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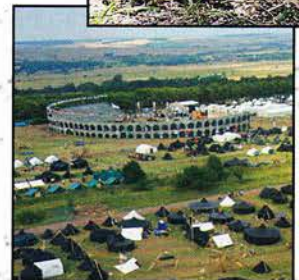
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# GOLD MEDAL of Achievement

## The Value of Royal Rangers

by Daniel **GORE** — OUTPOST 2  
*Marshfield Assemblies of God, Marshfield, Missouri*

I have learned many things in Royal Rangers and have had good times. Royal Rangers has taught me responsibility—how to work until the job is done and done well. Also, it has taught me discipline—to do my best no matter whether I like what I am doing or not.

I have some natural leadership abilities, and Royal Rangers has helped me to use my talents and develop them. Sometimes you get frustrated but you have to keep your cool so you can set an example. You learn techniques so the boys will follow your directions, and sometimes, even then, they will not listen to you.

Royal Rangers has taught me a lot about camping. Camping involves getting to know the people in your outpost and learning how to survive in the wilderness. We have learned about tying knots, setting up tents, how to pick out a good campsite, how to set up camp, and how to tear down and clean up the campsite. When we have all the boys together and the younger boys need help, then the older boys pass on the things they have learned to the younger boys.

Royal Rangers has brought me closer to God. Seeing all the boys down in the front at powwow during prayer time has opened my eyes to how many boys there are that truly love God. It is also exciting to see boys accepting Christ as their personal Savior at the altar calls. I know that Royal Rangers is a great ministry for both boys and men, bringing them closer to God and to each other.

Royal Rangers has been a lot of fun, too. I have built better relationships with my commanders and my friends. Royal Rangers has also helped me spend more time with my dad. At our campouts we always have fun and learn to work with one another as a team. My dad, the senior commander, always plans really great campouts. He also makes really good campout food.

Working toward and earning my GMA has taught me a lot about life. Royal Rangers has given me a lot of self-

confidence and has helped to develop my character. Also, earning this GMA has taught me that I can do anything if I keep at it and do not give up.

I would like to thank the following people for helping me through the hard times: my mom, Karen Gore; Commander Kevin Kopp; and Charlie Williams, one of my fellow Rangers and friend. Most of all, I would like to thank my dad, Carl Gore. He has helped me so much and is the main reason I have attained this goal. Without him, I probably would not have persevered. I am proud to be his son and a Royal Ranger.

by Jonathan **HARRIS** — OUTPOST 182  
*Sachse Assembly of God, Sachse, Texas*

I have had a lot of opportunities through the Royal Rangers program over the past years that I couldn't have gotten anywhere else. It taught me how to live a disciplined life. It also taught me to show other people respect, and how to respect myself. I have found a lot of things that I enjoy doing and the importance of close friends that you can count on.

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship has taught me how to serve other people before myself. It has also taught me how to help someone out when they need my help, even though it might mean that I have be inconvenienced. FCF has also taught me that I will always have something new to learn.

Along with the importance of serving, Royal Rangers has also taught me the qualities of a good leader. Such as how a leader should always lead from the front, and that it is always easier to get someone to follow you when you pull them, instead of trying to push them. I have also learned how important it is to never ask someone to do something that I wouldn't be willing to do myself. Royal Rangers has also allowed me to practice the skills. I have had the privilege of serving on staff at sectional campouts where I was able to learn and practice my leadership skills.

Royal Rangers has also taught me more about the out-



doors than I have been able to learn anywhere else. Every time I have gone camping I have learned something new that I will remember for the rest of my life. Like how it will always rain no matter what the weatherman says, and no matter how hard you try your tent stakes will always get bent. I have also learned that it is important to plan for the next day before it comes. Like in the winter, it's a good idea to get firewood before you go to bed so you don't have to wander around looking for wood in the morning. That is a lesson I have had to learn more than once. I have enjoyed all of the things that I have been able to learn through the campouts. They have given me some memories that I will never forget.

I have also been able to make some good friends through Royal Rangers. You can learn a lot about someone by staying in a tent with him for a few days—especially if the person you're staying with talks in his sleep. Royal Rangers has definitely helped me learn some valuable lessons.

by Michael **LATHROP** — OUTPOST 13  
*First Assembly of God, Portland, Michigan*

**R**oyal Rangers has been one of the most influential parts of my adolescence. It has taught me responsibility, leadership, and many other things that I will need and can apply to my future as I grow to be a man of Christ.

One reason why Royal Rangers is so important to me is because it has taught me leadership qualities, how to be responsible, and other important skills. Rangers has taught me leadership through the positions I have held, my GMA project, and through leading by example. I have learned to speak in front of a group, how to organize a group, and how to have an efficient, productive conversation. As one of the older guys in the group, I have learned how to lead by example. I have also learned responsibility through my camping experiences and leadership positions. Whether it was putting up a tent, starting a campfire, or getting all the boys together, I quickly learned that work had to be done before relaxing or playing. I have seen these skills and others overflow into my life outside of Rangers as well, and I have become a better person, son, and friend because of it.

Rangers has taught me to live a more godly life. Through the past nine years, I have heard devotions and seen illustrations that have covered many, many subjects. Through them, I have learned how to be a young man of God. It has helped my school life too. I have learned how to deal with stress, peer pressure, saying no, and standing up for myself. Also, I have learned how to be an effective witness and to make my personal testimony known.

Royal Rangers has also been an important part of my personal testimony. When I started coming, I just went to church every Sunday with my parents because that was just what we did. When I got involved in this ministry, I felt as if I really fit in, and it was always fun going camping, starting fires, and all that jazz. Most importantly, I drew closer to God during this time and learned who He was and how He died for our sins. After about three or four years, the Rangers program got shut down and my walk with God crumbled. When it returned after about a year, it was like a rebirth in me. The ministry I had plugged in to the most was back, and I drew nearer to God once again, this time for good. Through all of this, the mission of Royal Rangers has never rung more true to me.

Royal Rangers has been a huge part of my life and of who I am today. I am very thankful for the program and all of its commanders. I hope that one day I can affect young boys just as much as my commanders have me.

by Marcos **SANTOS** — OUTPOST 218  
*Ministerio Belen, El Monte, California*

**W**hat is the meaning of life? So many have asked this, and now I have stopped. I have learned that I was made to be with God. That is why I love Royal Rangers so much. It has been a blessing that has brought me closer and closer to God. I thank God for Royal Rangers because it has been a light that guides me when life gets dark. It has helped me spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially. It has instructed me in all aspects of life.

Royal Rangers has helped me spiritually. There was a time when I would daydream when the Word of God was being preached. I would feel nothing in my spirit when the beautiful worship songs were played. I was spiritually dead. I would go to Royal Rangers just to go. Then God used my senior commander to help save me. My senior commander took me to JTC and there I had a beautiful experience with my Creator. From there on I would feel His presence when we went camping. Now when I hear God's Word, I am overwhelmed inside. I can't hold back the tears of joy.

Royal Rangers has helped me physically. As I completed the Physical Fitness Merit, I noticed many things. I became a more active person. I now like challenges, instead of fearing them. It has had a positive effect on my self-esteem. When I go to camps, I compete gladly.

Royal Rangers has also helped me socially. I have made many friends at camp. I have met different kinds of people. It is great because you learn different things. They can help me, and I can help them.

Royal Rangers has helped me mentally. It is always fun to learn something new, especially about the Word of God. In Royal Rangers meetings, they always teach us something new. The commanders make our minds sharp. We learn essential survival skills. We learn about life. The thing that has helped me the most is learning I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Sometimes there is a fierce battle within.

You fight against the voices in your head that tell you, "You can't do it," and "Give up." But the Word of God has taught me that the truth will set me free, and the truth is that I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.

I am grateful for Royal Rangers. It is something I will remember all of my life. I love it because of what it means, what it stands for. It is awesome that men sacrifice many things to help us, God's children. What is something that always brightens your day when you think about it? That is what Royal Rangers is for me.

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# CLIMBING to Meet the CHALLENGE

by John HICKS

In recent years the sport of rock climbing has become increasingly popular with people of all ages. Setting out on an adventure to test one's skills against nature has always been an exhilarating experience. And with the growing availability of affordable climbing gear and a growing awareness of the sport many individuals are stepping up to the challenge of rock climbing.

The popularity of the sport has likewise been growing rapidly with Royal Ranger groups in recent years as well. Many outposts have started their own climbing groups and many district events now regularly include some type of climbing or rappelling activity.

In many ways climbing seems to symbolize the commitment and determination of the American spirit and one individual who serves as good example of the embodiment of this spirit is Scott Cory, a 15-year old climber from Brentwood, California who is ranked as one the top junior climbers in the world.

Scott has been climbing since he was seven year old and has climbed major peaks all over the world. He has competed in the USA Climbing Competition series for several years and has been a USA Climbing Team Member for six out of the last seven years. At 8 years old, Scott was the youngest person to ever be a member of the team.

Scott enjoys big wall climbing, sport climbing and competition climbing and credits the sport as having given him many opportunities to travel extensively and meet fabulous people that enrich his life. He loves bringing the sport of climbing to others -whether it's teaching people to climb or using his climbing to help people, such as his 9/11 fundraiser - *Climb For Freedom* in October of 2001.

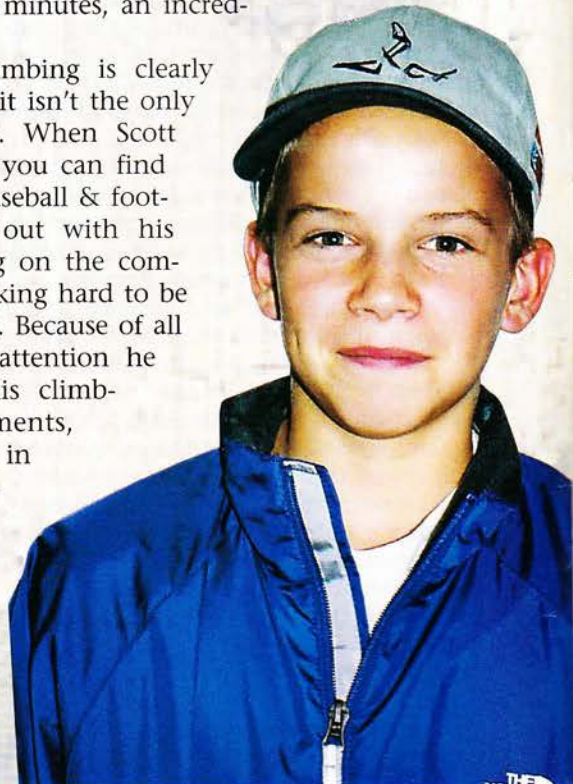
To the delight of hundreds of spectators and well wishers in El Cap Meadow in Yosemite Valley, California, and thousands throughout the country, Scott Cory, Tommy Caldwell & Beth Rodden succeed in their quest of a one day ascent of the world's most famous big wall climbs - "The Nose" of El Capitan. The climb was a fundraiser for the families of the 9/11 victims. Many of the well wishers in the Valley waved American flags to spur the climbers on. On October 2, 2001, the

threesome completed the climb in just 13 hours and 40 minutes, a feat most climbers require days to complete. Scott is now the youngest person to summit 'The Nose' in a single day.

Nearly two years after his record breaking one day ascent of "The Nose" of El Capitan, Scott set off for a new record, climbing 2000-foot Half Dome in Yosemite National Park in northern California. Scott climbed with three other team members: Hans Florine, a mentor of Scott's since the very beginning of his climbing career, sixteen year old Chelsea Rude from Georgia, and Scott Bovard from California. The climb was filmed for National Geographic On Assignment. According to the Yosemite guidebooks, the route usually takes three days to complete, yet Scott and his team reached the summit in just over 15 hours, making Scott the youngest person to have ever climbed the Half Dome in one day. Amazingly, at just thirteen, Scott had record one-day ascents of two of the most famous big walls in the world!

