

Royal Ranger of the Year named



Ken J. Richards

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ken J. Richards, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been named National Royal Ranger of the Year. Richards represented the Great Lakes region in competition with representatives of the other 7 U.S. regions.

Richards, 16, attends First

Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati, where his father is senior commander of Royal Rangers Outpost 70.

In the fall Richards will enter his junior year at Northwest Cincinnati High School where he has maintained a 4.0 grade average. He is involved in student government and band and has earned awards in athletics, prose, videotape production, Latin, computer operation, and geometry.

At church, Richards is involved in youth leadership, the youth choir, and Bible Quiz. His Royal Rangers awards include the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold and Silver Buffalo Awards, and the God and Country Award. He holds both the Trail Ranger Trailmaster and Frontiersman

Regional Royal Ranger of the Year contestants are (front row, left to right) Thad Beeler, Robert Nixon, Stephen Wiltrout, Candido Gamez, (back row, left to right) Darrin Kennedy, Ken Richards, Robert Colbert, Kevin Bushnell.



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Camping Fraternity Buckskin ratings.

His goals are to attend Evangel College and the U.S. Air Force Academy and become a pilot and/or chaplain.

By winning the Royal Ranger of the Year competition, Richards qualified for a \$1,000 scholarship.

A \$500 scholarship will go to the first runner-up, Robert A. Nixon, Carrizo Springs, Tex. He and his family are active in First Assembly of God, Devine, Tex.

Other regional representatives in the national competition were Darrin Kennedy of Spokane, Wash.; Stephen Wiltrout of Normalville, Pa.; Kevin Bush-

nell of Omaha, Nebr.; Thad Beeler of Joplin, Mo.; Robert Colbert of Panama City, Fla.; and Candido Gamez of Realto, Calif.

The candidates were evaluated on their personal achievements, Royal Rangers activities, individual testimonies, letters from school and community leaders, and personal interviews.

The 2 days of competition included written tests and practical demonstration of lifesaving skills. Following the evaluations, all the boys attended the Royal Rangers National Camporama, the first at the National Royal Rangers Training Center near Eagle Rock, Mo.

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