to search for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I hope this will happen to me at one of the Royal Rangers events that I attend.

Royal Rangers has also helped me in school. Being in Rangers has given me something to look forward to every week. If we didn't have meetings on Wednesday night, it would be almost impossible for me to concentrate on school week after week, doing the same boring things in class. I am now a junior in

high school and just entered my fifth year in Royal Rangers. The longer I have been in Rangers, and the more different types of people I have met, the more I appreciate what I have and am grateful without wanting something that I can't have. Royal Rangers has also given me a chance to practice the skills I will need to be successful in my career.

The merits that gave me the most satisfaction were the ones that required me to do things for my church and outpost, such as the Communications and Christian Service merits. The Communications merit forced me to overcome my shyness and teach the younger boys in my outpost different merits. My Christian Service merit project gave me a chance to help my church at our middle school youth service every Monday night.

by Nathan **MYHRE** — OUTPOST 4

Suncoast Cathedral Assembly of God

St. Petersburg, Florida

I've been in Royal Rangers since I was 5 years old. It has made me a better person in my physical and spiritual body. It has made me feel safer in my life by knowing that God is always there for me. It has helped me grow more in the Lord and has made my relationship with God stronger. Royal Rangers makes me think, "What is my purpose? What is my main goal?" Rangers has inspired me to help others by fixing bicycles for the homeless, giving money to Light For The Lost and BGMC, and by becoming a Junior Councilman.

I like Rangers because it allows me to meet other godly people. If I'm going through hard times, the outpost can pray with me and for me. It gives me a burst of energy to tell others about God. On campouts, it allows me to get away from the city and gives me peace. I meet godly friends to talk with and share testimonies. Rangers teaches me how to survive in the wilderness and about safety in my own home.

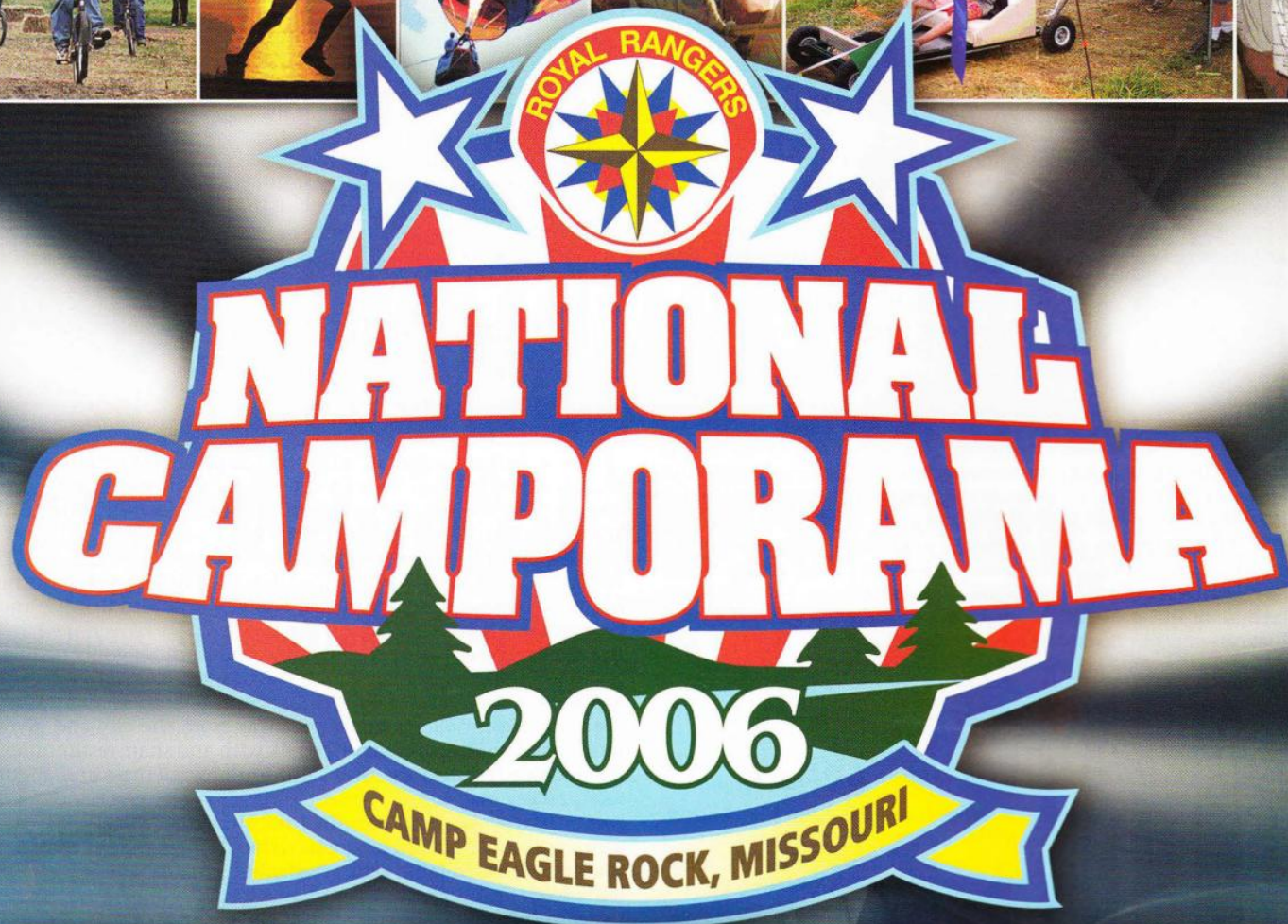
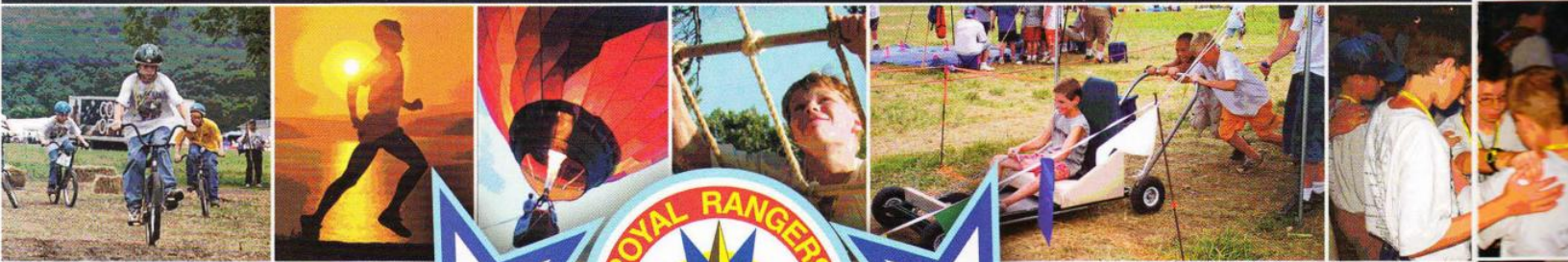
At powwow, I loved the skits, camping, and trading posts. The trading posts taught skills such as bartering, and the skits emphasized the faithfulness in my Christian walk. Their upbeat themes and messages of encouragement reminded me of how awesome God is and from where my help comes. I can talk about the "Don't Give in to the Devil" skits forever. Royal Rangers has helped me in my daily walk through these skits. The camping, walking in the woods, and swimming in the river help us guys to relax and socialize in a safe and fun environment. Fort Wilderness has one of the best camping grounds in the area, and I love going back every year.

At Wednesday night meetings we learn about the history of our country and state. We have different activities every night, ranging from studying the Word to having outdoor council fires. One evening we learned about the Native American Squanto and how he came to know God. At council fires we build bridges and towers, growing in our teamwork and building skills.

I feel safe bringing friends to Royal Rangers. They get to see how much fun it is being a kid, but they also get to learn how much God loves them. On Rangers nights we always have time for the Word of God. So if it is my friend's first time in a church, he gets a true feel of who my God is and can feel safe.

When you come down to it, the value of Royal Rangers comes from the love of God portrayed in the lives of our commanders and reflected in our own lives. It comes from godly friendships that grow and flourish in Rangers. I can't imagine what my life would be like without the accountability I gain through our Wednesday night meetings. I hope that when I have grown I can also be an example to guys like me and touch their lives.

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by Steve **SCHULTZ**, *National Camps & Productions Coordinator*

The 2006 National Camporama will soon be here and is sure to be an adventure of a lifetime! Check out the many exciting activities where you can match your skill against others your same age.

The **Archery Competition** will be sponsored by *Brennan Industries* (makers of the Genesis® bow) and the *National Alliance for the Development of Archery* (NADA.) The new archery range will be able to handle a large volume of participants, and all necessary equipment will be provided.

The BB-Gun Competition will be sponsored by *Daisy Outdoor Products* and the *National Rifle Association*. Come see the new air gun range. This is the only competitive event where pre-qualification is required. Each district will be able to send their top 3 teams to compete. Team and individual awards will be presented.

