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COVAL RANGING

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his newsletter is designed to inform outpost commanders about current Rangers information, new curriculum, and video items offered through our office. We have a new line of supplemental curricula, called "HarvestTime Helps," and video items now available that can be easily ordered by calling 1-800-641-4310. We hope this newsletter will benefit you as a leader and keep you "on-line" with current helps.

National Academy

P crhaps you have attended a national training camp. Did you know that the national instructors are carefully selected and trained? The national Royal Rangers Office recently implemented a new training camp for national training camp instructors to better equip them for their task. The training is called National Academy.

The first ever National Academy was held May 3-7 at the National Royal Rangers Training Center, Eagle Rock, Mo. Over 100 trainees and staff gathered to qualify leaders as national training camp instructors. Over 20 classes were taught to those becoming certified as national training camp instructors.

The National Academy was designed to set a higher standard of training across the United States and abroad. Both students and instructors alike commented on the tremendous success of the training program. Many students said they enjoyed the "hands on" training, which provided

them the practical experience they needed to improve their instructor skills.

L.A. Task Force, Harvest '95

The Southern California District is preparing for a mass evangelism outreach in Los Angeles October 13, 14. The event endorsed by the national office will consist of training on street witnessing, prayer, fasting, gospel literature distribution and street witnessing, and children's crusades. According to Tim Bruder, coordinator for the outreach event, about 200 commanders and older Rangers will be assisting about 5 urban churches.

In preparation for the outreach, the district has begun holding crusades in the churches that will be involved in the Task Force. David Vincent, Southern California District commander, noted that over 100 people were led to Christ during the first weekend crusade at an inner-city church.

Districts are encouraged to conduct such prayer task force trips. For information on conducting a Task Force, Harvest '95 trip, contact Marshall Bruner, national Royal Rangers Office.

New LFTL Junior Councilmen Project

On the final evening of our National Royal Rangers Council in March, James Barger, council president, challenged the Rangers councilmen to raise funds for the newest Junior Councilmen project, Edward Elephant Says. The comic book, with an evangelistic message, is being distributed by our foreign missionaries throughout Africa. It teaches children how to avoid AIDS and how to receive Christ as Lord. Royal Rangers council-

men pledged to generate \$89,650 toward the Edward Elephant Says project. Along



with this overseas project, *The Book of Hope* project will continue. Funds from the Junior Councilmen program have already supplied 200,000 of *The Book of Hope* urban America Bibles.

Harvest Task Force Scope

Harvest Task Force Prayer Calendar: Remember to earmark your calendar for the dates scheduled for the Royal Rangers prayer and fasting days. The first Saturday of every month has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Harvest Task Force (Decade of Harvest) efforts.

LFTL Junior Councilmen Education Program: Please remember our office in prayer as we seek God's direction to develop the educational materials for the LFTL Junior Councilmen.

We are laying the foundation of the educational program and will be calling on key individuals for their input. The concept is to provide the tools to outposts to involve boys of all ages in missions. Curricula for all grade/age groups will be developed to educate boys how to be actively involved in missions.

For example, we envision developing central characters, such as a boy and his companion dog, that will travel through time in a spacecraft. The boy will learn of the spiritual needs in various areas of the world. We hope to develop a miniature spacecraft of some type that will hold the coins given by Rangers to the Junior Councilmen gospel literature projects.

Much work lies ahead this year in developing these educational tools, but we are excited of what results we will see as Royal Rangers actively participate in missions. Someday Rangers may become home and foreign missionaries because of what they learned in Royal Rangers!

Urban Leaders Training Course Program: We are already seeing great results with our joint program with Teen Challenge, training students to become future commanders. Two Teen Challenge centers in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Colfax, Iowa, have implemented the program. Now district commanders report that the joint venture will soon begin in Tucson, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Don Brock, North Central Region coordinator, received these reports from the Teen Challenge of Midlands in Colfax, Iowa:

"Dear Don," writes Warren Husberger, executive director of Midland Teen Challenge, "I want to thank you for your assistance in getting the Royal Rangers training off the ground at our center. The students and staff involved are excited about the possibilities. We believe this training will not only serve the overall purpose of training young boys, but also that specifically of discipling and preparing our students for the future.

"Our students have plugged into First Assembly's Royal Rangers outpost [in Des Moines], while the future plans of pioneering an urban outpost alongside Metro Assembly in Des Moines is still in the planning stages."