Scott went back to the Half Dome again in June of 2004 climbing with Hans Florine and Tommy Caldwell. On just his second time up they topped out in just 7 hours and 7 minutes, an incredible feat.

Although climbing is clearly Scott's passion it isn't the only thing he does. When Scott isn't climbing, you can find him playing baseball & football, hanging out with his friends, playing on the computer, and working hard to be a good student. Because of all of the media attention he received for his climbing achievements, Scott has been in demand as a publicspeaker. He tours bay area schools and youth



2003 USA CLIMBING  
Team member



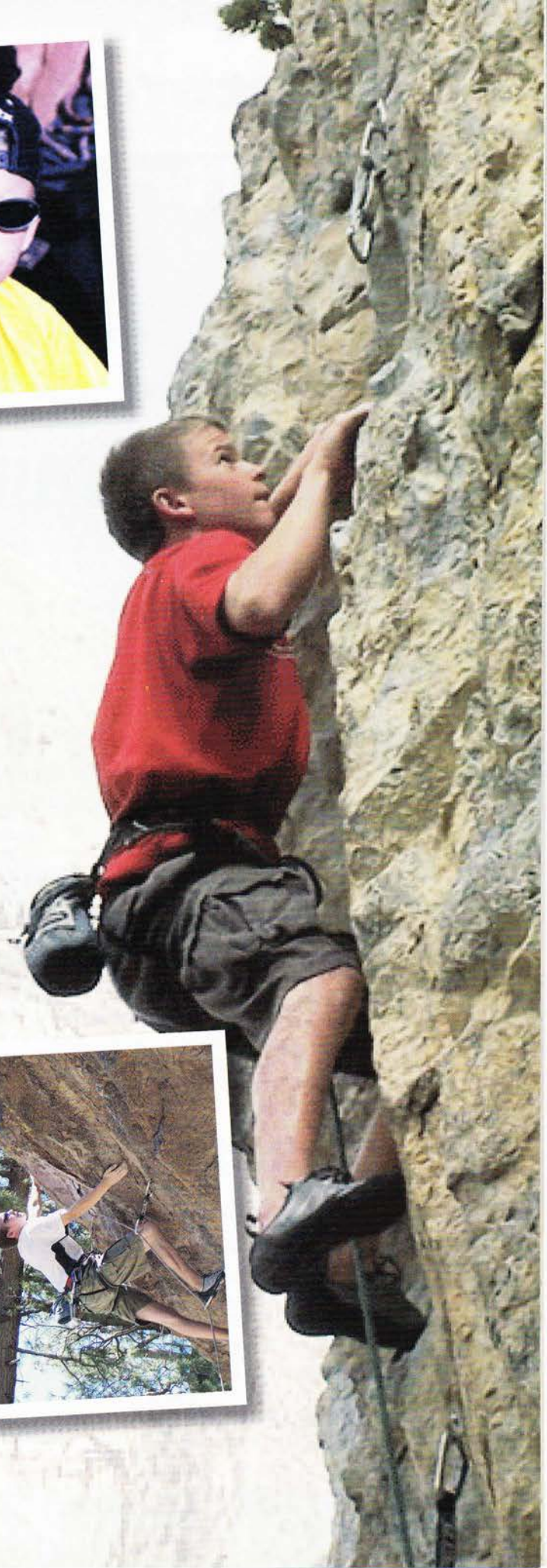


programs, telling kids about his climbs up "The Nose" and Half Dome, and speaking about climbing in general. He is pleased to help promote climbing as a way to have fun, keep fit, and stay out of trouble.

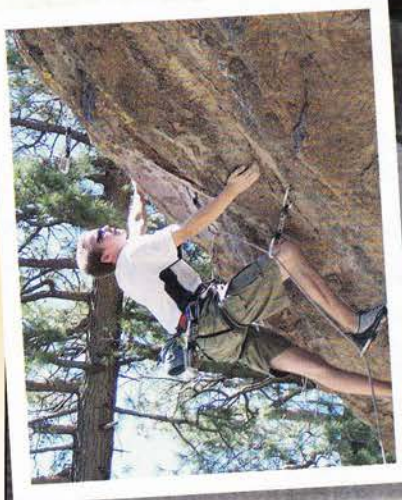
Scott has been featured in many television segments, including *LIVE with Regis & Kelly*, *CNN Headline News*, *Inside Edition*, and *National Geographic On Assignment*. His story has appeared in numerous newspapers and radio interviews as well as magazine features including a feature story in *Sports Illustrated* in April of 2004, and the July 2004 issue of *Climbing Magazine*. His story has also been told in many school and children's magazines, such as *National Geographic WORLD Magazine*, *Purple Mountain Press*, *Weekly Reader*, and *Science World*.

Scott plans to continue his climbing activities, sharing his knowledge and experience with others as often as he can. We salute Scott for his proficiency and ongoing efforts to share his talents with others.

*Much of the material for this article have been reprinted with permission from the Scott Cory Website at [scottcory.com](http://scottcory.com) where additional information and photos of Scott's climbing activities can be found.*



**Although an increasing popular sport, climbing can be very dangerous if not conducted with proper equipment under the supervision of trained leaders. All Royal Rangers are encouraged to abide by the national policy on recommended climbing & rappelling safety standards when conducting any climbing or rappelling activities. These standards can be found in the Leaders Edition of this issue of the High Adventure or by contacting the National Royal Rangers Office by e-mail at [rangers@ag.org](mailto:rangers@ag.org).**





# Feature Creature

by Candyce A. PETERSEN



## The Awesome TURTLE RABBIT

**“Step right up, folks!** See the one, the only, ancient Aztec Turtle Rabbit! Not only does it have the ears of a rabbit and a football-shaped body with the hardness of a turtle shell, it also has the head of a miniature horse, the eyes and snout of a pig, the claws of a ferocious bear, and the tail of a rat! *Dasypus novemcinctus*'s bony plates covered with a leathery hide—his carapace, if you will—protect the animal from predators, allowing it to escape into dense scrubby bushes and thorns.”

The sideshow hawker paused, caught his breath, then continued. “Little armored one—that’s what the conquering Spaniards called this awesome little creature! ‘Texas turkey’ is the Texan name for it. And, during the Depression when many people were starving, it was dubbed ‘poor man’s pork’ after its appearance, behavior, and taste. People today eat it roasted or barbecued in its shell. They, too, say it tastes like pork.”

So what is the common name for this mammal found in the southeastern U.S., Mexico, and Central and South America? The armadillo—specifically the nine-banded armadillo—has bands that allow it to bend and turn. About the size of a large house cat, the nine-banded armadillo prefers living where the soil is soft, the weather is warm, and water and food are nearby.

Why? He needs the soil soft so he can dig. The armadillo digs burrows—one larger than the others. The largest one is where he lives, the smaller ones are places to hide from predators such as foxes, pet dogs, and humans. Burrows can be anywhere from two to 24 feet in length and up to five feet deep. When digging a burrow, the armadillo can hold its breath up to six minutes! When startled, the armadillo can jump three feet into the air.

The armadillo needs warm weather to survive, for, although he is a mammal, he has little hair, no fat under his carapace, and does not hibernate. In warm or hot

weather, he rests in his burrow during the day, then hunts at night. In cold weather, he stays in his burrow at night and hunts during the warmer afternoons.

Armadillos like water. These champion swimmers can take deep breaths, filling both their stomachs and intestines with air, then paddle across fast-moving rivers and streams. They can even walk across the bottom of a river, once again holding their breath up to six minutes! Armadillos also like to take mud baths.

Armadillos eat a variety of foods. Their favorite food is beetles. They also eat ants, grubs, worms, termites, and insects. Other foods include berries, roots, small frogs and toads, snakes, spiders, scorpions, crayfish, shrimp, snails, melons, overripe fruit, and even dead animals.

An armadillo finds most of its food by rooting. Pushing its sensitive nose through brush and leaves, it digs a trench three to four inches deep. An armadillo can smell its prey through six inches of dirt. It digs down with its one and a half inch long claws, then plunges its nose into the hole. His long, bumpy, worm-shaped tongue, covered with sticky saliva, shoots out. The insects stick to it.

Think you might want an armadillo for a pet? After all, not only do they not bite, they can be housebroken and tamed. Many even like to have their backs scratched gently. If you live in Texas, you can race your armadillo and enter him or her in a beauty contest, dressing the creature up in a fancy costume!

Owning an armadillo, however, does have its problems. Armadillos are prone to nighttime ramblings and can claw their way out of their pens. They also snort and smell. Some say they smell like a pair of dirty, old gym shoes.

So whatever you call the nine-banded armadillo—*Dasypus novemcinctus*, Texas turkey, Little Armored One, poor man’s pork, or the Aztec “turtle rabbit”—you have to agree with the sideshow barker, armadillos are awesome little creatures!

## 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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## Making a Difference

A few months ago, LeeAnne and I were in our home church in Sacramento, where we had been for over 30 years prior to coming to Springfield. It just so happened that two of our grandsons were going to Rainbows and Ranger Kids for their first night. LeeAnne and I decided to take one each and attend the class with them.

LeeAnne took Luke, our three year-old, who is built like a tank. I took Kamden, who had turned five years old, to Ranger Kids. The leaders knew LeeAnne and me and allowed us to sit in the back and watch our grandsons.

Luke is a busy, very busy, boy! One of the leaders in Rainbows is named Ronnie. He is a great asset for the Rainbows class; he has a great disposition and is excellent with the little guys. This allows Rainbows to have a male leader as part of the Rainbows staff, which I believe is so important.

Kamden is the social kid. He was immediately making friends and talking to everyone, even when he was supposed to be sitting and listening. The RK leaders were great; they had their new manuals, books, and workbooks and were following the lesson plans to keep the RK boys on track. Kamden wanted to make the whole evening an adventure. Sitting in his chair wasn't exactly what he had in mind although the RK leaders were showing him the importance of staying in his seat when they were talking and while working in the workbooks. The recreation time seemed to be Kamden's favorite as he ran around with his new friends.

Meanwhile back in Rainbows, Ronnie was getting his workout, being one-on-one with Luke. Luke was nonstop walking or running around the room. Ronnie mentioned to LeeAnne, "I can handle this little guy. Don't worry about it. I'm in charge!" About half way through the meeting Ronnie said to LeeAnne, "Next week I'm going to have



Kamden and Luke Brunkhorst, grandsons of Rich Mariott, National Commander. Luke is wearing Kamden's Rainbows vest.

to make up a tape recording for Luke saying, "Luke, don't do that. Luke, let's sit here. Luke, let's listen to the teacher."

Kamden was having a great time, and now it was time for devotions. Ranger Kids are fun to give devotions to. I personally love all the questions they ask and the amount of interest they show when you use costumes and objects as part of the devotions. The devotion was interesting, and Kamden liked it as well as being a **RANGER KID!**

Luke and Ronnie were still going strong. Well, Luke was still going strong. At the end of the evening, Ronnie had gotten Luke to sit in the small chair at the table. Ronnie, looking a bit tired, sat next to Luke on the floor, making him almost the same height as Luke. He turned, looked at Luke, and said, "Luke, I surrender. You win!"

While watching the evening was a bit humorous to LeeAnne

and me since we both have worked with the younger age groups, we understood. But, as I started remembering all the boys that have grown into fine young men who were in my and LeeAnne's groups, *it made a difference!* Today some are ministers, youth pastors, evangelist, Royal Ranger leaders, and district staff members.

I know these leaders at New Life Community Church are "Making a Difference!" Just as every RR leader across the USA is making a difference one boy at a time. Please don't give up it is our future! (Reverend Mark Tucker is the senior pastor of New Life Assembly of God, Fair Oaks, California.)

