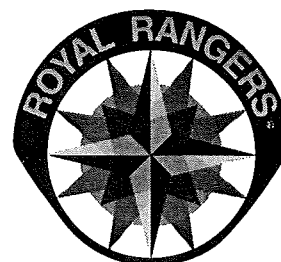


November-December 1996

NATIONAL NETWORK



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1997 National Camps

ANTC

Florida, Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness), Feb. 6-9
N. California, Emigrant Gap (Donner Mine Camp), Sept. 25-28

BSTC

West Virginia, Falling Waters (Potomac Park Conf. Ctr.), April 10-12
Oregon, Sisters (Camp Davidson), Sept. 19-21
Tennessee, Goodlettsville (Camp Ambassador), Oct. 3-5
Colorado, Colorado Springs (New Life Church), June 21 & July 19

NCE

Michigan, Gaylord (Lost Valley Bible Camp), June 5-8

NTT

N. California, Kyburz (Eldorado Nat. Forest, Loon Lake) Aug. 21-24
New York, Bakers Mill, Sept. 25-28
North Dakota, Watford City (National Memorial Park), Sept. 25-28
Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Oct. 9-12

National Academy

Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), PHASE 2—May 14-18
Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), PHASE 3—May 12-18

NTC

Florida, Fort Meade (Camp Wilderness), Jan. 30-Feb 2
Iowa, Ogden (A/G Campground), May 1-4
Maryland, Whiteford (Camp Spence SBA), May 7-10, Wednesday-Saturday
Montana, Hungry Horse (Glacier Bible Camp), May 15-18
N. California, Emigrant Gap (Donner Mine Camp), May 15-18
S. California, Twin Peaks (Fort Pinecrest), Sept. 4-7
New Jersey, Woodstown (Camp Roosevelt, BSA), Sept. 4-7
Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), Sept. 11-14
Ohio, Bellefontaine (Camp Cotubic), Oct. 9-12, 1997

WNTC

Maine, N. Limington (Christian Fellowship & Renewal Ctr.), Feb 6-9

Eagle Rock Adventure

Missouri, Eagle Rock (Camp Eagle Rock), July 13-19

UPCOMING EVENTS

1997 National Royal Rangers Council: Another reminder that the 1997 National Royal Rangers Council is scheduled for March 21-23, to be held at the Clarion Inn here in Springfield. We will be mailing the council registration packet around mid-January. In that packet will be registration information on the District Leadership Training Seminar and the Royal Rangers Turning Point Seminar (see information below).

• District Leadership Training Seminar (DLTS)

The DLTS will be held at the Clarion Hotel, Sunday, March 23, 1997, following our National Royal Rangers Council. You may recall that the DLTS was discussed during last year's council. The DLTS was initiated so courses could be offered to help new district commanders through workshops and instruction in some of the topics discussed below.

This training is available to district commanders and their staff and is beneficial to both new and well-seasoned leaders. I am sure you will find the training well worth your time.

As I mentioned in my letter sent to all district commanders, I wish to thank Richard Mariott, Northern California-Nevada District commander, for pulling together this conference format based on a survey he had recently completed.

If you wish to attend the DLTS, contact your district commander. He must approve for you to attend. An application and fur-

ther information about the DLTS will follow in the 1997 National Royal Rangers Council packet.

Workshop Topics

1. Developing good oral communications skills for public speaking (traits for speaking in churches, outpost presentations, GMA ceremonies, and staff meetings): Communications skills are some of the hardest to teach and for some to understand. There are some basic principles that will be applied and taught in this workshop by a proven communicator.

2. How to motivate staff and others to become an asset to yourself and the Royal Rangers ministry: This course teaches how to motivate others to be an asset to the district commander and the Royal Rangers ministry. Quite often we give a person a job or job description but do not encourage, help, give thanks, and use other opportunities to be a motivating factor to see that person succeed. This class will also be a well-planned course on "being aware of the tools, and how to motivate others to become successful."

3. Funding the district Royal Rangers operations: Some districts have designated funds to operate Royal Rangers, but most others need to raise moneys to help support their district activities. This workshop is designed to offer different types of funding programs used across the nation that will reflect a variety of ideas available.

4. How to be a "master planner" for district activities: This topic discusses "how to organize district operations." The number-one reason most of our districts are not growing numerically and not retaining a higher percentage of leaders is because they have no "master plan." Or if there is a master plan, it is lacking promotions and follow-through. This is a topic you will not want to miss if your district is needy in this area.

5. Open forum with the national staff: An open-panel discussion between national councilmen and a panel of national staff.

• Turning Point Seminar

Some individuals who are training to become instructors have expressed an interest to attend a Turning Point Seminar. So Marshall Bruner, here at the national office, will conduct a Turning Point Seminar on March 24, the day after the District Leadership Training Conference, for all councilmen who are interested. The

10-hour seminar will be held here at Headquarters.

You may recall from past issues of the *National Network* and *High Adventure* that instructor trainers will soon be required to take the Turning Point Seminar to recertify. If you are able to attend the March 24 seminar, you can get ahead by completing this requirement.

The cost of the seminar is only \$10, plus any refreshments you wish to purchase.