The BMX Bike Competition will give you the opportunity to test your skill against other boys on the redesigned BMX course. Bikes and helmets will be available but you may bring your own. Be sure to check out the recommended safety equipment on our website and note that long pants, shoes, and long sleeve shirts are required for all competitors. Times will be recorded from each race and compiled into the overall standings for each age group.

The Mountain Bike Competition will also be a timed event. Bikes and helmets will be available but you may bring your own. Be sure to check out the recommended safety equipment on our website and note that long pants, shoes, and long sleeve shirts are required for all competitors.

The Pinewood Derby Competition is open to all campers. Bring your car and see how it matches up for speed and workmanship against others from across the nation. Be sure to check in your car with the race officials on Tuesday morning. The race schedule will be posted at the Pinewood Derby site, but you do not have to be present to see your car compete. Do you have a national championship-caliber Pinewood Derby car? Bring your car and see!

Take part in the Adventure Activity Trail. When you participate in many of the activities located in the large field in front of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge, you will receive colored stickers.

Receive a minimum of 10 stickers (at least 3 different colors) and you can earn the Camporama Adventure patch.

Other events and activities will include a high ropes course, hot air balloon rides, paintball shooting, rappelling, a bouldering wall, swimming pools, a National Royal Rangers museum, and many themed activities sponsored by various districts. Foreign delegates from around the world will also be in attendance. Come meet them and learn about Royal Rangers around the world.

Most of all, you won't want to miss the evening services. Each night will include music, fun, and fantastic speakers including:

› **Tom Green**

National HonorBound/LFTL director



› **Randy Ruiz**

Nationally recognized speaker and former Royal Ranger



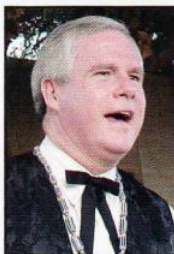
› **Dave Roever**

Internationally recognized speaker and Vietnam veteran



› **Terry Raburn**

Peninsular Florida district superintendent



Come prepared to have a great time and receive a blessing from God. This is one camp you won't want to miss!

**For more information concerning
National Camporama or the
national competitions,
visit our website at
www.royalrangers.ag.org/events.**

Feature Creature

by Donna ST. CYR



Calling All WORM FARMERS

What did you leave on your dinner plate last night? Maybe there was some spinach tucked into a corner. How about that last banana slice from the fruit salad (the one that looked brown and icky)? We shouldn't take more food than we plan to eat, but even when we're careful, some food doesn't get eaten. Did you know that every night after dinner most families send two or three cups of vegetable and fruit scraps down the garbage disposal or into the trash can? That adds up to a lot of garbage over a year.

Food in the garbage takes up space in our shrinking landfills. When we send the food down the disposal it ends up in our lakes and rivers. As it decomposes it takes up oxygen that fish need to breathe. There's a more earth-friendly way to deal with your leftover Brussels sprouts than throwing them away or putting them down the drain.

Some people have a compost bin or pile in their backyard. Composting is the recycling of food scraps and grass clippings by turning them back into soil. But composting is a very slow process and usually requires a big space. A better, faster way of recycling your family's leftovers is vermicomposting. "Vermis" is the Latin word for "worm". Vermicomposting means recycling with worms.

Worms live in the dirt, but they also turn garbage into soil. After a worm eats its way through that Brussels sprout, its droppings become a tasty vitamin treat for your flowers and potted plants. The worm breaks down your broccoli in less than half the time it would take on the compost pile too. You can even have a worm bin inside an apartment—it doesn't take much space, won't smell, and the worms don't usually run off. Doesn't that sound like a great way to recycle?

The type of worm used for vermicomposting is called a "Red Wiggler" or a "Red Jumper". They are different than the nightcrawlers that live in most gardens, but you can usually buy them at the local hardware store. There are many good websites that can show you how to make a worm bin. If you're interested in caring for creation in this unique way, ask your parent or a trusted adult to help you check these out:

» Composting with Red Wiggler Worms

<http://cityfarmer.org/wormcomp61.html#wormcompost>

» Northern Alberta Permaculture Institute

<http://www.napi.ca/vermaculture.htm>

If you build a worm bin, your worms will happily recycle your leftovers and begin to reproduce. In time, you'll have a lot of extra worms. You could use them for fishing or just put them in the garden. They'll be right at home in the dirt. However, they won't survive a harsh winter. You could even share some, so friends can start their own worm bins.

Eventually your bin will fill with the worm castings from the recycled food and you can harvest some soil. The easiest way to do this is to start feeding the worms on one side of the bin only. Over the next few days they will all move over to the side with the food. Then you can scoop out the soil from the other side and use it in your flowerpots, under your trees, or in your own vegetable garden. Mix in some more bedding, keep feeding them, and the worms will keep doing all the dirty work.

In the book of Genesis, the Lord put people into the Garden of Eden to take care of it. We are still responsible for caring for God's creation, even the worms. If you build a worm bin, you can care for the garden, the fish, and the worms, all without worrying that you wasted that last Brussels sprout!

Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?

In the book of Genesis the Bible tells us God created all things, including all the unique creatures of the world. But His most prized creation is you! If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart as Savior and asked Him to forgive you of your sins, it is as simple as following these steps:

A. ADMIT YOU HAVE SINNED. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*

B. BELIEVE IN JESUS. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

C. CONFESS AND LEAVE YOUR SIN. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).*

If you would like someone to pray with you about your decision to know Jesus as your personal Savior, talk with your Royal Ranger commander, your pastor, or call the National Prayer Center at 1-800-4PRAYER.

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Camporama Is Coming Fast!

by Richard MARIOTT

Traveling around the U.S. this past year, it has been exciting to hear of all the outposts planning to attend the 2006 National Camporama. David Moore, commander of International Pentecostal Holiness Church, is also promoting and encouraging his outposts to attend. It will be the **BEST Camporama ever!**

Here are a few updates on Camp Eagle Rock improvements!

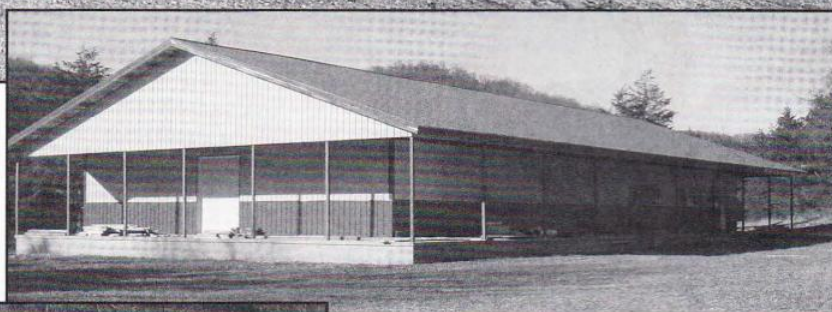
Daisy Outdoor Products sponsored the new rifle range. This range will be a state of the art facility. We

have just completed the two covered shooting pavilions (24'x120' each). They will be able to host forty-eight (48) shooters on the line at one time, or each pavilion can operate independently. Daisy Outdoor Products will sponsor the air rifle event at Camporama.

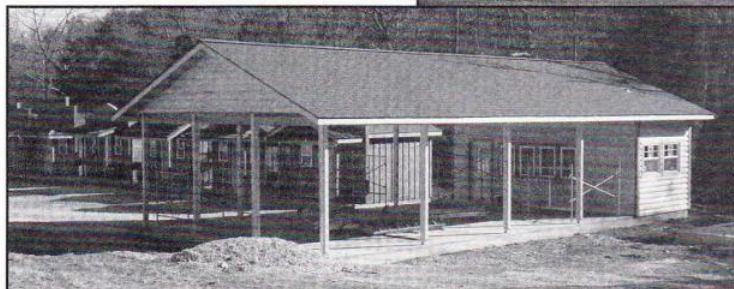
Eagle Rock Archery Range: We are currently looking for a sponsor for the archery range; however, we have been completing the site work and the two covered pavilions (24'x70' each). Brennan Industries (suppliers of Genesis bows) will sponsor the archery event at Camporama.



Pictured above:
Two covered shooting pavilions
(24'x120' each).



Pictured above:
Food Service and Commercial Kitchen
(60' x 110')



Pictured left:
Deaverton Old West Town Outdoor Pavilion
(24'x60')

Food Service and Commercial Kitchen: After the 2002 Camporama, we recognized the need to upgrade the food service. In order to do so, we needed a person with the skills and background to accomplish the goal. We were fortunate to meet Ian Robinson, a Royal Ranger leader with the NPLAD district who is employed by the largest food service company in the U.S. Ian has put together a professional food preparation crew, and with the assistance of MAPS RVers and other volunteers, we will be able to provide superior food service for the 2006 Camporama. Because of Ian's volunteer service, we are able to build a professional full-service kitchen. The kitchen is currently in the framing stage and will be enclosed by October 30th. Tom Trump, a Royal Ranger leader and contractor from Northern Missouri, is currently framing this project for us.

