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Transition Program Enhancements

by Mike Laliberty

In March 2001 a transition program was announced to demonstrate how a boy would transition from the current advancement system to the new system. In addition the Trailblazer commanders were provided with the option of moving from a requirement-based advancement system to a merit-based system.

Due to the success of the merit-based option with the Trailblazers, this option is being expanded to include the Pioneers. This will be accomplished by placing the revised requirements for most of the current program merits and a few of the new merits on the Royal Rangers website. The merits will be listed by age-appropriateness:

- Red and blue bordered merits for Pioneers
- Gold and green bordered merits for Trailblazers
- Silver bordered merits for Trail Rangers and Challengers

The transition program remains the same for the Trailblazers with the exception that the revised merit requirements will also be available for completing merit work.

Trail Rangers and Challengers may use the green and silver-bordered merits for their advancement work along with the gold merits needed for uncompleted GMA work.

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(1-800-641-4310), or by going to the GPH website (gospelpublishing.com).

The program brochures provide details on tracking a boy's progress with the merit-based option using the current advancement award steps (Powder Horn, Bowie Knife, etc., for Pioneers and Second Class, First Class, etc., for Trailblazers).

In addition to providing a listing of the merits on the national Royal Rangers website, GPH is expanding its product line to include the merit patches for the transition program. Merit patches may be purchased by selecting the Ranger Store menu on the National Royal Rangers website (www.royalrangers.ag.org), by calling the GPH customer service number

Training & Programs Gearing Up

by Brian Hendrickson

The upcoming National Council will be an exciting time as we unveil the new training designed to revitalize and promote the retention of leaders. This council will begin to prepare us for the changes coming to Royal Rangers over the next year. In August the Ranger Kids materials will be ready for purchase in time to be implemented in September. In March 2003 the Discovery and Adventure Rangers materials will be ready for purchase, followed shortly thereafter by the Expedition Rangers. In the meantime, the Junior Training Camps have already begun the process of redesign in preparation for the new Royal Rangers program. Contact the national office for a list of camps that have been or are in the process of approval.

The most important item of concern for the next few months is the need to transition the boys from the old program into the new one. In preparation of this, the national office and GPH have developed brochures and made them available to assist the local commander. Each brochure describes in detail the method and means to transition the boys in preparation for the release of the new materials. These brochures will be ready for March council. You can order these through GPH.

We have developed a new and excitable character to assist Commanders during the weekly meeting plans and to interact with the boys. He will help teach boys about the Bible, God, and their fellow man. During March National Council we will introduce him to you. Also, a puppet will be developed for this character and will be sold through GPH.

Ranger Kids has been specifically designed to meet the needs of boys in kindergarten, first, and second grades. Therefore, since Ranger Kids is starting in September, do not move boys up from Rainbows when they turn 5, but rather wait until they enter kindergarten. Rainbows has a third year of curriculum to meet the needs of our future Royal

Rangers until they enter kindergarten. Each grade has a specific Advancement Trail to pursue the ultimate goal of obtaining the large Trail patches: Elk, Wolverine, and Cougar. The boys will earn these patches after they have earned the four quarterly patches for each Trail.

When you begin Ranger Kids in the fall, it is important to use the transition brochure and award the boys their proper patch based upon work they have already completed in Straight Arrows and Buckaroos. If there is ever any question as to awarding a certain patch, e-mail the national office for clarification. Boys need to be honored for their hard work, and we should do everything we can to prevent discouragement.

Training for leaders will be enhanced not only by the Ranger Basics course but also with Leadership Training Academy modules specifically designed for Ranger Kids commanders. This year the national office will also unveil the new Ranger Kids Training Conference, RKTG. This conference will be held in various locations around the United States. The dates and locations for these confer-

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From the desk of
Richard MARIOTT



Royal Rangers 40th Anniversary 1962-2002

It is our 40th anniversary! 2002 will be remembered in Royal Rangers history not only by celebrating 40 years of successful ministry to boys, but also by the releasing of the new "vision" and setting our sights on the future.

To commemorate this historical year we have very nice 40th anniversary collectors memorabilia available through the Royal Rangers office, Camporama, and by e-mail or telephone order. While this article is not designed to give an overall review of our 40 years, we will do an article about the 40th anniversary celebration in High Adventure after the Camporama.

The year 2002 will be our eighth Camporama and the fifth at Eagle Rock Campground. This will also be the greatest Camporama in history, with anticipation of setting new attendance records, and more events, activities, and excitement than ever. It should be illegal to have this much fun at one camp! Daisy Corp. will be hosting our first BB gun championship. We will have our first national Pinewood Derby championship and many other competitions. We have many individual medals for the boys to win at the camp plus region and district trophies and awards.

The trams are being built, and Berryville Tractor is donating the tractors to be used to pull the trams at Camporama.

We are working on maps, road signs, and enlisting volunteers to help our campers and guests with information and directions. We want this Camporama to be a great experience for boys and leaders, so much so that they would want to attend again—even if it is hot!

For the 18 months prior to July 2002 Camporama, we have done more campground improvements than ever in the history of Eagle Rock Campgrounds. If you have attended any other camps at Eagle Rock, you will be amazed at all the work: repairing of buildings, new buildings, new roads, wider roads, new water wells, power lines, telephone lines, shower houses, and the new Eagle Resort facility.

Currently we are working on the BMX course, laying out the new mountain bike course, and grooming an additional 5 to 6 acres of land for campers next to the large field in front of Johnnie Barnes Lodge.

