



# ROYAL RANGERS

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## National Recognition at Camporama

by Jerry Parks

Marshall Bruner and I had the distinct privilege of meeting several outstanding young men during Camporama 2002. These highly decorated Royal Rangers traveled to Eagle Rock, Missouri, to receive special recognition during Camporama as the 2001 National Royal Rangers of the Year.

This is one of the most prestigious awards known to Royal Rangers. These young men worked diligently over the past several years to arrive at this moment. Most recently they faced months of rigorous competition among hundreds of Royal Rangers across the nation at outpost, sectional, district, and regional competitions. They have successfully completed all the requirements and competitions

necessary to be listed among the elite Royal Rangers of the Year.

The winners of the 2001 National Royal Rangers of the Year competition are as follows:

- Kevin Dennis (age 18)  
Northeast Region (MA)
- Jed Gosnell (age 16)  
Northwest Region (WA)
- Chris Philpott (age 16)  
South Central Region (TX)
- David Reneau (age 18)  
Southeast Region (GA)
- Hunter Scott (age 16)  
North Central Region (MN)
- Justinn Smathers (age 17)  
Gulf Region (MS)

- Benjamin Wolfson (age 17)  
Great Lakes Region (IL)

- Lucas VanTassel  
Southwest Region (CO)  
*(Lucas was out of the country on a missions trip.)*

These young men will serve as honorary members of the National Royal Rangers Council and as volunteer members of the national staff for a period of one year. Each ROY will be available for special speaking engagements at various Royal Rangers functions within his region. Contact the boys through your regional office to secure them for your next function.

### From the National Commander's Desk

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS



I want to personally thank the members of the National RR executive committee for their tremendous support, assessments, and friendship over the past 3 1/2 years.

In April 1999, I became your national commander. I addressed the RR executive committee in October 1999 and requested that the committee members continue serving for the next three to four years to complete the process for the new program to be released.

It was important to retain the staff or make changes in the beginning or at the end. My concern was that, during the process, leaders would think changes in the RR executive committee reflected disagreement with the changes, instead of reflecting changes for personal reasons that had no relation to the national leadership or the new materials.

Your president, vice-president, secretary, FCF president, and regional coordinators have represented you very well. They are loyal men of integrity.

In March 2003, we will have several changes in existing national staff portfolios and regional changes. The official changes will occur at the end of March 2003 Council. The approval letters necessary for appointments have been completed. Several of the new regional coordinators have begun the process of appointing new staff. The new staff will take leadership prior to March, working alongside the coordinators currently completing their appointments.

### National Office:

- Mike Laliberty (currently program development and deputy national commander) will become deputy national commander and national training coordinator.
- Rick Dostal (currently national training coordinator and national campground supervisor) will become national FCF president and national campground supervisor.
- Brian Hendrickson (currently Buckaroo and Straight Arrow and curriculum development) to become national programs and curriculum coordinator.

### New regional coordinators:

- Northeast Regional Coordinator: Dwight Walters
- Southeast Regional Coordinator: Les Barr
- North Central Regional Coordinator: Rick Scott
- Southwest Regional Coordinator: Freddie Espinoza

Again, I want to personally thank Darren Geesaman (Northeast), Don Brock (North Central), David Vincent (Southwest), and Derek Goodwin (Southeast) for their professional and dedicated service while serving as regional coordinators on the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee over the past four years.

Richard Mariott, National Commander

## STRATEGY: To Achieve Higher Goals

by Richard Mariott

We are completing the March National Council registration packet, which will be sent out in early November. As with last year, district commanders have the approval to invite additional staff to come and attend the council. The theme of the Council is:

### "REACH: Every Boy!"

*"Enlarge the place of your tent,... do not hold back."*

ISAIAH 54:2 (NIV)

The tentative schedule is as follows:

#### March 10-11, 2003

(Monday/Tuesday)

RR Executive Committee meeting  
(For RR executive members only)

#### March 12, 2003

(Wednesday)

National Committees with regional representatives; FCF, Training, Programs, Overseas, and Pageantry committees

#### March 13, 2003

(Thursday)

National Council business session

#### March 13, 2003

(Thursday evening)

Silver Eagle Banquet

#### March 14, 2003

(Friday morning)

National/District Representative morning workshops for District Commander, Training, Overseas, FCF, and Pageantry

#### March 14, 2003

(Friday afternoon)

NDLS (National/District Leaders' Seminars)

#### March 14, 2003

(Friday evening)

Regional staff meetings

#### March 15, 2003

(Saturday, all day)

NDLS (National/District Leaders' Seminars); Workshops for remaining New LMA modules

#### March 15, 2003

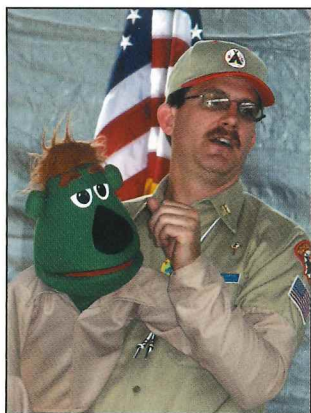
(Saturday, 3:30-5:00)

Fred and Joyce Deaver Reception



**F**ive years ago Royal Rangers was challenged with the task of developing materials that would be commander friendly, increase participation on the part of our smaller churches, and reverse our declining numbers. The first installation of that task is now complete. In August and September of 2002 the Ranger Kids materials were released to our churches.

It is hard to imagine that this whole process of writing started just 3 years ago. So much has been done, thanks to the concerted efforts of numerous commanders and other resource members from around the country, to make this project come to fruition. This project was one that truly was developed in and by the field.



