

National Network



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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Training Events at Camp Eagle Rock: The first ever National Academy is coming May 3-7. According to Paul Stanek, camp coordinator, 102 trainees will be attending. Over 20 class will be taught to those becoming certified as national training camp instructors.

Camp Eagle Rock is also host of several other training events in 1995. In April Paul Stanek took 30 Chi Alpha students through the low ropes course; they loved it! Two D.A.R.E. groups are scheduled to go through the low ropes course in June and July. A Ham Radio camp is scheduled for July 28-30. A Low Ropes Safety Course is being offered April 22, 23 and a High Ropes Course May 27, 28.

Please promote the Eagle Rock Adventure, scheduled for July 16-22. Registration fee is \$125. Place in your publications the ad I've included on the following page.

Exploradores Del Rey (Royal Rangers): Missionary Eugene Hunt, coordinator for Latin America Royal Rangers, attended the 1994 National Camporama in Eagle Rock, Missouri, in July. The purpose of his visit was to gain insight into what will be needed to host a Costa Rica Camporama. The Camporama is scheduled for January 30-February 2, 1996. For further information and how to attend, contact Missionary Hunt. Address: Apartado 1834-2100, Guadalupe, San Jose, Costa Rica. Phone: 011-506-225-1938. Fax: 001-506-224-8564.

L.A. Task Force, Harvest '95: The Southern California District is preparing for a mass evangelism outreach in Los Angeles October 13, 14. The event endorsed by the national office will consist of training on street witnessing, prayer, fasting, gospel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National Training Camp		
Iowa	Joseph Ogden (A/G Campground)	May 4-7
California	Emmer Emigrant Gap (Donner Mining Camp)	May 11-14
Michigan	Gayle Gaylord (Lost Valley Bible Camp)	May 18-21
Tennessee	Goodie Goodlettsville (Ambassador Conf. Ctr.)	May 25-28

Safety Course		
Missouri	Eagle Rock (High Ropes)	May 27-28

National Academy		
Missouri	Eagle Rock (Regist. closed, camp full)	May 3-7

General Calendar Events	
National Family Week	May 7-13
Mother's Day	May 14
Memorial Day	May 29
Pentecost Sunday	June 4
Children's Day	June 11
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 18

literature distribution and street witnessing, and children's crusades. According to Tim Bruder, coordinator for the outreach event, about 200 commanders and older Rangers will be assisting about 5 urban churches.

Districts are encouraged to conduct such prayer task force trips! For information on conducting a Task Force, Harvest '95 trip, contact Marshall Bruner, national Royal Rangers Office.

Past Events

1995 National Royal Rangers Council: Hopefully you were among the 220 commanders who attended the 1995

National Royal Rangers Council. If not, you will find this brief report refreshing. God's Spirit was among us in a mighty way. This was one of the most productive and spiritually charged National Councils.

We met March 16-18 here in Springfield, Missouri, at the Radisson Inn Conference Center. As we gathered to plan the future of Royal Rangers, the council theme 'Fan into Flame' (2 Timothy 1:6, NIV) came alive as councilmen pledged themselves to the Great Commission.

Let me share portions of the report that appears in the summer 1995 *High Adventure Leader*. "The challenge toward

revival was set into motion during the opening Silver Eagle Banquet, March 16, by Rev. Thomas E. Trask, general superintendent. Following his special message that evening, 41 district commanders received the Silver Eagle Award for their outstanding service to Royal Rangers in 1994.

"During the 2 days of business that followed, councilmen spontaneously pledged \$77,210 toward missions projects."

I challenged every councilman to give toward a national missions trip coming in September. Myself and about eight other individuals will be traveling to a remote Asian country. There the small group of hand-picked men will hike to high elevations to reach secluded villagers. Our goal is to distribute gospel literature and to pray for a move of God in that spiritually darkened region.

About \$4,750 was pledged toward this cause. Friend, I admonish you to pray fervently for this missions trip. We will be hiking to elevations of 18,000 feet. We will be combating the forces of Satan in this spiritually darkened region as we distribute gospel literature, fast, and pray. We need prayer for physical strength. We need God to go before us to prepare the spiritual soil for the seeds we will plant.