Writes Dr. Jim Dougherty, an LTC instructor at the center in Colfax: "Dear Don, I am writing to let you know how things are progressing with our [Urban Leaders Training Course Program] at the Teen Challenge of the Midlands. We currently have eight men enrolled in the

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Have you joined FCF? Join this elite group of boys and men who are the spiritual leaders of Royal Rangers.

course. We are holding classes on Tuesday mornings of each week from 9 a.m. till noon.

"The men taking this LTC have been carefully screened and selected by the staff.... Every Wednesday night these eight [students] work with the Royal Rangers outpost at First Assembly in Des Moines, getting hands-on practical experience. They are rotating through the various age groups, spending 2 weeks with each group....

"It is my firm conviction that the train-

ing these men are receiving—ombined with the extensive and intensive discipleship ministry of Teen Challenge—will equip them to [one day] be an extremely valuable asset to any church, urban or otherwise. They will be some of the most highly trained and certified Royal Rangers leaders in our Fellowship—ready and eager to minister wherever the Lord leads them."

Challengers Program: Through the direction of the National Programs Committee and numerous selected individuals, we are tooling out a new "Challengers" program. Challengers will be a combination of hands-on, vocational, and advocational programs that will enable Rangers to achieve maximum adventure while learning new skills.

The Air-Sea-Trail Rangers programs will come under the umbrella of the

Challengers program, which will have a common core advancement system. Similar to required subjects in high school, the Rangers will have topics they will learn of and apply in their Christian lives—such as Christian service, missions, dating relationships, discipleship, and witnessing.

A Challenger will be permitted to participate in the various national programs the outpost offers. The Advancement Trail for these programs will be merit driven. Rangers finishing up their GMA and/or aspiring to earn Ranger of the Year will be enabled to do so through the Trail Rangers program. The variety of exciting programs will be designed for boys of all types.

Ranger of the Year Program: We look forward to hosting the National Ranger of the Year winners July 15-22. This year the national winners will be escorted to various areas of the Ozarks, plus participate in the Eagle Rock Adventure, held at Camp Eagle Rock.

New Royal Rangers Items Available—1-800-641-4310

Pioneers & Trailblazers Handbooks: New Pioneers and Trailblazers handbooks are soon to be released by Gospel Publishing House. The handbooks which may be available by August—will contain a new Advancement Trail as well. The Advancement Trail will have a dual advancement system, allowing the boys to choose the standard track or the Gold Track. The Gold Track is for those boys wanting to earn the prestigious Gold Medal of Achievement.

On the new Trail, boys can begin earning merits once they have earned their Recruit Rating as a Pioneer. Also, each advancement rating contains more requirements the boys will enjoy plus new awards they can earn. The *Pioneers Handbook* will contain two new awards: the Mountain Man Award and the Silver Hawk Award. The *Trailblazers Handbook* will include the Explorer Award and the Gold Hawk Award.

New programs are also being developed for boys in grades 10-12 (ages 15-17). See the topic above on the Challengers program.

Royal Rangers Leaders Manual: The Leaders Manual is undergoing modifications to include updates on the Royal Rangers uniform, format and editorial corrections, and to include a brief overview of the new Parent-Commander Association. This revised handbook may be available by July.

Publications/Videos:

The Ultimate—English (brochure)

Item: 729NY007

Cost: \$.05 *100-800 brochures Cost: \$.045 *801-1,499 brochures Cost: \$.04 *1,500-plus brochures

*plus shipping

The Ultimate—Spanish (brochure)



Item: 729NY025 Cost: Free

Note: Both English and Spanish versions of *The Ultimate* brochure may be obtained free of charge by outposts unable to afford the cost or by outposts conducting Prayer Task Force trips. Such churches must request the items *through the national Royal Rangers Office* and must pay for shipment.

Urban Commanders Training Guide

Item: 729NY009

Cost: \$5.30, plus shipping

A 66-page training manual that offers new insights to penetrating urban America with the Royal Rangers ministry.

Urban Rangers—Dallas, Chicago (video)

Item: 729NY052

Cost: \$5.00, plus shipping

The video highlights urban Royal Rangers in Dallas and in Chicago—ideal for promoting the ministry's involvement in the inner cities as well as for encouraging churches to raise funds for inner-city outposts.

