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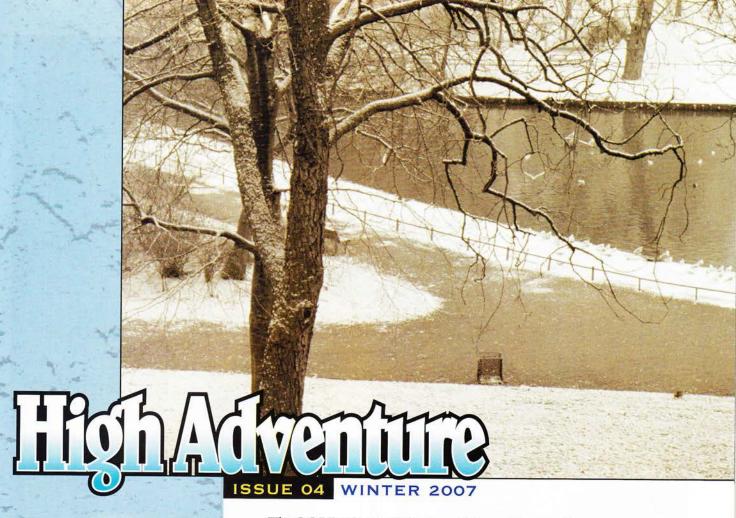
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The LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth comes.

knowledge and understanding. — PROVERBS 2:6

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The Mystery Beneath Your Feet

High Adventure Needs Your Help!

We would like to give you the best High Adventure publication possible, and we are asking for your assistance. Send your name, address, what Royal Rangers group you are in (Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, etc.) along with your comments to: High Adventure Readers' Panel Royal Rangers Ministries 1445 N. Boonville Avenue Springfield, MO 65802-1894 rangers@aq.org

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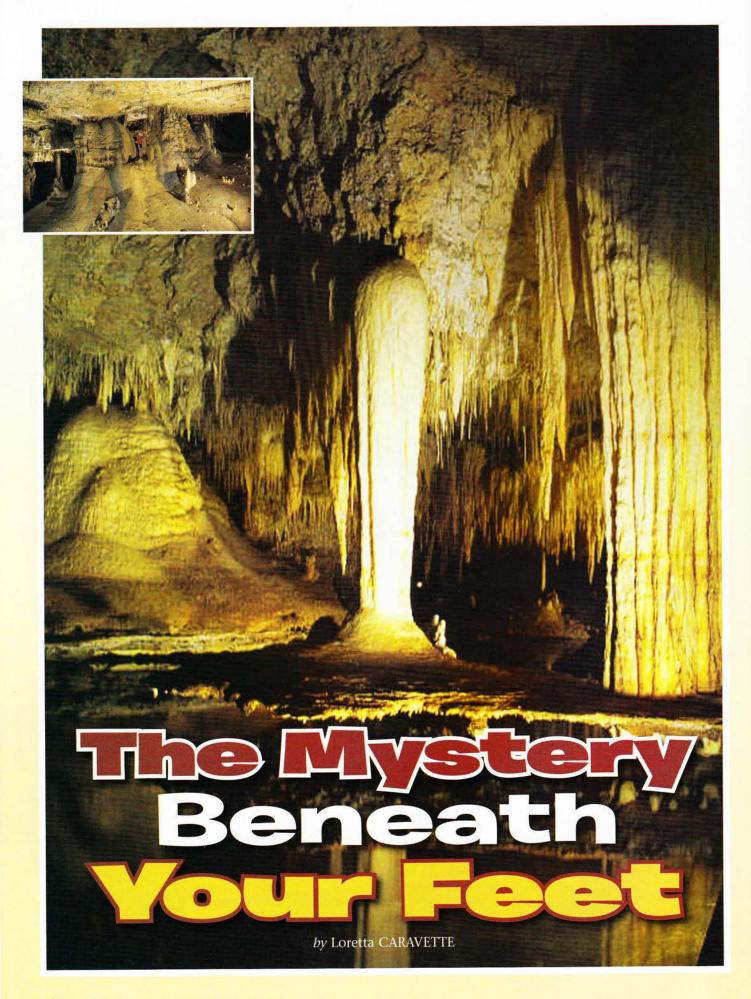
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SPELUNKING—the sport of

cave exploring—is dangerous and exciting. Caves are quiet, dark, and very muddy with spaces so small you have to hold your breath to fit through. But there is nowhere else on earth you will find such unique formations and sights. So, put on your helmet; turn on your light. You are about to explore the underground mystery called caves.

The first thing you notice is how cool it is. No matter what the temperature is outside, a cave stays pretty much the same temperature, about 50° F. As you look around this large room called a cavern, it is hard to believe that only two things created it: rock and water. The cave-making rock in the United States is usually limestone, made from skeletons of coral and seashells deposited millions of years ago.* The water comes from the rain seeping down into the ground. As the water travels downward, it picks up carbon dioxide, which comes from animals (like worms or beetles) and bacteria in the soil. Carbon dioxide mixes with the water and forms a weak acid called carbonic acid. You drink carbonic acid in your soda; the "fizz" is carbon dioxide.

The weak acid eats away at the limestone. It works its way into cracks of the stone and starts to dissolve it. The water turns and twists through the rock, carrying the dissolved minerals away.

As long as water keeps flowing, the openings in the rock grows bigger and bigger. It is a very slow process. Caves take over a million years to form.*

Listen as you move through the cave. You will not hear any sounds from the outside world. It is silent

except for the sound of water dripping. Once the cavern is formed, water continues creating other forms inside it. As the water enters the cavern, it dries and leaves behind a deposit of crystals. These deposits build up and produce the many formations that decorate the inside.

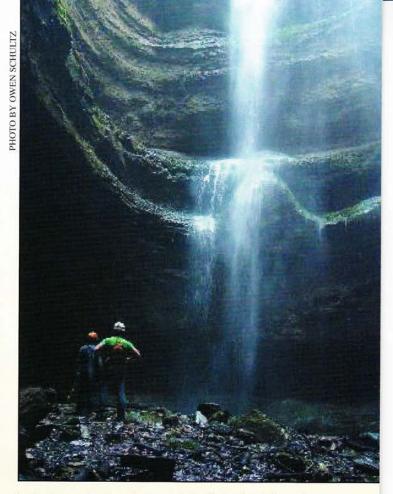
Stalactites form when the water dripping from the ceiling leaves behind a deposit of crystals. Drop by drop, the crystals collect on the ceiling first, forming a hollow tube that looks like a soda straw. When the tube is plugged, water flows down the outside of the straw, forming the icicle-like stalactite.

