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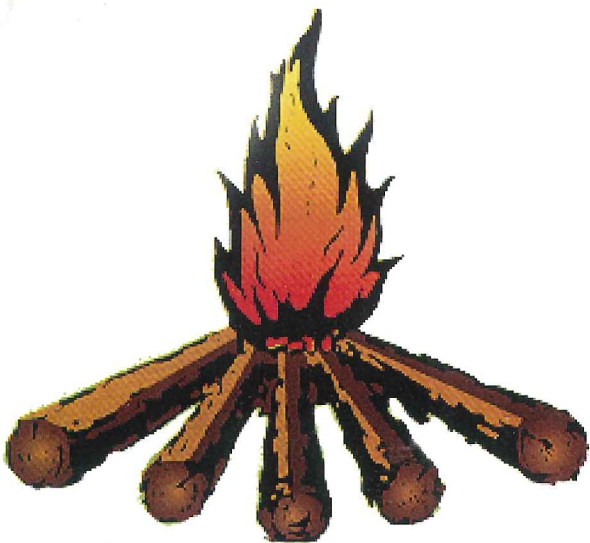
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TRAIL OF THE GRIZZLY



The "Trail of the Grizzly" is designed to lead boys and leaders along the challenging FCF advancement trail. The purpose of this "Trail" is to prepare boys and leaders to successfully complete each of the FCF advancements by including a unique set of merit award requirements for the "Frontiersmen," "Buckskin," and "Wilderness" steps.

All of the "Trail of the Grizzly" merit awards are easily identified with a grizzly paw print. The Frontiersmen merit awards display a Green Grizzly Paw on the merit. The Buckskin merit awards display a Black Grizzly Paw on the merit, and the Wilderness merit awards display a White Grizzly Paw.



From the desk of
Richard MARIOTT

October 5-6, 2000 we had our national RR executive committee meeting. This committee meeting was packed with information about the new program, from advancements, merit awards, medals, Bible merits, the Frontiersmen Trail of the Grizzly, and the new leadership training proposals. As the meeting was drawing to a conclusion, I was amazed at how much has been accomplished thus far, and realizing the amount of work to be accomplished prior to March 2002, I said a short prayer. "Thank you Lord for all these men here and across this nation who have been a part of revitalizing Royal Rangers." I want to express my appreciation to each of the national Royal Rangers executive committee members for their very important contribution—they are representing you very well.

INTRODUCTION OF JERRY PARKS:
It gives me great pleasure to introduce the appointment of Jerry Parks to the national Royal Rangers post of Promotions and Publicity. Jerry comes to Royal Rangers with a wealth of knowledge and children's ministries background.

Jerry will be editor of the *High Adventure* and *High Adventure Leader* magazine, *National Network* quarterly newsletter, promotional materials, the national Website, and will help coordinate the materials for the new Royal Rangers program.

EAGLE ROCK, MO— Scenic Eagle Rock, MO was the backdrop for the recent semi-annual meeting of the Royal Rangers Executive Committee. The meeting was held at the Eagle Rock campgrounds October 5th and 6th.

The meeting started with a devotional by Jim Seagroves emphasizing that we all become vessels of honor. God desires that we use His transforming power in our lives to undergo correct attitude adjustments, character transformation, and then allow the Master Potter to mold our lives into His image.

The previous minutes were read and accepted. It was then suggested that specific procedures and guidelines be published by the National Office to encourage regional and district compliance and cooperation in the staffing and operation of all training camps.

An exciting opportunity is available in the Royal Rangers program as it embarks on overseas training. A 2-year MAPS assignment is available for qualified and interested persons to train Rangers leaders in foreign countries. Candidates for these assignments are required to meet current DFM/MAPS Guidelines.

Plans were unveiled for the Eagle Rock campground improvements in preparation of the 2002 Camporama. Improvements are planned for additional showerhouses and new RV sites, and general camp improvements in order to accommodate the expected 7,000 or more campers.

Plans are being finalized for inspirational messages from several of our national leaders; an exciting gospel music presentation; numerous "World's Fair" sites and vendors; Ranger of the Year ceremonies; a lazer show; and many other incredible events to make the 2002 Camporama the most memorable event of the new century.

Further, the RR executive committee was updated on the new curriculum that is planned for a March 2002 premier. Excitement is building both from the field and the national office as the work proceeds and plans continue to develop. God truly has His hands on this wonderful new opportunity to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ in the 21st century.

Stay tuned to the National Network for periodic updates on the "World's Fair" spectacular and the new Rangers program!



BUCKSKIN

Both Boys and Leaders

■ **EARN THE FOLLOWING MERIT AWARDS:** Church, Knife & Hawk, and Black Powder or Archery

- Participate in at least one Frontier Adventure.
- Make or purchase a complete FCF outfit.
- Recite from memory the FCF Pledge.
- Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol.
- State the Vision and Purpose of FCF.
- Make an FCF identification staff.
- Select a frontier-related craft or skill to develop.
- Select an FCF name.
- Complete the Buckskin workbook.
- Be an active member in good standing for at least one year.