Recreation Storage Building and Internet Tower: With the purchase of new recreational equipment for use at Camp Eagle Rock, it was necessary to build a storage facility. It was determined that the best location would be next to the new 96' tower for Internet service, donated by the South Central Region and Ronnie Franklin. This building is framed and awaiting the windows; it should

be completed by October 30th. Our goal is to have high-speed Internet service available for the Camporama and to transmit the evening services live on our Royal Rangers website.

Amphitheater Improvements: We are working with a church from Sacramento to redesign all of our electrical needs for the amphitheater. A new large video screen and video building will be built, including lighting and sound towers for maximizing the amphitheater area. Construction will begin soon on the building; video screen construction and electrical improvements will begin in March of 2006.

Deaverton Old West Town: It currently has eight cabins available for outpost campouts. Phase II has been started and will include a new kitchen and outdoor pavilion (24'x60') and two additional cabins, which all have completed foundations. The large Phase III building, which would be able to hold another fifty campers, will be completed if we secure the finances.

Commander, don't let your boys down. Make plans to attend the 2006 Camporama!



Royal Rangers make special presentation to Ray Hobbs, CEO/President of Daisy Outdoor Products.



Pictured left to right: Steve Schultz - Boys Camps Coordinator, Ray Hobbs - CEO/President Daisy Outdoor Products, Richard Mariott - National Commander, and Rick Dostal - Eagle Rock Coordinator

Daisy Outdoor Products Recognized for Support

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Members of the national Royal Rangers staff presented a special plaque to Mr. Ray Hobbs recently at the international headquarters for Daisy Outdoor Products in Rogers, Arkansas. Daisy assisted Royal Rangers with the development of the Firearm Safety, Marksmanship, and Advanced Marksmanship merits along with the BB-Gun and Air Rifle shooting merits. They also sponsored the 2002 National BB-Gun Championships at the 2002 National Camporama, and will sponsor the championship at the 2006 Camporama. They are currently assisting in the development of a first-class air gun range at Camp Eagle Rock. Daisy also continues to offer quality air rifles to Royal Ranger outposts at discounted prices so more boys can enjoy shooting sports. The Royal Rangers sends our thanks to Mr. Hobbs and the entire Daisy staff for their assistance to the Royal Rangers in promoting shooting safety.

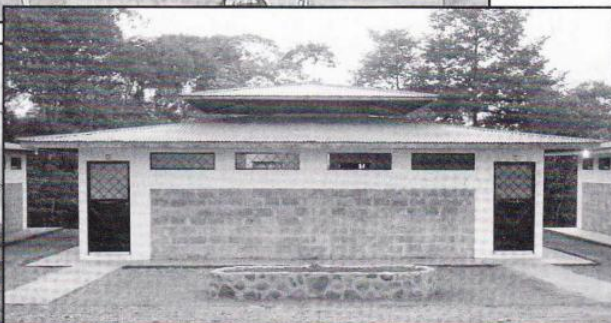
For more information on the national BB-gun competition, as well as other National Championships, visit our web site at www.royalrangers.ag.org/championships



New Director Appointed at Camp Summit



This past June Doug Marsh turned over the operations of Camp Summit to Jeff Cooper. Jeff has completed Spanish language studies and is eager to get started in this important ministry. Due to growing responsibilities in coordinating the growth of Royal Rangers around the world, Doug appointed Jeff director of Camp Summit. This change will enable Doug to focus his energies on program development and support efforts worldwide as he continues in his position as Director of Royal Rangers International.



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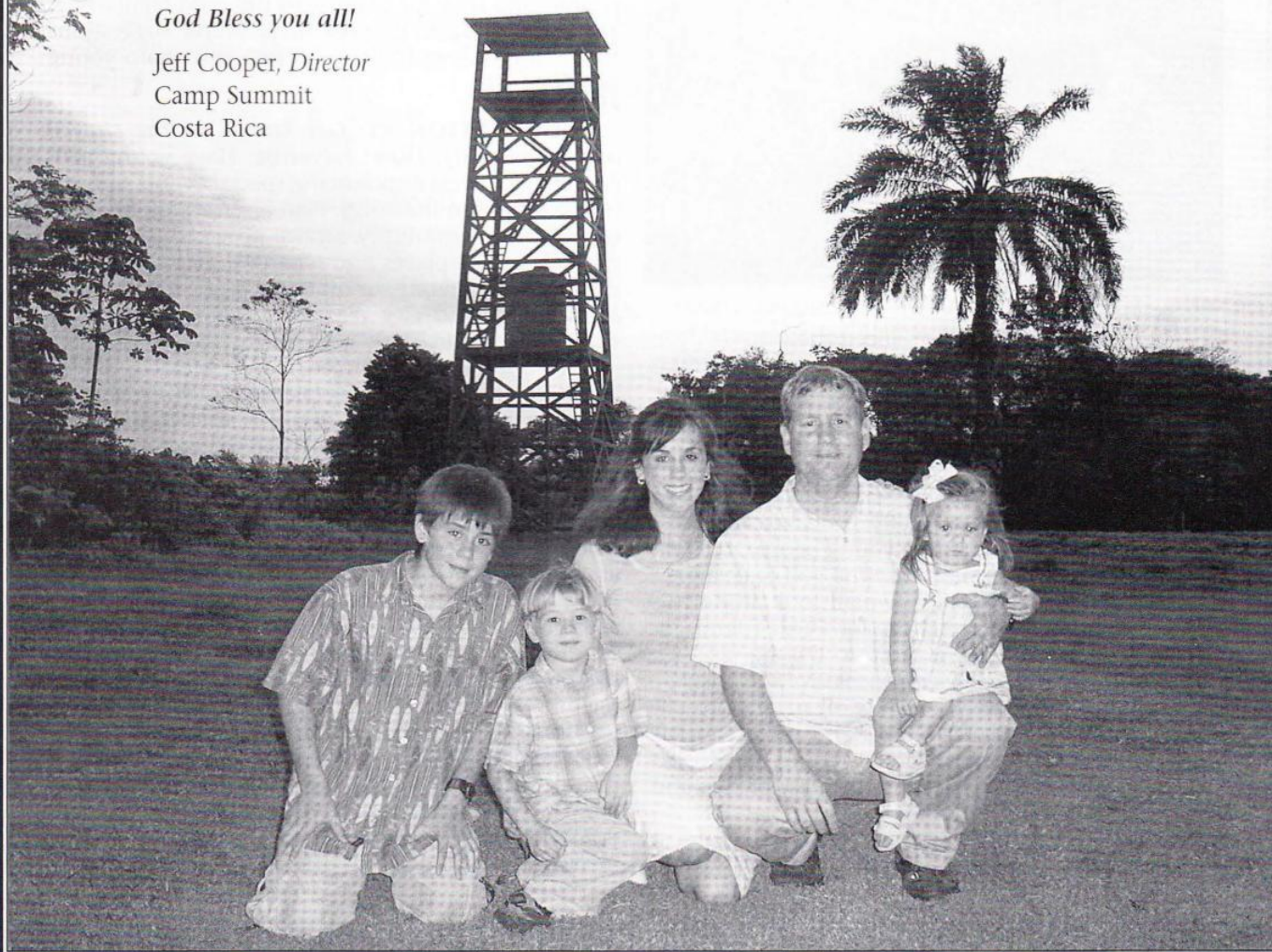


Greetings to all!

My wife, Danette, and I are glad to be out of language school and starting our ministry at Camp Summit. We have been preparing for this for a long time. Throughout the rest of this year we will be taking Camp Summit from the construction level to the ministry level. We are now an association here in Costa Rica and have many great ideas for ministry to and with Royal Rangers in Latin America. God has brought us through many experiences and we have learned so much. When I was 8 years old God called me to be a missionary. Not too long after that I was a RR at outpost 141 in Vincent, Alabama. I will never forget my commander, John Lenn, and the things he taught me. The council fires beneath the moon and stars had a lasting impact on my life. For years God allowed me to live, learn and travel the world until one night when I was in the jungles of Honduras camping on the river banks of the Rio Patuca. That is when God reminded me what he had called me to do. I didn't feel qualified at that point to be a missionary but God sent word through a friend who told me "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called." So I began training and preparing for this very day. Now I have the opportunity to guide Camp Summit to a place of council fires for men and boys all over Latin America. What a blessing! We are excited about working with Doug Marsh and the Royal Rangers International team and making an impact on the 87 million unsaved boys in Latin America.

God Bless you all!

Jeff Cooper, *Director*
Camp Summit
Costa Rica





Think One: EVANGELISM

Royal Rangers: 70 nations, Six regions,
One purpose — Evangelism

by Douglas MARSH, Director, Royal Rangers International



A pair of teen golfers sliced their drives deep into the rough and went in search of their errant golf balls. The grass was high, the trees were thick, and tempers flared as they looked in vain through the underbrush.

A kindly old man observed all this from the front porch of a nearby house. After the search had lasted nearly half an hour, he finally called to them, "I don't want to bother you fine young people, but will it be cheating if I tell you where the golf balls are?"

As Royal Rangers leaders we all look around us and see young people searching for a true friend, for real meaning in life, for a place to belong, and for hope. We must not keep silent; we have the answer.