Stalagmites form in the same way, except the water leaves crystal deposits on the floor of the cave. Stalactites and stalagmites often grow in pairs and sometimes grow together, meeting in the middle, to form a column.

There is no sunlight in the cave. Yet as you look around, the light on your

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helmet reveals there is a great deal of color. The colors are the result of water mixing with minerals or deposits. Oranges and reds come from clay, greens from shale, and tan-brown from plain dirt.

There are caves in every state in this country. Some have caverns as big as an airport hangar. So your adventure can continue. Happy spelunking!

Further Information

The best way to find out about caves in your area is to contact organized, local cavers, or spelunkers. Most areas of the country have a local cave club, or grotto, nearby. To find out where the grotto nearest you is located, contact the National Speleological Society at www.caves.org or at 205-852-1300 or write the Membership Director at 2813 Cave Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35810.

*The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not represent the beliefs of Royal Rangers Ministries or the Assemblies of God. For more information on the official position of the Assemblies of God fellowship on the doctrine of creationism, as well as a variety of other topics, please visit the Assemblies of God web site at ag.org and click on "beliefs."

Calling All Frontiersmen!

2008 National FCF Rendezvous Camp Eagle Rock - Eagle Rock, MO

he 2008 National FCF Rendezvous is rapidly approaching and is shaping up to be the best National Rendezvous ever. Dr. Wayne Clark, pastor of First Assembly of God, San Antonio, Texas will be the featured speaker. Dr. Clark is a gifted speaker and a tremendous promoter of Royal Rangers. Fred Deaver, national FCF president emeritus, describes Pastor Clark as "a man's man and a friend of Royal Rangers."

Participants will have the opportunity to meet our national commander, Doug Marsh, and hear from his heart concerning his vision for this important ministry. The other members of the national FCF staff will also be on hand, including Jim Rounsville, national FCF president; and Paul Walters, national FCF vice president.

The Rendezvous Café was so successful at our last rendezvous that it will be back in operation for 2008. Ian Robinson, a professional executive chef, will oversee the preparation of the Café meals with a touch of frontier flavor. So if you don't feel like fixing meals at your campsite, you can enjoy your meals at the Café and use the spare time for fun and fellowship. It should be noted, however, Rendezvous Café meals are optional and are not included with registration but may be purchased separately at a reasonable cost.

Rendezvous is sure to include a number of GREAT things. Great Events! Great Worship! Great Music! Great Prizes! Great Craftsmen and Vendors! Craig Steketee of Stek Knives, one of the nation's top Damascus knife makers, will be on site demonstrating his skills along with many other talented professional craftsmen.



Other exciting attractions will include...

- Primitive archery competition at the Mathews Archery Range!
- Black powder competition at the Daisy Outdoor Sports Rifle Range!
- Hawk & Knife competition always a great event!
- Flint & Steel competition the quickest flame will win this event!
- Seneca Run competition two teams from each territory may compete
- Outfit Judging Colonial, Longhunter, Mountainman, Professional, Voyager, and Taos competition
- Traders Row snack booths, primitive wares, clothing and accoutrements, and more!
- Frontier craft demonstrations and classes, including beadwork, blacksmithing, knifemaking, gunsmithing, bowyers, accoutrement makers, and frontier art
- A few more modern activities, including bouldering, swimming, water slides, and many other water-related events

Join with frontiersmen from around the nation by making plans to attend this exciting event.

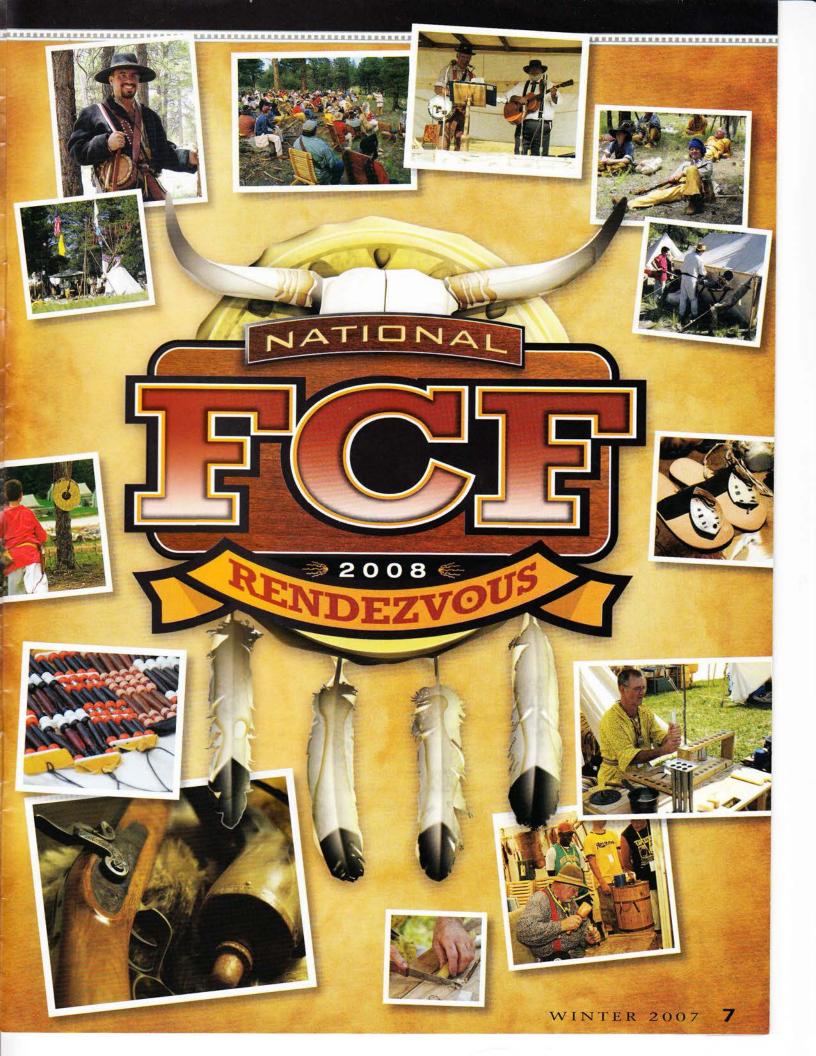
For more information visit the National Rendezvous web site at royalrangers.ag.org.

Rev. R. Wayne Clark has served as Pastor of First Assembly in San Antonio, TX since April of 1996. Pastor Clark and his wife Judy have traveled extensively, visiting and speaking in 53 different countries at camps, schools, graduate schools, minister's training institutes, and churches. He has ministered extensively across the United States, teaching and training in the areas of discipleship and Christian character development.