If you attended National Council, you will recall how we were moved by God to financially assist the development of Royal Rangers in Latin America. Missionary Doug Marsh challenged us to raise funds to help purchase 100 acres to establish a Royal Rangers training center in Costa Rica.

Pride swelled within as I witnessed what then occurred. For the next several minutes, councilmen stood to pledge their personal

finances and the financial support of their regions, districts, and even outposts. We raised \$72,460 in pledges—sufficient to purchase 90.5 acres. Praise God!

During council I further challenged the councilmen toward Decade of Harvest goals, which I pray can be achieved by the year 2000. Please accept this challenge as you read the following:

- to place the Royal Rangers ministry in every stateside Assemblies of God church
- to place this ministry in every possible district approved non-Assemblies of God church
- to place Royal Rangers in every country around the world
- to increase the number of chartered churches by 10 percent per year
- that every FCF chapter endeavor to sponsor a Pathfinder trip each year
- to add 650 LFTL Junior Councilmen within the next year, then double the total each year thereafter—or have 10,400 Junior Councilmen by the year 2000
- that each district commander adopt/plant one new outpost every year
- that every FCF chapter president generate a one-to-one ratio: one leader to each boy in FCF
- that every district commander appoint a Harvest Task Force coordinator, whose portfolio is to strengthen the evangelistic endeavors of that district
- to promote the ministry in every Assemblies of God church each year, using the *Royal Rangers 7-Minute Presentation*.
- that each district support its regional conference
- that every national councilman increase training on all fronts
- that each district commander look at fresh approaches to increase attendance at his district Pow Wows

During the *President's Report*, James Barger, president of the National Royal Rangers Council, shared the upcoming developments of the ministry:

- *The Book of Hope*: At the time of the report, \$102,709 has been generated through the LFTL Junior Councilmen program. The funds were used to produce 200,000 *The Book of Hope* urban Bibles, which were given to the Division of Home Missions for distribution in the 39 major cities targeted by DHM.
- *LFTL Junior Councilmen*: The national Royal Rangers Office is preparing to develop missions educational tools for the Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program. The materials will be made available to local outposts to teach Royal Rangers about missions and missions giving.
- *Uniform Items*: The current Royal Rangers uniform was reviewed by the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee, which recommended no change to the uniform. The khaki uniform will be

recognized as a dress uniform. The dress of the day for weekly meetings and district Pow Wows are the Royal Rangers T-shirts and caps.

- *National Buckaroos/Straight Arrows Coordinator*: The National Royal Rangers Council Constitution and Bylaws was amended to allow for the appointment of a national Buckaroos / Straight Arrows coordinator.

During another report to the council, it was noted that additional program options are being developed for boys grades 10-12 (ages 15-17). The national programs will be offered in 1996 to local outposts. See additional information below on this subject.

The council concluded March 18 with a LFTL Junior Councilmen evening banquet. Don Jacques, president of Light-for-the-Lost, and other LFTL councilmen barbecued ribs for the banquet. Servers at the banquet were Royal Rangers who were working to earn their Junior Councilmen requirements.

That evening James Barger, our special speaker, challenged councilmen to raise funds for the new Junior Councilmen project, *Edward Elephant Says*. Now we will have a stateside project, *The Book of Hope*, and a foreign project *Edward Elephant Says*. This comic book, with an evangelistic message, is being distributed by our foreign missionaries throughout Africa. Councilmen pledged to generate \$89,650 toward the *Edward Elephant Says* project.

The Harvest Task Force Seminar followed the banquet. Three workshops were presented: 1) Urban Evangelism, 2) Urban Leaders Training Course Program—a joint program offered by Royal Rangers and Teen Challenge, which trains Teen Challenge students about Royal Rangers leadership—and 3) Royal Rangers Turning Point and *Insight Group*.