Australia Camporama: Are you interested in attending the 1997 Australia Camporama? If so contact our office ASAP. I am planning a group trip. Some men are already scheduled to go. The Australian Camporama is quickly approaching. It will be held on January 6-10, 1997, on the northern outskirts of Brisbane at the Watson Park Convention Centre. The cost is \$170, due no later than Dec. 15, 1996.

Tents will be furnished with electrical lighting and nearby showers. Campers will need to bring their own sleeping bags and pads. They must have long-sleeved shirts with collars and hats that shade the face and neck. The only other item needed, besides the usual for camping, is a camp stool or chair. The Camporama is being held in Queensland, which is very hot and sunny, so sun screen is also suggested.

For necessary forms, contact the national Royal Ranger Office—(417) 862-2781, extension 4179.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome New Employees: I am pleased to introduce two new employees here at the national office. Brenda Thomas serves as my secretary, replacing Donna Jester. Beverly Delport serves as

secretary to Marshall Bruner and as the national chartering secretary, replacing Phyllis Dodson. Both Brenda and Beverly are delightful to work with and are a great asset to the ministry. Welcome, Brenda and Beverly!

In past issues of the *High Adventure Leader* and *National Network* I had expressed my appreciation to Donna Jester for her years of dedicated service. Now at the departure of Phyllis Dodson, I also wish to share my thanks to her for serving 18 faithful years here at the national office. To Phyllis: All at the national office appreciate your contribution and your pleasant attitude!

Fall 1996 Executive Committee: I wish to thank each member of the National Executive Committee who attended our meetings October 22, 23.

Our primary discussions revolved around the planning of the '98 National Camporama. (See information below regarding the National Camporama.) Following are highlights of the meeting:

➔ Royal Ranger of the Year: Regional

coordinators received new test questions for the Ranger of the Year competition that they will make available to each district commander.

➔ **New Office Structure:** The leaders of our Fellowship have endorsed a new office structure for the national Men's Ministries Department, now known as **HonorBound: Men of Promise**. With that endorsement, Royal Rangers will gain departmental status and be called Royal Rangers/ Men of Ministry. Bennie Ferguson will also serve as department head under the **HonorBound** structure for the Light-for-the-Lost/Men of Missions Department. Also, Jeff Swaim, who previously served for the National Youth Department, has been named head of the Discipleship & Evangelism Department.

➔ **Publications Update:** The Executive Committee was also updated on the Buckaroos-Straight Arrows revisions.



Beverly Delport & Brenda Thomas

Scott Mandeville, national Buckaroos-Straight Arrows coordinator, is doing a fantastic job in heading up various committees to study and revise the Buckaroos and Straight Arrows programs. Scott recently sent in proposed Advancement Trails for the revised BSA programs. We estimate that all new materials for the BSA programs will be available by early spring of 1999. This will complete the revision of the total Advancement Trail—that is from the Straight Arrows to the Challengers programs.

➔ **Regarding the National Staff Patch:** During the Executive Committee, a motion carried to allow national Royal Rangers of the Year winners to wear the national staff patch during the current year they have earned their title. You will recall that this policy is already in effect for the national and assistant national FCF scouts. However, this policy does not affect change in rank; the young men will continue to wear their highest award ratings earned as Royal Rangers.

James Barger's Missions Report: We heard a dynamic report from Jim Barger, Great Lakes Region coordinator, of his trip to an Asian nation steeped in eastern religion that has been virtually untouched with the gospel message. Our hearts were gripped as Jim told in great detail of the spiritually dark conditions there and how he and foreign missionaries traveled to such high altitude that Jim's body literally throbbled with constant pain. Please pray with Jim as he prepares for another trip to this nation in need of God. You will be given the opportunity to hear Jim's testimony at the 1997 National Council.

1998 National Camporama: Our office is preparing a National Camporama information packet for outpost commanders that will include registration information and a colorful Camporama brochure and poster. Our new designer Clint Davis has created some new designs especially for the Camporama that you will thoroughly enjoy. Sample packets will be sent to each district commander sometime in December of this year. Additional information on the Camporama will be discussed in detail at the 1997 National Council.

Challengers Update: We are hearing from Gospel Publishing House that the *Challengers: Trail Rangers Handbook* may be available by council time. We are eager

to introduce this new handbook, which includes the new Advancement Trail for that Trail Rangers program. We are anticipating the release of a second Challengers program this summer that will be entitled "Harvesters."

The Harvesters program will become one of the many Challengers programs involving special interest studies. Harvesters will study topics such as Christian growth, discipleship, and evangelism, plus participate in evangelistic outreaches—such as Royal Rangers missions trips, AIM trips, and MAPS trips. For example, the national office is planning Harvest Task Force trips where young men and their commanders can travel to key areas in the United States for a time of fasting, prayer, and evangelism. Some future trips will allow time for Challengers and their commanders to assist in church construction and upkeep, while also engaging in prayer and evangelism.

David Craun, Louisiana District commander and chairmen of the Programs Committee, will be heading up a study on Challengers program needs and development. If you are interested in developing a Challengers program or have ideas you wish to share, please contact David Craun.