Pastor Clark has served as a presbyter in the

Northern New England district and as an Executive Presbyter in the Northern California-Nevada district, as well as serving on numerous district and General Council committees.

The Clarks have two daughters and two sons. They have ten wonderful grandchildren and enjoy their family very much. Pastor Clark has always been a strong supporter of Royal Rangers.



Feature Creature

by Karen SESSIONS



Who's Packing?

the PACKRA

A s darkness descends, a small shadow detaches itself from a pile of sticks and debris. It flits around, gathering bits of this and bits of that from wherever it finds something lying around. A ghost, you say? Not exactly. It is the bushy-tailed woodrat, busy on its evening rounds.

This rodent is also known as a packrat because it stashes away small objects it gathers during the first few hours of night and before dawn. The packrat will add just about anything to its collection: broken glass, coins, rocks, sticks, buckles, mirrors, other animal droppings. Campers, beware! A packrat will steal whatever he finds lying loose, including eyeglasses and false teeth.

Another name used for the bushy-tailed woodrat is trade rat. Sometimes when it steals an item, it will leave a small rock or stick in its place. Old timers in the West were not sure why it leaves something behind, but believed this action to be a sign of honesty.

How can you recognize these little night thieves? It can weigh 6 to 18 ounces, measure 13 to 17 inches long, and get up to 3 inches in height. A packrat is about the size of a small cat when it is full grown. It has large mouse-like ears, huge black eyes, and long

whiskers that extend back almost to its shoulders. Its nose twitches constantly. It is best recognized by its long, fluffy, squirrel-like tail. Its thickly-furred body is grayish brown in color with white on its feet and belly.

You may be thinking it sounds cute and cuddly. Actually, this rodent should wear a sign reading, "Does Not Work Well With Others!" Packrats constantly bicker amongst themselves, especially the males. The females seem to be just as cranky. They will click or grind their teeth when they are angry.

In late August or early September, they start looking for indoor housing. They have been known to move into old cabins, mine shacks, outbuildings, and even garages. They will tear up mattresses, sleeping bags, and anything else they can chew.

The worst mess left by these rodents is the huge amount of feces and urine they deposit. It leaves droppings and urine on everything. The urine is in the form of thick, white crystal deposits that sometimes measure up to one-eighth of an inch thick. A strong, musky odor is one of the packrat's most noticeable characteristics.

Now you might be wondering how to avoid one of these messy, little mammals. Your best bet is to stay away from cliffs, caves, rock slides, old abandoned buildings, and mines. This is their domain, usually high in the mountains throughout North and Central America.

Another tip to avoiding a bushy-tailed woodrat is to make it hard for it to stay on your property. Brett Stansberry, a Fish and Game department officer, stated, "Packrats will only stay where they feel comfortable. They don't like light, so if you have a motion-sensor light, it will catch them off-guard, and they will usually leave the area. Placing a nightlight in garages and barns will also discourage a packrat."

Their nests, called middens, can be found up in pine trees or down in ditches. They also build their nests at the back of caves or in the corners of old buildings. They are made of sticks, grasses, strips of bark, hair, and other soft material woven together in large piles. Some nests have reached several feet in height.

In spite of its grumpy personality, a packrat does have to be on the lookout for predators. When alarmed, the bushy-tailed woodrat will thump its hind feet and vibrate its tail. It also makes a shrill, short, chattering sound when alarmed.

They may look cute and cuddly, but, believe me, you probably don't want one of these little critters moving in with you. **

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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With God's help, I will do my best to serve God, my church, and my felfowman; to live by the Ranger Code...



OUR PLEDGE: With God's Help, I Will...

"Live by the Ranger Code"

Royal Rangers are missional leaders. Missional leaders model Christlike character!

- PART THREE IN A SERIES OF FOUR ARTICLES -

by Doug MARSH, National Commander

harisma. Gravitas. Talent. Image. Name recognition. Designer brands. These are the qualities that impress men of the modern era. But God has been, still is, and always will be committed first to character.

Character is what you do when no one is watching. Reputation, on the other hand, is what you do when others are watching. King Solomon suggested that if we care for our character, our reputation will care for itself (Proverbs 13:6).

Have you ever used or heard the phrase, "The real McCoy"? Ever wondered how it was coined? In 1891, Elijah McCoy, an African American inventor/scientist, invented an automatic lubrication device for heavy equipment, such as locomotive axils. This was big! His invention resulted in cost savings and increased efficiency.

He organized his own firm, the Elijah McCoy Manufacturing Company in Detroit, Michigan, to market his products and consulting services. When others tried to copy his invention, his company coined the phrase, "The real McCoy." His name stood for something! McCoy became synonymous with "the real deal," with a reputation for quality and character.

What does it mean when we say, "I'm a Royal Ranger"? The name should mean something beyond affiliation. It should speak to the kind of person we are,"the real deal."

In The Last of the Mohicans, author James Fennimore Cooper writes, "With an Indian it is a matter of conscience; what he calls himself he generally is." When we call ourselves Royal Rangers, we commit ourselves to be and do what our pledge prescribes.

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- Our pledge calls us to depend on God; "With God's help..." (SEE ARTICLE 1).
- Our pledge calls us to serve God, our church, and our fellowman with excellence; "I will do my best to serve..." (SEE ARTICLE 2).
- Additionally, our pledge calls us to be people of Christlike character; "To live by the Ranger Code...."

The Royal Rangers Code is a profile of the character of Christ. The Word calls us to "live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). Jesus revealed himself as the Light of the World and promised that anyone who followed Him would "never walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12). The Ranger Code points boys and leaders to the Light by describing the character of Christ.

Saying, "I'm a Royal Ranger," should be synonymous with declaring, "I'm a young man eager to reflect the true character of Christ."

Committing a code to memory is knowledge; committing it to life is wisdom. Wisdom is applied knowledge. How do we help boys live by the Ranger Code?

Boys Live the Code When Men Set the Example

Walter Cronkite, the retired iconic American broadcast journalist and CBS anchorman for nineteen years, was getting on an elevator in New York City once when a woman recognized him. Running to where he was she asked,"Are you the real Walter Cronkite?" The doors were closing and with a twinkle in his eye he said,"Only when I'm alone."

Royal Rangers leaders do not have a public persona that is different from the private persona; they are one in the same. Their character reflects that of Christ at all times and places. When speaking to young men, they echo the words of Paul, who said, "Follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

We can't be a big shot at the outpost and a big phony everywhere else! Credibility is only established as people see that our words and example match.

The key to spiritual influence in the lives of boys is living an authentic life of character they will find worth copying. With a genuine model worthy of imitating, boys will recite a code packed full of meaning. It all starts with a man who will walk the Christian walk.