*Building champions for the future,*

Rich Mariott  
National Commander





### Royal Rangers make special presentation to Mathew McPherson, CEO of Mathews Inc.



*Pictured left to right: Steve Schultz – National Productions & Camps Coordinator, Steve McPherson – President, Mathews Inc., Mathew McPherson – CEO, Mathews Inc., Richard Mariott – National Commander.*

## Mathews Inc. Recognized for Support

National Commander, Richard Mariott and National Boys Camps Coordinator, Steve Schultz recently toured the corporate headquarters and manufacturing plant for the Mathews Corporation in Sparta, Wisconsin. Mathews is a developer and manufacturer of archery equipment and is well known as a leading innovator in the industry. During the visit a plaque was presented to Matt McPherson, CEO, and Steve McPherson, President, in recognition of their company's support in sponsoring the new archery range at Camp Eagle Rock, as well as the archery event at the 2006 Camporama. In further recognition of their support, the new range will be named after the Mathews corporation.

Mathews is the developer of the Genesis bow, a universal draw length compound bow, with zero let-off. This design makes the Genesis ideal for use in teaching archery to both youth and adults. The Genesis bow has been selected as the official bow for the national championships at Camporama. Outposts can obtain information about the Genesis bow by visiting this website: <http://www.archeryintheschools.org/activea.asp>

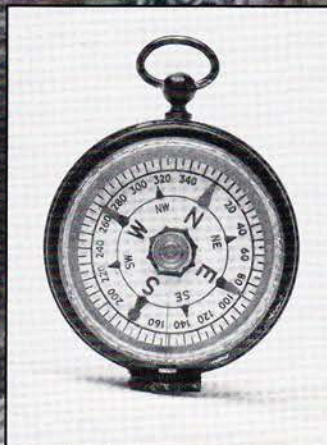
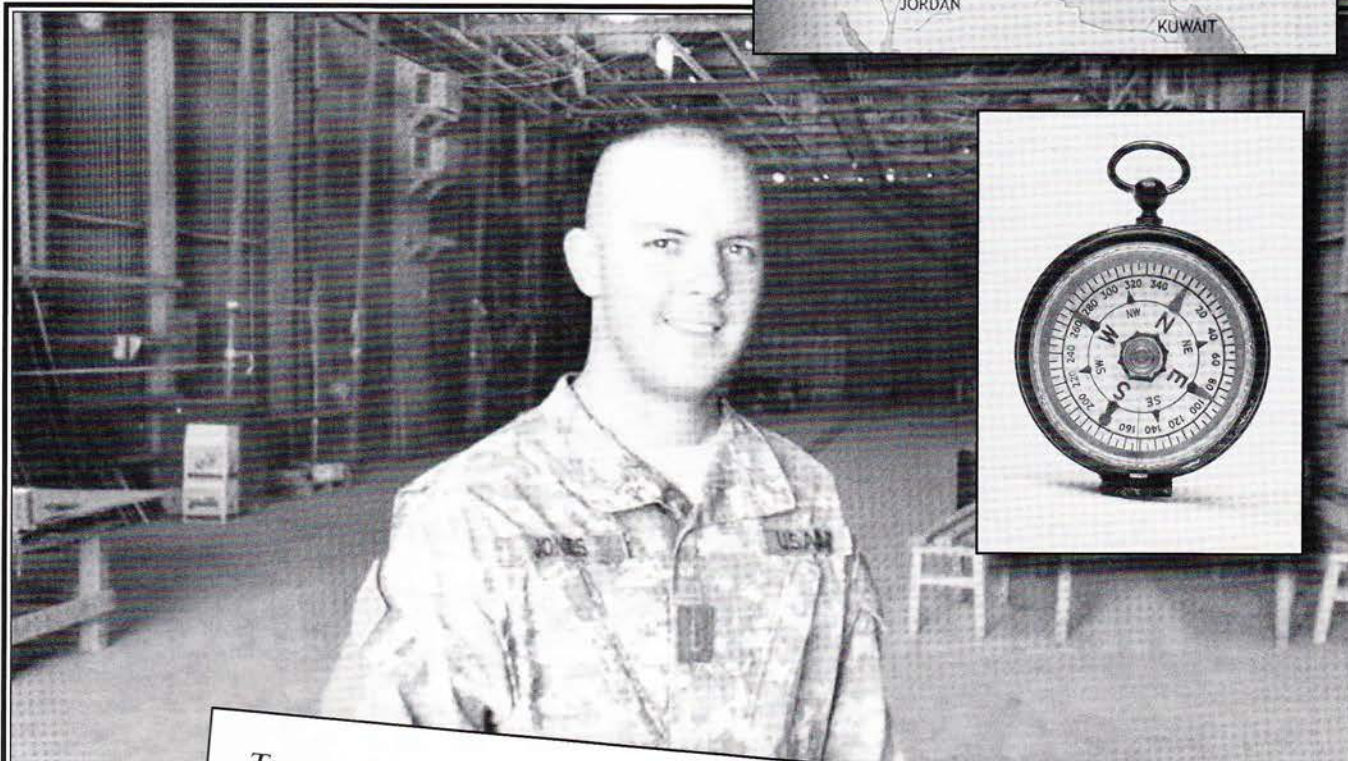
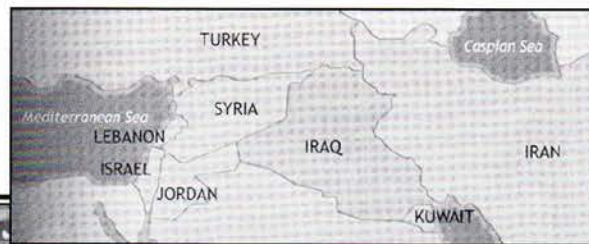
The new archery range has 28 shooting stations housed under two 70' x 24' covered pavilions on a concrete floor. With ample room for shooters and spectators, the archery event is expected to be one of the most popular activities at Camporama.

Both Matt and Steve McPherson were Royal Rangers as boys and are excited about the opportunity to introduce the sport of archery to today's youth. The National Royal Rangers Office expresses our sincere appreciation to the Mathews Corporation for their support of Camp Eagle Rock and the Royal Rangers ministry.





# A Soldier's Letter Home from Iraq



## *Transcription of letter to Pastor Thom and staff:*

This is Lt. Nicholas Jones, son of Vince and Sue Jones. As you know we have been members of this church for as long as I can remember.

First, I wanted to thank you for the CD of sermons that was sent with my Mom. It has brought a piece of home to Iraq. Secondly, I wanted to write to let you know how much this church has meant to me. I am well prepared for my duties here, I believe, more from the church than all of my military training.

The Royal Rangers program is where I can place most of my knowledge base. That program not only taught me how to live in the woods, use a compass, and how to pack a rucksack, it taught me so much more. The Scripture I learned, the Ranger Code and Motto are all things that help me do my job here in Iraq. The young men in the program may not realize how much that program teaches you about life, war, and peace. The men teaching and "commanding" the "units" may never see the possible impact they have on those young men. Knowing how to tie more than 50 knots has helped me very much. Knowing how to use a map and a compass and not get lost is a skill that if I could not use would surely lead to the death of my platoon members or myself. However, knowing Psalm 23; 1 John 1:9-10, Philippians 6:10-20, and others helps me and my guys get through every day.

I know that what I do here today is protecting those who are back in the States. Also, what I do tomorrow will influence the safety my children will have for their children.

Again, thank you for the sermons. Continue to keep us in your prayers. E Troop 108th Cav. is the unit I am in and it is based there in Griffin. We are in harm's way every day, but I know the hand of God is over us.

Thank you again.

Scouts out,

Lt. Nicholas Jones, Iraq 108th CAV







## National Recommended Safety Standards For Climbing & Rappelling ACTIVITIES

In recent years the popularity of vertical sports such as climbing & rappelling has seen rapid growth throughout the country. Royal Ranger groups at various levels have likewise begun to include such activities as a regular part of their annual events. Many groups are realizing the need to conduct high-action, challenging activities in order to retain the interest and involvement of older boys, a factor that is commonly seen as essential for the ongoing growth and development of our program. Activities such as climbing and rappelling have become a common means of providing such challenges.

These activities can be very effective in meeting our goal of attracting and retaining older boys, provided they are conducted in a manner that is safe for everyone involved. However, with the rapid growth of interest in these activities large variations have developed in terms of safety standards and procedures used when conducting such events. The need has therefore been recognized for a nationwide standard for safety procedures involving vertical activities. The National Royal Rangers Office is therefore recommending that all Royal Rangers groups comply with the principles of the Boy Scouts of America *Climb On Safely* orientation program when conducting any vertical activity.

*Climb On Safely* is the Boy Scouts of America's recommended safety standard for climbing & rappelling activities. The program consists of eight safety principals

which may be taught by any adult leader at the local level. No special training or certification is required in order to teach the principles of the program. Program materials include a 4-page full-color brochure explaining each principle as well as a training outline. It should be noted however that *Climb on Safely* is **NOT** a climbing or rappelling training program. It is merely an orientation on the safety standards to be followed when conducting vertical activities.

Information on *Climb On Safely* may be obtained by visiting the national Boy Scouts of America website at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

The following information is a partial reprint of the information contained in the *Climb On Safely* brochure, 2003 printing. All Royal Rangers involved in vertical activities are encouraged to abide by these safety standards.

### 1. Qualified Supervision

All climbing and rappelling must be supervised by a mature, conscientious adult at least 21 years of age who understands the risks inherent to these activities. This adult supervisor is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of the Boy Scouts of America's *Climb On Safely* procedure. One additional adult who is at least 18 years of age must also accompany the unit. Units with more than 10 youths in the same climbing/rappelling session must have an additional adult leader at

least 18 years of age for each 10 additional youth participants.

The adult supervisor is responsible for ensuring that someone in the group is currently trained in American Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR (a 6 1/2-hour course). In addition, Wilderness First Aid Basic (a 16-hour course) is recommended for units going to remote areas. A course of equivalent length and content from another nationally recognized organization can be substituted.

### 2. Qualified Instructors

A qualified rock climbing instructor who is at least 21 years of age must supervise all BSA climbing/rappelling activities. A currently trained BSA climbing director or instructor is highly recommended. Contact your local council or regional service center to locate a qualified individual. The climbing instructor has successfully completed a minimum of 10 hours of instructor training for climbing/rappelling from a nationally or regionally recognized organization, a climbing school, or a college-level climbing/rappelling course. Every instructor must have prior experiences in teaching climbing/rappelling to youth and must agree to adhere to *Climb On Safely* and the guidelines set in *Topping Out*.

Examples of sources of qualified climbing and rappelling instructors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- BSA climbing directors or instructors



- National Outdoor Leadership School
- Wilderness Education Association
- American Mountain Guides Association
- The Mountaineers
- Recreational Equipment Inc.
- Eastern Mountain Sports
- University or college climbing/rappelling instructors or students
- Project Adventure instructors
- National Speleological Society chapters

Leaders and instructors should also consult current literature on climbing and rappelling for additional guidance. *Topping Out: A BSA Climbing/Rappelling Manual*, No. 3207A, is the most authoritative guide currently available from the Boy Scouts of America.

### 3. Physical Fitness

A fitness regimen is recommended prior to participation in climbing/rappelling. The adult supervisor should adapt all supervision, discipline, and precautions to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions.

### 4. Safe Area

All BSA climbing/rappelling activities must be conducted using an established climbing/rappelling site or facility, including a portable or commercial facility. A qualified climbing instructor should survey the site in advance of the activity to identify and evaluate possible hazards and to determine whether the site is suitable for the age, maturity, and skill level of the participants. The instructor should also verify that the site is sufficient to safely and comfortably accommodate the number of participants in the activity within the available time. An emergency evacuation route must be identified in advance.

