

National Network



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National Calendar

September 9-12	NTC	Eagle Rock, Missouri
September 9-12	NTC	Medford Lake, New Jersey
September 22-26	ANTC	Medical Lake, Washington
September 23-26	NTT	Watford City, North Dakota
October 3-9	<i>Royal Rangers Week</i>	
October 14-16	BSTC	Chester, Texas
October 14-17	NTT	Eagle Rock, Missouri
October 21-24	NTC	Bellefontaine, Ohio
October 28-31	NTT	Apache Jct., Arizona
October 30	BSTC	Bay Area, California (Part 1)

Personnel Change

West Texas: Commander Parke Dudley has been appointed public relations coordinator for the West Texas District. He is replacing Commander James Jones. Thank you, James, for your hard work, and welcome aboard, Parke!

Rochester, N.Y.

Speaker: Jim Barger

1994 Regional Events

Great Lakes Region

Region Coordinator James Barger

- Leadership Training Seminar, February 12, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Ranger of the Year Testing, May 22, Indianapolis, Ind.

Gulf Region

Region Coordinator James McHaffie

- Leadership Training Seminar and Commanders Conference, February 4, 5, Memphis, Tenn.
- Ranger of the Year Testing, May 6,7, Memphis, Tenn.

1993 Regional Events

Explorer Territorial Rendezvous

September 30-October 3

Boone, Iowa

Speakers: Local Circuit Riders

Rifleman Territory Rendezvous

October 14-16, 1993

Carrollton, Ga.

Colonial Territory Rendezvous

October 15-17, 1993

North Central Region
Region Coordinator Don Brock

- Leadership Training Seminar and Commanders Conference, November 4, 5, Boone, Iowa
- Ranger of the Year Testing, May 20, 21, Albert Lea, Minn.

Northeast Region
Region Coordinator George Raduano

- Commanders Conference, January 28-30, Falling Waters, W. Va.
- Ranger of the Year Testing, April 15, 16, Plymouth, Mass.

Northwest Region
Region Coordinator Eggy Bucat

- Leadership Training Seminar, April 8, 9, Lewiston, Idaho
- Commanders Conference, October 22, 23, Pasco, Wash.

South Central Region
Region Coordinator Leon Wills

- Leadership Training Seminar, January 28, 29, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Commanders Conference, October 22, Dallas, Tex.
- Ranger of the Year Testing, May 21, Dallas, Tex.

Southeast Region
Region Coordinator Ed White

- Leadership Training Seminar and Commanders Conference, May 14, 15, Albany, Ga.
- Ranger of the Year Testing, May 14, 15, Albany, Ga.

Southwest Region
Region Coordinator Jeff Dunmire

- Leadership Training Seminar and Commanders Conference, November 10-12, Arizona
- Ranger of the Year Testing, June 3-5, Arizona

☉ **Royal Rangers Week, October 3-9, 1993:** The 1993 Royal Rangers theme poster appears in the fall 1993 *High Adventure Leader* and in the October 1993 *Advance* magazine. Ask your pastor for the *Advance* poster to display in your outpost prior to and during Royal Rangers Week.

News

45th General Council Elects New Officials:

- ✠ Rev. Thomas Trask, general superintendent
- ✠ Rev. Charles Crabtree, assistant general superintendent
- ✠ Rev. George Wood, general secretary
- ✠ Rev. James Bridges, general treasurer

☑ **First LFTL Junior Councilmen:** Anthony Raduano—Outpost 12, Potomac District, and son of Northeast Region Coordinator George Raduano—is the first Royal Ranger to enroll as a LFTL Junior Councilman. Benny Ferguson, national LFTL coordinator, and myself honored Anthony with a certificate of recognition in August at the Men's Ministries luncheon during the 45th General Council in Minneapolis.

Several other Rangers are completing their LFTL Advanced Merit and are preparing to become Junior Councilmen. Steve McFarland, of Outpost 10, First Assembly in Richmond, Ind., reports that 100 percent of his Rangers eligible now participate in our missions program.

Clip Art Now Available on Diskette: The national office now offers 189 clip art items on DOS diskette for \$15. The clip art consists of all advanced merits plus many other Rangers-related designs. Thanks to Brian Schmid, Public Relations Committee member, for the many volunteer man-hours put into developing this quality product. To order call 1-800-641-4310 and request item 729-047 (5 1/4-inch diskette) or item 729-048 (3 1/2-inch diskette).

