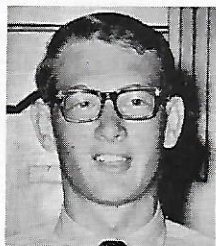


for me. It is important to teach boys about God, but boys will not come to meetings just for this. You must have activities. When the boys begin to attend, you can teach them the Word of God. This is what happened to me.

Royal Rangers also teaches boys rules for living. To me a Royal Ranger is a Christian soldier and should obey Christ and live by the Royal Rangers code at all times.

One of the most interesting things in Royal Rangers is the advanced awards. The awards which have really stood out to me are the Bible, Camping, Canoeing, Christian Service, Church, First-aid Physical Fitness and the Wilderness Survival awards. All the awards are good, but I feel the ones which help boys the most are the Bible award, Christian Service award, and the Church award.

I owe a lot to Royal Rangers and to my outpost commanders who have shown such an interest in us boys.



WHAT ROYAL RANGERS MEANS TO ME

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THERE ARE FOUR WAYS a boy is designed to grow: physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially. He needs much teaching and training as well as enjoyment and fun. All of these important needs and more can be met by being an active member of the Royal Rangers.

Royal Rangers has meant many things to me. The more I look at the way the program has been designed, the more I believe it was ordained of God.

Learning is a necessary and vital part of any boy's growing to maturity. It is a part of his foundation for becoming a man. The Royal Rangers program has been valuable in this very important phase of my life. I have learned a great deal through this well-organized program—including the realization that I have much more to learn.

As I have progressed along this course of diversified learning, I have had to pass various requirements. They have caused me to probe, work, and learn about topics I would probably never have delved into very deeply. My interests have been broadened through them. Learning and understanding about the out-of-doors, mechanical operations, the way my body works, church development, Bible study, and many other very important topics have been made clearer through these achievements.

The Bible award, for instance, gave me an incentive to read the Word and memorize it. Also it helped me learn more about Bible doctrine and the way I should apply it to my own physical and spiritual life.

Another part of learning was about the Assemblies of God doctrine and the growth of our Movement. I have been taught the value of worship and service to God, and these spiritual emphases have made me more thankful for all He has done for me.

I have enjoyed meeting Christian boys as well as having the opportunity to witness and talk with boys who have not yet accepted Christ.

Royal Rangers also offers the important aspect of enjoyment. Games and other activities have been fun but they have also given me the chance to be with other Christian men who have a burden for boys. I have been stimulated by the companionship as well as leadership from these fine examples of manhood.

Devotions and worship in Royal Rangers is different—that's why I like it. What an inspiration to associate with a group of boys and commanders enjoying, worshipping, and desiring to know more about Christ, our Saviour.

Another important value of Rangers is the training it provides. Most boys are disciplined by their parents and church. The Royal Rangers program endeavors to supplement this with a basic training in physical, spiritual, mental, and social areas. It uses firm discipline, and it works.

I believe that Royal Rangers will help train, teach, and inspire as well as afford enjoyment and fun to other boys as it has for me. It is a program that God has anointed and that boys love.



WHAT ROYAL RANGERS MEANS TO ME

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ROYAL RANGERS is designed to give boys activity along with teaching in God's Word. It is an organization where one can gain true Christian friends. It is a place where one can express himself and learn to give and take in life. One learns responsibilities and how to play and work with others.

The program gives a boy a chance to receive recognition by passing his requirements. But most of all, it gives a boy a chance to become more acquainted with God's Word and keeps his interests in the church. It is an ideal way to hold boys in the church.

I have learned to really appreciate nature and the outdoors while in Royal Rangers. I have been on many hikes, campouts, and canoe trips. We have gone skating, sledding, tobogganing, swimming, and have participated in countless other things. We have learned to master many outdoor skills such as woodlore, axemanship, identifying edible plant-life, and learning survival techniques.

But that's only part of it. In the meetings we all have taken turns leading devotions and praying. This has given us a chance to learn how to talk about God's Word. While in Royal Rangers, I have read the Bible once and studied many parts of it. I have learned many passages of Scripture, which in turn have helped me pray with others and lead them to Christ.

I think any boy could find something he would enjoy doing in a program like this. If the boy isn't a Christian, he will probably come to know the Lord through Royal Rangers.

To sum up the importance of the Royal Rangers program, I think it does a good job of helping boys grow physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.