### 5. Equipment

The climbing instructor should verify that the proper equipment is available for the size and ability level of participants. Helmets, rope, and climbing hardware must be approved by the UIAA (Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme) or CE (European Community Norm), or meet ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards. All equipment must be acquired new or furnished by the instructor.

An approved climbing helmet must be worn during all BSA climbing/rappelling activities where the participant's feet are more than shoulder height above ground level. When using a commercial climbing gym, the climbing facility's equipment procedures apply.

### 6. Planning

When planning, remember the following:

- Obtain written parental consent to participate in climbing/rappelling activities for each participant.

- In the event of severe weather or other problem, share the climbing/rappelling plan and an alternate with parents and the unit committee.
- Secure the necessary permits or written permission for using private or public lands.
- Enlist the help of a qualified climbing instructor.
- Be sure the instructor has a map for the area being used and obtains a current weather report for the area before the group's departure.

It is suggested that at least one of the adult leaders has an electronic means of communication in case of an emergency.

Before any activity, an adult leader should develop and share an emergency plan that includes the location of a nearby medical facility and the means of communicating with parents during the outing.

### 7. Environmental Conditions

The instructor, each adult leader, and each participant assume responsibility for monitoring potentially dangerous environmental conditions that may include loose, crumbly rock; poisonous plants; wildlife; and inclement weather. Use the buddy system to monitor concerns such as dehydration, hypothermia, and an unusually high degree of fear or apprehension. The adult supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the group leaves no trace of its presence at the site. See the *Principles of Leave No Trace*, No. 21-105.

### 8. Discipline

Each participant knows, understands, and respects the rules and procedures for safely climbing and rappelling and has been oriented in Climb On Safely and Leave No Trace. All BSA members should respect and follow all instructions and rules of the climbing instructor. The applicable rules should be presented and learned prior to the outing and should be reviewed for all participants before climbing or rappelling begins. When participants know the reasons for rules and procedures, they are more likely to follow them. The climbing instructor must be strict and fair, showing no favoritism.

### ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR ROYAL RANGERS

(not part of *Climb On Safely*):

**Military Training:** Military training or experience is **NOT** accepted as adequate instructor qualification due to the significant differences between military methods and equipment and commonly accepted non-military safety standards, particularly when the participants are children or adolescents. Military equipment is likewise **NOT** approved unless it meets the equipment standards noted above.

**Age Restrictions:** The following age restrictions are recommended for all participants involved in climbing and rappelling activities conducted by Royal Rangers groups at any level organizational:

### Ranger Kids

- Bouldering no higher than the climber's own height with trained adult spotters
- Climbing is limited to a climbing gym, portable climbing wall, or other age-appropriate facility using trained adult instructors & age-appropriate equipment.
- Ranger Kids are not approved for rappelling or to serve as belayers or spotters.

### Discovery Rangers

- Bouldering no higher than the climber's own height with trained adult spotters
- Top-roped climbing on natural rock face, in a climbing gym, or using a portable climbing wall or other age-appropriate facility using trained adult instructors.
- May rappel with trained adult belayers
- Discovery Rangers are not approved to serve as belayers or spotters.

### Adventure & Expedition Rangers

- Bouldering no higher than the climber's own height with trained spotters
- Top-roped climbing on natural rock face, in a climbing gym, or using a portable climbing wall or other age-appropriate facility using trained adult instructors.
- May rappel with trained belayers
- May serve as belayers or spotters after proper training with adult supervision and backup.

**Lead Climbing:** Lead climbing is not approved for any Royal Ranger activities.

**Zip Lines:** Zip lines or other activities where boys are held or transported above the ground at a height higher than the boy's own height require that the boy be securely connected to the transport device or other safety system to prevent a fall. Boys must be secured in such a way that they cannot come loose or let go, either intentionally or unintentionally. Zip lines further require a braking system to prevent an impact at the bottom end of the line.

**Insurance:** Additional insurance coverage may be required for some vertical activities. Event organizers are responsible to insure adequate insurance coverage is in place.





# Think One: DOCTRINE

Royal Rangers: 70 nations, Six regions,  
One doctrinal identity — We are Gospel/Pentecostal

by Douglas MARSH, Director, Royal Rangers International



A great religious leader was teaching his followers in the jungles of India. Devotees from around the world came to hear his teaching. He taught that what most people considered reality was only an illusion. During one of his discourses, his lecture was stamped by a herd of wild elephants. He and his followers immediately climbed trees to protect themselves from certain destruction. As they regained composure and returned to their circle, one doubting disciple asked his religious master why, if the elephants were only illusions and not real, the religious leader joined the rest of the group in the trees. The religious leader answered, "What elephants?"

Biblical truth is not merely to be confessed, but lived and taught. James says, "Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what

you hear!" (1:22, The Message). It brings such fulfillment when we allow the Word to define our actions and our leadership.

I can still hear the words of one Royal Rangers leader on this topic. "Doctrine!?" he exclaimed. "Students don't join Royal Rangers because they want to learn sound church doctrine. They become members because they see the promise of fun and friends."

Up to this point I was in full agreement with this person. It is true that young people become Royal Rangers because of its adventurous lifestyle, not because they researched our doctrine first. What this leader said next, though, surprised me. He concluded, "It does not matter what our doctrine is. Let the local church implementing the ministry decide that." I then proceeded to explain my views.

If young people join Rangers for fun and friends, why devote an entire article to the subject of doctrine? Because what we believe, live, and teach as members of this worldwide ministry matters. Our doctrines define Royal Rangers in at least four ways. They define our (1) identity, (2) source, (3) outposts, and (4) legacy.

## Doctrine Defines Our IDENTITY

Royal Rangers is a full gospel/Pentecostal ministry! It is who we are. Johnnie Barnes, the founder of Royal Rangers, was a Methodist minister when he personally experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It so changed his life and leadership that he designed Royal Rangers to be a ministry defined by the Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today our course is unchanged—we lead a Bible-believing, Pentecostal ministry.

In every generation the church is tested to determine if it will allow the secular world to define it. Today's societies tolerate every lifestyle and choice. Like a termite, compromise with the world is eating away the church's moral authority. Increasingly we talk of godliness, but we do not experience its power in our lives. Sadly, many times our doctrine is not relational; it is believed but not lived out in an expression of love for God.

The church described in the book of Acts faced its generational test, similar to ours, but did not let an immoral society dislodge its firm identity. The church was devoted



to preaching the Word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result, the message was spread throughout the entire known world.

The lesson for us today is that our ministry identity must likewise remain unchanged—we are Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Holy Spirit-empowered. We proclaim both the truth of the Word *and* the power of the Spirit. If we only teach the truth, we become legalistic. If we only teach the Spirit, we become libertarians given to excess. We are to minister the Word in the power of the Spirit. Royal Rangers is a global, full gospel/Pentecostal ministry with life changing power.

### Doctrine Defines Our SOURCE

I have yet to run into a leader who is afraid of the full gospel label on Royal Rangers. It is the word *Pentecostal* that some fear. They explain, “While I am personally Pentecostal, many churches will not establish Royal Rangers if we identify ourselves as a Pentecostal ministry!”

Their concerns revolve around potential ministry growth—which we all know is important. The number of churches that adopt Royal Rangers, however, does *not* limit our growth. Expansion is limited only by our evangelistic efforts. Just take a look at the Full Gospel Forum in Stuttgart, Germany. That *one* church has Royal Rangers groups in over 14 locations around the city and numbers well over 1,000 Rangers. Their strategy is biblical—it is based on evangelism.

Don’t misunderstand. We want to establish Royal Rangers in every Pentecostal and charismatic church possible, and additionally in any non-Pentecostal, evangelical church willing to associate with Royal Rangers. But we lack integrity if we hide who we are and what we teach. We cannot expect God’s blessing if we downplay who we are for the benefit of increase. God’s formula for growth is *evangelism* and *discipleship*, and it works every time it is tried.

What is more, this attitude betrays a hesitancy to depend on God’s power. If the baptism in the Holy Spirit confers additional power for ministry, the logical question is, “How *much* additional power is gained?” A *dramatic amount* is the answer!

Pentecostal scholar Dr. Gordon Anderson documents, “Pentecostals have been dramatically more successful in planting and growing churches than those who have rejected the Pentecostal understanding of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The following statistics are drawn from the development of Pentecostal missions in the 20th century. In Chile, the Methodists grew to approximately 5,000 members, while the Pentecostals grew to 2,371,000. In Brazil, the Baptists grew to 1,050,000, while the Pentecostals grew to over 21 million. Worldwide, the Christian and Missionary Alliance grew to 1.9 million, while the Assemblies of God surpassed 50 million.” Pentecostal ministry growth is not slightly larger than non-Pentecostal; it is dramatically so!

A word of caution is in order: Pentecostals are not spiritually superior. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is not the only experience of importance in the life of the believer. Of equal importance for life and godliness are justification, Bible

reading and application, prayer, fasting, fellowship, water baptism, sanctification, sacrifice, suffering, and service. Pentecostals, too, must individually develop the fruit of the Spirit, explore the gifts of the Spirit, and unconditionally love each other and the world. However, by experiencing the baptism in the Holy Spirit the Pentecostal receives additional power, gifts, miracles, passion, and emotion for ministry. But we must be emphatic—Pentecostals do not believe that *all* power and gifting for ministry occur after the baptism in the Holy Spirit. But we believe the Bible teaches (and history substantiates) that God has an additional dimension of His grace and power for those who receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The bottom line is, *God* is our source for ministry growth. His Word instructs us to reach the lost and to do so in His power, not our own. He is our source. Let us humbly, obediently, and completely depend on Him.

### Doctrine Defines Our OUTPOSTS

Even Pentecostals have different beliefs regarding when one is baptized in the Holy Spirit and the evidence of that. Statistically, the vast majority of Pentecostals hold to the traditional belief that the purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for empowerment for service and that the initial physical evidence is speaking in tongues. Non-Pentecostal Evangelicals usually teach that the Holy Spirit is received by faith at salvation and there is no subsequent baptism.

Charismatics maintain that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience that follows justification, but that tongues, while usually accompanying the experience, are not necessarily the initial evidence—any of the gifts may be the evidence. Moreover, they emphasize tongues as a prayer language and to some degree de-emphasize it as empowerment for service. The newer Third Wave groups believe in tongues, believe it can provide additional power, but are vague as to whether the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a specific experience. These are just some of the views among Pentecostals.

These differences, however, do not present a challenge to Royal Rangers. Our motive is not to debate these distinctions, but rather to underscore the fact that we all depend on the work of the Holy Spirit. We also understand that the Holy Spirit is not the only doctrine or discipline we teach. In fact, it is one of many (as mentioned earlier)—justification, sanctification, Bible reading, prayer, fasting, the church and its mission, water baptism, suffering, service, *and* the Holy Spirit. We do not teach all these *except* the Holy Spirit; we teach them all, *including* the Spirit. We simply agree not to make these disparate views regarding the baptism in the Holy Spirit an issue.

This understanding defines our outposts because it determines the development of ministry curriculum designed both for evangelism and discipleship. The curriculum presents the full gospel, including the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, our methods and ministry at national and international camps will reflect our Pentecostal foundation. We will focus our events to reach the lost

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and to encourage the students to seek *everything* God has for them, *including* the baptism in the Holy Spirit. If our constituents understand our full-gospel orientation beforehand, conflict is avoided.

One of the awesome things I have witnessed over the past 20 years developing Royal Rangers in Latin America and around the world, is how this position has allowed Royal Rangers to bridge the gap between many different churches, including non-Pentecostals. Evangelicals and Pentecostals agree on most doctrine. And, increasingly, more evangelicals are experiencing the baptism in the Holy Spirit. These congregations eagerly want to use Royal Rangers to reach their communities. They know we are a Pentecostal ministry and are open to experience what they will as they use our curriculum and attend our camps. *We welcome them!*

Our curriculum dictates how we train our leaders, what we do at our camps, and that shapes what takes place in our outpost meetings. As you can tell, our doctrine has a huge influence upon our outposts.