Thank God for the vision God is giving us to reach our world for Christ. As we "fan into flame" a fresh burden to reach the lost for Him, we will witness the greatest days Royal Rangers has ever witnessed.

Harvest Task Force Scope

Harvest Task Force Prayer Calendar: Remember to earmark your calendar for the dates scheduled for the Royal Rangers prayer and fasting days. The first Saturday of every month has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Harvest Task Force (Decade of Harvest) efforts.

Please Pray:

- ... for mother of Fred Deaver, who suffers from cancer
- ... for Cindy Gentry, wife of Mark Gentry, who suffers greatly from pain inflicted by multiple sclerosis

DON'T GET LEFT OUT!

The national Eagle Rock Adventure is coming soon.

7 days packed with fun and adventure Eagle Rock Adventure

Activities such as rappelling, cave exploration, hiking, pioneering, mountain craft skills, night owl expedition, archery, riflery, pageantry, and much more

Eagle Rock Adventure
July 16-22
Camp Eagle Rock—Eagle Rock, Missouri

Must be 12-17 years old or a leader

Contact the national Royal Rangers Office for application forms.

**Royal Rangers
Training Department
1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802-1894**

- ... for Irene Espinoza, daughter of Freddie Espinoza. This young lady in her 20's is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ... for national, regional, district, and outpost efforts to evangelize urban America
- ... for the survivors of the terrorist attack in Oklahoma City
- ... that God will greatly anoint the commanders of this ministry so that a mighty move of His Spirit may be manifest

1-800-4PRAYER: The General Council of the Assemblies of God has established at Headquarters a National Prayer Center. To share urgent prayer requests, dial 1-800-4PRAYER.

LFTL Junior Councilmen Education Program: Please remember our office in prayer as we seek God's direction to develop the educational materials for the LFTL Junior Councilmen.

We are laying the foundation of the educational program and will be calling on key individuals for their input. The concept is to provide the tools to outposts to involve boys of all ages in missions. Curricula for all grade/age groups will be developed to educate boys how to be actively involved in missions.

For example, we invasion developing central characters, such as a boy and his companion dog, that will travel through time in a spacecraft. The boy will learn of the spiritual needs in various areas of the world. We hope to develop a miniature spacecraft of some type that will hold the coins given by Rangers to the Junior Councilmen gospel literature projects.

Much work lies ahead this year in developing these educational tools, but we are excited of what results we will see as Royal Rangers actively participate in missions. Someday Rangers will be coming home and foreign missionaries because of what they learned in Royal Rangers!

Urban Leaders Training Course Program: We are already seeing great results with our joint program with Teen Challenge, training students to become future commanders. Two Teen Challenge centers in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Colfax, Iowa, have implemented the program. Now district commanders report that the joint venture will soon begin in Tucson, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Don Brock, North Central Region coordinator, received these reports from the Teen Challenge of Midlands in Colfax, Iowa:

"Dear Don," writes Warren Husberger, executive director of Midland Teen Challenge, "I want to thank you for your assistance in getting the Royal Rangers training off the ground at our center. The

students and staff involved are excited about the possibilities. We believe this training will not only serve the overall purpose of training young boys, but also that specifically of discipling and preparing our students for the future.

"Our students have plugged into First Assembly's Royal Rangers outpost [in Des Moines], while the future plans of pioneering an urban outpost alongside Metro Assembly in Des Moines is still in the planning stages."

Writes Dr. Jim Dougherty, an LTC instructor at the center in Colfax: "Dear Don, I am writing to let you know how things are progressing with our [Urban Leaders Training Course Program] at the Teen Challenge of the Midlands. We currently have eight men enrolled in the course. We are holding classes on Tuesday mornings of each week from 9 a.m. till noon.

"The men taking this LTC have been carefully screened and selected by the staff.... Every Wednesday night these eight [students] work with the Royal Rangers outpost at First Assembly in Des Moines, getting hands-on practical experience. They are rotating through the various age groups, spending 2 weeks with each group....