Insight Group: Commander's Guide

Item: 729NY049

Cost: \$9, plus shipping

Insight Group: Ranger's Guide

Item: 729NY050

Cost: \$7, plus/shipping

The *Insight Group* curricula is ideal for groups Pioneers through Air-Sea-Trail Rangers. However, the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders can apply the program features in their outpost group meetings by adapting the topics to the boys' level of understanding. The Bible study lessons can be applied in the same manner.

Insight Group provides 13 sessions that are ideal for monthly meeting features or a weekly 30-minute values/Bible study.

The Commander's Guide, a 104-page guide, instructs the leader how to use the curriculum along with the materials that are presented in the Ranger's Guide.

Along with Bible studies, the curriculum addresses issues such as trust, the trap (substance abuse), peer care, Christesteem, making decisions, and dating relationships.

*Order 10-19 copies of each item and save 10 percent or receive a 20 percent discount for ordering 20 or more of each.

Victor's Victories Item: 729NY057

Cost: \$18, plus shipping

For Straight Arrows and Buckaroos commanders: Contains 13 stories with Bible studies and discussion topics that address issues today's young boys face: the

single-parent home, death is not the end, controlling anger, peer pressure and gangs, friendship, the importance of winning, and much more.

Behind Our Sunday Smiles

Item: 729NY055

Cost: \$9.95, plus shipping

Offers insights on life-controlling problems and *Insight Group* curricula application

Prevention Resource Guide

Item: 729NY056

Cost: \$35, plus shipping

Educates on various chemicals that are abused and what physical affects the substances have on the body. Other topics: Diagnosing Your Walk With God, Self-Image and Identity, Honesty and Transparency, Making Decisions and Setting Goals, and Steering Clear of Life-Controlling Problems.

The Solid Rock, video and curriculum series:

• *Kids 'n' Gangs* Item: 729NY100

• Streets of Pain

Item: 729NY101

Who is God?
 Item: 729NY102

• Finding God's Will for Your Life

Item: 729NY104

• Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places

Item: 729NY105 Cost Each: \$39.95

Each packet contains a video on the youth issue, a leader's workbook that can be duplicated, and *The Youth Bible* that contains numerous devotional topics ideal for the outpost meeting.

New Meeting Feature Videos:

• I Didn't Do It Item: 729NY107

Cost: \$14.99

Topic: Telling the truth

Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos

• Strangers Item: 729NY108 Cost: \$14.95

> Topic: Child Abduction Prevention Audience: Straight Arrows, Buckaroos

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Decisions & Consequences

Item: 729NY109 Cost: \$19.95

Topic: A look behind prison walls; teaches the consequences of sin

Audience: All age groups
• Incest: Solving the Pain

Item: 729NY110 Cost: \$19.99

Topic: Child abuse prevention Audience: Commanders



Helpful Tools:

The Youth Bible Item: 729NY106 Cost: \$17.99

Contains numerous devotional topics ideal for any outpost group meeting.

Gold Medal of Achievement Bulletin

Item: 729NY069 Cost: \$15 per 100

The 11 by 8 1/2-inch format, which folds in half, enables the user to print the GMA ceremony schedule and service activities on opposite side of design.

Church Heritage Packet

Item: 729NY006

Cost: \$2

Required reading for Rangers wanting

to earn the Church Merit.

Computer Software:

Royal Rangers Computer Presentation

Item: 729NY051

Cost: \$35.00, plus shipping

Designed to enable commanders to promote the Royal Rangers program via their computers. It contains two 3.5-inch disks that

provide a continual run program. The program includes colorful graphics, one-color photographs, depicts various activities, and presents each grade/age-group program.

Ranger Pro

Item: 729NY066

3 1/2" disk

Item: 729NY068,

5 1/4" disk

Cost: \$45, plus shipping

DOS computer program that enables the outpost commander to maintain records of his Rangers—such as advancements earned, level of spiritual commitment, address and phone number, and more.

Accessories:

Urban T-shirt

Size L: Item 729NY058 Size XL: Item 729NY059 Size XXL: Item 729NY060

Cost \$9 each

\$7.75, order 7 or more

each item

Urban Cap

Item: 729NY067

Cost: \$7

\$6, order 10 or more

Camp Eagle Rock T-shirt

Size L: Item 729NY061

Size xL: Item 729NY062 Size xxL: Item 729NY063

Cost: \$11.50 each

\$10.00, order 10 or more each item