### Doctrine Defines Our LEGACY

It goes without saying that our doctrine impacts the future, our ministry legacy. As national leaders we are responsible to see that Royal Rangers grows inside our nation. But of equal importance are the trails we blaze for those who will follow—these trails point the way for future generations. Every current and future national leader should be vigilant to position Royal Rangers as a cutting-edge evangelistic and Spirit-empowered ministry. The human tendency, except we provide decisive leadership, is to drift away from our foundational purposes—to forget who we are, to revise or ignore our Pentecostal history, or to rely on ourselves rather than our divine growth source.

We are all familiar with the YMCA, the Young Men's Christian Association. George Williams started the movement in London in 1844. He described himself growing up as a "careless, thoughtless, godless, swearing young fellow," but eventually became a devout Christian. When he started the YMCA he was a 23-year-old draper who wanted to provide the young men of London an environment where they would not be tempted into the rampant sin of the city.

"The Y," as it is also known, was without question a Bible-based, evangelistic ministry. It quickly grew around the world. Lay evangelists like Dwight L. Moody and John Mott were part of the organization, which began to send missionaries around the world to accelerate its expansion and evangelism.

But let us move quickly from its roots to where the YMCA is today, 162 years later. While it still accomplishes many noble things, few of its individual clubs fulfill the intentions of its founder. Many are community fitness centers or youth hostels, but have little or no evangelistic impact. Why did this happen? Leaders through the years forgot about their identity, their Source, their history, their future.

As leaders we cannot afford to dilute our identity as a full gospel/Pentecostal ministry. If we minimize who we are

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thinking it will encourage growth, we deceive ourselves and do so at our own peril.

What will our Royal Rangers story be when we are 162 years old? You and I are literally deciding that today by our doctrines and by how we practice them in our own lives. History is full of ministries that, like museums, showcase their doctrines and Christian roots, which were once held sacred but are now empty of reality and influence. Let's determine that will never be our legacy!

Peter Cartwright, a nineteenth-century circuit-riding Methodist preacher in the United States, was an uncompromising man. One Sunday morning when he was to preach, he was told that President Andrew Jackson was in the congregation, and was

warned not to say anything out of line.

When Cartwright stood to preach, he tactfully said, "I understand that Andrew Jackson is here. I have been requested to guard my remarks. Ladies and Gentlemen, Andrew Jackson, just like you and me, will either spend eternity in heaven or hell depending on his choice to repent or not." He then proceeded to preach a powerful evangelistic message to which many responded.

The congregation watched carefully after the service wondering how the President would respond. President Jackson shook hands with the Pentecostal preacher and said, "Sir, if I had a regiment of men just like you, I could radically change our nation!" God has commissioned you and me to build a "regiment" of bold ministers, adults and young people to radically change our world in the power of the Holy Spirit. That is our awesome privilege!

As national leaders I urge you to know the Word from which all our doctrines come, experience them, live them, love them, teach them, and, when necessary, defend them (Ps. 119:103). Let us live and lead so that we anchor Royal Rangers on the Word of God and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the only way Royal Rangers will stay strong and healthy—if we personally recommit ourselves to them. To do anything less is to court compromise and decline.

Let's **ThinkOne: DOCTRINE**. God has established Royal Rangers in 70 nations, six regions, and *He calls us to adequately declare the always-relevant Word of truth to every Ranger-age student in the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.*



**ROYAL RANGERS**  
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# Royal Rangers Commit Themselves to “Unprecedented Evangelism”

by Andy WHITMAN

**R**oyal Rangers International (RRI) held a historic conference in Orlando, Fla., February 20–25, 2006. In Spanish, the conference was called Seminario de Actualización Latinoamericano (SAL, which means salt). The purpose was to introduce new evangelistic program resources to national Royal Rangers leaders in the Spanish-speaking world. One hundred and five leaders (twice as many as originally expected) from Spain, Italy, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean attended.

The conference atmosphere was charged with energy as Puerto Rican trumpet player Willie Nieves opened each morning with a concert of praise. Guest speakers included Dick Nicholson, Assemblies of God World Missions regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean; Richard Marriot, U.S. national commander; Martin Seiler, leader of the world’s largest Royal Rangers outpost (with more than 1,200 members, located in Stuttgart, Germany); and Enrique Strochein, Assemblies of God general superintendent of Argentina. The ministry of the Word stressed the importance of evangelism, prayer, and Holy Spirit enthusiasm, guidance, and power to grow Royal Rangers.

In addition to the ample resources, instruction and motivation received, the national leaders enjoyed great fellowship. Many were so excited to be with fellow Rangers leaders from around the world that they stayed up all evening talking and interacting.

Perhaps the most exciting result of the conference was seeing the national commanders accept a challenge

issued by Doug Marsh, director of RRI. Reciting the first part of the Royal Rangers pledge, “With God’s help I will do my best to serve God...” the national leaders committed themselves “to an unprecedented effort of Ranger-evangelism.” As a group they set a goal to grow the ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean from 45,000 to more than 250,000 within the next 10 years!

RRI is grateful to Pastor Saturnino Gonzalez of Iglesia El Calvario for being such a gracious host. Also to the following churches for generously supporting the SAL and investing into the future of Ranger-evangelism overseas: Faith Assembly of God, Orlando, Fla.; Mandarin First Assembly, Jacksonville, Fla.; New Life Assembly, Kissimmee, Fla.; Victory Assembly, Lakeland, Fla.; and Evangel Assembly of God, Wichita, Kan.

There is little doubt this conference will be viewed as historic. What will follow is “unprecedented Ranger-evangelism!”





# World Class Outpost

By Rich Mariott

In March 2006 at the National Royal Rangers Council, the World Class Outpost seminar (WCO) was officially released as a new addition to the national Royal Rangers training camp event list. After several years in development, the seminar was a great success, according to the seminar feedback survey.

The WCO will be a vital tool in helping Royal Rangers leaders to make an assessment of where they are and to develop a plan to move forward. The WCO course is also helpful at any level—outpost, section, district, region, and national. It provides a model to “analyze, review, set goals, and develop a scorecard for achieving measurable goals.” At the end of each session, leaders are given time to rally with their groups and complete the assessment for their outposts. This seminar is held on a Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, totaling around ten hours of instruction and workshops.

## Session 1 – Five Categories of Outposts

Leaders are introduced to the five categories or types of outposts. Most outposts are a combination of two categories. Leaders learn that each category has been identified with specific characteristics and are provided with the overall results of that category.

### Five Categories of Outposts

- Category 1: The Struggling Outpost
- Category 2: The Stormy Outpost
- Category 3: The Steady Outpost
- Category 4: The Striving Outpost
- Category 5: The Soaring Outpost

Some anecdotal evidence suggests:  
80% of outposts fall into Categories 1 and 2

10% of outposts fall into Category 3

8% of outposts fall into Category 4

2% of outposts fall into Category 5

“Wouldn’t it be great if we could get at least half of the 80% grouping into Category 3!”

## Session 2—World Class by Design

When leaders use the term *by design*, it is important to realize that becoming the best possible outpost does not happen by accident; it will only happen **by design**. This is important to not only understand but also to put into practice. Leaders learn the seven common methods or practices that world-class outposts employ, and they will begin to develop a master plan to become world class.



## Session 3—World Class Leadership & Teamwork

This helps leaders identify personal leadership qualities that prepare teams for success. Many use the term *team*; few adequately understand the ingredients necessary to have a world-class team.

We have all heard the statement, “Everything rises and falls on leadership.” Quality leaders develop a team of leaders, and together inspire people to follow them and assist them to pursue a big and important goal.

Included in this session:

- Personal and Team Result of Integrity
- Leadership Aptitudes
- Understanding Your Personal Sphere of Influence
- Ingredients of Developing a Team

## Session 4—World Class Pastoral Relations & Support

This session helps leaders develop and understand the importance of pastoral relations and support. Any outpost leader seeking to build a world-class outpost must view the pastor as the team owner and the associate pastor, or whomever has direct oversight of Royal Rangers, as the team coach. Incorporating these concepts is vital to the success of Royal Rangers in any church.

Supporting and working with the pastor or the designated associate pastor with a clear understanding of the church’s vision to reach the community must be included in the WCO plan. I like the statement, “The Royal Rangers ministry is only one spoke of the wheel with the church being the center, or hub, of the wheel.”

## Session 5—World Class Communications

This session is specifically designed to enhance personal communications skills. The different styles of communication are discussed, and examples of other options for a leader’s personal use are provided. This session also covers the roles of the communicator and the receiver and how to use tools to help leaders see if someone is processing the information.

LLI (Lay Leadership International)—Discovering Your Motivational

Gifts survey is completed by everyone in order to obtain a clear understanding of the team’s spiritual gifts as they relate to those mentioned in Romans 12:6-8. Leaders are given the Florence Littauer’s Personality Plus personality survey and the information to help them have a better understanding of their communication options.



## Session 6—World Class Administrative Strategy

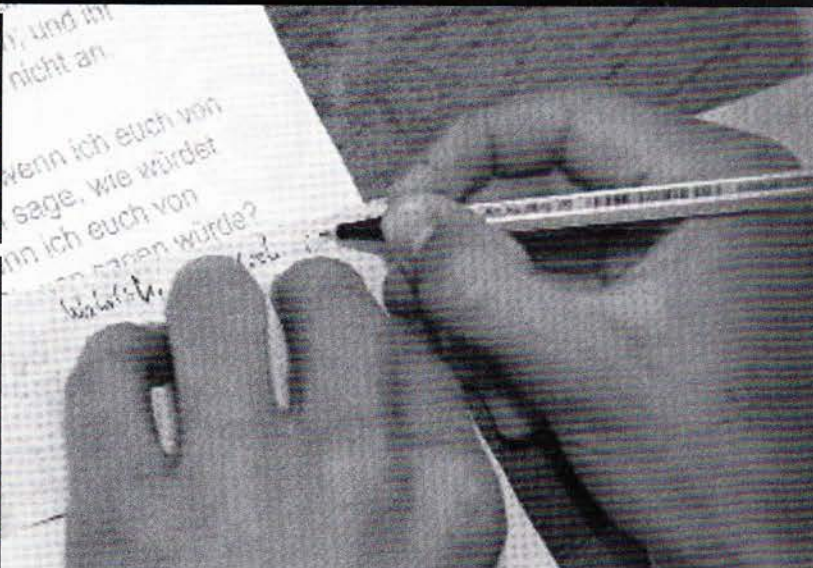
This session provides leaders time to reflect, along with other leaders, on the outpost’s vision and mission, perform a self-assessment, and set in motion the administrative processes that will guide them toward the next level of effectiveness. It provides charts and outlines to help leaders build a specific plan to reach their goals and to track their progress with a measurable assessment tool, called “The Outpost Scorecard.”

This is a quick overview of the new seminar. Additional information will be posted on the national RR website. Contact the district commander or district training coordinator to schedule a World Class Outpost seminar.



# Bundescamp Bible Project

Interview between Martin Seiler & Royal Rangers International — February 22, 2006



Many of our readers are probably familiar with the now famous Bundescamp, that took place in Germany last August. The Bundescamp was the largest gathering of Royal Rangers ever held in the world. However, some may not be aware of the special Bible project that occurred during the camp.