New GPH Products: Gospel Publishing House has recently revised two of our publications, which are now available for purchase. I salute GPH for the outstanding design on the revised *Pioneers Workbook*

and the *Advancement and Training Record Folder*, both containing the new Advancement Trail. The *Advancement and Training Record Folder* contains the new Advancement Trails for the Pioneers, Trailblazers, and Challengers: Trail Rangers programs. You will like what you see!

FYI: We are hoping that GPH will have the new Royal Rangers songbook and cassette, called *Cadence of Christ*, available by mid-January or shortly thereafter. If you attended the 1996 National Council, you will remember hearing the songs we had played that will be included in the *Cadence of Christ*. The cassette will offer a split-track that will enable outpost commanders to play the songs with or without the accompaniment.

Upcoming Work Weeks—Camp Eagle Rock: Please help me recruit workers for upcoming work weeks at Camp Eagle Rock, our national campground, by sharing the following information in your newsletter. Several tasks must be completed in preparation of the 1998 National Camporama, plus improvement needs. **The work weeks in 1997 are May 19-24 and October 13-17.**

High Adventure Subscription Policy Change: Recently we have adjusted our subscription policy. Effective immediately subscriptions are available to nonchartered outposts for the *High Adventure Leader*.



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July 13-19, 1997

Cost: \$125

Requirements:

- ➔ Rangers ages 12-17
- ➔ Leaders escorting Royal Rangers

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Royal Rangers who attend a chartered outpost will continue to automatically receive the 16-page, full-color magazine *High Adventure*.

New Age Requirement for LTC & NTC: Effective January 1, 1998, an individual must be age 18 or older to earn the Leaders Medal of Achievement or to participate in a national training camp. This age adjustment is a necessary step toward child abuse prevention.

Harvest Task Force—from the desk of Marshall Bruner: I have a challenge for you, and I pray that you will take this challenge and run with it. Beginning in 1997 every district commander is highly encouraged to plan at least one Harvest Task Force trip. The HTF is designed to target a key area for a time of fasting, prayer, and evangelism. If every district commander will implement this strategy across the nation, our ministry will make a great impact for the kingdom of God. A national HTF is being planned for April 1997 in Atlanta, Georgia.

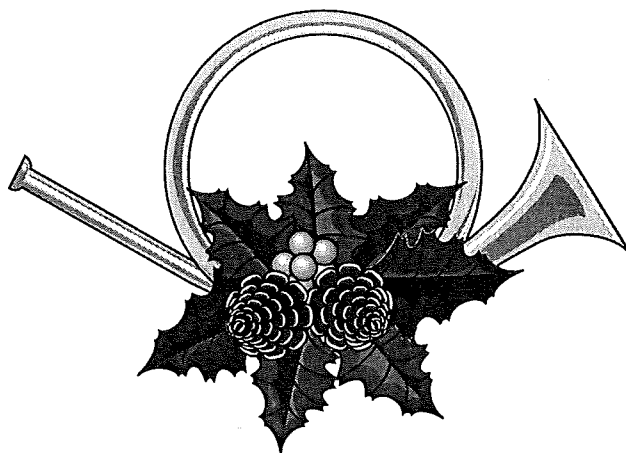
By now you should have received my letter with a handout on how to conduct an HTF. Our office now offers a tremendous tool to help you promote the HTF,

called *Harvest Task Force: Breaking Powers Through Prayer*. You can obtain the video for only \$10 by calling 1-800-641-4310 and ordering item number 729-064.

I was privileged to attend the West Florida District HTF, conducted by District Commander Paul Coroleuski. There men from the district and myself, about 10 of us, gathered in Tallahassee to break down the strongholds of that city. We joined with Rev. Pat Imbimbo, district appointed home missionary, to evangelize the children he and his team minister to weekly through Sidewalk Sunday School. On a Saturday the HTF team assisted Pat and his Metro Ministries team in two evangelistic outreaches. At the first site, the HTF team recruited 30 inner-city boys into Royal Rangers, making this the first ever urban outpost in Tallahassee. Praise God! At both sites the HTF team distributed *The Book of Hope*, our Junior Councilmen project.

The following day Pat jokingly explained that our HTF team had caused him a bit of problems. Pat had received several phone calls from mothers wanting to know if he had planned to start-up a similar program for the girls.

Please prayerfully consider this challenge. Begin planning your 1997 Harvest Task Force trip, then look forward by planning at least one HTF for 1998, 1999, 2000! It will be a life-changing opportunity for the



commanders and junior commanders in your district as they pray for and minister to the spiritually lost boys Satan endeavors to destroy. Your reward will be great in heaven when you see the urban boys who were saved at the outpost you helped start at a district HTF.

FROM ALL OF US

I and my staff wish you and your family a happy holiday this Christmas season. We do not say it often enough, but we appreciate each of you who make up the National Royal Rangers Council. We realize the great sacrifice you and your family have made to help make the Royal Rangers ministry successful, and for that we are grateful.

May the Lord richly bless you, your family, and your Royal Rangers ministry this Christmas, and may you have a blessed New Year.

May God grant us a harvest of souls in