First Aid Uniform Patches: First aid patches are now available through the Gospel Publishing House. These patches are 1 3/4 inches in diameter and are worn on the left sleeve—centered on top of sleeve, 1/2 inch from cuff. For Royal Rangers who have earned both the first aid patch and the LFTL Junior Councilmen patch, the patches should be worn in this order: first aid patch 1/2 inch from left sleeve cuff, Junior Councilmen patch 1/2 inch from first aid patch. To order first aid patches, call 1-800-641-4310 and request item 15-0793.

New Publications: The long-awaited *Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Handbook* and *Buckaroos Leaders Planning Guide* are now available through the Gospel Publishing House, 1-800-641-4310. *FCF Handbook*, \$5.50, Order # 02-1048. *Buckaroos Leaders Planning Guide*, \$11.95 w/o binder, Order # 02-1049; \$13.50

\$13.50 w/ binder, Order # 10-1052.

New Outreach Brochure Being Developed: *The Ultimate ... Royal Rangers* is a new brochure now being developed by the national office. The brochure is targeted to evangelize boys and to inform them about the Royal Rangers ministry. The expected press date will appear in the November-December 1993 *National Network*.

☛ **Regarding Campaign Hats:** Paul Stanek, national deputy commander, notes that the Gospel Publishing House will not be supplying the blue or brown campaign hats for camp commanders. To order either campaign hat, contact W. Alboum Hat Co., Inc.; 1439 Springfield, Ave.; Irvington, NJ 07111 ☎ (201) 371-9100.

☛ **District Commanders Make Note:** The 1994 *Camporama Policy Manual* has been revised—see page 4, "Traffic Safety Policy" (Motor Vehicle). Copy should read "• Truck beds/tractors may not be used for transporting passengers." Please correct your handout.

Regional Coordinator Proposes: Jeff Dunmire, Southwest Region coordinator, is engaged to be married to Carol Raley. She is the general manager of Ramada Inn in Bonita, Calif. Wedding plans are for April 1994. Congratulations, Jeff and Carol. May the Lord richly bless your future.

Amateur Radio Day: Randy Claunch, public relations coordinator for Southeast Region, reports that the New Mexico District is sponsoring Amateur Radio Day, November 13, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.(CST). The host radio call is KD5RZ, and the host operator is Roger Christopher. For further information contact Randy Claunch—☎(505) 397-2690—or Randy Claunch—☎ (505) 397-7548.

Eller Serves Ministry 40 Years: The Rev. John Eller, national dispatcher, recently celebrated 40 years in the ministry Sunday, August 15. Services were held at the First Assembly of God, at New Covenant Assembly of God and at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Greer, S.C.

During the 40 years he has preached more than 10,000 sermons and has seen more than 6,000 converts.

As for what he thinks the future will hold for his ministry, Eller said it will be a continuation of the adventure of the past 40 years. "I'm just as excited today as when I began," he said.

He presently is involved in a preaching and counseling ministry. He travels extensively throughout the United States.

Eller has pastored congregations in Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, and Tennessee.

—*Reprint courtesy of Griffin Daily News, Saturday, July 24, 1993, issue*

Your Health

New Screening Guidelines for Prostate Cancer: The *Hope Health Letter*, produced by the Hope Heart Institute, reported in its September 1993 newsletter:

"Men over age 40 with no prostate symptoms should have an annual digital rectal exam to screen for prostate cancer," states the publication, which reported on the American Cancer Society recommendations. "Men over age 50 should have an annual digital rectal exam and a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test.

"...Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men (lung cancer is No. 1). This year, about 35,000 American men will die of this cancer."

If you wish further information, ☎1-800-227-2345.

General Information

General Council Men's Ministries Booth: A big thank you to those who manned the Men's Ministries booth at the 45th General Council in Minneapolis. A large number of commanders and district men's directors participated.

Southern Idaho Pow Wow: The Saw-tooth Mountains created a picturesque background for the Southern Idaho Pow Wow, held July 29-August 1. What a great event! I enjoyed being the evening speaker. A great number of boys were saved and filled with the Spirit. Thank you, District Commander Bob Parr, for inviting me to join this grand event.