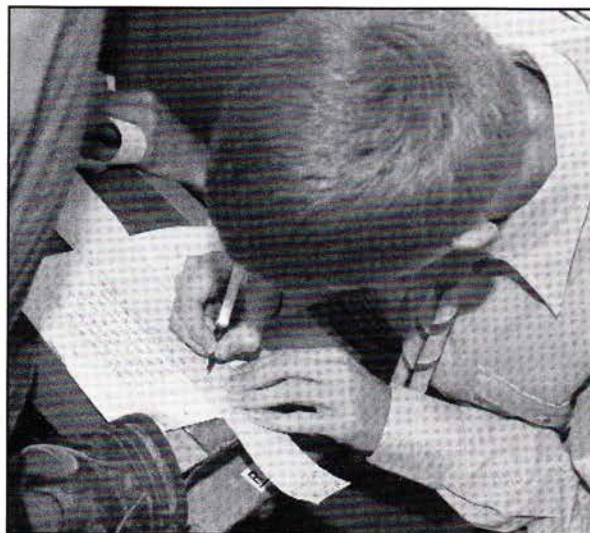
Royal Rangers International had the privilege of interviewing Martin Seiler, who was the innovator of the Bundescamp Bible Project and also happens to lead the world's largest Royal Ranger outpost (with more than 1,200 Rangers). Martin was responsible for the program ideas for the entire Bundescamp, based on a theme of ancient Rome and the spread of early Christianity.

Martin wanted to include segments in the camp program that highlighted the importance of the Bible. He brought in a biblical archeologist named Andi Schick to make an exhibit of the Bible through the ages, featuring many ancient manuscripts. Since the camp was being held only 25 miles from Wartburg castle, where Luther first translated the Bible into German, Martin decided to have an event where all the camp participants helped in making a copy of the Bible. This was also meant to remind the Rangers of all the Christians who had carefully preserved and painstakingly hand copied God's Word through the centuries.

Another German Ranger leader named Frank Lehmann was chosen to develop a system by which 7,000 Rangers would each receive a page with part of the Bible to transcribe onto a special strip of real papyrus paper. The Luther translation of the Bible was the version chosen, of course, which is dearly loved by the German people and similar to our King James Version in English. In fact, Luther's translation was referenced by the translators of the King James Version and served as a strong influence.

The Bible project team approached the Guinness Record organization to see if they were interested in timing the event for a possible world record. Unfortunately they were not interested due to its religious nature. The unofficial record for a previous attempt at copying the Bible was known to be about 50 minutes. The Rangers at Bundescamp did it in 15 minutes!

The papyrus strips they used have now been bound together into a special Ranger Bible, with an embossed leather cover. The finished Bible weighs a whopping 92.5 pounds and its dimensions are 32 X 20 X 15 inches. It is presently touring Germany and will be showcased at upcoming Pow Wows and other Ranger events. Royal Rangers International wishes to congratulate our fellow German Rangers on a terrific camp and a great Bible project that has inspired thousands of young people everywhere, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.





# ROYAL RANGERS NATIONAL

★★★★ Championships ★★★★★

## What is One of the Best Kept Secrets in Royal Rangers?

by Steve SCHULTZ

Did you know that every chartered outpost can participate in the National Championships? There are several areas you can compete in and, who knows, you may have what it takes to be a National Champion!

You can compete in traditional events like JBQ and TBQ, sponsored by BGMC or the Youth departments. The top finishers at the JBQ and TBQ National Competition will also be recognized by the Royal Rangers Ministries Office. You can also participate in BB Gun, Sporter Air Rifle, Smallbore Rifle, Black Powder Rifle, Trap Shooting (sponsored by the NRA), or Archery (sponsored by the *National Alliance for the Development of Archery*). This can be done at outpost, section, or district events. Simply follow the rules and guidelines that can be found on the Royal Rangers Ministries national website at <http://www.royalrangers.ag.org/> under Events. You can participate in as many of the events as you want. Have your commander set up an event so you can find out if you have what it takes to be a national champion.

## 2005 National Championships Results

### 2005 Archery Postal Results — Recurve Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Raleigh Miller	8 & under	Minnesota	94	113	1
Nathan Torres	9	So. Cal	75	67	1
Duncan Belfour	10	So. Cal	31	138	1
Tyler Sunnarborg	11	Minnesota	94	122	1
Jon Willis	12	So. Cal		180	1
Jeremy Eichholz	13	Minnesota	94	205	1
Justin Torrey	14 - 15	So. Cal.	210	183	1
Mike Bruder	16 - 18	So. Cal.	267	238	1
David Walker	Adult	So. Cal.	106	242	1

### 2005 Archery Postal Results — Compound/Genesis Division

Name	Age Class	District	Outpost	Score	Place
Nick Rosier	8 & under	Minnesota	94	84	1
Trever Norlund	9	Minnesota	14	119	1
Cameron Close	10	Minnesota	14	136	1
Bryce Penner	11	Minnesota	99	156	1
Jon McIntyre	12	Minnesota	94	230	1
Raymond Rodriguez Jr.	13	Oklahoma	377	181	1
Ethan Blocher-Smith	14 - 15	Indiana	1	131	1
Brian Parrott	16 - 18	NW	135	207	1
Harry Walker	Adult	So. Cal.	106	252	1





### NRA/Royal Ranger BB Gun

Place	Age	Name	Score	Outpost	District
1	15	Glenn Kemble	269	68	Pen-Del
1	14	Joshua Miller	252	68	Pen-Del
1	13	Markevin Crider	219	20	KY
1	12	Eric Kemble	265	68	Pen-Del
1	11	Timothy Burgett	255	68	Pen-Del
1	10	Austin Robinson	211	68	Pen-Del
1	9	Andrew Bourgeois	176	147	Pen-FL
1	8	Wyatt Robinett	116	11	Appalachian

### BB Gun Team Results

1	15	Newport Blue	1287	68	Pen-Del
1	13	Lansing, IL	744	257	IL
1	10-12	Newport RED	1178	68	Pen-Del

### NRA/Royal Ranger Sporter Air Rifle

1	Sub Jr	Courtland Sherrett	113	257	S Cal
1	Inter Jr	Dean LaDelfa	49	85	NY

### NRA/Royal Ranger Light Rifle

1	Adult	Le Roy Tanner	261	105	S TX
1	Senior	Johnathon Morrow	107	377	OK
1	Junior	Chris Sossamon	117	275	AR

### NRA/Royal Ranger Black Powder Rifle

1	Adult	Le Roy Tanner	133	105	S TX
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## JBQ 2005 Results — GOLD LEVEL WINNERS

Name	Award Level	Church
Josh Matejka	GOLD	First A/G, St. Charles, Missouri
Justin Williford	GOLD	Willington Village A/G, Little Rock, Arkansas
Tracy Wilson	GOLD	Pace A/G, Pace, Florida
Mason Lickey	GOLD	New Life Church, Renton, WA
Kezia Mathew	GOLD	Bethesda Christain, Sterling Heights, MI
Joshua Saunders	GOLD	Orange Co Worship Ctr., Santa Ana, CA
Isaac Storms	GOLD	First A/G, Fort Wayne, IN
Matthew Adams	GOLD	Worship Center, Leesburg, VA
Andrew Ingerson	GOLD	Hosanna Family Worship Center, Shreveport, LA
Dillon Rockrohr	GOLD	Evangel Temple, Kansas City, MO
Hunter Funk	GOLD	Glad Tidings, Austin, TX
Keenan Gore	GOLD	Central A/G, Springfield, Missouri



## TBQ 2005 Results

### CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — GOLD LEVEL

Name(s)	Finish Team/Ind.	Church
Michael Rose	11/27	Church at Briargate Colorado Springs, CO
Jared Burkhalter	12/14	Faith A/G, Orlando, FL
Nathan Tuttle	13/6	Nixa Assembly of God, Nixa, MO
Mike Lilientahl	13/59	Nixa Assembly of God, Nixa, MO
Eddy Ferreira	18/22	Calvary A/G, Dunwoody, GA
Etic Ferreira	12/53	Calvary A/G, Dunwoody, GA



### CHALLENGER DIVISION — SILVER LEVEL

Jeff Richmond	1/56	Grace A/G, Spring City, PA
James Pryer	2/10	Orange County Worship Center, Santa Anna, CA





# Devotionals for Boys

by Kim ELLIOTT  
CANDY COATING

*Kids love candy! This month's object lessons use common candies to communicate God's word.*

## OBJECT LESSON 1:

*Zechariah 7:4-12*

*Then the word of the LORD Almighty came to me: "Ask all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for evil of each other.'*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Several unwrapped lollipops with candy & gum inside (Tootsie Pops, Blow Pops, etc.)
- One volunteer from the audience

Place variety of lollipops in clear view of the students. Ask for a volunteer from the audience. Ask him to identify the flavor of what is inside the lollipop by simply looking at them. (No smelling, tasting, etc.) Talk about how difficult it would be to discern the different flavors by just looking.

Ask the children, "Why was it hard to know what was inside each of the lollipops?" "Would you have guessed the right flavor if the wrapper was on the lollipop? What if the lollipop was soft on the outside, like bread, and we could have pressed our finger in to peek at what was inside? Was it hard to tell what was inside because of the hard coating on the outside?"

### Read Zechariah 7:4-12.

Tell the children that sometimes we can put a hard coating around our lives that makes it difficult for others to decide what we really are. Sometimes, we become so used to doing the "church" thing that we develop hard hearts and we do not please God.

In this biblical account, the prophet Zechariah was informed by God that the religious activities of the people were not pleasing to God because they were doing them for their own benefit rather than for God.

When God corrected the people, they refused to listen to Him and instead continued to do their own thing. The bible says that the people made their own hearts hard and refused to listen to what God said.

*They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent. So the LORD Almighty was very angry.*

This made God very angry.

The people had a choice, they could have listened to what God said and obeyed his word. If they had done that, they might have avoided God's anger.

Ask the children to think about times when they do certain activities just because they are "supposed" to do them, (examples: praying at mealtime or bedtime, attending church service, giving offering). Now, explain to the children that it is not wrong to do these things; in fact, God wants us to do all of these things and more. But, we must be careful that in everything that we do, we do it because we want to please God.

## OBJECT LESSON 2:

*James 1:2-3*

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Warheads Sour candy
- Two (or more) very brave volunteers from the audience

Tell the children that you are going to have a candy eating contest. The rules of the contest are simple...each contestant must hold the candy in their mouth without making a funny face or spitting it out. You can't bite the candy; you must hold it in your mouth in order to win. (The candy is incredibly sour and it is nearly impossible to hold it your mouth without puckering up!)

Ask the volunteers if it was difficult to keep a straight



face while holding the candy in their mouths. Ask them if anyone got past the sour flavor and was able to enjoy the sweet inside of the candy.

Explain to the children that as we go through life, sometimes we have to endure situations that are difficult to make it through. Those situations are called trials. Ask the children to think of some situations that might be considered "trials" in their lives. (Examples: parents divorcing, death of someone close, bad grades, mean people, etc.)

### Read James 1:2-3.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Now, explain to the group that as Christians, we are supposed to be happy, even joyful, when we go through trials. Explain that some of the difficult things that we endure can make us stronger in our faith.

Ask the students what happens when you get past the sour outside of the Warheads Sour candy? What is on the inside? It's a sweet, tasty candy that is very enjoyable. Part of why it is so enjoyable is because your mouth still remembers the sour, unpleasant taste of the outside. Remind the students that when you persevere through tough times, you can enjoy the sweet times even more.

## OBJECT LESSON 3:

1 Corinthians 12: 27-30

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- A bowl filled with a variety of Jelly Belly Jelly Beans (there are 50 original flavors and lots more specialty flavors)

Hand out one or two Jelly Bellies to each student. Tell the students that they can go ahead and eat their Jelly Belly. After everyone has received their candy and has eaten it, ask several different students what flavor they tasted. There should be a lot of variety in their answers.

Talk about the variety in flavors and ask the students why the Jelly Belly Company didn't just make one or two different flavors of Jelly Bellies. (Possible answers: not

everyone likes the same kind, you couldn't mix them up, it would be boring, etc.)

