

# Four boys, three gold medals, and three buffalo



The Moody family (left to right): Barry, Mrs. Moody, Kent, Larry, Brent, Mr. Moody.

shining their trophies will keep me busy.

Was it worth it? We think so. The boys have incorporated God's Word and the discipline and skills learned in Royal Rangers into their careers and college life.

Our oldest son Barry was 9 years old when the Royal Rangers program was introduced in the Roseburg, Oregon, church. Until that time he had led a sheltered life because of his premature birth and illnesses.

About the same time we moved onto 10 acres surrounded by 620 unoccupied acres. Royal Rangers taught the skills and provided the encouragement Barry needed for exploring, hikes, camp-outs, and cook-outs.

By the time Barry entered the Air Force at 18, he was self-sufficient. His years in the service have brought many commendations. He earned the Distinguished Airman Award at NCO Leadership School and was selected Airman of the Year of the Strategic Air Command bases. He is a Royal Rangers counselor at Broadmoore Assembly of God in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Our second son Larry excelled in

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all Royal Rangers activities. He became a senior guide as soon as possible. However, his first outing as guide was a disaster.

Two brothers were determined to cook their hot dogs in their new mess kits. Naturally, the wieners kept rolling into the fire until they had used a whole package. Larry finally had to give them his nicely toasted ones and eat the burned, ash-coated ones.

Then the boys poured a package of marshmallows into their mess kits and cried when they melted. They ended up wearing Larry's extra socks, shirt, and jacket because they fell in the water.

In spite of this setback, Larry became a commander. He is involved in Royal Rangers at Park Crest Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri. He is also a successful insurance salesman, having won numerous trips, gifts, and awards for his achievements. He has been a deacon and youth leader in the church.

Our other son Kent battled aller-

gies and asthma to stay in Royal Rangers. He became one of the first in the Midwest to earn the Gold Medal, Gold Buffalo, and Silver Buffalo after we moved to Aurora, Missouri.

He was selected for *Who's Who in American Colleges*, editor at Crowder College, and news editor at Evangel College. He has traveled to Mexico and the Dominican Republic on mission trips. As a contributing writer for *On* magazine he made a trip to El Salvador recently, appearing on television and radio upon his return. He is a senior at Evangel College majoring in journalism and plans to continue his education in missions at graduate school. He has been youth leader, choir director, organist, and pianist in the church.

Our youngest son Brent started as a Buckaroo in Oregon and followed each Royal Rangers course with zest. He earned his Gold Medal and Gold Buffalo. His sudden decision to enter Evangel College during his senior year of high school ended his Royal Rangers days. (He lacked two awards for earning his Silver Buffalo.)

He was selected for *Who's Who in American High Schools*, 1981 Southern Missouri District Trail Ranger of the Year, and a Midwest Regional candidate.

Brent maintained a 3.9 grade point average throughout high school, was editor of the school newspaper, vice-president of the band, and treasurer of the French Club. He was trumpet soloist for school, church, and community affairs, earning 1 ratings at state music contests.

*Springfield News-Leader* will be featuring Brent in its Teen Profile. He is a first semester freshman at Evangel College, majoring in music. He had a story published in *High Adventure*.

The Royal Rangers program has been an important aspect in our family, leaving us with many memories, mementos, and four dedicated young men who acquired the habit of daily reading God's Word in Royal Rangers.