

# THE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE

Testimonials concerning the value of Royal Rangers continue to come in as the program celebrates its 14th anniversary. Designed to reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ, the Royal Rangers ministry touches more lives than ever before.

Ron Hornback, Southern California District commander, writes:

"There is a little man in my life that I love more than ever before. It's my son, Ron, Jr. Largely through his efforts I became involved in Royal Rangers.

"He prayed for his dad almost 3 years and every week tugged at my sleeves saying, 'Dad, won't you please go with me to the outpost meeting tonight?'"

"I was always too busy with promotions, work at home, or earning extra money, but I thank God for a boy's love that helped me to rearrange my priorities and get involved with such a fantastic program!"

Ron has recently attended a National Training Camp for leaders and is aglow with the many different perspectives he has obtained.

Dale Woods, junior commander in the Southern Missouri District, reflects upon his Royal Rangers experience this way:

"Royal Rangers is a program on the move! It has held my interest for activities of the entire church.

"I have seen God at work in my church, the outdoors, and in the lives of my leaders; and now I just want to assist other boys the way my commanders helped me."

Since writing this letter, Dale, who was Outpost Ranger of the Year as a Trail Ranger, has graduated from high school with honors. He completed the prescribed 4-year course in 3 years.

J. D. Morris, district commander of Tennessee, relates the story of a 10-year-old boy attending a recent district Royal Rangers Powwow. This was the lad's first contact with the Royal Rangers program, and on the second day Commander Morris asked the boy if he and his family knew the Lord.

"We love Jesus, sir," the boy responded, somewhat overwhelmed, "but not the way you do!"

Men and boys alike continue to find Royal Rangers interesting and exciting. An Illinois Buckaroo recently took home a copy of *High*

*Adventure* magazine for his dad to read for him. While reading it, the father was saved!

Four important aspects are in focus in Royal Rangers which seek to develop the total boy. Since boys are the only material we have from which to make men, it is imperative that the meaningful experience of boyhood include attention to (1) spiritual training, (2) physical activ-

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*A team of Royal Rangers poses before game time. Athletic competition is part of the physical fitness program for Royal Rangers.*



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