Boys Only

- Earn the Bronze Medal or Expedition Ranger Medal.

Leaders Only

- Sponsor a boy into FCF.
- Earn the Leader's Medal of Achievement.

Both Leaders & Boys

After earning the additional three required merits and completing the Buckskin study program, submit your application for advancement for buckskin to the district FCF office. After successfully completing the Buckskin testing you will be awarded your Buckskin pin.



FRONTIERSMEN

Both Boys and Leaders

■ **EARN THE FOLLOWING MERIT AWARDS:** Rope craft, Fire craft, Cooking, Compass, Lashing, First Aid skills, Camping and Tool craft

- Explain the plan of Salvation.
- Explain the meaning of the Four Red, Four Gold and Eight Blue points of the RR emblem.

Boys Only

- Be at least 11 years old and at least an Adventure Ranger.
- Be recommended by the Outpost Commander.

Leaders Only

- Complete the RR Basics Module of the LTA.
- Be a RR leader in good standing with his church.

Both Leaders & Boys

After earning all eight required merits you have earned the Grizzly Trail FCF Merit Award. You are now eligible for the "Frontier Adventure." After successful completion, you will receive your Frontiersmen Pin.



WILDERNESS

Both Boys and Leaders

■ **EARN THE FOLLOWING MERIT AWARDS:** Christian Service, Wilderness Survival, Traps and Snares, and Primitive Shelters

Boys Only

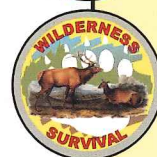
- Earn Silver Medal or second Expedition Rangers Medal.
- Sponsor a boy into FCF.
- Participate in at least two Frontier Adventures and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Leaders Only

- Attend a National Training Camp.
- Sponsor additional boy into FCF.
- Participate in at least four Frontier Adventures and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Both Leaders & Boys

After earning the additional four required merits and completing the Wilderness study program, submit your application for advancement for Wilderness to the district FCF office. Then wear the "Wilderness Pouch" until the Vigil is completed. After successfully completing the Wilderness Vigil ceremony you will be awarded your Wilderness pin.



Advancement Chart

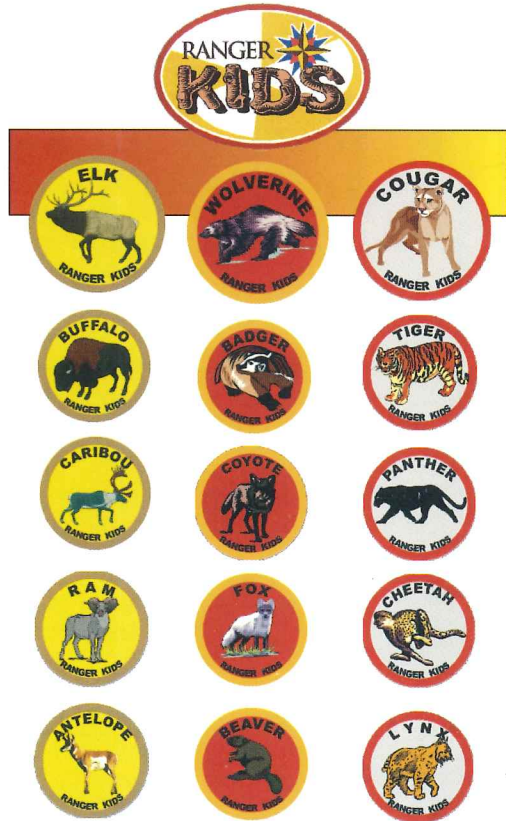
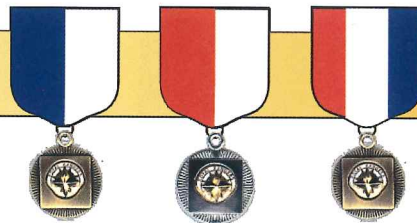


Optional
Go back and earn Bronze, Silver & Gold Medal

Optional
Go back and earn Discovery Advancements

Continue GMA If not completed

Optional
Go back and earn RK Advancements



Year 2000 Commemorative Gift Set — Limited Edition

Leader, here's a special Royal Rangers collectable you won't want to miss—the **Year 2000 Commemorative Gift Set**. The set includes a patch, bolo tie, and mug, each bearing the special commemorative design. This one-of-a-kind "millennial" set will commemorate 38 years of successful Royal Rangers ministry—from 1962 to 2000.

SET COST: \$25 Cost Individually: \$5 patch, \$15 bolo tie, \$10 mug

National Rendezvous 2000

FCF Rendezvous Items

- 2000 National Rendezvous Patch\$5
- 2000 National Rendezvous Cap\$8
- 2000 National Rendezvous T-Shirt (XL)\$8
- 2000 National Rendezvous mug\$10
- '72 Commemorative Rendezvous Patch\$5
- '72 Commemorative Rendezvous mug ...\$10

To order, contact the national Royal Rangers Office at 417-862-2781, ext. 4177. Or send your request via e-mail — include full name, mailing address, phone number, and GPH account number—to: RANGERS@AG.ORG.

