



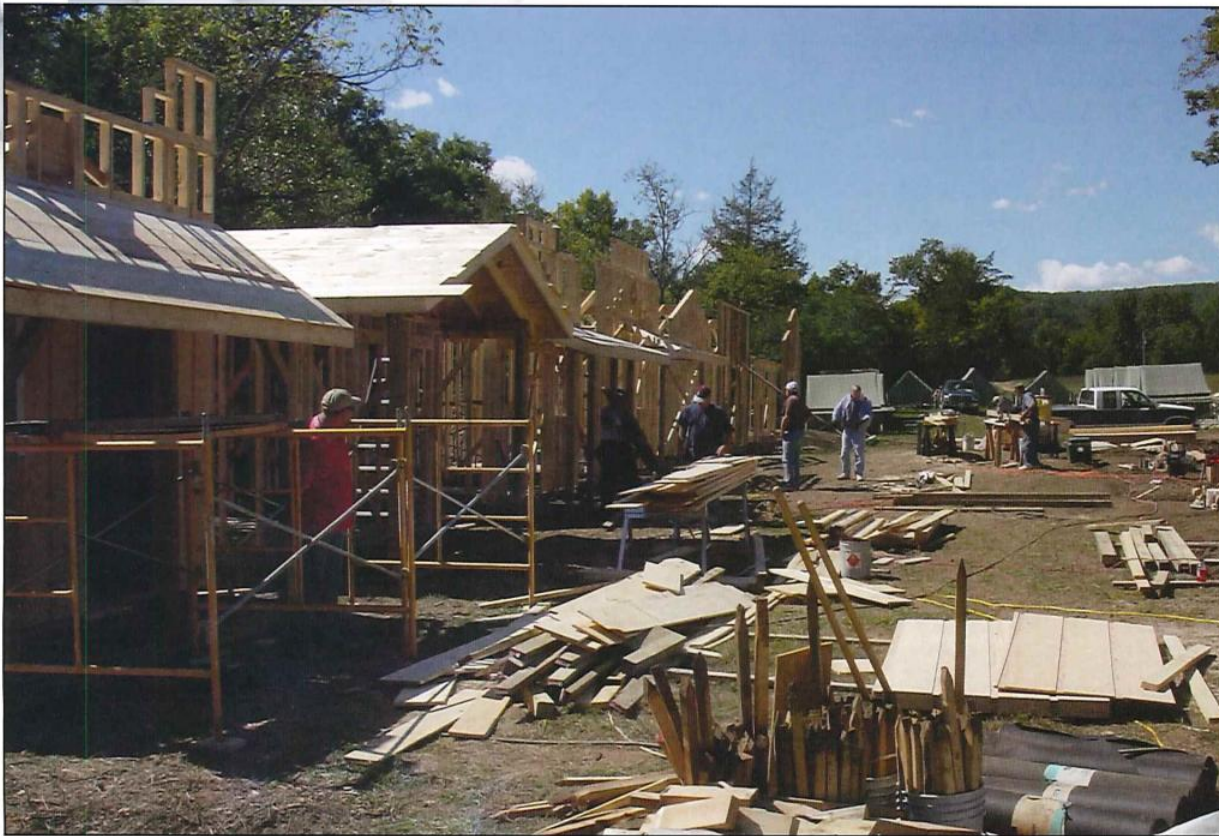
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What's New at Eagle Rock

by Richard MARIOTT

Exciting times for Eagle Rock Campground! From time to time I want to keep you updated about the new and exciting things happening at the campground.

We have a very experienced and committed staff with Roger and Barbara Hepner as maintenance and group manager, respectively; Ken Mariott as roads, mowing and new road/parking development; and Rick Dostal organizing new construction projects and campground preparation for events such as National Rendezvous and National Camporama.

Roger and Barbara Hepner worked with Rick Dostal and Steve Schultz to complete the remodel of the camp manager's residence. The work included restructuring the floor system to bring it up to code, remodeling the entire inside and downstairs bathroom, and new paint and carpeting for the interior. Rick and a crew completed the new roof, dormers, and a new septic system. It was completed just in time for Roger and Barbara as their home in Joplin, Mo., was sold, and they moved in.

Ken has been busy keeping the meadows mowed, clearing new areas for camping and parking, and maintaining the roads. Ken's background as a heavy equipment operator and certified welder in all fields of welding has been a great asset to the camp. Ken also lives full-time at the camp and also provides the security along with Roger at the camp.



WHAT'S NEW! The newest project is called Deaverton Old West Town. Phase 1 is being done by Bethel Life Center Assembly of God in Wichita, KS., Pastor Kenneth R. Woods, senior pastor. Using Royal Rangers, men, and families from the church, they will be finishing the first phase of eight Old West buildings—sleeping cabins for outposts to come and use at a very reasonable rate of \$3.00 per night for Royal Rangers.