Boys Live the Code When Men Teach the Truth

In addition to modeling the way, men are called upon to instruct the next generation of men in Christlikeness.

When and Where Do Men Teach?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 describes teaching young people all the time and everywhere!

Teach boys as soon as they wake. Sit around the fire, gripping a cup of coffee, and talk and laugh while interjecting instruction in godly living.

- Teach boys when you are doing stuff together during weekly meetings, while hiking along a mountain ridge, or while scrimmaging on the court.
- Teach boys when you are just hanging out, taking an extended trip, eating a meal together, or watching a lightning storm.
- Teach boys just before they conk out, peering into the embers of a campfire, or gazing at the stars.

You will notice that the times and places suggest action. How God knows His creation! Young people learn best in the midst of hands-on experience. Teach them on the fly, capturing those teachable moments!

What Do Men Teach?

Jesus said He was the Truth (John 14:6). Teach boys to love the Truth and to build their life on the Truth. To build life on anything else is to build on a lie.

Point boys to Jesus. Lift Him up as the model of authentic manhood. Let boys know He is the one you yourself pattern your life after because Jesus is the only one who ever lived His life the way God intends for us men to live our lives—totally sold out to God, His cause, and those He has seen fit to place in our care!

Compare and contrast the first Adam and the Second Adam, Jesus Christ.

- The first Adam was passive, watching Eve sin; the Second Adam was proactive, rescuing us from our
- The first Adam was irresponsible, blaming Eve for his own lack of leadership; the Second Adam stepped up to the plate, assuming responsibility for the sin of the world.
- The first Adam was shortsighted, relinquishing the eternal for the temporal; the Second Adam was visionary, temporarily giving up the glory of heaven to provide an eternal solution to our sin-broken relationship with the Father.

Real men are like Jesus! He was a proactive and responsible leader, wired to prefer the eternal to the temporal. The Ranger Code describes the character of that Man, Jesus. True men copy Jesus, and that is the truth!





Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

-FRANK OUTLAW

Why Do Men Teach?

The most important lessons young men learn in Royal Rangers are moral. Boys must understand that power for living is proportional to their love for God and that their love is evidenced by their obedience (John 14:15). God calls boys and young men to love Him totally!

Love is the greatest power in the world! A genuine love for God will motivate boys, and it will constrain them. A boy

who loves right will do right.

Gratitude is the key to teaching boys to love God (1 John 4:19). As you systematically point out all that God has done for them, they will learn to love God, and more, they will love loving God! Love for God will keep them from sin (Jude 1:24); love will motivate them to be and do the Ranger Code, which is to be like Christ.

Boys Live the Code When Men Tell Their Stories

A grown man is never irrelevant to the next generation of men if he will share his life stories and lessons. How has God worked in your life? If and when appropriate, tell the good, the bad, and the ugly. Get to the point (you are speaking to boys after all) and remember to make Jesus the point; your stories must make *Him* look good.

Boys Live the Code When Men Affirm and Discipline

Model, teach, and tell stories that illustrate the biblical/ moral behavior you expect of the young men. Then inspect what you expect.

Learn to *catch boys doing things right*. As you do, your relationship bank will grow, permitting withdrawals when you catch the young man doing something wrong.

Good discipline is three parts systematic instruction, personal attention, and consistent affirmation and only one

part correction. So learn to affirm boys; what they hear you praise in them and their peers is what they will repeat.

Here's the bottom line! Ranger boys have a Code that describes Christ's character. What they are missing is a picture. Leaders must be that living picture by their example, their instruction, their Christ-honoring stories, and their affirmation and loving discipline.

As Royal Rangers we take a pledge, which includes becoming like Christ in character. The personal reward for the men and boys among us who strive to be like Christ are great.

THE CODE:

A Ranger
PRAYS,
reads
the BIBLE,
and
WITNESSES.

- We feel right. Living with character frees us from guilt (Proverbs 10:9).
- We lead right. Living by example enables us to leave a godly legacy (Matthew 5:16).
- We love right. Living with integrity produces intimacy with God and others (Psalm 15:1-2).
- We make God look right. Living biblically makes Jesus look good and causes people to believe in Him (Titus 2:9-10).

There is another reward for missional leaders. As we model how to "live by the Ranger Code..." boys will proudly declare, "I'm a Royal Ranger." Their words will mean more than affiliation. They will be saying, "I'm a young man eager to reflect the true character of Christ." That is our goal and one of our greatest ministerial rewards. Let's be authentic and model Christlike manhood! *

Jesus was courageous and traveled to Jerusalem even though He knew it would end in His crucifixion, a price He was willing to pay for our eternal salvation (Luke 19).

HIGH ADVENTURE Leader

Navigator

Outpost Edition by Ray Skinner

Download from RangerDepot.com

Navigator was created to help ease the organizational demands of the Ranger Ministry. It is provided free of charge to all chartered outposts as a benefit of chartering. This database program allows you to a church or it's leaders to manage nearly all aspects of their Royal Rangers outpost.

Version 1.56 tracks the following areas of your Royal Rangers Outpost:

- Records boys/leaders personal & contact information (including a picture)
- Records merits, awards and achievements
- Tracks & Prints advancement status
- Records Outpost Information
- Sets-up and tracks Patrols
- Sets and Records Weekly Meeting Points (for Ranger of the Year and more)
- Records Medical Information for Rangers
- Records Leadership Positions for boys and leaders
- Records FCF Information for boys and leaders
- Records Training Information for boys and leaders
- Helps to Plan Events
- Generates Council of Achievement Reports
- Tracks and Prints Ranger of the Year Points/Forms
- Prints Group and Outpost Rosters
- Ability to print boys and leaders Award Applications (GMA, SMA, BMA, etc.)
- Print Emergency Medical Form
- Ability to transfer records of Rangers to other outposts (via Import/Export data)
- Prints Advancement Status Report

Navigator has been tested and approved for three Windows® operating systems:

- Windows 2000
- Windows XP
- Windows Vista

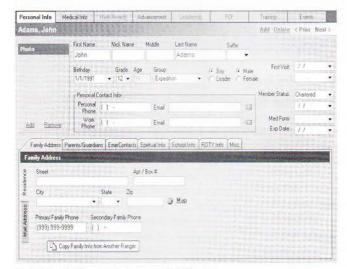
Although you may attempt running Navigator on other versions of Microsoft Windows, they will not be supported; therefore, you may not receive Technical Support from Navigator's Support Team.

Navigator is about 5 Megabytes in size and may be downloaded from RangerDepot.com. Charter verification is part of the registration approval process. Registration will be required to receive download information. When fully loaded the program takes up about 15 Megabytes of hard drive space.