RANGER KIDS: The Value and Future of the BSTC

by Brian Hendrickson

The year 2002 will see a dramatic change in the organization of the Rangers, especially as it pertains to the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos. One of the changes that will occur will be the restructuring of the ages of the boys in the program. Instead of two programs of 2 years each, Ranger Kids will now be one group of three years. We are recommending that the Kindergarten-aged boys be handled as a separate group, but for many churches we recognize that all the K, 1st, and 2nd grades boys will be together. Another major change will be the non-thematic approach of the Ranger Kids program. We will no longer focus upon the Indian and Cowboy themes to teach biblical truths. However, we have stated and will continue to reinforce the concept that those who wish to use the cowboy or Indian theme continue to do so with the new Ranger Kids structure and advancement system. (This is the reason the advancement steps are animals in order to promote the outdoors.)

Is there a reason to attend a Buckaroos and Straight Arrows Training Conference, or BSTC and what value do they hold? The national office has put a great deal of work, research, and consultation into the value, purpose, and direction of the BSTC. First, the BSTC contains much more than the teaching of the Indian or cowboy thematic issues of Straight Arrows and Buckaroos. For instance, puppetry and crafts are two very important sessions taught at the BSTC. Therefore, much of the content of the BSTC will flow over into the new RKTG, Ranger Kids Training Conference. Second, the roles of patrol advisors and guides will continue to reflect the role they would play in a typical outpost group. Therefore, the development of the patrol system, even in the Ranger Kids, is vital and

will continue to be emphasized in the RKTG. Lastly, the optional methods of holding RKTGs will be continued. Some presently hold the BSTC on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, while others hold the BSTC on two separate Saturdays. Allowing this flexibility for each district is important in order to be more effective and available to men and women.

The greatest change to the BSTC when it transitions into the RKTG will be removal of the strong emphasis on the Indian and cowboy theme. We will continue to teach "how to run a thematic session" at the RKTG for the commanders that wish to provide variety in their outpost meeting. Let me reiterate, we are not trying to dissuade nor dismiss the value of the Indian or cowboy theme, but rather expand our options for ministry to boys. Some outposts may wish to run the Ranger Kids with a cowboy theme for a year or two, then decide to do an Indian theme, or any theme which will attract and keep the interests of the boys. In 2001 only 2 BSTCs will be held, but we fully expect the latter part of 2002 and all of 2003 to be filled with opportunities to attend a RKTG. We look forward to the opportunities to teach more men and women the value and scope of Royal Rangers for our early elementary boys.

At the national council of 2001 the Ranger Kids committee will be working on developing the scope and sequence of the RKTGs to be held in 2002 and beyond. We will be compiling the information and ideas used in the many successful BSTCs from around the United States. Our goal is to create a training manual, student workbook, and format that will be consistent throughout the United States thus guaranteeing the same instruction, focus and philosophy for all trainees.



New Staff Member...

Jerry Parks was recently appointed as national ministries and promotions coordinator. His responsibilities include editor in chief of the High Adventure and National Network publications, public relations and promotion coordinator for all Royal Rangers curriculum and products. Jerry will also oversee production of the new curriculum scheduled for March 2002 release.

Jerry and his wife Norma have been married for 31 years and have two children. Their son, Steve, 29, and his wife AFI, and their eight-year old son, Christian, live in Plano, Texas. Their daughter, Christie, 27, and her husband, Mark, are youth pastors in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Jerry and Norma were both born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They moved their family to Springfield in 1985 so Jerry could attend Central Bible College. Jerry graduated in 1989 with a major in Bible and Pastoral Ministry and is now an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. Norma is the senior pastor's secretary for a Springfield area Assembly of God church.

Jerry has had work experience as a reporter for McGraw-Hill, Inc., and a worker's compensation inspector for the state of Pennsylvania. He also was a professional Hospice counselor and chaplain. Most recently Jerry was the Vacation Bible School Coordinator for the Assemblies of God Sunday School Curriculum Department here in Springfield.

Jerry and Norma have been ministering to children for over 30 years. They have taught children from ages preschool through high school and have most recently served as children's church administrators of an Assembly of God church in Springfield. "It is our heart's desire that many children would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and that God would allow us to be a part of that."

Jerry would like Royal Ranger commanders and leaders to submit uplifting testimonies, events, praise reports, and prayer requests to be considered for the quarterly Rangers' publications. The High Adventure is written for the boys and the leaders to develop a love and respect for the things of God and to encourage others to do the same. The National Network newsletter is directed at the leadership of Royal Rangers across the country.

Please pray for Jerry and the entire national staff in Springfield as we endeavor to reach, teach, and keep boys in the new millennium!