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From the National Commander's Desk

Richard Mariott, National Commander



Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday long and intense training; several days went from 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. We brought updates and new materials for the new program since Malaysia and Singapore were the first two countries to express a desire to implement the new program when they first heard about the changes.

The National Academy had 52 in attendance, with approximately 50 percent from each country, and about 50 percent were ladies. Singapore and Malaysia have many outposts with both boys and girls, and run their outpost meetings in separate boy-girl groups. The one-day seminar with nearly 150 in attendance was packed with training and awards.

Friday an FCF Buckskin and Wilderness ceremony was conducted by Jim Rounsville, our national FCF vice-president. These first members to attain

wilderness status had colorful costumes representing the histories of Malaysia, Singapore, India, and China.

Sunday morning we gave greetings to Commander Wong's church congregation in the morning service, and in the evening we were at Kuala Lumpur with Jim Guneratnam, the senior commander and son of Pastor Prince Guneratnam, for a complete awards ceremony service for the boys and parents with excellent attendance. It was very

well planned—our compliments to Jim Guneratnam and the Royal Rangers leaders for an excellent presentation. After the evening service, Jim Guneratnam and his staff took us to a western meal at Chiles restaurant, a short shopping trip in Chinatown, and Commander Wong's satellite church to pray for a Royal Rangers youth group going on a missions trip to Thailand.

Monday was a travel day as we traveled to Malacca in southern Malaysia for their minister's retreat. We had dinner hosted by an outpost from Malacca and had great time in fellowship. Tuesday morning the national leadership kindly allowed us to do a presentation for the minister's conference to show the new materials and issue a challenge for them to use Rangers to reach their youth and communities with the gospel.

In the afternoon, Commander Wong and Commander Desyand took us on to the Malaysian/Singapore border, where Commander Chia and staff took us into Singapore. Singapore is a small, beautiful, and very modern country.

Wednesday Commander Chia took us sightseeing, shopping, and in the evening to a four-hour

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ROYAL RANGERS IN SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

"It's going to be an exciting trip," I said to Doug Marsh, Brian Hendrickson, and Jim Rounsville when we all met in the Toyko/Nika Airport in Japan. Doug and Brian had flown from Chicago to Japan while Jim and I had flown from San Francisco. We stayed overnight at the Nika Hotel and were off for six hours of air travel before arriving at Kuala Lumpur Airport in Malaysia.

National Commander Wong and several of his staff met us at the airport and took us to dinner and to their church's apartment for much-needed rest Monday evening.

The purpose of this trip was to bring a three-day National Academy and a one-day seminar for the

staff of Malaysia and Singapore. Wednesday through Friday we held the National Academy, and Saturday was the seminar.

Tuesday was a day to set up and review the schedule, as well as a day for sightseeing and shopping. None of us are professional shoppers, so sightseeing seemed to be in order.

On Wednesday, we met Commander Chia Kiat, national Royal Rangers commander of Singapore, and his staff. The U.S. "delegation"

were impressed with the leaders' professionalism and their commitment to wearing complete uniforms. (We did allow the Class "C" uniform one day to do the Rangers Kids activities.)

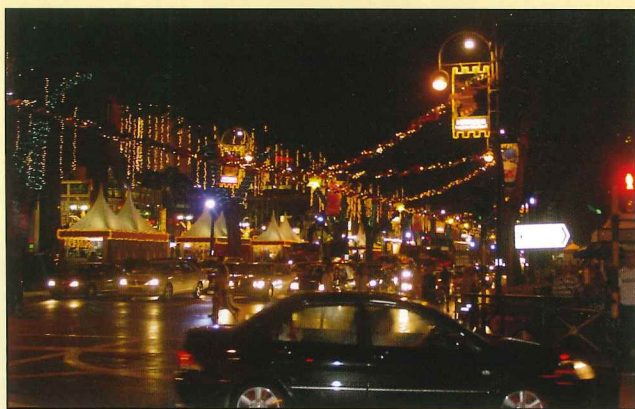


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seminar for pastors and commanders from Singapore. Everyone was excited about the new program and the tremendous possibilities available.

Commander Chia Kiat shared that Singapore Royal Rangers had been going through a "desert experience" for the past seven years. Some of the same problems the U.S.A. was experiencing in Royal Rangers, such as difficulties retaining leaders; the long training needed for the old program; and the lack of weekly plans, adequate boys handbooks and workbooks; added up to commander drop out and Royal Rangers being dropped by many churches. Commander Chia also said many pastors had asked to try and get Royal Rangers into the schools.