Fulfilling the Great Commission means "reaching, teaching, and keeping boys and girls for Jesus Christ" all around us. It means reaching out, speaking up, and guiding them to forgiveness of sins and salvation. This is our purpose!

It is so gratifying to witness firsthand outpost leaders around the world who are aggressively seek-

ing the lost. They take John 9:4 seriously, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent us. Night is coming, when no one can work." In fact, I have observed that the most effective outposts are comprised of between 40-60% unchurched young people, and they are coming to the Lord regularly.

I would like to propose three simple suggestions that will enable outposts to attract and retain young people.

SUGGESTION #1: Get known in the church and community. How? Advertise. Have young people pass out flyers announcing special events or open house visitation meetings. Plan and/or participate in church and community service projects. Set up displays in public places and wherever else God opens doors. Open satellite, or off-site, outposts in schools, orphanages, and city plazas. Get outside the four walls of the church and get known.

An outpost near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, played a key role at a community-planned event early this year and saw a dramatic increase in attendance. If the Royal Rangers outpost is known in the community, it is positioned to make Jesus known.

SUGGESTION #2: Get a reputation for excellence. That means get known for doing things well and right regularly, and for constantly improving. How? Plan high quality weekly meetings and outpost activities. Make them fun! Fun is contagious.

I am so excited that the *Global RRI Curriculum* has been completed and is now in the hands of the regional coordinators for regional adaptation. The materials are age-appropriate, commander friendly, high quality, flexible, systematic, designed to attract the unchurched, and built to develop Christians to maturity. These materials will help leaders tremendously to gain a reputation for excellence in the meetings and outpost activities. (Further information

will follow in upcoming editions of RRI 360o concerning the *Global RRI Curriculum*.)

SUGGESTION #3: *Get Rangers excited about inviting their friends, relatives, and neighbors.* 75-90% of all growth is produced as Rangers get excited about their outpost and personally invite others to attend regular meetings.

To do this, it is important to involve Rangers in leadership and decision-making. Students are excited about what they are involved in shaping. What is more, teach them how to welcome and include visitors so they enjoy their first Ranger experience, and each one thereafter.

A word of caution is important at this point. The motivation behind these suggestions must be evangelism.

➤ Conversion is more than joining a Rangers outpost—that is just affiliation.

➤ Conversion is more than reciting the Rangers pledge—that is just allegiance.

➤ Conversion is more than observing rules—that is just discipline.

➤ Conversion is the remaking of the soul to desire God first.

If we apply these suggestions, in addition to other techniques, we will have success in getting children and young people to join our outposts. But unless we minister in such a way that they ultimately experience a personal encounter with the risen Savior, they have only joined a religious club.

A Royal Ranger is not one who has simply made Jesus another piece of his or her life-puzzle; Christ, rather, becomes the whole picture. Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

Author Charles Alexander once wrote, "The last thing the devil wants you to do is to win a soul to Christ. If you don't believe it, try it. The devil will let you go to prayer meetings, he will let you talk religious subjects and do 'many mighty deeds' if only you will stop short of persuading men to accept Christ as Savior and openly confess Him before men."

Experienced Royal Rangers leaders know there are many valuable methods that enable them to direct an evangelistic outpost. But these same leaders know success is not measured by their ability to master the methods, as important as they are. They never let the application of Ranger techniques

become the "mighty deeds" that cause them to lose focus of their ultimate goal—evangelism.

Leaders recognize success when students repeat the question Paul asked on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:5, "Who are you, Lord?" Once the student hears the answer, "I am Jesus," he or she will ask, "What do you want me to do?" *That* is success, because conversion took place!

Master the methods and perfect the techniques? Absolutely! But define success by one word—evangelism.

There are nearly 2 billion unsaved Ranger-aged children and young people in the world. Our mission is to "reach, teach, and keep them for Jesus Christ." Faced with such challenging numbers, we must love God and minister in His power. A minister once put it this way, "Make sure it is God's trumpet you are blowing—if it is only yours, it won't wake the dead; it will simply disturb the neighbors."

In addition to loving God, we must unconditionally love students, and build personal friendships with them. Programs like Royal Rangers can become cold and impersonal, and no program can lead a soul to Christ. God has no other plan for saving the lost outside of using you and me personally. So

let's keep close to God, keep close to students, and bring God and students close together.

It is my hope that as national commanders we will be satisfied with nothing less than leaving the deepest impact on our nations' children and young people. Royal Rangers must be an evangelistic ministry. If it is to be so, it must be so in the local outpost and at every other level of our organization.

Let's **ThinkOne: EVANGELISM.** God has established Royal Rangers in 70 nations, six regions, and calls us to one purpose, *to adequately communicate Jesus-salvation to every Ranger-age student in the world.*

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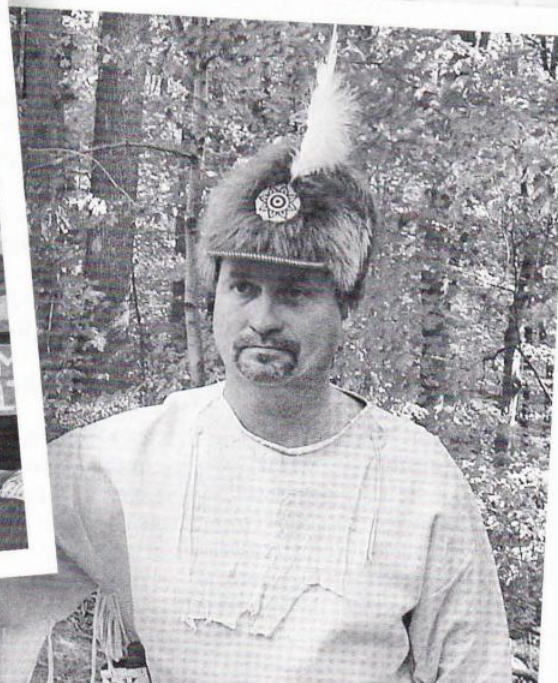
TO GIVE
AND
TO SERVE

New FCF National Leadership Appointed



Jim Rounsville

NATIONAL FCF PRESIDENT



Paul Walters

NATIONAL FCF VICE PRESIDENT



In October 2005 two national leaders for the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship were appointed. Jim Rounsville from Rocklin, California, was appointed National FCF President and Paul Walters of Landenburg, Pennsylvania, was appointed National FCF Vice President. Both men have been active in FCF leadership for many years, playing central roles in recent program development and improvements.

Jim Rounsville has been involved in Royal Rangers for more than 25 years and currently serves as the Adventure/Expedition Rangers commander at his church. Jim has been instrumental in providing support to the FCF for many years, holding previous positions as district FCF president, southwest territorial president, and national FCF vice-president.

Jim has a heart for older boys and enjoys camping activities. Also, Jim possesses a tremendous amount of the early 1800's clothing, camping gear, and a vast knowledge of that period's history.

Several of Jim's hobbies relate to his FCF involvement. He enjoys woodworking and costume design, as well as stringing beadwork for necklaces, bead strips and chokers. He also devotes time each year to learning more about the various FCF historical time periods. He has taken classes and completed projects in bow and arrow making, knife making, and clothing design and assembly, as well as many other trades.

Jim has traveled with Rich Mariott for many years on MAPS missions, both foreign and U.S., and on many trips to promote Royal Rangers Ministries. Jim believes there is still great potential to be reached in FCF. "I want the staff and I to help FCF continue to grow and provide boys with the opportunity to be influenced by Christian men. These men are Royal Rangers and use the color of FCF

to keep boys for Christ."

Paul Walters first joined Royal Rangers in 1968 as a Pioneer in Outpost 14, Catlett, Va. He joined FCF in 1976 and earned the Gold Medal of Achievement the same year. He became an outpost commander at 18 and has served with outposts in Maryland, Texas, and Delaware. Paul currently serves as an Adventure Rangers outpost commander at Outpost 48, Parkview A/G, Newark, Del.

Paul has served in various FCF positions, including Penn-Del district chapter president and vice president, as well as territorial representative for the northeast region.

Some of Paul's most significant accomplishments include numerous Pathfinder missions trips, the most recent to the nation of Columbia in August 2005. Paul has led 12 Pathfinder trips to various parts of the world and is a member of the National Pathfinders Committee.

Paul comments, "When I received my GMA, I took the charge to always give back more to the Rangers than I have received. I have tried to put this into practice in my Royal Rangers and FCF leadership positions. Growing up as a Royal Ranger, I have seen the benefits of this great ministry in my life. I feel blessed to be called and be a part of it."

He adds, "The mountain men of the fur-traders era, such as Jedediah Strong Smith, were innovators. They were ahead of their time in the development of the West. I feel we, as FCF members, are called to be innovators in the Lord's service. We shouldn't just try to portray the mountain men. We should strive to be

ahead of our time as Royal Rangers and FCF members. This will help us to fulfill the purposes of FCF."