Articles of Interest

Recycling Throw-away Kids

I viewed the television news magazine in a state of sadness, even horror. Portrayed on the screen was an endless chain of latchkey children, failed families, misplaced priorities, skewed values, and "throw-away kids."

What an awful term: "throw-away kids"! Could it actually be that just as spent cola cans are tossed into the trash bin, some persons in our society have reached a comfort level with "disposing" of America's children

when "it doesn't work out?"

Concurrent with my shock and dismay was the reminder of the unique relationship between churches and the youth-serving agencies that offer a "recycling" program for children, youth, and families. Linking the church's message of hope with concerned leaders is a solution that cannot be ignored. Once individuals are grounded in faith and prepared for living—spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically—it is inconceivable that anyone could entertain the idea of "throw-away kids." Like the spaghetti sauce commercial touting the ingredients, we can say with assurance of the church/youth serving agency mix that whatever the needed ingredient ... "it's in there!"

If the churches in your area have not discovered the tremendous value of teaming up with the agencies in reaching America's families, there is no better time than *today* to begin the investigation.

Yes, America must keep recycling; it makes sense and it's good stewardship. While recycling waste products is important, "recycling" persons is a *divine mandate!* Furthermore, a "recycled" person is better than the original!

—R. Chip Turner, *Youthscape, a publication of the Commission for Church and Youth Agency Relationships*

What FCF Means to Me

Being a backwoodsman—the rough and ready type—FCF fits me like long johns on a cold winter morning. Fishing, hunting, camping, exploring, observing wildlife, and cooking over an open fire have always been a way of life for me. Now, added to all that, is the world of early American frontier history with its cowboys, Indians, mountain men, explorers, pioneers, etc., and their colorful way of life.

Actually, the FCF started me on a never-ending trail of adventure, opening a new territory of stories and object lessons—with which to relate the truths of the Bible in an exciting, different way to young and old alike. It also opened the doors of the public school system to speak of moral truths and represent a Christian life-style through the tools of buckskins, tomahawks, black powder, and fur trapping of early America.

A quite, unexpected blessing—which I can see now as vividly as one sees the stars from a prairie nestled in the Florida pine woods on a cold, clear winter night—is that my truest friends are among the FCF. Recently, I traveled more than 3,000 miles by mechanical wagon to and from a National Rendezvous with one such old-timer. Having made this trace with it sharing of work, food, prayer, thoughts, hurts, hopes, and dreams, I

consider myself the more blessed. Along the clearly blazed FCF trail in the forest, I am sure that I will always help and be helped until the last rendezvous.

Many people walk through life and never find one true friend. Within the glow of the FCF campfire, I have found many and see the shadows of others yet to join the warmth of its fellowship.

—Shelby Lanier, *The Tracker, Peninsular Florida District*

Teachable Moments

It was an early, brisk, spring morning in Eagle Rock, Missouri, at a National Training Camp, where I learned the phrase "teachable moments." My assignment was to serve as junior commander under Senior Guide Fred Deaver. It was an honor to work with our FCF president, and I learned much about camp craft. He is truly one of God's choice servants.

As we stepped into campsites to conduct morning inspections, the senior guide began his ritual of inspecting. Lifting tent flaps, checking tool areas, inspecting cooking gear. He would without exception always find something that was a "teachable moment."

I marveled at his ability to look beyond the apparent and to look for the small things that make a campsite really great. He was teaching me something!

We have an incredible opportunity through camping, outpost meetings, special outings, or just a trip to McDonald's to offer our boys teachable moments, which will have a positive impact for the rest of their lives. Teachable moments occur sometimes when camping or the Bible are not being discussed. The boys pick up attitudes, phrases, mannerisms, and a myriad of other things that make an impression. What an awesome responsibility!

Commander, as we continue to reach, teach, keep boys for Christ, allow yourself to be a positive influence on our boys. Remember what you do and say becomes a teachable moment to the boy. In a world where young people are getting a distorted picture of family life and relationships, let's not add to this internal confusion. Rather, keep your guard up, walk circumspectly, and be the boys' best friend. If you do someday they will remember a commander who gave them some "teachable moments."

—Rev. Dave Jenkins, *The Volunteer Call, Tennessee District*