The following is a brief summary of some of Navigator's functions:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

This area supports the creation or management of a leader's or Ranger's personal data, such as name, address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. Once a Ranger's personal information has been entered you may then enter other information such parent or legal guardian, emergency contacts, photo, etc.

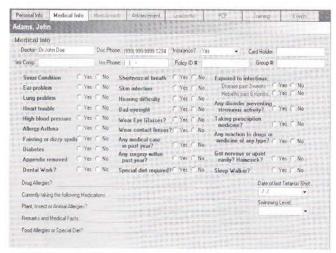


Individual's Personal Information Screen

PERSONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

This area allows you to track medical information about your boys and print Medical Release Forms filled out with yours boys information that you have keyed in.





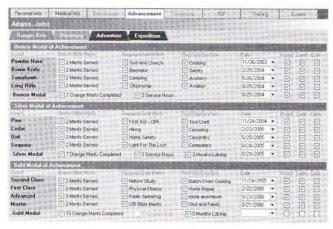
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Individual's Medical Release Form

ADVANCEMENTS

Navigator makes tracking advancements and merits for each Ranger very easy. Navigator allows you to enter merits and then it automatically tells you what advancements your boys have earned.



Individual's Adventure Advancement Screen

Managing a rangers' advancement trail is easy to do using the Advancement screen. Basically, this screen allows you as the leader to determine how the rangers are advancing as well as prepare you for the next council of achievements. Items such as patches, merits, Achievements, and certificates will need to be acquired so the ranger is properly recognized for his hard work.

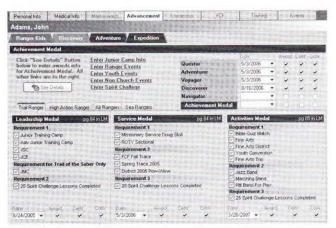
The Recognition area of the Advancement History screen is how you track the three parts of recognition once an advancement has been earned. Below is only a suggested use.

Award - Check this selection box when you actually present the award to the ranger. Royal Rangers believes in instant recognition. When a ranger earns an award, he should be presented the award at that meeting or the very next meeting.

Cert – Check this selection box when you present the ranger with a certificate, typically during the Council of Achievement. However, if the ranger earned the award right before the Council of Achievement and the certificate is not printed, then the certificate may be presented to the ranger during an outpost meeting. This field allows the commander to track which boys have actually received their Awards and Certs.

C of A – Check this selection box when you recognize the ranger's accomplishment during the Council of Achievement.

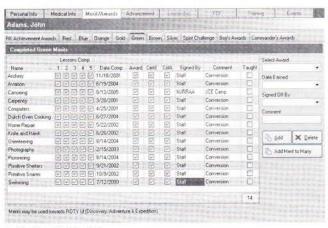




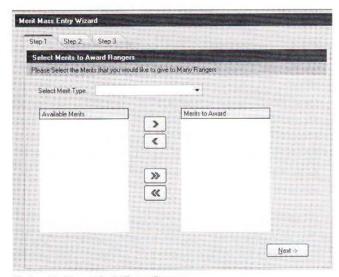
Individual's Expedition Advancement Screen

MERITS

The Merit screen allows you to add an individual merit to a Ranger.



Individual's Merit Screen



Outpost's Mass Merit Entry Screen

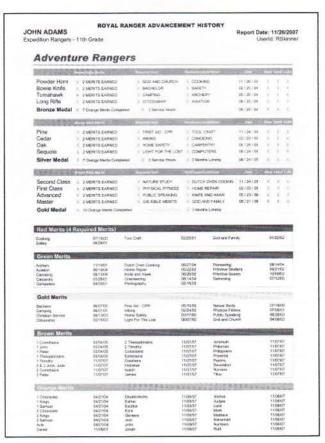
Navigator was written to reduce your work as much as possible. You can enter Merits for your whole outpost with a couple clicks.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT

Rangers earn advancements based on the number of merits they have earned. Displaying merit requirements for each advancement helps both the boy and leader better plan which merits to work on next. This allows the Ranger to stay on track.

AWARDS APPLICATIONS

Navigator has the ability to print your Ranger's BMA, SMA and GMA awards applications with all their information filled in. This is a true time saver.



Individual's Adventure Advancement History Report



Page 2 of an Individual's GMA app filled in

EVENTS

The Events area is a place where you can view/input/ edit information about events in which the Ranger has participated. There are various categories and opportunities for users to input information that a particular Ranger attended. This information is very important for generating accurate ROTY and other Awards forms.

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Individual's Event Entry Screen



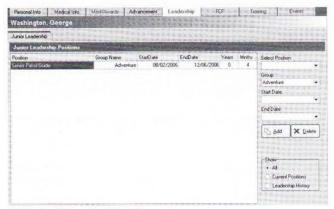
Outpost Roster for Event Entry. Roster can be printed or exported to excel.



Outpost Calendar

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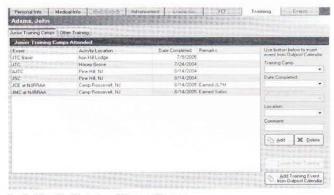
Use this area to track current and previously held leadership positions that yours Rangers have held.



Individual's Leadership History Screen

TRAINING

Use this area to track what training Rangers within your outpost has attended. You may also track what National Camps and LTA modules have been completed by your leaders and what modules you have taught as a CI.



Individual's Training History Screen

SERVICE ACTIVITY

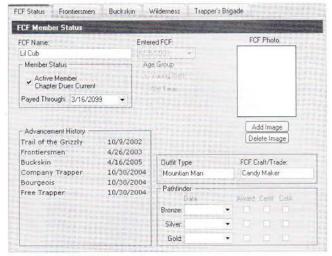
Royal Rangers should always be willing to help the local church, section, or district. There are many opportunities to provide Christian Service which need to be properly tracked or documented. Navigator currently requires that Christian Service be added as an Event and boys added to the event. There are currently two methods to entering service records:

Individually: When only one person provides a service, you may enter information pertaining to the service for the individual only.

Service Roster: When one or more boys are involved in providing service you may add the Service to the Ranger Calendar and then add boys and their hours to

FCF

Some outpost like to track their men and boys FCF advancements. Navigator gives you this opportunity. Records can be as simple or detailed as your outpost chooses.