### Read 1 Corinthians 12: 27-30.

Explain that scripture talks about the importance of variety in God's people. What would happen if everyone was the preacher of your church or the teacher of your Sunday School class? What would happen if everyone was speaking in tongues on Sunday morning but no one interpreted? Every person's role in God's Kingdom is equally important. God has created variety in His people, much like the Jelly Belly Company created variety in their Jelly Bellies, so that each person would fill a specific need.

## OBJECT LESSON 4:

Matthew 23:27-28

*"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like white-washed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- A Large hollow chocolate bunny (The ones that are sold at Easter-time)  
- The bigger the better!

Hold the Bunny up and ask if anyone could eat that much chocolate. Talk about how good it would be to dig into a great big piece of chocolate like that. As you are talking, "accidentally" squeeze your hand tight enough to crumble the bunny. Groan as you show it to the children and tell them that it wasn't as much chocolate as you had thought.

Tell the children that God's word talks about people who are like the chocolate bunny, people who are different on the outside than they are on the inside. Jesus uses some strong words about this. He calls those people hypocrites.

### Read Matthew 23:27-28 27.

Explain to the children that when they are following the Lord closely, what is on the outside will match what is on the inside. Ask them about different signs of our faith that are outward signs (that people can see). They may answer with a variety of things such as raising hands in worship, dressing modestly, etc. Ask them about signs of our faith that are inward signs (that people cannot see). They may answer with a variety of things such as patience, kindness, prayer, etc.

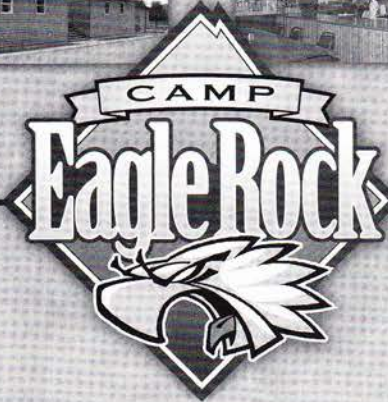
Finish the lesson by sharing ways that you can create a Godly example for others in your outward appearance & in your heart.



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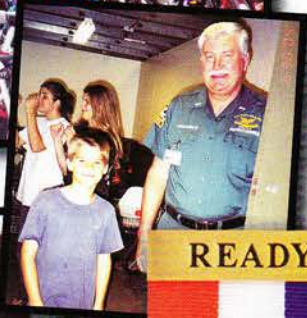
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## “With God’s help, I will do my best to serve...”

The opening lines of the Royal Ranger Pledge clearly establish acts of service as a core component of living the life of a Royal Ranger. In fact, service to others was the whole focus of Christ’s ministry on this earth (Mark 10:45) as well as His ongoing ministry on our behalf today. To be a true Ranger at heart means actively fostering a heart of service, serving “God, my church, and my fellow man.”

When Nathan Myhre, a 12-year-old Adventure Ranger from St. Petersburg, Fla., was looking for a good service project for his GMA he naturally thought of the kids at Camp Joy.

In the summer of 2003, Nathan went with his family to serve at Camp Joy, a short-term summer camp in Pinellas County, Fla., for homeless children, ages 5-13. Children came to Camp Joy from several homeless shelters throughout the area for four fun-filled days of activities and events followed each evening by the presentation of the good news of God’s love. Nathan had first felt the desire to help others when he had seen a Light For The Lost video when he was 9 years old. He was touched by the situation of kids in need and felt in his heart the desire to help them in some way.

At Camp Joy, Nathan served as a general assistant to the camp director and was quick to help out in any way he could. He was especially useful at the waterfront, where he often had the opportunity to assist campers who were struggling with their canoes and helping them back to shore. He quickly became known as the “canoeist’s rescuer,” a role he seemed to perform well in and enjoyed.

The campers enjoyed a variety of fun activities, but one of the favorites was biking. An ongoing problem, however, was the constant shortage of bikes. There always seemed to be more campers than bikes, and many campers seldom had the opportunity to ride. Nathan saw how much the campers enjoyed the biking activities and decided to find a solution.

The following spring, while the Myhre family made plans to return to Camp Joy, Nathan devised a plan to provide more bikes. He began by sending out a letter to the people of his church and community asking for unused, broken, or unwanted bikes. He also contacted the local sheriff’s office to inquire about the collection of unclaimed bikes held in their property storage. After presenting his plan to the property officer at the St. Petersburg county sheriff’s office, he was given approval to collect the bikes. After several trips using a moving van borrowed from Glad Tidings A/G in St. Petersburg, he had nearly 100 bikes for the project. Many of the bikes were in very poor shape. Some were missing parts; others were in need of extensive repairs, while others were completely unrepairable. But Nathan had resolved to provide as many bikes as possible for Camp Joy and set to work repairing as many as he could. Assisted by his father, Doug, as well as a number of others, including several fellow Rangers from his outpost at Suncoast Cathedral, Nathan was able to repair or assemble more than 50 bikes for the camp.

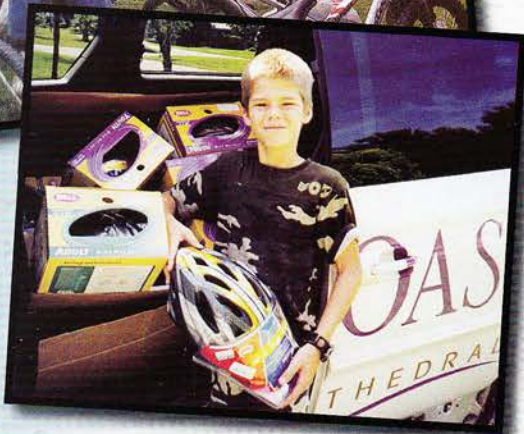
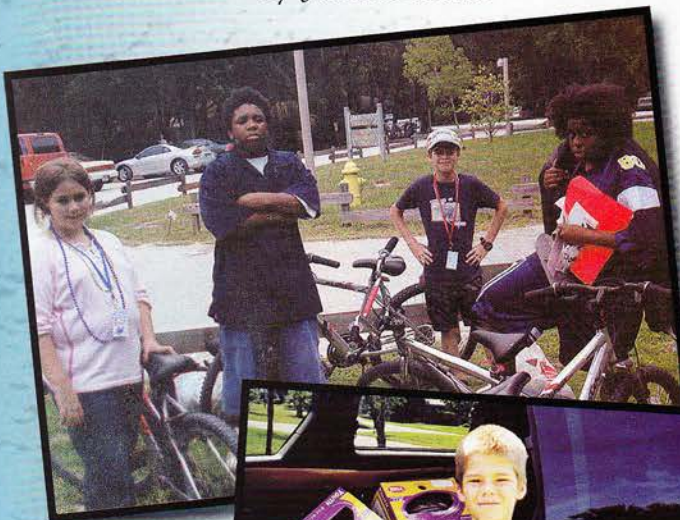
Nathan’s bikes were a welcome addition to Camp Joy and made the biking activities even more of a favorite with the campers. In fact, the bikes were so popular that Nathan and the staff decided to begin presenting the bikes to campers as awards for achieving higher levels of Bible memorization. By the end of camp, a large number of the bikes had been given as awards with a number remaining for use at the camp next year.

As an added blessing, a local health organization promoting the treatment and prevention of epilepsy heard of Nathan’s project and decided to donate a large number of new helmets to be given away with the bikes.

Overall, Nathan’s project provided more than 40 bikes to the kids of the various homeless shelters of Pinellas County and still provided a good number of bikes for activities at Camp Joy. Nathan’s efforts in planning and leading this project serve as a good example of a Ranger with a heart for service, living the life of a servant of Christ.

# GMA SERVICE PROJECT: Bicycle Resurrection

by John HICKS





# ROYAL RANGERS ADVENTURES

WRITTEN, COLORED  
AND LETTERED BY  
"CRAZY" CRAIG SCHUTT!  
PENCILED AND INKED BY  
"HAPPY" JAVIER SALTARES!

WHAT COULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN AN  
ADVENTURE-FILLED DAY AT CAMPORAMA?  
PERHAPS A RANGERS-INSPIRED DREAM...

zzzzzzzzzz...

A CRY FOR HELP RINGS OUT! SUDDENLY, FOUR  
MILD-MANNERED BOYS, THEIR ABILITIES  
TRAINED TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF HUMAN  
ACCOMPLISHMENT AS **ROYAL RANGERS**, SPRING  
INTO ACTION, **READY** TO TAKE ON ANY CHALLENGE!

Straightarrow!

The Rappeller!

READY,  
RANGERS?

READY!!

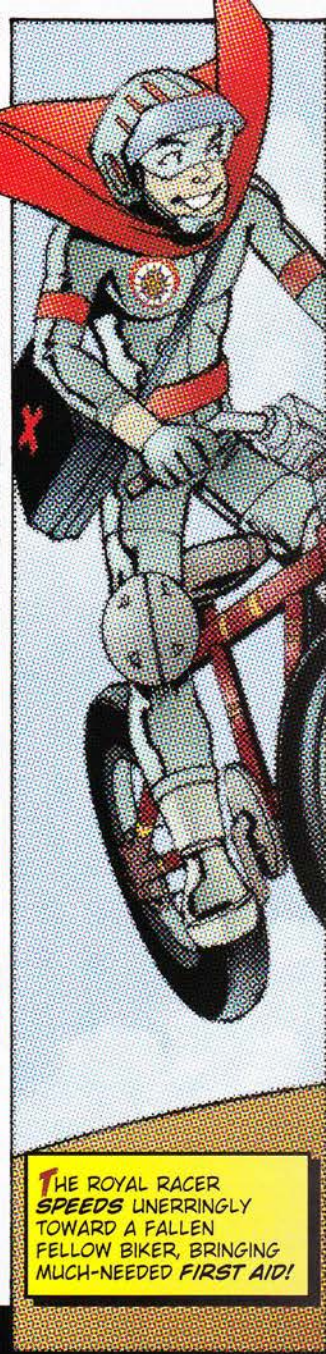
Royal Racer!

Waterboy!

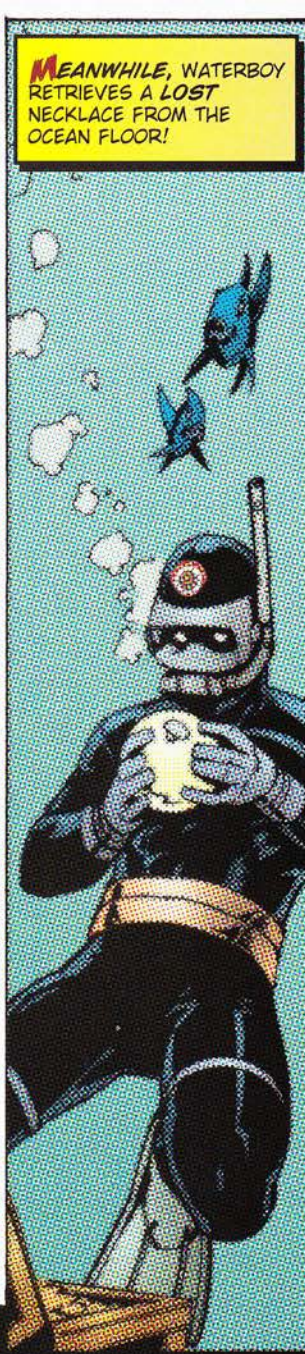




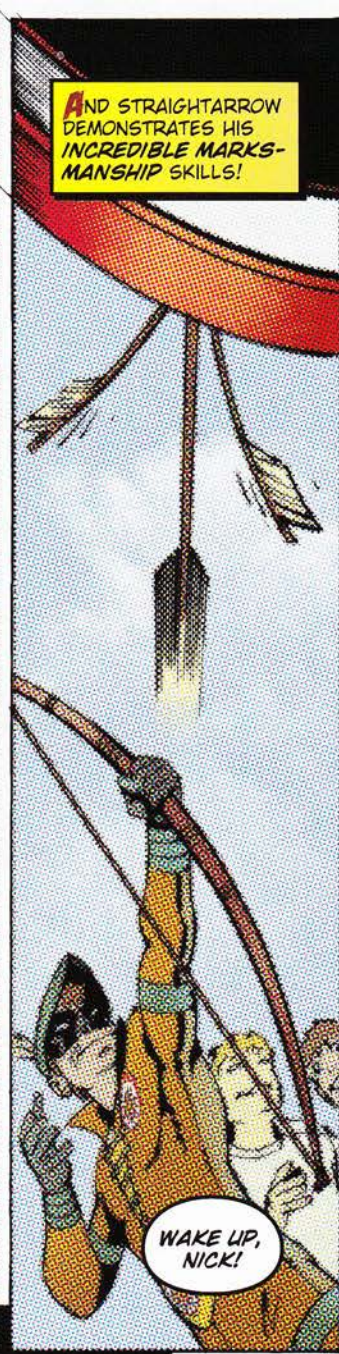
USING SKILLS THAT EARNED HIM A SILVER MERIT BADGE, THE RAPPELLER FEARLESSLY RESCUES A KITTEN FROM PRECARIOUS HEIGHTS!