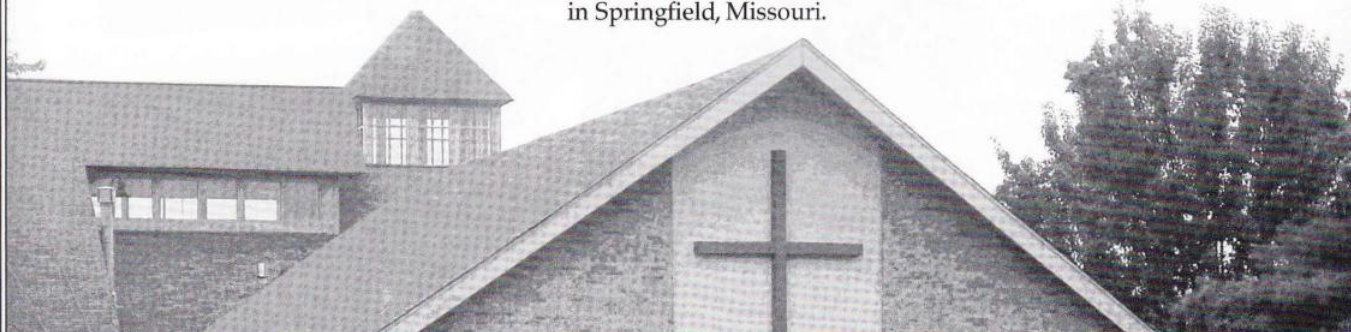


TOP 25 Royal Rangers Outposts

Congratulations are in order to the following outposts for placing in the top 25 largest outposts in the country for 2005. Your faithful efforts in reaching boys for Christ serves as an example to us all. Keep up the good work!

RANK	OUTPOST #			CHARTERED MEMBERS
1	200	New Life Church	Colorado Springs, Colorado	505
2	285	James River Assembly of God	Ozark, Missouri	261
3	21	First Assembly of God	Grand Rapids, Michigan	215
4	24	First Assembly of God	Pheonix, Arizona	170
5	4	First Assembly of God	Griffin, Georgia	163
6	303	Trinity Chapel Church of God	Powder Springs, Georgia	162
7	48	The Rock Family Worship Center	Huntsville, Alabama	156
8	169	Victory Church	Lakeland, Florida	149
9	187	Zoe Bookstore	Richmond, Virginia	145
10	24	Bethany Assembly of God	Adrian, Michigan	145
11	4	Evangel Church	Scotch Plains, New Jersey	144
12	193	Faith Assembly of God	Orlando, Florida	141
13	259	First Assembly of God	Berryville, Arkansas	133
14	38	First Assembly of God	Winston Salem, North Carolina	131
15	32	Timberline Church	Fort Collins, Colorado	129
16	237	Solid Rock Church	Monroe, Ohio	118
17	68	First Assembly of God	North Little Rock, Arkansas	118
18	39	Oak Creek Assembly of God	Oak Creek, Wisconsin	116
19	6	Christian Center	Kalispell, Montana	112
20	16	Cedar Valley Church	Bloomington, Minnesota	109
21	60	Manassas Assembly of God	Bristow, Virginia	105
22	5	Templo Calvario	Santa Ana, California	104
23	12	Bethel Assembly of God	Hagerstown, Maryland	103
24	21	Raleigh Assembly of God	Memphis, Tennessee	100
25	49	Christ's Place	Lincoln, Nebraska	99

Outposts placing in the top 25 in terms of chartered members receive a special certificate and commendation from the National Royal Rangers Office. The top three outposts receive a special plaque presented by the National Commander at the annual National Royal Rangers Council in Springfield, Missouri.



Regional Events Equip Leaders for Ministry

Each year regional leaders in various parts of the country conduct training seminars to prepare & equip Royal Ranger leaders to more effectively perform the duties of their position. These seminars vary in content between regions but commonly include training classes on topics such as leadership development, program updates, administrative skills, and program planning. These classes provide training not only for outpost leaders, but district, divisional, and sectional staffs as well. Some regions, due to the geographical size of area covered, are not able to conduct training seminars or other events on a regular basis. However, in these instances training and program information may be available by other means.

GREAT LAKES REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio,
Kentucky, Midwest Latin*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

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Web: www.glr.org

GULF REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee,
Southern Missouri*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

Jim Seagroves

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Web: None

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

DISTRICTS:

*North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota,
Iowa, Northern Missouri, Wisconsin/Northern
Michigan*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

Richard Scott

E-mail: rscott4865@aol.com

Web: www.ncrr.org

NORTHEAST REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Northern New England, Southern New England,
New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania-Delaware,
Potomac, Appalachian, Spanish Eastern*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

Dwight Walters

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Web: www.northeastregion.org

In addition to training seminars, regions also conduct Territorial Rendezvous in each region every four years. These are special events of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) provide members with a time of fellowship as well as providing an opportunity to test their skills in frontier-style competitions and events.

Additional events may be available from time to time in various regions. For more information concerning the events and activities available in your region, please contact your Regional Coordinator or visit your region's web site.

NORTHWEST REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Northwest, Montana, Oregon, Southern Idaho,
Wyoming*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

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Web: www.nwrroyalrangers.org

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Northern Texas,
Southern Texas, West Texas, Central Latin, Gulf Latin*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

Jonathan Trower

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Web: scr.royalrangers.net

SOUTHEAST REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Northern Carolina, South Carolina,
Georgia, Alabama, West Florida,
Pen. Florida, Southeastern Spanish*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

Lester Barr

E-mail: lbarr.parks@cityofbartow.net

Web: seregionroyalrangers.org

SOUTHWEST REGION

DISTRICTS:

*Northern California-Nevada, Rocky Mountain,
Southern California, Arizona, North Pacific Latin,
South Pacific latin*

REGIONAL COORDINATOR:

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the National Royal Ranger Office at (417) 862-2781, ext. 4181.*



CAMPS BY TYPE

FOR YEAR 2006



NTC

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.

JAN. 26 - 29

Camp Wilderness — Ft. Meade, FL

FEB 16 - 19

Camp Woodworth — Woodworth, LA

APRIL 27 - 30

River Oaks Retreat Center
Honea Path, SC

MAY 18 - 21

Kinship Mountain — Deadwood, SD

JUNE 8 - 11

Donner Mine Camp — Emigrant Gap, CA

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10

Camp Eagle Rock
Eagle Rock, MO

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10

Camp Roosevelt — Woodstown, NJ

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Camp Wildcat — Harlan, OR

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Camp Timber Lake — Forsyth, GA

OCTOBER 26 - 29

Cooper's Farm — LaGrange, TX

FEBRUARY 1 - 4, 2007

Camp Wilderness — Ft. Mead, FL

NCE

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.

JUNE 22 - 25

Buffalo National River
Jasper, AR

ANTC

Advanced National Training Camp is designed to provide Royal Rangers leaders with additional training beyond that offered at the National Training Camp and will help inspire leaders to greater involvement in the Royal Rangers ministry. A leader must have attended National Training Camp before enrolling.

MAY 18 - 21

Heartland Conference Center
Marengo, OH

FEBRUARY 8 - 11

Camp Wilderness
Ft. Meade, FL

WNTC

Winter National Training Camp follows the format of the Advanced National Training Camp with specialized training in snow camping and activities.

None Scheduled

NTT

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.

JUNE 1 - 4

Teen Challenge Center
Rehersburg, PA

Pre-Requisite Study Course

Pre-Requisite Study Course is the first step in preparing recommended leaders for National Academy. Successful completion of the Pre-Requisite Study Course and test is required before an application to attend Academy can be submitted. The study course materials are available at any time. A minimum of three to six months is recommended to prepare for Academy training.

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

National Office

RKTC

Ranger Kids 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 Kids ministries.

FEBRUARY 3 - 5

Camp Wilderness
Fort Meade, FL

FEBRUARY 24 - 26

Camp Crestwood
Crestwood, KY

APRIL 7 - 9

Potomac Park Camp
Falling Waters, WV

SEPTEMBER 15 - 17

Bethel Park — Brooks, OR

SEPTEMBER 15 - 17

Tehachapi Mountain Park
Tehachapi, CA

NA

National Academy is a national training seminar designed to train recommended leaders to become staff members for national training camps.

SEPTEMBER 21 - 24

Cedar Creek Retreat Center
Marseilles, IL

NAA

National Advanced Academy is a national training seminar designed to train recommended leaders for the specialized leadership roles of the Camp Commander and Senior Guide for national training camps.