Individual's FCF History Screen

CLASS STRUCTURE

Navigator gives you the option to choose what class structure you are using for Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers and Adventure Rangers. For example, you have the following four choices for how you group Ranger Kids for the local outpost meetings:

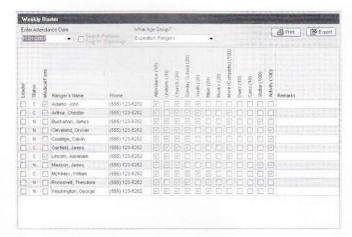
- All Ranger Kids (i.e. 1 class of all Ranger Kids)
- Kindergarten 1st & 2nd Grade (i.e. 2 classes)
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade 2nd Grade (i.e. 2 classes)
- Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade (i.e. 3 classes by each grade)

Simply click on the pull down menu under Ranger Kids Class Structure and choose your organizational structure. This will then break down your Ranger Kids in the age group categories above the Filter Options tab and allow you to view and print reports accordingly. This feature is also available for Discovery and Adventure. You can also use filters to choose what you see under each age group category. You can choose to filter out Visitors, Inactive Members, and/or Leaders.

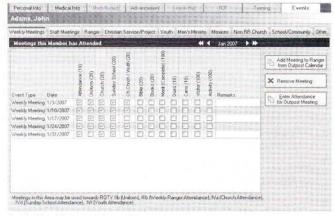
WEEKLY MEETINGS

In the Weekly meetings area you will be able to access the following sections:

- "Enter Points for Meeting" clicking here opens the "Weekly Roster" page. Select a date using the dropdown box for the week you want to enter points then select an age group from the dropdown list. The first 5 columns cannot be changed and are used for ROTY. It is very important to collect this information for ROTY and so a ROTY evaluation form can be easily generated. The other columns are programmable to your Outpost. You may choose to give points for other customizable items such as recycling aluminum cans. If a Ranger brings in a bag of cans each week, you could award him 10 points.
- "Print Roster Report" Clicking here allows you to print blank Meeting Points worksheets for the weekly meetings, as well as Rosters lists by groups - which include name, address, phone number, birthday, charter status, etc. Mailing labels can also be printed.



Group Attendance Screen



Individual's Attendance Screen



Group Report after Attendance has been entered. A report can also be run on begin date to end date to total points.

RANGER OF THE YEAR

If you take 5-10 minutes after each Wednesday night to enter your outposts info for the week, at the end of the year you'll be able to print a completed ROTY application for your Rangers. You can also print a ROTY report that shows how your Rangers are progressing for the upcoming ROTY.



2008 CAMPS BY TYPE

NTC

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

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 3 Camp Wilderness — Ft. Meade, FL

AUGUST 21 - 24 Peaceful Valley BSA Camp — Elbert, CO

SEPTEMBER 4 - 7
Camp Eagle Rock — Eagle Rock, MO

SEPTEMBER 4 - 7 Camp Roosvelt — Elmer, NJ

SEPTEMBER 18 - 21 Silver Lake Camp — Medical Lake, WA

SEPTEMBER 25 - 28 Lakeview Camp — Waxahachie, TX

JANUARY 8 - 11, 2009 Camp Timberline — Kapolei, HI

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 1 Camp Wilderness — Ft. Meade, FL

NCE

National Canoe Expedition is designed to give leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and provide outstanding adventures in the most beautiful canoe country in America.

> APRIL 17 - 20 Buffalo River — Silver Hills, AR

JUNE 5 - 8 Worthington State Forest — Columbia, NJ

AUGUST 21 - 24 Blue Heron Campground — Stearns, KY

WCO

FEBRUARY 22 - 23 Trinity Pines — Cascade, ID

APRIL 4 - 5
First Assembly — Binghamton, NY

AUGUST 1 - 2 TBD — DFW Area

AUGUST 15 - 16 Broken Arrow Assembly Broken Arrow, OK

AUGUST 15 - 16 Glad Tidings Assembly of God Decatur, IL

AUGUST 22 - 23 First Assembly — Bolivar, MO

FEBRUARY 13 - 14, 2009 Lifeline Assembly — Radcliff, KY

ANTC

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

before enrolling.

APRIL 17 - 20

River Oaks Retreat Center Honea Path, SC

JUNE 5 - 8

Camp Wilderness — Waupaca, WI

JUNE 5 - 8

Donner Mine Camp — Emigrant Gap, CA

JUNE 5 - 8

Camp Wilderness — Waupaca, WI

JULY 24 - 27

Camp Collier — Gardner, MA

OCTOBER 16 - 19 Verdugo Oaks Camp — Castaic, CA

NOVEMBER 20 - 23 Camp Asambleas de Dios — Arecibo, PR

FEBRUARY 5 - 8, 2009 Camp Wilderness — Ft. Meade, FL

WNTC

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

FEBRUARY 7 - 10 Lake Placid Camp — Pillager, MN

FEBRUARY 21 - 24 Camp Mechuwana — Winthrop, ME

NTT

National Training Trails allows leaders to participate in outstanding, rugged outdoor activities surrounded by some of America's most beautiful scenery.

> OCTOBER 9 - 12 Mammoth Cave National Park Mammoth Cave, KY

NOVEMBER 13 - 16 Congaree National Swamp — Columbia, SC

RKTC

Ranger Kids Training Conference gives leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will receive training in various aspects of the RK ministries.

FEBRUARY 9

Camp Wilderness (Part 1) - Ft. Meade, FL

MARCH 8

Camp Wilderness (Part 2) - Ft. Meade, FL

MARCH 29

Lavkeview Camp (Part 1) - Waxahachie, TX

APRIL 5

Lavkeview Camp (Part 2) - Waxahachie, TX

APRIL 11 - 13

Potomac Park Camp — Falling Waters, WV

JUNE 28 (Part 1)

Highland Fellowship Church — Elgin, IL

JULY 26 (Part 2)

Highland Fellowship Church — Elgin, IL

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21

Timber Lake Camp — Forsyth, GA

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2 Camp Mohawk — Alvin, TX

> NOVEMBER 8 (Part 1) Camp Adventure — Chandler, OK

> NOVEMBER 15 (Part 2) Camp Adventure — Chandler, OK

NA

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

MAY 22 - 25

Camp Eagle Rock — Eagle Rock, MO

AUGUST 7 - 10 Potomac Park Camp — Falling Waters, WV

AUGUST 14 - 17 Lake Placid Camp — Pillager, MN

NAA

National Advanced Academy
MAY 21 - 25

Camp Eagle Rock — Eagle Rock, MO

Pre-Requisite Study Course

Pre-Requisite Study Course is the first step in preparing recommended leaders for National Academy. Successful completion of the Pre-Requisite Study Course and test are required before submission of an application. The study course materials are always available. A minimum of three to six months of preparation is recommended for Academy training.