While it is exciting and leaves no time for rest, you may be asking yourself, "I wonder if they need any help?" **That's a big YES!** We need tradesmen proficient in plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning to complete as listed below.

	PLUMBING	ELECTRICAL	CARPENTRY	HEAT-AIR
Shower Houses	YES	YES	—	—
Eagle Resort Cabins	YES	YES	YES	YES
Eagle Resort Lodge (Finish)	YES	—	YES	—
Underground Electrical	—	YES	—	—
Johnnie Barnes Lodge	—	YES	—	YES

You may be asking yourself if we need addition help the week before or a couple of days after the Camporama. **That's a big YES also!**

We have a Volunteer Application that we would be happy to send you. We also sent a copy to your district commander, and it may also be on our website (www.royalrangers.ag.org).

Remember, don't forget to bring the boys!
Let's get set for a great, historical 40th anniversary!

Blessings friends,

Richard A. Mariott

Richard Mariott, National Commander

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ences can be found on the website or in the Winter 2001 issue of *High Adventure, Leader's Edition* released this past December.

Below is a list of the various materials available to you through GPH in August.

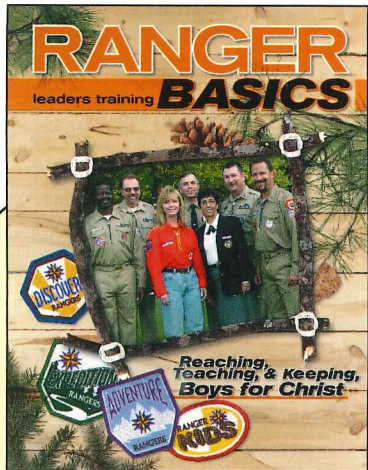
- Ranger Kids Leaders Guide
- Ranger Kids Handbook
- Ranger Kids Workbook
- All uniform items, including a new hat, vest, and bolo
- All advancement patches (15)
- All achievement patches (51)
- Ranger Kids advancement charts and posters
- CD of Royal Rangers artwork
- New Royal Ranger posters
- CD of Ranger Kids songs and Scriptures
- Bible stories on CD

In the meantime, new medals to honor our men will be available shortly after council. Below is a list.

- Pastor's Medal
- Senior Commander Award
- National Outstanding Service Award
- Regional Medal of Merit
- Regional Outstanding Service Award
- Gold Star Award
- Special Service Award

In addition to these added medals for leaders, GPH will also have the following items available for purchase:

- United States flag for uniform
- Some merit patches for Discovery and Adventure Rangers

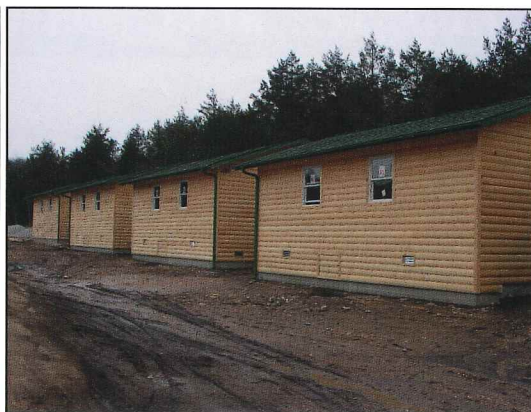


COMMANDER TRAINING

The trained commander is the successful commander. With the release of the new program this year, it is vital that all present and future commanders receive the most recent and accurate training. For those commanders who have never received any training the Ranger Basics course has been designed to provide the most important and pertinent training in order to run a weekly meeting. For commanders who have earned their LMA medal they will need to take the Transition LMA course. This course consists of a quick review of the Ranger Basics material and an additional 2 hours to update the commander on the new program.



Expanded meadow West of Johnnie Barnes Lodge



Four of seven new cabins



Rear view of new cabins



Renovated exterior of Commander's Lodge



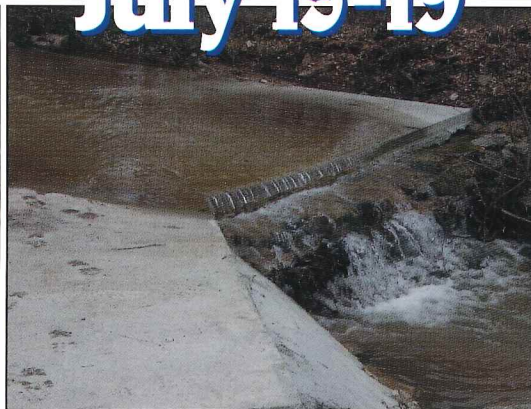
New Eagles' Lodge



Side view of Eagles' Lodge



Renovated exterior of Blacksmith Shop



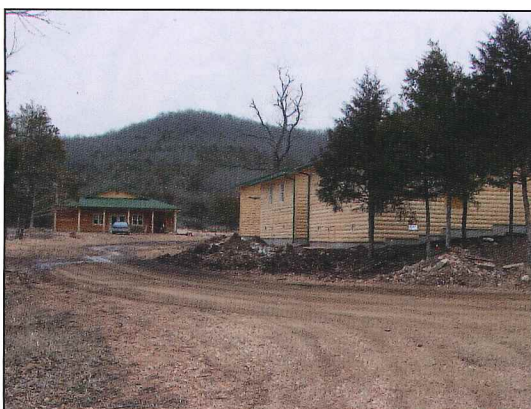
One of many new spillways



Turkeys dreaming of becoming eagles



Example of a new and renovated shower house



Panorama view of Eagles' Resort (Cabins and Eagles' Lodge)



New Route 66 behind Johnnie Barnes Lodge