None Scheduled



CAMPS BY REGION

FOR YEAR 2006



SOUTHWEST

NTC — JUNE 8 - 11
Donner Mine Camp — Emigrant Gap, CA

RKTC — SEPT. 15 - 17
Tehachapi Mountain Park
Tehachapi, CA

NORTHEAST

RKTC — APRIL 7 - 9
Potomac Park Camp — Falling Waters, WV

NTT — JUNE 1 - 4
Teen Challenge Cntr. — Rehersburg, PA

NTC — SEPT. 7 - 10
Camp Roosevelt — Woodstown, NJ

NORTHWEST

NTC — SEPT. 14 - 17
Camp Wildcat — Harlan, OR

RKTC — SEPT. 15 - 17
Bethel Park — Brooks, OR

GREAT LAKES

RKTC — FEB. 24 - 26
Camp Crestwood — Crestwood, KY

ANTC — MAY 18 - 21
Heartland Conf. Ctr. — Marengo, OH

NRRA — SEPT. 21 - 24
Cedar Creek Retreat Cntr. — Marseilles, IL

GULF

NTC — FEB. 16 - 19, 2006
Camp Woodworth — Woodworth, LA

NCE — JUNE 22 - 25
Buffalo National River — Jasper, AR

NTC — SEPT. 7 - 10
Camp Eagle Rock — Eagle Rock, MO

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Cooper's Farm — LaGrange, TX

For the most current information regarding the status of national training events or to download applications and information, visit the training page of our web site at www.royalrangers.ag.org/training



Devotionals for Boys

by David BOYD

THE PRIZE INSIDE — Lessons in a box of cereal

*Many kids will buy a box of cereal just for the prize that is hidden inside.
This month's object lessons are designed to help the children discover
the prize that is hidden inside God's word.*

OBJECT LESSON 1:

Matthew 7:16

*"By their fruit you will recognize them.
Do people pick grapes from thornbushes,
or figs from thistles?"*

Galatians 5:22-23

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control."*

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Fruit Loops or other fruit flavored cereal
- Blindfold
- Two volunteers from the audience
- Paper to record results

Place one of each color (flavor) of the cereal in a cup and place the cereal box in clear view of the students. Ask for two volunteers from the audience. Explain to the volunteers that you will be blindfolding one student who will identify the various flavors of the cereal while the other student records his results. After you have blindfolded one student, give him the fruit flavored cereal, one piece at a time. Ask him to identify the flavor and have the other student record the results. (Example: Green = Lime)

After the students have recorded each color of cereal and its corresponding flavor, remove the blindfold and reveal the results. (*Note: it is nearly impossible to tell the difference in the flavors of the cereal.) Talk about how difficult it was to discern the different flavors.

Read Matthew 7:16 "By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?"

Ask the children, "What would have made it easier to identify the cereal?" "Would you have guessed the right flavor if you had seen the color?" "Would it have

been easier if the flavor was stronger?" "What if the cereal tasted like broccoli?"

Tell the children that our lives, like the cereal, can sometimes make it difficult for others to decide what we really are. Sometimes, even though we say we are Christians, other people can see us differently. Ask about different scenarios, such as a person who everyone knows is a Christian swearing or getting in a fight or drinking alcohol or cheating. Would the flavor match the label?

Read Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Using the Fruit of the Spirit as a guide, talk about ways that we can have a stronger "fruit flavor" so that others can know what we are.

(You can also do this object lesson with fruit flavored candy or jelly beans, although the flavor is generally a lot stronger in the candy than in the cereal.)

OBJECT LESSON 2:

1 Corinthians 9:24

*"Do you not know that in a race all the
runners run, but only one gets the prize?
Run in such a way as to get the prize."*

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Wheaties Cereal Box (make sure the label says "Breakfast of Champions")
- One volunteer from the audience

Ask the children if they've ever seen a Wheaties box with an athlete on the front. Share with them about how many of the top athletes agree to have their pictures on the box to advertise the "breakfast of champions."

Ask the children about different sports that have champions. Let them share about champions that they've watched (in the Olympics, the Super Bowl, etc.)

Ask the children what the athletes had to do to become great at their sport. Share that most of the athletes

began by finding out about the sport, either by watching or casually playing. The athletes that went on to become champions had to learn the sport, practice the sport, work out, and devote a lot of time to becoming the best at what they do.

Ask for a volunteer who participates in a sport. Ask the volunteer to tell you about what he has had to do to get better at his sport.

Explain to the children that the champions on the Wheaties box show the consumer the advantage of eating a healthy breakfast. Talk about what would happen if Wheaties put someone on their box that was known for never winning.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24 **"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."**

Now, explain to the group that as Christians, we are also supposed to be champions. Explain that our lives should show others the advantage of knowing Jesus. Talk about what would happen if our lives didn't demonstrate that we had practiced our Christianity.

Ask the students, how could we become champions for Christ? (Possible answers: Read the Bible, Pray, Obey, Go to Church, Tithe, etc.)

OBJECT LESSON 3:

Proverbs 12:25

*"An anxious heart weighs a man down,
but a kind word cheers him up."*

ITEMS NEEDED:

- A Box of Cheerios
- A pan of Cheerios bars (recipe below)

Cheerio Bars

1/2 cup peanut butter 1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup honey 3 cup Cheerios
1 salted peanuts

*Bring sugar and honey to a boil in 2 qt saucepan.
Remove from heat, stir in peanut butter until blended.
Pour in Cheerios and mix until well coated.
Spread in buttered 9 x 13 pan and let cool.
Cut in squares.*

Ask the students, "When do you need to be cheered up?" "Would you need to be cheered up if you struck out in a ballgame?" "Would you need to be cheered up if you had a great big zit on the tip of your nose?" "Would you need to be cheered up if you found out you were moving or your parents were getting a divorce?"

Talk about the heavy feeling that you get when something happens to make you worry. Talk about the feeling that you get when someone says something nice to you that cheers you up.

Read Proverbs 12:25 **"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up."**

Explain that scripture talks about the importance of using a kind word to cheer others up. Begin to pass

out the Cheerios bars and let the children begin to eat. Explain to the students that when you gave them the Cheerios treat, it filled an empty space inside and made them feel good. In the same way, when they are given a gift of cheer, it fills an empty space inside them and makes them feel good.

OBJECT LESSON 4:

Acts 8:9-19

Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Box of Lucky Charms cereal

Ask the students if anyone can tell you what the jingle from the Lucky Charms commercial is. ("Frosted Lucky Charms, they're magically delicious!") Ask if anyone knows what the leprechaun says in every commercial. ("They're always after me Lucky Charms.")

Read Acts 8:9-19 **Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.**

Explain to the children that when they are following the Lord closely, often signs and miracles will follow. In the scripture that we read, Simon was a magician who could perform amazing magic tricks. His tricks amazed people, but when people saw the great signs and miracles that Phillip did in the name of Jesus, the tricks that Simon did were not as impressive.

Talk with the children about different signs and miracles they've seen. Ask if anyone has witnessed a true miracle (healing, etc.). Did the miracle draw people closer to Jesus? Did the miracle make others want to know more about Jesus?

When Jesus is evident in your life, people will want what you have. Jesus was evident in Phillip's life and Simon the Sorcerer wanted what he had. In the same way that the Lucky Charms leprechaun says, "They're always after me Lucky Charms", the people around you will be trying to get what you have.



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RR Air Gun Team Participates in National Championship

by Darell FREEMAN

Each year the National Rifle Association sponsors a national postal shooting program for Royal Ranger groups in five separate areas of competition:

- 】 **BB Gun**
- 】 **Air Rifle**
- 】 **Smallbore Rifle**
- 】 **Trap Shooting**
- 】 **Black Powder Shooting**

To participate outposts need only to submit an entry form, conduct their shooting locally at their own time and convenience, and submit their completed targets to the NRA for scoring. Results are posted on the web at the conclusion of each year. Visit the national Royal Rangers website at www.royalrangers.ag.org/championships to find more information on these and other national championships.



Outpost 257 from Southern California represented the Royal Rangers at the 2005 National Junior Air Gun Team Championship July 6-10th in Bloomington, Illinois. Commander Mike Sherreitt served as Team Manager and coordinated the logistics and training necessary to enter this competition. The team consisted of four boys: Mitchell Herhold, William Krajieski, Tyler Raccuglia, and Courtland Sherreitt—three Discovery Rangers and one Adventure Ranger. (pictured above)

The Royal Ranger team was the youngest group in the competition. All of the other competitors were high school or college age with much more shooting experience. But the boys of Outpost 257 were determined to do their very best.

Each boy wore a full Class B uniform during the competition with a custom shooting vest, boasting an American flag and RR patch on the front and patches from each Ranger group on the back. The other teams and coaches were very kind and helpful in offering advice on technique and equipment. They had seen Royal Rangers mentioned in the NRA literature but had never met or shot with any Royal Rangers.

The NRA Staff welcomed the group whole-heartedly and assigned top-ranked shooting coach John Crossman to work with the boys throughout the practice and tournament.