Deaverton Old West Town is being built next to Fort Les Hughes and is dedicated to Fred and Joyce Deaver. Each building has a different Old West style front on the buildings with porch and wood decking to give it the Old West flavor. Fred will be working with a staff to design the exterior décor to help enhance the Old West theme. Fred is looking for old wagon wheels, lanterns, horseshoes, hitching posts, and etc.

After winter we will remodel the fort, dedicated to Les Hughes, and the council fire area. This will be an excellent place for outposts to come and use throughout the year, especially in the rainy and winter months. Boys will be able to sleep in primitive cabins that have two bunk beds for a total of four people per cabin, with restroom facilities being developed near the same location. Bring your sleeping bags and lanterns and be ready for a great time at Eagle Rock Campground.

Special thanks to Pastor Woods of Wichita, KS., and the Bethel Life Center for the tremendous gift of funding the construction costs of the first eight cabins and sending great teams twice to construct Deaverton Old West Town. You have invested into the future of boys!

Rick Dostal is interested in scheduling additional church teams or RR teams from outpost, section, district or region for work parties in 2004. These projects qualify for Bronze Pathfinders trips.



The 2004 National Royal Rangers Council

by Jerry PARKS

It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again where we are planning for the next National Royal Rangers Council. This Council will take place on March 22-27, 2004 at the University Plaza Holiday Inn, Springfield, MO. This year's Council theme is: TEACH: Every Boy! from Psalm 119:9. "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."

Council members, made up of district, regional, and national leaders, will come to Springfield and discuss pertinent Council policies and procedures as well as participate in relevant training at the National District Leadership Seminar. Beginning on Wednesday, March 24 the Regional representatives will meet in committee to discuss their vision and goals for various areas of ministry such as: Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, Junior Camps, Missions, Programs and Pageantry, Public Relations, Resolutions, and Training.

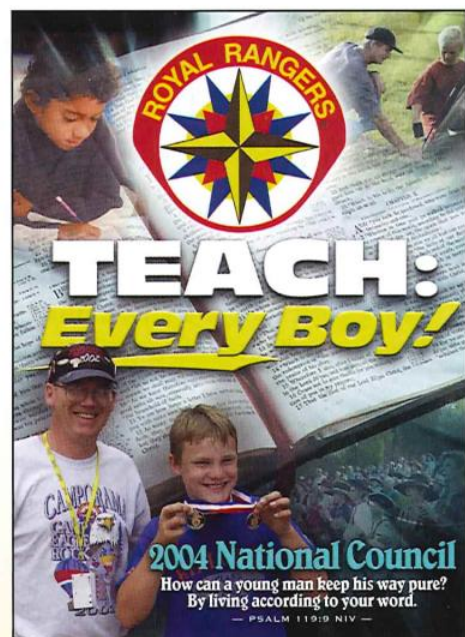
Thursday, March 25, begins the general business session of Council. It is during these important sessions that policies and procedures are discussed for the future of the Royal Rangers ministry. The day culminates with the inspirational Silver Eagle and Awards Banquet. "Give honor to whom honor is due," resounds throughout the evening as the national ministries staff honors leaders from around the country who have dedicated their lives by serving the Lord in the Royal Rangers ministry. The special guest speaker for the banquet is Rev. Robert D. Crabtree, District Superintendent of the Ohio District of the Assemblies of God. Rev. Crabtree is a passionate and dedicated Royal Rangers commander and strong advocate of this vital ministry.

There's more! On Friday, March 26, district representatives will meet in committee and tool out important details of how the Royal Rangers ministry can be the most effective evangelism tool in each district. In the afternoon, the National District Leaders Seminars will begin. These workshops will train leaders and enable them to return to their post of ministry and share these experiences and training with others. Included in the NDLS on Friday are such modules as the District Leaders Training Conference; the new Tracking CD; Presentation Skills; Teaching Techniques; Activity sessions for Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers, Adventure Rangers and Expedition Rangers; Classroom Management; Discipleship; Child and Substance Abuse Prevention; Working with Boys with Disabilities; Safety and the Church, and FCF certification. Later that evening, the Regional Staff will hold informal meetings for leaders in that particular region of the country to come and provide their personal input on the future of Rangers.

Also, for ladies interested in fellowship, relaxation, and sharing some fun together, special events will be held on Friday and Saturday. Watch for your registration packets for additional information. LeeAnne Mariott will be the host for these special times.

Saturday morning will bring about the final NDLS workshops. Council will then conclude with the afternoon closing session featuring Richard Hammar, Legal Counsel for the General Council of the Assemblies of God, addressing Legal and Safety Issues in the local church, and National Commander Richard Mariott will be giving a training overview as it relates to the National Training Camps and discussing future developments in Royal Rangers.

Make plans now to attend the 2004 National Royal Rangers Council! See you there.