"It is my firm conviction that the training these men are receiving—combined with the extensive and intensive discipleship ministry of Teen Challenge—will equip them to [one day] be an extremely valuable asset to any church, urban or otherwise. They will be some of the most highly trained and certified Royal Rangers leaders in our Fellowship—ready and eager to minister wherever the Lord leads them."

General Information

General Council Ushers Needed: I have been selected to serve as chairman of the Usher Committee for the 46th Biennial General Council and am seeking volunteers to assist me as ushers at this grand event. I will be teaming up with leaders from the Illinois, Northern Missouri, and Southern Missouri districts, yet still need your assistance if you wish to help. Please contact me at the national office if you are interested.

Challengers Program: You will recall the report during business of the National Council, regarding our endeavors to strengthen the older boys' programs. Through the direction of the National Programs Committee and numerous selected individuals, we are tooling out a new "Challengers" program. Challengers will be a combination of hands-on, vocational, and advocational programs that will enable Rangers to achieve maximum adventure while learning new skills.

The Air-Sea-Trail Rangers programs will come under the umbrella of the Challengers program, which will have a

common core advancement system. Similar to required subjects in high school, the Rangers will have topics they will learn of and apply in their Christian lives—such as Christian service, missions, dating relationships, discipleship, and witnessing.

A Challenger will be permitted to participate in the various national programs the outpost offers. The Advancement Trail for these programs will be merit driven. Rangers finishing up their GMA and/or aspiring to earn Ranger of the Year will be enabled to do so through the Trail Rangers program. The variety of exciting programs will be designed for boys of all types.

Ranger of the Year Program: We look forward to hosting the National Ranger of the Year winners July 15-22. Again this year the national winners will be escorted to various areas of the Ozarks, plus participate in the Eagle Rock Adventure, held at Camp Eagle Rock.

1996 National Rendezvous: Please begin to promote the 1996 National Rendezvous. Place the below ad in your publications.

New Products

- Compromata Videos:**
- 30-minute overview video
Item: 729NY053
Cost: \$14.95, plus shipping
- 15-minute promotional video
Item Number: 729NY054
Cost: \$14.95, plus shipping

Publications:

→ **ON-LINE** is a new national newsletter offered directly to Royal Rangers outposts. The quarterly publication is designed to keep outpost commanders abreast of current and upcoming helps, events, and publications.

If senior commanders of chartered outposts did not receive our first two

1996 National Rendezvous
"Lighting the Wilderness"
(John 8:12)

A chance of a lifetime!

For members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowships

Date: July 15-19, 1996
Place: Camp Eagle Rock
Eagle Rock, Missouri

Have you joined FCF? Ask your commander how you can join this elite group of boys and men who are the spiritual leaders of Royal Rangers.

mailings, please contact our office (417) 862-2781, ext. 4177.

→ *The Ultimate—English* brochure
Item: 729NY007
Cost: \$.05—100-800 brochures*
Cost: \$.045—801-1,499 brochures*
Cost: \$.04—1,500-plus brochures*

*plus shipping

→ *The Ultimate—Spanish* brochure
Item: 729NY025
Cost: Free

Note: Both English and Spanish versions of *The Ultimate* brochure may be obtained free of charge to churches unable to afford the cost. Such churches must request the items through the national office and must pay for shipment.

→ *Urban Commanders Training Guide*
Item: 729NY009
Cost: \$5.30, plus shipping

A 66-page training manual that offers new insights to penetrating urban America with the Royal Rangers ministry.

→ *Urban Rangers—Dallas, Chicago*
Item: 729NY052
Cost: \$5.00, plus shipping

The video highlights urban Royal Rangers in Dallas and in Chicago—ideal for promoting the ministry's involvement in the inner cities as well as for encouraging churches to raise funds for inner-city outposts.

→ *Insight Group: Commander's Guide*
Item: 729NY049
Cost: \$9, plus shipping*

→ *Insight Group: Ranger's Guide*
Item: 729NY050
Cost: \$7, plus shipping*

The *Insight Group* curricula is ideal for groups Pioneers through Air-Sea-Trail. However, the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders can apply the program features in their outpost group meetings by adapting the topics to the boys' level of understanding. The Bible study lessons can be applied in the same manner.