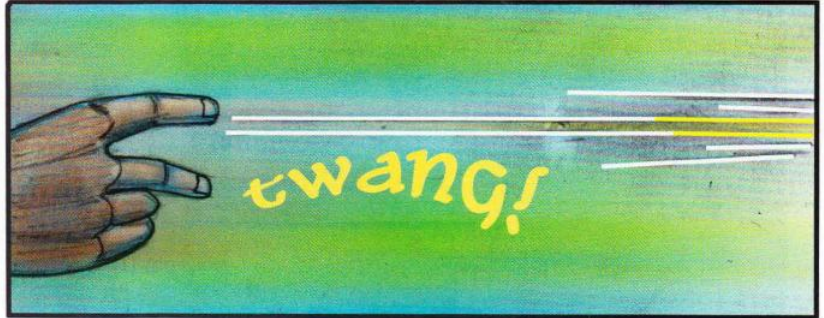
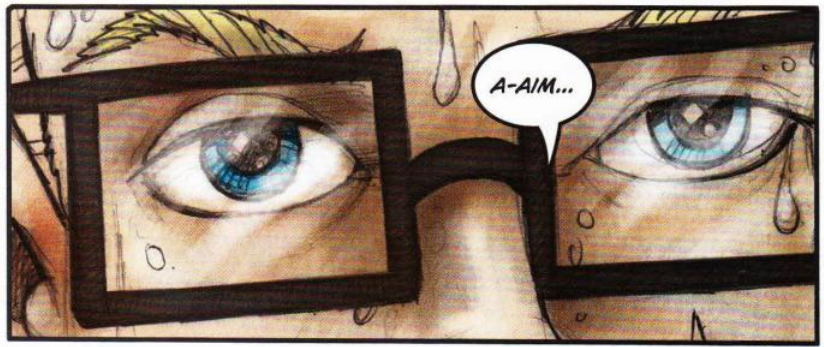
The first match was Thursday morning, consisting of sixty shots with .177 precision match pellets. The electronic targets were placed at 10 meters (33 feet), which looked the size of small eggs with bulls eye the size of a pinhead. The course of fire was twenty rounds prone in 30 minutes, twenty rounds standing in 40 minutes, and twenty rounds kneeling in 30 minutes.

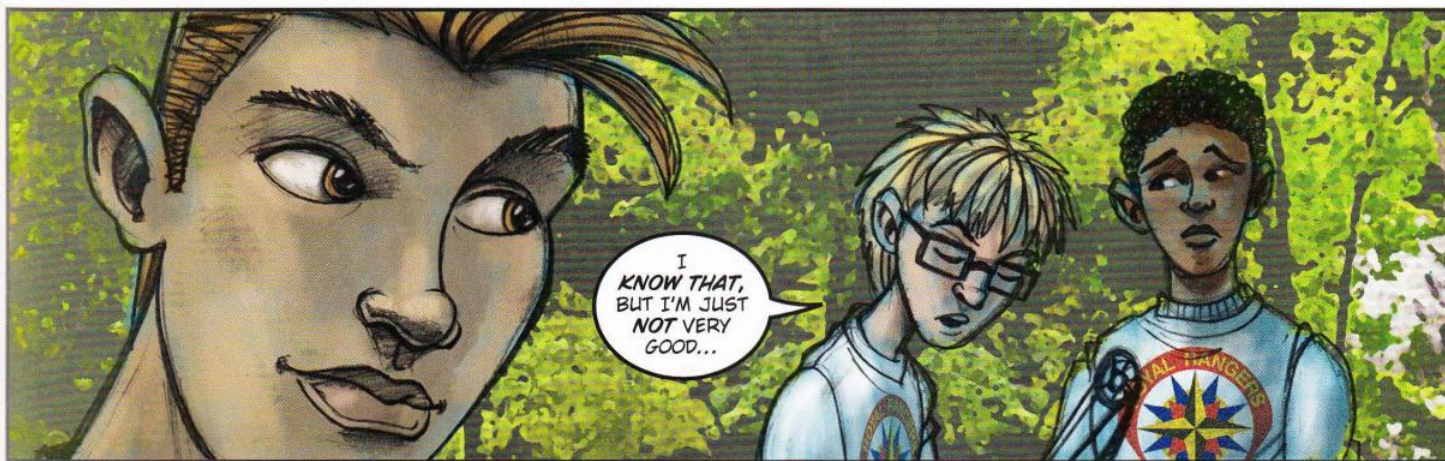
Friday was a day of classes on different aspects of shooting. The NRA hosted an air pistol shoot so the boys could check out pistol shooting, which is an Olympic event. That evening the featured speaker was Dave Butz, former Washington Redskins All-Pro defensive lineman. He sponsored an air pistol match. While maneuvering into the match, the RR were approached by the NRA Match Director, Patricia Clark. She asked if Mitchell Herhold and Tyler Raccuglia would partner with her and Dave Butz in the pistol match. Tyler was a natural with a pistol, and he scored three bulls eyes on his practice target. Patricia and Mitchell were one of the top four teams in the match. Mitchell's trophy was an autographed football.

Saturday was the second half of the match. This was another sixty-shot match. The shooting course was the same as Thursday. The boys saw great improvement in their techniques and scores.

Sunday was the awards ceremony. The group was excited to earn a spot on the scoreboard for RR and to receive plaques and medallions for their efforts.

Outpost 257 challenges RR outposts throughout the U.S. to form air rifle teams and have local competitions. Send your best teams to the match next year in Oregon.





Be sure and join us this summer for Camporama 2006! Brand new archery and rifle ranges are under construction right now, so keep practicing!

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

—2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

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NATIONAL RANGERS of the Year

by John HICKS

The National Rangers of the Year were honored in Springfield, Missouri, for their success in achievement. Their outposts, districts, and regions selected these eight young men as exemplary representatives of the ideals and standards of Royal Rangers. All eight have earned their Gold Medals of Achievement, and many have earned Gold or Silver Buffaloes as well.

These young men participated in various activities held in their honor, hosted by National Royal Rangers Ministries, including a barbecue picnic, an awards dinner, and a trip to Branson, Missouri, where they enjoyed a day at Silver Dollar City and an evening at the Hamner Barber Variety Show. Each received a gold medallion and plaque in recognition of his accomplishments.

National Rangers of the Year receive honorary membership in the National Royal Rangers Council and serve as volunteer members of the national staff for one year. They also receive complimentary admission to the next National Camporama, National FCF Rendezvous, and Eagle Rock Adventure.

The National Rangers of the Year for 2005
are as follows (in order shown)

GULF REGION

Thomas Reigel

Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri

NORTHEAST REGION

Brent Hoban

Hamlin Assembly of God, Hamlin, Pennsylvania

SOUTHWEST REGION

Brandon Wold

New Life Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

GREAT LAKES REGION

Ethan Blocher-Smith

First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne, Indiana

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Shaun Eide

Brookfield Assembly of God, Brookfield, Wisconsin

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Curtis Woods

First Assembly of God, Terrell, Texas

NORTHWEST REGION

Brian Parrott (not shown)

Christ Memorial, Poulsbo, Washington

SOUTHEAST REGION

John Mark Campbell (not shown)

Christian Life Assembly, Columbia, South Carolina

Thomas Reigel

Thomas Reigel is 16 years old and has been in Rangers since he was 5. Throughout his years in Rangers, he earned every award in every age group, from the Brave award in Straight Arrows to the Explorer rating in Trailblazers, as well as the GMA and Silver Buffalo. Thomas currently serves as a junior commander with the Adventure Rangers in his home outpost and also participates in Expedition Rangers where he feels he

has particularly benefited by the Spirit Challenges. He states, "I think they are an excellent addition to Royal Rangers. They offer a very logical approach to dealing with the problems that every teen faces. They are relevant and offer a wide range of information." He also states that he particularly enjoys reading the biblical insight sections of each challenge.

Brent Hoban

Brent is 18 years old and has been in Rangers since he was 5. When he first joined as a Straight Arrow his father, Joseph Hoban, became his commander and continued with him, moving from group to group for nine years, until Brent completed Trailblazers. Through the years Brent completed every award in each age group and participated in several Ranger of the Year events at district and regional levels.

Brent attended NTC in 2004 at Woodstown, N.J. NTC was the camp that had the most impact on his life since he started Rangers. He said that, although NTC is intended to help a leader see the Rangers program from a boy's perspective, it helped him to see it from a leader's perspective. He realized his time has come to make the transition from being a boy in a program where the focus is on boys to being a leader where the focus is on service and ministry. "There are boys who need my help and who deserve the same opportunities I had to become a successful Royal Ranger," Brent says. "My eyes were opened to what ministry is all about."

Ethan Blocher-Smith

Ethan is 15 years old and has been in Rangers since 1998. He heard about Rangers at an early age but never took much of an interest until he met Nick Clark. Ethan says, "I came to Rangers on his recommendation one Wednesday. That first meeting was on September 16, 1998, and I have faithfully attended ever since."

Ethan believes one of the greatest benefits he received from the Rangers program is the number of friends he has made. "I have found that when you stick a bunch of guys together in the same tent over a weekend during a rainstorm (a common Rangers event) they tend to become fast friends." Even more valuable than friendships formed is the value Ethan places on his spiritual training. "Royal Rangers has given me a spiritual asset worth more than any riches. It has equipped me with the tools to evangelize and has empowered me to do so."

Shaun Eide

Shaun is 18 years old and has been actively involved in Royal Rangers for 8 years. Shaun initially had difficulties with Rangers when he joined but credits Commander Dan Pauley for helping him and serving as a good example to follow. "He taught me the importance of being a good, godly man, not just through his words but also through his actions." Shaun further credits Commander Dan for supporting him through various personal trials and encouraging him keep striving for success and achievement along the advancement trail.

