

# JUNIOR LEADERSHIP



It could revive  
your ailing  
outpost

We tried to get a Royal Ranger ministry off the ground at our church for sometime. As a pastor, I saw that trained workers were important if the ministry was ever to be successful with the boys of our church and community. I tried to encourage some of our men to take the L.T.C. The sectional commander said he would teach the course at our church if I would join those men in taking the training. Well, here was my opportunity to show them just how much I believed in training workers and leaders for ministry. Here was my chance to practice what I preach.

I completed L.T.C. and attended N.T.C. that same year. It was quite an experience! I completed my Instructor Certification which enabled me to conduct the L.T.C. for other men interested in the Royal Ranger ministry. That same year I also packed up our family and went to Warner-Robbins, Georgia, to attend Regional Commanders Conference and receive more ideas and instruction.

I had all this training and no place to use it. How could this be? You see our main meeting night for Rangers is on Wednesday. While the boys are tying knots, conducting patrol corners, listening to Indian tales or inspiring devotions, I am in the sanctuary with their parents conducting our mid-week service. All that training and I could not even be with the boys on their main meeting night, at

least not on a routine or weekly basis. Oh, yes I attended campouts, pow wows, and field days, but it is not the same thing.

Then I was invited by our district commander to attend and be an instructor at a Junior Leader Training Camp. It was a great opportunity! It was a door divinely opened by The Master Ranger! Where else could I put together all the Ranger training I had received, my love for boys and the Ranger ministry, and my vision for training workers and leaders for the future! J.L.T.C. was the answer for me! I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I have recently written to our district commander to sign me up for next year when they will be offering a J.L.T. Canoe Trails. I can't wait!

Pastor, if you love boys and the Ranger ministry and see the benefits it can bring to your church then I want to encourage you to take the leadership training. If your schedule does not permit you to work with your boys on a weekly basis you can become involved with young men on a district level. You will be working with the "cream of the crop"—young men who have proven themselves in the Ranger program and are earning their right to be tomorrow's leaders. You can have a part in shaping the Ranger leadership of your district or state by becoming an instructor at a Junior Leaders Training Camp. ■