Probably the three most important pieces in the Ranger Kids program are the Ranger Kids Leaders Guide, the Ranger Kids Handbook, and the Ranger Kids Workbook. All three pieces are brand new, not just because they are titled Ranger Kids, but also because we have never had such materials available to

our churches, our leaders, and most importantly our boys. Now our parents can keep abreast of what their sons are learning, the activities they can participate in, and how Royal Rangers is designed to teach their sons how to become men of God.

Training resources are also very vital to this entire process of preparing our leaders to be effective in their ministry. There are three avenues of training: Ranger Basics and the LTA Academy, Ranger Kids Leaders Guide, and the Ranger Kids Training Conference. In 2002 five such conferences were held throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Every commander should endeavor to take



the Ranger Basics course. This 8-hour course provides the leaders with the basic, yet most important, information necessary in running a weekly outpost meeting. The LTA Academy has numerous courses that will prepare the leader to become even more effective in the meeting and for extracurricular

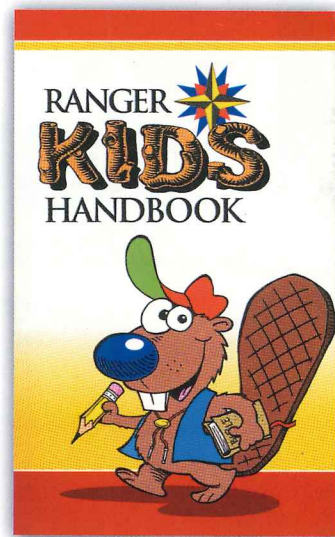
activities. The Ranger Kids Leaders Guide provides weekly training and teacher tips invaluable to maintaining a fun, productive, and safe classroom.

The response from the field has been favorable and numerous commanders have stated how much more confident they feel and how much time the materials save them when trying to prepare for the next meeting. However, there are others who are trying to adapt to this new system and will need the assistance of the trained district staff to help them transition.

The most important reference for these new commanders and outposts is the Introductory Section of the Leaders Guide. That section details how the materials can be used in a variety of situations. Ranger Kids can be run by one commander, two commanders, and three commanders. The flexibility of the program is the key and this must be commu-

nicated to the field.

Lastly, it is important to stress to our commanders that the title of the book was intentional. It is called the Ranger Kids Leaders Guide, not manual or SOP (Standard Operating Procedures). It is meant as a guide so that commanders would be encouraged to use their own God-given creativity to try new things, improve on the materials there, and make Ranger Kids the most fun and exciting place to be. And if you think these materials are great, wait until Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers are released.



## What Missions Involvement Will Do For You

by Doug Marsh



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*"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

MATTHEW 28:19

**Y**ou can fulfill the Lord's command through your obedience. Here are some practical ways to be obedient to the Great Commission:

### PRAY

Edwin Louis Cole describes the results of obedient prayer as: "Prayer binds you to whom you pray, with whom you pray, and for whom you pray."

As you pray, unity will be developed between you and God; between you and your Rangers; and between you, your Rangers, and the needs of those near and far. Pray fervently and regularly that God will open doors for the gospel everywhere.

### Prayer resources:

- Missionary web-sites. (Visit [www.dougmarsh.org](http://www.dougmarsh.org) and click on "prayer closet." or [www.agmd.org](http://www.agmd.org) for pictures of missionaries and prayer needs.)
- Prayer lists. (Free daily prayer up-dates from missionaries at [www.worldmissionsprayer@news.ag.org](http://www.worldmissionsprayer@news.ag.org).)
- Books. ("Operation World, 21st Century Edition" by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk—a prayer guide for the needs of each nation of the world.)
- Local church and community needs.
- Missionaries and their families, national church leaders, local congregations, for the lost to be receptive to the gospel.

### GIVE

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). If you give to your community and world missions outreach, your heart will beat for the lost.

By giving to missions, God will enlarge your vision—both local and global.

### Giving resources:

- Giving to support missionary families, possibly through a monthly commitment to a Royal Rangers missionary. (Request a current list: [doug.marsh@agmd.org](mailto:doug.marsh@agmd.org).)
- Become involved with our missions giving partners—Boys & Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC at [bgmc@ag.org](mailto:bgmc@ag.org)), and Light-for-the-Lost (LFTL at [lftl@ag.org](mailto:lftl@ag.org))
- Support a Royal Rangers approved missionary project. (Current list from [doug.marsh@agmd.org](mailto:doug.marsh@agmd.org).)
- Missionary testimonies. Check missionary newsletters and the World Missions edition of the Pentecostal Evangel for examples.

### GO

What is 750,000 miles long, reaches around the world 30 times, and grows 20 miles longer each day? It is the line of people marching through life without Christ. As soon as you have found someone who does not know Jesus Christ, you have found a mission field.

### Going resources:

- Short term service at home or abroad. (Consider 2-5 years alongside a foreign missionary to help launch or strengthen Royal Rangers overseas. Current list of needs: [doug.marsh@agmd.org](mailto:doug.marsh@agmd.org). There are also week-long opportunities. Check with your district.)
- Construction. (Mobilize a group of men and older boys for a construction project at home or abroad. Check with your district for upcoming opportunities and Pathfinders trips. Camp Summit, the Latin American Royal Rangers Training Center, is still in need of construction teams and funds. Details: [John.anthony@agmd.org](mailto:John.anthony@agmd.org).)
- Equip boys with a New Testament and the knowledge to witness, and plan regular outreach opportunities.

Remember that nothing will produce more enthusiasm in an outpost than soul-winning. Obedience to God's commands always pays off.

**Prayer will produce unity.**

**Giving will enlarge vision.**

**Going will produce passion.**

*"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*  
(Matthew 28:19).