THE ROYAL RACER SPEEDS UNERRINGLY TOWARD A FALLEN FELLOW BIKER, BRINGING MUCH-NEEDED FIRST AID!



MEANWHILE, WATERBOY RETRIEVES A LOST NECKLACE FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR!



AND STRAIGHTARROW DEMONSTRATES HIS INCREDIBLE MARKSMANSHIP SKILLS!

WAKE UP, NICK!



WAKE UP!

WHHAA??



W-WATERBOY?

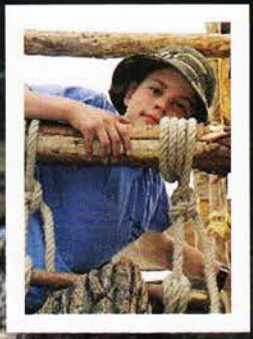
ROYAL RACER?

HA!

I THINK YOU NEED TO LAY OFF THE COMIC BOOKS FOR A WHILE, NICK!

HAHAHA!

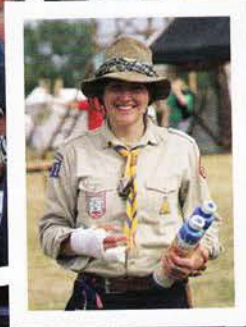
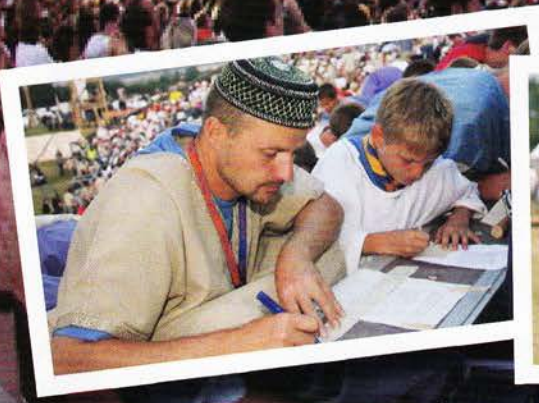




# BUNDESCAMP

GERMAN NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

by Doug MARSH, director, Royal Rangers International





**G**otha, Germany, was the site of the largest Royal Rangers event ever held in the 44-year history of this growing ministry. The German National Camporama, known as the Bundescamp, a German word for friendship, was held in August 2005. This amazing event saw registered attendance of more than 10,600 people, with approximately 2,000 additional visitors, including pastors, parents, friends, and governmental leaders. Delegations from 13 nations were in attendance, including the U.S.A., South Africa, Argentina, and Ukraine, as well as several other European nations.

The Bundescamp was the largest national camping-type event ever held in Germany and favorable news articles and color photos were splashed all over the local newspapers. The previous record had been set in 1935 when 9,000 German Boy Scouts gathered for a National Jamboree. The camp, however, was forced to end prematurely when on the second day of the camp, Adolf Hitler recognized the event as a threat to his Nazi agenda and sent all of the disappointed campers home.

A long line of 360 flag poles adorned the main roadways inside the camp, each one representing one of the active Royal Rangers outposts in Germany. Each of the different areas of the camp followed a unique ancient theme, fashioned after the great cities of the ancient world, such as Rome, Athens, and Jerusalem. The focal point of the camp was an impressive 10,000-seat amphitheater, resembling the ancient Roman Coliseum, with an awesome set and adorned with a beautiful Royal Rangers emblem in the center of the arena. Evening pageants followed the theme of the Coliseum, complete with Roman soldiers, chariot races, and gladiator contests.

The German Royal Rangers program is the second largest in the world with 12,000 members (second only to the U.S.A.) and includes the largest outpost in the world with more than 1,000 members in Stuttgart, Germany. This growing outpost has set a goal of reaching 10,000 boys and girls for Christ in coming years. Considering the fact that there are presently less than 50,000 Pentecostals/Evangelicals in the entire nation these are clearly astounding statistics. Royal Rangers is truly a powerful force for evangelism in Germany!

Royal Rangers in Germany, as well as in most other European nations, prefer a more rustic form of camping than is typical with most outposts in the U.S.A. German tents are commonly constructed by the assembly of large black canvas panels laced together to form a wide variety of shapes and designs. Supported by long poles, these tents often resemble many of the frontier-style shelters used by FCF groups



in the U.S. Using this method, campers are able to create virtually any size or design of tent. This method of tent construction originated years ago with the German Boy Scout movement, which continues to maintain a close relationship with Royal Rangers to this day.

Other differences between the German form of Royal Rangers and that used in the U.S. includes the de-emphasis of the military look and the inclusion of girls in the program. Largely due to their desire to avoid comparisons with the evils of past state-sponsored youth organizations, such as the Hitler Youth of World War II, many Royal Ranger outposts in Germany take a more casual, family-oriented approach to ministry. Girls are also included as a regular part of the program since coed youth programs have historically been the norm there.

We salute German National Commander Gert Ersfeld and his leadership team for their outstanding vision and leadership in "reaching, teaching, and keeping boys and girls for Christ" throughout Germany. Through their efforts and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, the land of the reformer, Martin Luther, is truly being renewed!

**More photos of this historic event can be found on the Bundescamp web site at <http://www.bundescamp.de/>.**







**ROYAL RANGERS**  
— INTERNATIONAL —

**Reaching Boys Around the World**

## National Training Camp in Bulgaria

by Andrew WHITMAN

Dear Boys and Girls,

On behalf of the children of Bulgaria, we would like to thank you, the children of America, for the BGMC funds that helped get the Royal Rangers ministry going in Bulgaria.

Last year, thanks to BGMC, we were able to translate some of the Royal Rangers program materials into Bulgarian. This year, BGMC funds helped to buy camping equipment. We also used BGMC funds to pay for a special camp to train the Ranger leaders of Bulgaria and to prepare them for the ministry. This was the first National Training Camp in Bulgaria, and your giving helped to make this possible! Rangers from Macedonia and Finland helped to staff the camp.

Royal Rangers in Bulgaria, like other nations in Europe, is a program for boys and girls. It involves children from many ethnic backgrounds, including many Gypsies, and often introduces them to the church and the gospel for the first time.

The enclosed pictures are from a special Royal Rangers service held in the town of Mezdra. The Rangers song was written by one of their leaders. One of the photos shows the local pastor laying hands on the Rangers and blessing them.

Thanks so much for your help and hard work to make all this possible. It touches my heart to no end to see children blessed and the kingdom of God advanced. Many children are being won for Christ through the wonderful ministry of BGMC, and we cannot thank you enough!

Your servant,

**Andrew Whitman**

RRI Communications Coordinator



### SONG OF ROYAL RANGERS

written by *Nikolinka*,  
a Rangers leader in Mezdra, Bulgaria

We are Rangers,  
Always ready.  
We are growing up freely,  
Holy Spirit is in us.

We always are honest,  
Watchful and faithful,  
Brave and polite,  
Children of God.

We are Rangers,  
Always ready for work, games,  
And helping others.

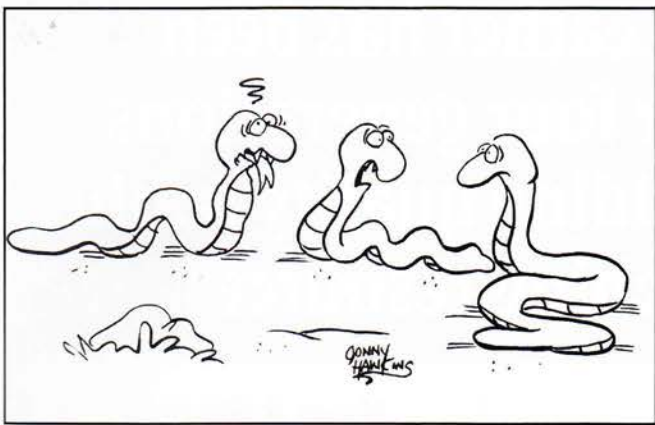
We always are obedient  
To the Word of God,  
Our brothers and sisters,  
And our families.

We are Rangers, always ready!



For more information on Royal Rangers International  
and the growth of Royal Rangers around the world  
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**"Galen bit his tongue. Quick, call the poison control hotline!"**

Why is the sun so bright?

*(Because it listens in class and always does its homework.)*

If your Mother had a baby but it's not your brother and it's not your sister, who is it?

*(It's you!)*

Why didn't they make two Yogibears?

*(Becasue they made a BooBoo!)*

There is a man called Joe. He is 6 feet tall, has size 7 shoes, works behind a sweet counter.

What does he weigh?

*(SWEETS!)*



**"Got anything for hibernation deprivation?"**

# COMEDY CORNER

I'm running without legs  
I'm your friend but your worst enemy  
I'm clear but you can see me

WHAT AM I?

*(water)*

What starts with a p, ends with an e,  
and has one thousand letters?

*(Post office)*

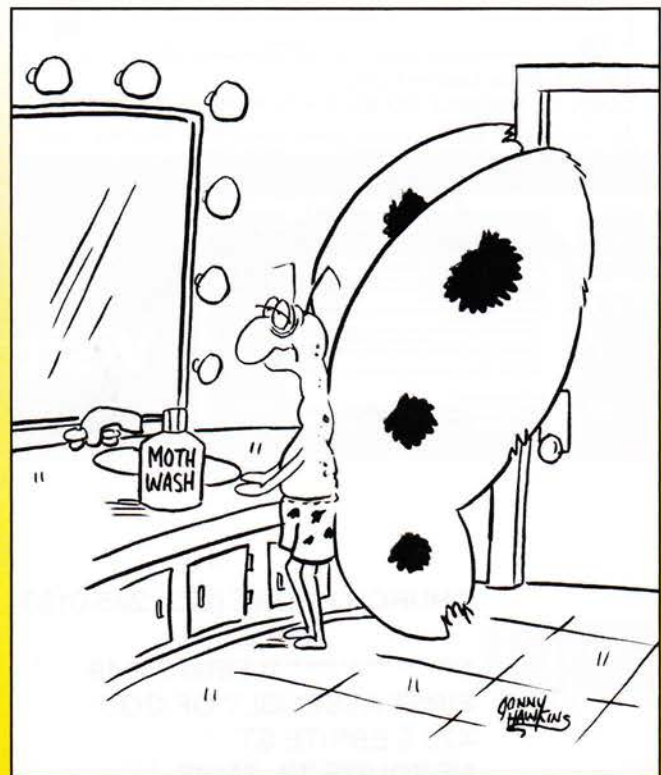
There was once a farmer who hired a helper to help him carry sacks of grain.

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*The helper of course!*

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