In Singapore the pre-college school (high school) students must select an additional credit area, requiring weekend time, for entry into college. Sports such as track, Boys Brigade (a Methodist boys camping program), and Boy Scouts were the most popularly selected programs. The government was not open to having Royal Rangers because of the religious connection. (Interesting: the Boys Brigade, a Methodist program, was put in years previous when Singapore was under British rule and has been retained all this time.) Commander Chia said they had tried but were not able to find any inroads.

A Ranger's parents knew their school principal very well. This school was a private school, however very well-respected for the quality of students there. The woman principal had more than 4,200 students. This parent was able to discuss how her son enjoyed Royal Rangers and that the program was similar to Boys Brigade. The principal invited Commander Chia to come and present the Royal Rangers program. She was very pleased with the presentation and the new program materials, so she approved a presentation at a rally for students to sign up. The response was so overwhelming that they had to limit numbers until they were able to get additional funding and leaders to help.

Commander Chia said, "The new materials were timely, and in God's time, we hope to use this school as a model to public schools, which would eventually allow us to get approved."

This trip to Singapore and Malaysia was a tremendous opportunity for us in the U.S.A. to see that many of our brothers and sisters are committed to reach, teach, and keep their youth through Royal Rangers.

Please pray God will open doors of opportunity for these nations. They have very qualified leadership and a heart to reach the lost.

Adventure of a Lifetime!

by Steve Schultz

National Boys Camps Coordinator

This summer Adventure and Expedition Ranger boys will have the opportunity to experience fun and challenging activities at the Eagle Rock Adventure Camps. Two camps are scheduled for August 1-6 and August 8-13, 2004 at the national campground in Eagle Rock, Missouri. Campers will arrive on Sunday afternoon to settle in their bunkhouses and start off with a special pool party and evening council fire service. The week-long camp will allow the boys to make new friends and experience great activities. Five different activity tracks will be available.

TRACK A: (Rappelling, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Rock Climbing)

Work with experienced climbing guides to learn the basics of rappelling and climbing. Progress through increasingly challenging climbing activities to develop personal skills and confidence.

TRACK B: (Mountain Biking, Paintball)

Experience the thrill of biking over challenging trails while exploring the Mark Twain National Forest Wilderness. Learn about one of the fastest growing sports today and work towards completing the new Paintball Merit.

TRACK C: (Shooting Safety, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery)

Review and complete Shooting Safety Merits. Then spend time at the range shooting BB guns and air rifles while completing the Shooting Merit requirements. Learn archery with our new longbows and Genesis™ compound bows. There will also be an opportunity to compete in the National Postal Competition in all three events.

TRACK D: (Smallbore Rifle, Blackpowder Rifle, Safety & Shooting)

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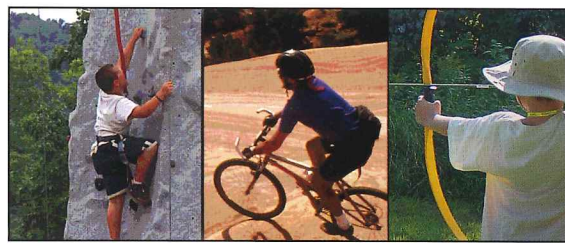
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Silver Merits and compete in the National Postal Competition.

TRACK E: (Horsemanship, Archery, Paintball)

Complete the Horsemanship Merit while learning to care for and ride horses; leading to a trailride in the Ozark's backcountry. Also, learn about one of the fastest growing sports today while completing the new Paintball Merit.

Each track will allow boys the opportunity to work on exciting merit requirements as well as develop new friendships and participate in other fun activities.

Each camper will stay in the new Deaverton Old West Town western-style bunkhouses. The camp kitchen staff will provide all meals. Days and nights will be filled with fun, challenging activities led by a top-notch staff of experienced Royal Rangers leaders. Specially designed devotions and council fire

services will minister daily. You do not want your boys to miss this camp. For more information and an application, check out the National Royal Rangers website at www.royalrangers.ag.org or contact the national Royal Rangers ministries at 417-862-2781, extension 4181.

It's important to note that the tracks are limited to 20 campers each (Campers must be current Adventure Ranger or Expedition Ranger members.) and will be determined by the order the applications are received. So don't delay, have your boys send in completed applications early to ensure a spot at this special leadership event. I look forward to seeing your Rangers there!