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—INTERNATIONAL—

Laying Foundations — Building for the Future

by Douglas MARSH, director, Royal Rangers International — AGWM missionary, dmarsh@ag.org

We Royal Rangers leaders are living in exciting times! Everywhere I've traveled over the past year and a half, national leaders overseas have said, "The *only* problem with Royal Rangers International (RRI) is that it was not around 40 years ago."

RRI has but one purpose: to strengthen and establish Royal Rangers overseas. We achieve this by helping nations develop curriculum, train leaders, and promote the ministry.

You play an important role in laying the foundations of this ministry and building its future. We need your immediate help:



CAMP SUMMIT: At National Council, 10 districts agreed to raise \$8,000 for construction materials and to lead a Pathfinders team to Costa Rica.

Two teams have already been to Camp Summit, including one led by Commander Mariott. The 15-member group built the annex beside the conference center (see photo). Many thanks to David Boyd and BGMC for providing the project funds!

If your district has yet to set dates for the trip, please do so by e-mailing John Anthony, the Camp Summit Construction Supervisor—john.anthony@agmd.org. Visit www.doug-marsh.org/campsummit for trip planning information. One team had to cancel. If your district is willing to pick up the slack, please contact the author.

Many thanks to the districts that have already followed through on their financial promise made to Camp Summit last March!

MISSIONS COORDINATORS: The 2004 National Council will be historic. We plan to meet with the Missions Coordinators for the first time. Regional missions coordinators will gather Wednesday, March 24, and will meet together with the district missions coordinators Thursday, March 25.

Regional Coordinators and District Commanders: *Please appoint a top-notch missions-minded person to the position, and be sure they are able to attend.* This team of men will play a vital role in supporting the RRI Council—a select group of nationals and missionaries being formed to coordinate Royal Rangers in the five overseas regions.

FINANCIAL BASE FOR RRI: RRI is a ministry-in-creation. We wish to serve the overseas leadership with excellence. It is crucial that we establish a multi-language website and circulate a regular communiqué among our overseas national leadership to keep them connected and informed. Of equal importance is the need to aggressively promote the ministry in nations that could potentially adopt it. We must also be prepared to help nations financially when they introduce the ministry, or when unique opportunities or needs arise.

These are just a few of the reasons why we must establish a solid, constant financial base for this ministry. AGWM leadership recently honored our request to give RRI an institutional missions account. This will allow us to raise monthly support from churches just as a missionary would build his own ministry budget.

Our goal by June 2004 is to raise no less than \$6,000 in monthly support for RRI. These funds will enable us to provide services to our overseas leadership and to pioneer the ministry in new nations.

At National Council we will approach each district about becoming a "Friend-Finder." As such, the district leadership would agree to find between five and eight church pastors willing to sign a monthly commitment form of \$25 or more in support of RRI. With the help of each district, we will meet this challenge. *Begin praying now for the pastors you might approach.*

2004 MISSIONS TRIPS: Our friend David Boyd, the national BGMC director, repeatedly says kids need to "know, care, pray, and

give" to missions. The best way to achieve this is to provide boys and men firsthand knowledge of missions by going overseas.

We will provide many "going" opportunities in 2004. Here are just a few:

■ **Evangelism Outreach in Mexico, July 23-30:** This is an ideal trip to schedule with your 14-17 year-old-boys. The cost is \$495/person from El Paso, Texas. Your boys will work with Royal Rangers groups in Chihuahua, Mexico, to do street evangelism in conjunction with local churches. (Contact Alex McGregor: alex@suncitymissions.com.)

■ **Advanced NTC in Russia, April 27-May 7:** Marvin Lemke, South Central regional coordinator, will lead this team. He is accepting applications from qualified, mature leaders. The camp will be followed by an exciting opportunity to pioneer Royal Rangers in a town outside of St. Petersburg. (Contact: Marvin Lemke, cmlemke@sbcglobal.net.)

■ **Pathfinders trips:** Many districts are leading Pathfinders construction trips next year. If you would like to be part of a team, e-mail Doug Marsh (dmarsh@ag.org) to be placed in contact with a team leader.

Currently there are only five missionaries devoting themselves to Royal Rangers ministry overseas. If we plan to see Rangers strengthened in the 65 nations using the ministry and expand into many others, we must expose our boys to missions, both in the weekly Rangers meetings and with hands-on experience overseas. By teaching your boys to know, care, pray, give, *and* go you will play a part in raising up a generation of Royal Rangers missionaries who will span the globe in the years to come.

As you can tell, you play an important role in laying the foundations of Royal Rangers International and building its future.

Together we are completing Camp Summit, which is a prototype of the Rangers camps we plan to build in each overseas region of the world. We are also raising up the U.S. support personnel and finances for the ministry. And finally, by educating and involving our boys and leaders in overseas ministry, we are cultivating future missionary "givers" and "goers."

Thank you for your willingness to be personally, sacrificially involved!

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