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31
National Office

2008 CAMPS BY REGION

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NORTH CENTRAL

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SOUTHEAST

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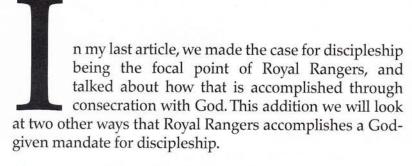
Discipleship is being a





a Royal Ranger (Part 2)

by Ryan Beaty



Community with Other Boys

Boys are not coming to your Royal Rangers outpost primarily so they can earn awards. It is a major component, but the main reason that boys are coming to your outpost is to have community with other boys. The hook for getting boys to attend Royal Rangers is not advancements but relationships. The problem that we sometimes run into after a boy has earned the Gold Medal is that we have this tendency to focus only on the boy and what he did to get there. We forget those who made the journey with him, making it possible for him to be where he is. Christianity is about community. The patrol system is community. If your outpost does not utilize the patrol system, you are missing the boat. Within the patrols, boys are allowed to work on advancements together, elect their own leadership, participate in fun activities, and be a team. They are a microcosm of the church.

Outside of community there is no growth. That is true spiritually, socially, mentally, and physically. God never intended humanity to walk their spiritual journey alone. It has always been his plan that we would lean on each other and grow together. That's why there is a diversity of gifts given to the church because they all operate together with in the community. The only way that anyone grows socially is through interpersonal interaction. You can never teach



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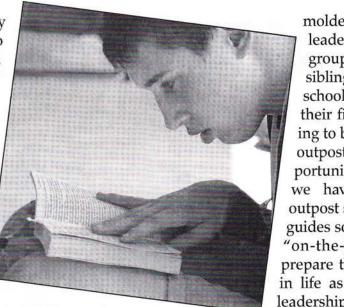
someone to act a certain way and then never allow for them to practice what they have learned. Whatgoodisinformationwithout application? Mental growth far exceeds academic stimulation. Problem solving is a major facet of mental growth and where better to learn such a skill than in a patrol of boys with a major task at hand. Have you ever watched a patrol of Discovery Rangers try to put up a tent or lash together a tool rack? It is an exercise in problem solving. Finally, physically no

man is an island unto himself. It takes teamwork to accomplish life's tasks. The patrol is your boys' opportunity to accomplish those tasks together.

Don't think however that I am suggesting that you abandon the advancement trail. God forbid. What I am advocating is through the patrol system using the advancement trail as a means for spiritual, social, mental, and physical growth. Let the merits challenge your boys and as a team help them grow. The advancement trail is a perfect compliment to the patrol system, not the other way around.

Connecting to Their Purpose in Life

Our third method of becoming an outpost of significance is through connecting boys to their purposes in life. By this I do not mean their form of employment necessarily, though that can and does happen. Specifically, however, I am talking about connecting boys to the purpose of being godly men and leaders. John Maxwell says, "Some leaders are born, but most leaders are made. There are very few leaders who are born." All of us, no matter our lot in life are called to be godly leaders. We are the leaders of our homes, of our jobs, of our communities, and of our churches. On their way to becoming those leaders, our boys can be



molded through being leaders in their youth groups, among their siblings, and in their schools. We give them their first crack at learning to be leaders through outpost leadership opportunities. That's why we have patrol guides, outpost scribes, and junior guides so that boys can get "on-the-job-training" and prepare them for their role in life as leaders. Through opportunities leadership within the local outpost,

boys learn to in- spire those around them, lead by example, and take an active role in discipling those who they follow. They are also afforded opportunities to learn leadership through the Junior Training Camp program. From Discovery to Expedition Rangers there are camps that are designed to teach boys leadership and allow them to lead. Each camp presents a unique opportunity to focus on different things and presents new challenges for them to be stretched and molded.

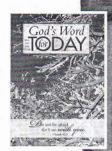
Why am I so passionate about everything that I have said today? I was that boy. I was that boy that through Royal Rangers became consecrated to God. I gave my life to Jesus Christ at a Royal Ranger meeting. Because my commanders insisted on us having community with each other and working together, I am not the only GMA recipient to come out of my home church. And because my commanders connected me to my life's purpose and gave me opportunities to lead, I can proudly say today that I am a licensed minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the Assemblies of God. I implore you today; commit your outpost to becoming an outpost that has significance as its number one priority and success as an added benefit. We win when we evangelize, equip, and empower young men to become life-long servant leaders and Christ followers. *



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Your Heart's Work Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

We continually remember . . . your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Have you ever felt like calling in sick? Backing out of an engagement? Giving up? Working, laboring, and enduring for their own sake is one thing. Working because of your faith, laboring out of love, and enduring because you have hope is another.

Your purpose is what makes the difference. If you serve out of your own purposes, your work will be exhausting. However, if you serve based on your God-given purpose, you are more likely to enjoy it, to devote your time and energy gladly, and to feel a sense of gratification.

God has given each of us a specific purpose in life, and has equipped us to fulfill that purpose. What's your purpose? What are you passionate about? What are your gifts? How can you use these things to glorify God?

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Father, let my service be motivated by faith, hope, and love.

QUICKLOOK: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10



Leadership and Accountability

Read Jeremiah 21:1 through 22:30

Just one year before, the company's founder and CEO had been a bright star in the industry. But his greed for profit had taken over, until exploiting his workers in the company's overseas plants had become the status quo. Suddenly, one whistleblower exposed it all.

Ancient kings were the CEOs of their kingdoms, often running them for personal profit. Judah's king Jehoiakim was among the worst, and Jeremiah was his whistleblower.

"Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labor" (Jeremiah 22:13).

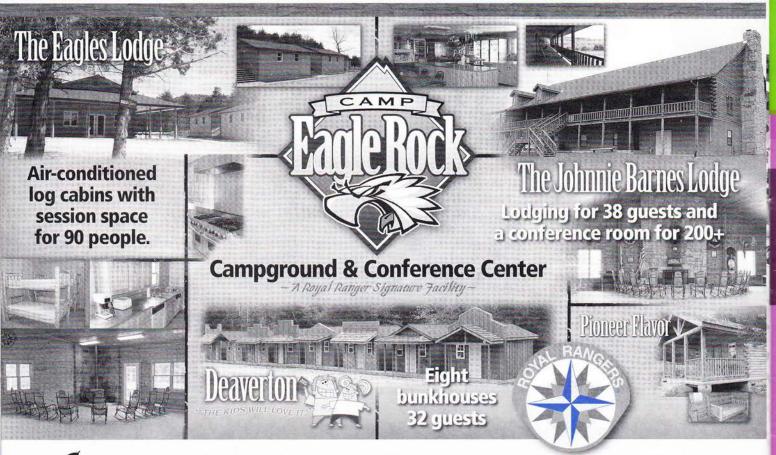
All leaders, not only kings and CEOs, must answer for their leadership. If we were only accountable to a government or to watchdog groups, we might be able to escape scrutiny. But we are all accountable to God, and he is just as interested in our leadership as He is in that of kings and CEOs.