Shaun says the training he received at the Wisconsin District Junior Leadership Training Academy had the most impact on his life in Rangers. "JLTA was a strenuous camp, but it taught me to push my limits. I learned a lot of information, but I also learned more of what it means to be a leader. The academy is, I believe, one of the best parts of Rangers."

Brandon Wold

Brandon is 16 years old and has been in Rangers for 11 years. He enjoys participating in cell group Bible studies with his fellow Expedition Rangers, T.J. Parker and David Martin. He believes these meetings, as well as his experiences in Rangers,

have helped him to grow in his relationship to God. "I actively live out my faith, and I love God with all my heart. I am confident that no circumstance, no matter how great, can drive my heart from God."

One of his most memorable experiences in Rangers was his outpost's trip to the Weminuche Wilderness in Durango, Colo., where they camped and backpacked for five days under the leadership of their own patrol guides. His Expedition Rangers commander, Garrett Gildae, worked hard to prepare the boys for the trip. Brandon remembers the adventure as a time of new experiences and learning to work as a team.

Brandon encourages all Rangers to work hard to attain the GMA. He says, "To achieve something great, you must love the work you do to get there. It may not always be easy and will often involve sacrifice, motivation, and self-discipline, but the sense of accomplishment is something to be cherished."

"Strive for excellence," Brandon says, "and I'm confident that you will soon obtain it."

Curtis Woods

Curtis Woods is 17 years old and has been in Rangers since he was 5. His father, Mark Woods, has played an important role in Curtis's achievements and has been a Rangers commander since before Curtis was born. Curtis earned his GMA as well as a Silver Buffalo and two Gold Buffaloes. He completed several junior training camps as well, which he credits as being highlights of his Rangers experiences. Curtis states, "The learning methods and people I trained with taught me lessons that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I learned teamwork and gained the confidence to do things I never thought I could do."

Brian Parrott

Brian is also 17 years old and has been in Rangers for 12 years. His father and older brother were already involved, so Brian naturally joined when he was old enough and has been actively involved since. Rangers has been a great help to Brian in his personal as well as spiritual life. "Royal Rangers has given me friends through the tough times of my life and taught me how to be a strong friend, demonstrating Christ's love."

Brian earned his GMA and a Gold Buffalo and is a graduate of JLTA. "JLTA impacted my life in the most dramatic way. It gave me the chance to be my own person, getting away from friends, so that I had to rely on God."

John Mark Campbell

Mark is 17 years old. He first entered the Rangers program as a Straight Arrow at Cedar Lake Christian Assembly in Biloxi, Miss., in 1992. He has been in Rangers for 12 years, progressing through each age group and earning all awards available. He earned his GMA in October of 2002.

"Nothing has impacted my life more than Royal Rangers," Mark says. "Rangers brings together strong young men of God who have an interest in camping and the outdoors, and I have found that this environment encourages many excellent and long-lasting friendships."

Mark credits the 2002 National Camporama as the most important event during his time in Rangers. "I spent four days at Camp Eagle Rock making new friends, catching up with friends from outposts I had left years ago, and having a great time. The night services were incredible, and I had the opportunity to grow closer to God far beyond where I was."

Mark is currently enrolled at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he is preparing for a career in military service.



ROYAL RANGERS
— INTERNATIONAL —

Reaching Boys Around the World

Buddy Barrel... Super Sized!

by John HICKS

Royal Rangers in the Arkansas district accomplished a major task by collecting a large 2005 District Powwow offering for missions. At the conclusion of their powwow the previous year, District Commander Warren "Butch" Charles announced the theme for the 2005 Powwow—Missions Possible—and challenged the Rangers to fill a 55-gallon drum with offerings for BGMC.



Pictured left to right: Norman Massengale - Deputy District Commander, Ginger Charles, Ed Corbin - Missionary, Aldin Tinsley - National BGMC Coordinator, Butch Charles - District Commander

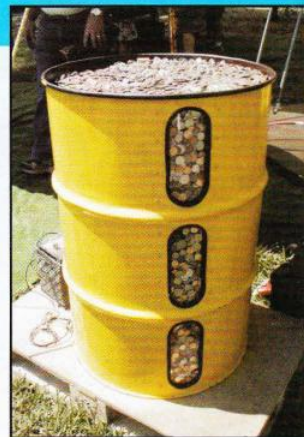
In order to facilitate the collection of such a large quantity of coins the district distributed special gallon-sized Buddy Barrels to district outposts. These barrels were made from large yellow pickle barrels with a Buddy Barrel logo on one side and the Missions Possible powwow logo on the other. Throughout

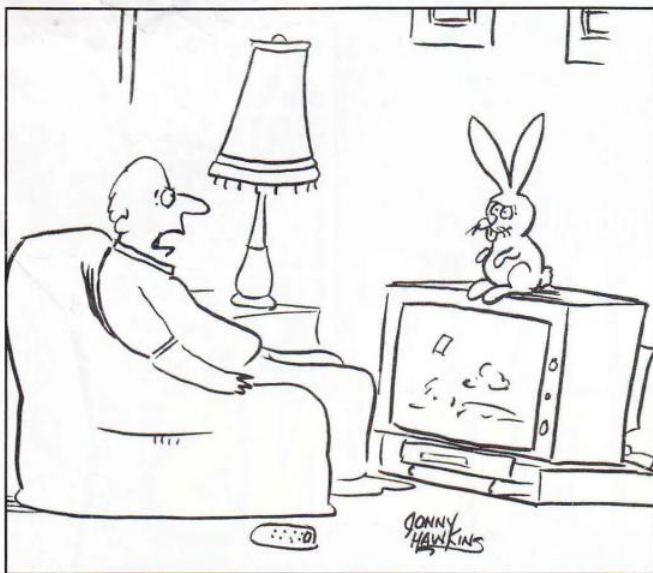
the year, outposts collected their offerings and filled the large barrels in preparation for powwow.

Throughout the day on Saturday, as the various powwow activities continued nearby, outposts brought their barrels to a large tent where materials and information about various missions efforts were displayed. Missionaries and representatives from several missions programs were also on hand to answer questions and provide materials. As the barrels came in, they were dumped into a specially constructed "super-sized" Buddy Barrel made from a 55-gallon drum. The barrel had windows cut along one side so boys could watch the barrel fill up. Rockets went off as each incremental level was attained. And then, sometime in mid-afternoon, a loud blast was heard, announcing that the goal had been reached. As cheers rose across the activity field, the campers realized the hand of God was truly involved in enabling them to accomplish such an amazing feat.

After the powwow, the barrel was transported to a local bank where the coins were sorted and counted. To their amazement, a total of \$15,160.23 had been collected for BGMC. In appreciation for his service at powwow, and in acknowledgment of his vital work in reaching the children of South Africa, the entire offering was designated for the support of their guest speaker, Ed "Beavertooth" Corbin, and his Jackson's Ridge Children's Ministry Center.

Commander Butch stated, "I rejoice when I think of how far this money will go to further the gospel and bring the light of Jesus Christ to long-suffering and less-fortunate children in a far away land." Through the prayers, faith, and commitment of a great number of men and boys in Arkansas, the gospel of Jesus Christ went out to reach the lost children of South Africa. Indeed they have shown themselves to be "good and faithful servants."





"Stop grumbling. The cable guy will be here tomorrow."

Why did the starfish cross the road?

(To get to the other side!)

What runs but never walks?

(A river!)

Where do sheep go to get their hair cut?

(The BAA-BAA shop!)

COMEDY CORNER

What is a pirate's favorite letter?

(Argh!)

Why did the boy eat his homework?

(Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake)

Why did the boy throw butter out the window?

(He wanted to see a butterfly!)

Did you hear the joke about the wall?

(I couldn't get over it!)



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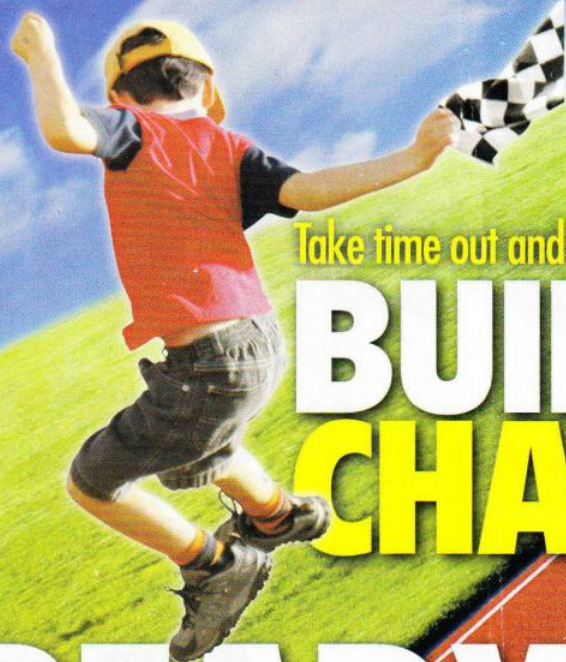
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