Insight Group provides 13 sessions that are ideal for monthly meeting features or a weekly 30-minute values/Bible study.

The commander's guide, a 104-page guide, instructs the leader how to use the curriculum along with the materials that are presented in the *Ranger's Guide*.

Along with Bible studies, the curriculum addresses issues such as trust, the trap (substance abuse), peer care, Christ-esteem, making decisions, and dating relationships.

*Order 10-19 copies of each and save 10 percent or receive a 20 percent discount for ordering 20 or more of each.

→ *Victor's Victories*
Item: 729NY057
Cost: \$18, plus shipping

For Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders: Contains 13 stories with Bible studies and discussion topics that address issues today's young boys face: the single-parent home, death is not the end, controlling anger, peer pressure and gangs, friendship, the importance of winning, and much more.

→ *Behind Our Sunday Smiles*
Item: 729NY055
Cost: \$9.95, plus shipping
Offers insights on life-controlling problems and *Insight Group* curriculum application

→ *Prevention Resource Guide*
Item: 729NY056
Cost: \$35, plus shipping

Educates on various chemicals that are abused and what physical affects the substances have on the body. Other topics: Diagnosing Your Walk With God, Self-Image and Identity, Honesty and Transparency, Making Decisions and Setting Goals, and Steering Clear of Life-Controlling Problems.

→ *Gold Medal of Achievement Bulletin*
Item: 729NY069
Cost: \$15 per 100

The 11- by 8 1/2-inch format, which folds in half, enables the user to print the GMA ceremony schedule and service activities on opposite side of design.

→ *Church Heritage Packet*
Item: 729NY006
Cost: \$2

Required reading for Rangers wanting to earn the Church Merit.

The Solid Rock, video and curriculum series:

→ *Kids 'n' Gangs*
Item: 729NY100

→ *Streets of Pain*
Item: 729NY101

→ *Who is God?*
Item: 729NY103

→ *Finding God's Will for Your Life*
Item: 729NY104

→ *Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places*
Item: 729NY105

Cost Each: \$39.95

Each packet contains a video on the youth issue, a leader's workbook that can be duplicated, and *The Youth Bible* that

contains numerous devotional topics ideal for the outpost meeting.

New Meeting Feature Videos:

→ *I Didn't Do It*
Item: 729NY107
Cost: \$14.99

Topic: Telling the truth
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos

→ *Strangers*
Item: 729NY108
Cost: \$14.95

Topic: Child Abduction Prevention
Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos

→ *Decisions & Consequences*
Item: 729NY109
Cost: \$19.95

Topic: A look behind prison walls; teaches the consequences of sin
Audience: All age groups

→ *Incest: Solving the Pain*
Item: 729NY110
Cost: \$19.99

Topic: Child abuse prevention
Audience: Commanders

Computer Software:

→ *The Royal Rangers Computer Presentation*
Item: 729NY051
Cost: \$35.00, plus shipping

Designed to enable commanders to promote the Royal Rangers program via their computers. It contains two 3.5-inch disks and provides a continual run program that includes colorful graphics and one-color photographs, which depict various activities and which present each age-group program.

→ *Ranger Pro*
Item: 729NY066, 3 1/2" disk
Item: 729NY068, 5 1/4" disk
Cost: \$45, plus shipping

DOS computer program that enables the outpost commander to maintain records of his Rangers—such as advancements earned, level of spiritual commitment, address and phone number, and more.

Accessories:

→ Urban T-shirt
Size L: Item 729NY058
Size XL: Item 729NY059
Size XXL: Item 729NY060
Cost: \$9 each
\$7.75, order 7 or more
each item

→ Urban Cap
Item: 729NY067
Cost: \$7 (\$6, order 10 or more)

→ Camp Eagle Rock T-shirt
Size L: Item 729NY061
Size XL: Item 729NY062
Size XXL: Item 729NY063
Cost: \$11.50 each