CHALLENGE FOR TODAY:

Do a little self-investigation of how you treat those around you, letting your conscience be a whistleblower.

QUICKLOOK: Jeremiah 22:11-17

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Hey dudes! Digital Dave here. I'm kinda new to this whole "ranger" thing, but I've been havin' a totally AWESOME time at all the fun Ranger events I've attended lately. And since I'm something of a "photo junkie," I just love taking pictures of all the cool stuff going on.

In all my travels, I've come across a few special pics that just seem to "speak to me," ya know what I mean? Check out these pics and let me know what you think they might be saying. You can let me know what you think by going online at

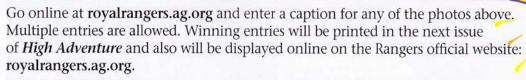
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and givin' me your thoughts. The ones I like the best will be printed right here in the next issue of **High Adventure** as well as posted online.

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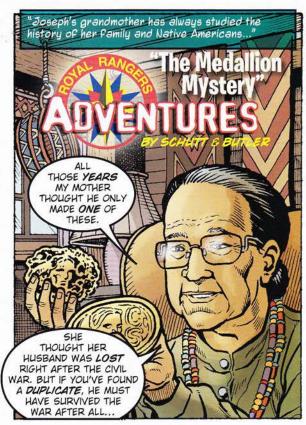
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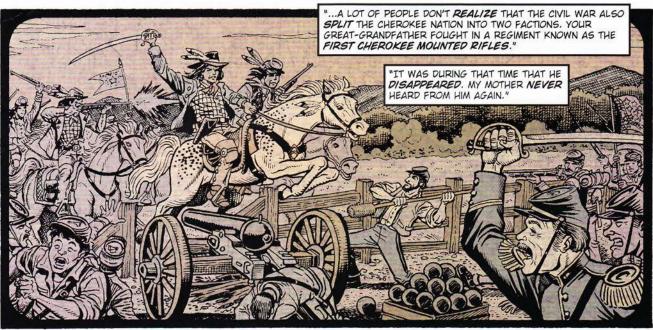


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NATIONAL RANGERS of the Year

The National Rangers of the Year for 2007 are as follows (left to right, front row first)

NORTHWEST REGION
Tim Hale

NORTH CENTRAL REGION
Kyle Freeberg

SOUTHEAST REGION
Wayne Ridgeway
GREAT LAKES REGION
Jacob Hart

NORTHEAST REGION Richard Worley

Chris Trower

GULF REGION

Daniel Persons

SOUTHWEST REGION
Cedgar Mejia (not shown)

he National Rangers of the Year were honored at the national office in Springfield, Missouri last summer. These eight young men achieved this prestigious honor as a result of their exemplary efforts in Royal Rangers as well as their involvement in various other areas of ministry. This honor identifies these young men as fine examples of the spirit and influence of the Royal Rangers ministry.

Following their activities in Springfield, these young men were treated to a weekend of activities in Branson, Missouri, followed by a week at the Eagle Rock Adventure Camp at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri.

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

More information about the Ranger of the Year program can be found on the National Royal Rangers Ministries website at royalrangers.ag.org/roty.

Growing

Stop the Bullying

Read Psalm 82:3, 4

Bullies. Next to deer ticks, they are the bane of human existence. The intent behind bullying is to get power, to be king of the hill, master of the universe. The first step is locating a victim who won't retaliate or call for help (and someone whose friends won't help). Then the road is wide open to intimidation and torment.

It's easy to spot the bullying trait by a person's treatment of the defenseless or the powerless: People like restaurant servers and hotel housekeepers, unpopular students and children.

The Psalmist envisioned God calling the powerful to account: I gave you a position of authority—

Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked (Psalm 82:4).

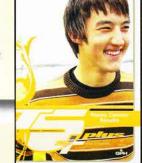
—But you abused your position. You're going down.

It's no fun being disrespected, bullied, taken advantage of. Your world becomes an uncomfortable place, ugly. You look for alternatives, exits; you think of flight. On this smaller scale, sometimes all it takes to stop the meanness is someone to say—and mean—"Stop! That's it! That's enough!" or simply telling a teacher or youth director what's going on. Do you think you could do that? Why or why not?

What did God do when Israel—His people—were oppressed?

Today's Thru-The-Bible Reading: Psalm 82:1 to 85:13; Acts 27:1–20

Prayer Emphasis: Pray that God will show you the one you can defend today.



When God Says No

Read Acts 16:6-10

Getting through a maze can be frustrating. Just when you think you are making progress—there it is!—another dead end. Sometimes it takes a number of tries to get to the designated destination. It is much easier to navigate a maze by starting at the end and backtracking to the beginning.

Finding God's will can sometimes be like running a maze: false starts, dead ends, reversals (at least it can feel that way). Even the apostle Paul had difficulty finding God's will for his ministry.

When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to (Acts 16:7).

Looking back on Paul's life, the reason for this dead end suggests God wanted Paul to focus on Europe. At the time, however, it must have been difficult for Paul to hear God say no to his initial plans. Fortunately Paul didn't quit trying to find God's will. Neither did he spend too much time trying to get God to do things his way. Instead, Paul took another road and found his proper destination. What have your attempts to determine God's will been like?

How will you respond if God doesn't allow you to follow through with your initial plans?

Today's Thru-The-Bible Reading: Psalms 34:1 to 36:12; Acts 16:1–18

Prayer Emphasis:

Pray that you will be willing to accept God's plan for your life no matter what it is.

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Is your refrigerator running? Well you better catch it before it gets away!

Did you hear about the fight at the fish shop last night?

Two fish got battered!

What do you add in oil to make it boil? *The letter B!*

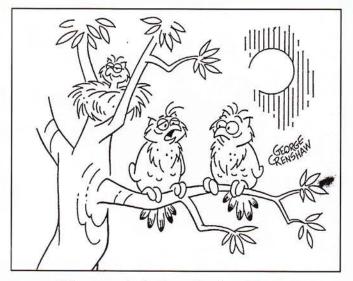
What is the easiest thing to part with? *A comb!*

Why did the chicken want to join the band? *It had its own pair of drumsticks!*



"How come you never fix hot dogs like this at home, Mom?"





"I'm worried about Junior. He just doesn't seem to give a hoot."

What turns everything around but does not move? *A mirror!*

How many times can you subtract 5 from 25?

Once, then you're subtracting it from 20!



"How did the early settlers survive without a microwave?"

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