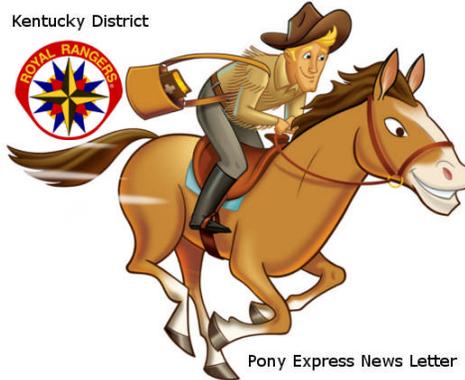


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MESSAGE FROM OUR R R DISTRICT DIRECTOR

(Romans 6:4-6) Leaders I implore you to read and mediate upon these verses. A real man is Christ—like. Keep your heart with all diligences for out of it springs the issues of life **(Proverbs 4:23)**.

We sow to the future but reap from the pass. Jesus said, “For the son of man has come to seek and save that which was lost” **(Luke 19:10)**. Souls are in the balance my friends! This is what it is all about, the boys, not me, not you, but the boys. At the cross, Jesus Christ Lord and Savior of the world sowed to the future salvation for all mankind. We now can reap from that pass salvation for all **(John 1:12)**.

Here is my challenge to every Royal Ranger Leader and Pastor: Let’s influence more boys and young men than ever and do it more effectively than ever.

You see for the pass fifty years Royal Rangers has influenced millions of boys in America and around the world, literally! While this reality excites us, we must not let our memories of the past be greater than our dreams for the future. We have only just begun. Now as we reap from that pass lets hold on to this; our success is not measured by what we have accomplished but what we have yet to accomplish as we sow to the future. There are millions of Ranger-age boys in America and around the world today, yet most of them are not affiliated with the Royal Ranger Ministry. Far too many of them have no clue God is searching them out for personal and eternal friendship. We have millions of boys and young men to influence, so our best days must lie ahead—their eternal destiny depends upon it! We must influence more boys and young men than ever.

What is more, we must be very effective in how we reach them today. The message of the gospel is timeless, but the methods are not. There is no such thing as a timeless “Ranger way.” What made Royal Rangers relevant to boys and young men in 1962 when Rangers was founded may or may not keep Royal Rangers relevant today or tomorrow. Our loyalty is not to temporary methodology but to the timeless message: “Jesus is Lord!” We are committed to taking this message to boys and young men even as we adapt our methods. Souls-in-the-balance demands that we be more effective today than ever.

We will be the premier, most sought after church ministry for the next generation of men in America—period! Royal Rangers will be affordable and practical so that every family and church can participate. As we grow, we will remain quick and responsive to learn and adapt to our changing society, without compromise. Men will be eager to be trained to mentor young men in Christ like manhood; young men will be empowered to assume leadership of Royal Rangers, making it a boy-led, adult-facilitated ministry. Personal and spiritual growth will be fun, hands-on experiential development; friendships will charge our ministry atmosphere. We will reach every boy and young man by creative methods; every Ranger will be eager to serve a God-given cause greater than self. Anyone would be proud to be associated with Royal Rangers!

September 22, 2012 Your Kentucky District Royal Rangers will host our Fall LEAD Conference. This is a time of not only training for our leaders; but a resource of information on new innovated methods to mentor boys and young men collectively and on a one on one bases. Ranger Basic and Ranger Essentials classes will be offered starting on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. central time. And conclude after LEAD Conference Saturday. Information on Training offered and schedule can be found at www.kyroyalrangers.org

Kentucky District Pow-Wow

Took Flight: We had 125 registered campers both men and boys.

All the hard work for preparations for this year's adventure was in part made possible by our local outpost leaders committed to this year's success through many hours of hard work in preparation for Pow-Wow, as well as those running events. Thanks Guys!

The Expedition Rangers had an exciting time Saturday morning with remote control; helicopters, in which each one was able to take home there helicopter and or it's peaces Ha Ha . Skeet shooting became in such demand that it continued into the afternoon hours well after its allotted time. It's all about the boys is it not! The small bore 22 rifle and New Archery range was a big hit for the Adventure and Discovery Rangers. Many other events that all had a great time in doing as well: swimming, canoeing, cardboard race, BB shoot. FCF events, fire starting contest, and much more.

All leading up to the devotional time around the alter at the Activities Barn. Friday night Pastor Matt relates Take Flight theme by using the Buss/Light Year character to relate the adventure of salvation through Christ Jesus and concluded Saturday night with participants running a race must finish in order for winning, as those who take flight by excepting Christ must now finish the task God has prepared for them. Many boys came forward and received Christ and Saturday many received the Holy Spirit and dedicated themselves to the task. Sunday morning devotion we had even more boys that had been reluctant to come forward for prayer. At the altar is where we judge the success of our efforts to evangelize equip and empower the next generation of lifelong Christ like servant leaders. Thanks to all the pastors and leaders who are dedicated to reach, teach, and keep boys and men for Christ. It could not have been done without you!

Your next Kentucky District Pow-Wow Next Year 2013, (RE-BOOT): weekend after Father's Day weekend. You don't want your boys to miss this one. National Speaker Sunny Green will be our speaker.

Royal Rangers National Camporama -- An Adventure of a Lifetime!

They came from across the country and around the world — thousands of boys and their leaders — to attend the tenth quadrennial Royal Rangers National Camporama and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Royal Rangers at the Royal Rangers campgrounds in Eagle Rock, Missouri.

Spreading out across three miles of campground sites and numbering in excess of 5,200 boys and men — larger than a lot of small towns — this wasn't just a week of camping at some park. For many of those in attendance at this week-long event (July 9-13, 2012), this was the adventure of a lifetime!

The secluded campgrounds in Eagle Rock offer 1,500 acres of possibilities. Districts are assigned camp locations, with many districts building an impressive "entry way" into their section of the camp. For example, the Arizona district built a mock old West community, complete with wooden sidewalk and false-front stores while the Penn-Del District had a massive, towering arch frame and signage that marked the entrance to their section of the campgrounds.

Each day began with a cannon shot at 6 a.m. followed by preparations for the day, including breakfast and devotions. ". . . the most important thing that we want to achieve at Camporama is the spiritual impact upon the lives of boys and young men," states Doug Marsh, Royal Rangers national director, in a video message. "The emphasis, aside from celebrating our 50th anniversary, is taking these boys and young men on a journey to become the godly men that God intends for them to be."

John Hicks, Royal Rangers national program director, says days were filled with nearly non-stop fun and adventure for the boys while the evenings focused on spiritual development and growth.

"We've added so many new activities," Hicks explains. "We have a new adventure course with repelling tower as well as a high ropes course and two zip lines for the campers to travel down."

In addition, campers could try their hand at the archery range; go swimming in one of five pools; demonstrate their musical/artistic ability in the Muse; enjoy inflatable's (including a huge water slide — which was very welcomed in the 90-degree weather); marvel at the lumberjack show brought in from Hayward, Wisconsin; watch a chainsaw carver demonstrate his craft; participate in a 5K race; take part in target sports and laser tag; and much more!

For some of boys and men in attendance, one of the great surprises came in the target sports area. The man supervising the area was former NFL Washington Redskin Dave Butz. Even at 63 years old, the former Pro Bowl defensive tackle is still an imposing figure, standing at 6 feet 7 inches, broad-shouldered and somewhere around 275 to 300 pounds — he dwarfed those around him. He also allowed the boys to try on his pair of Super Bowl rings!

In addition to the numerous physical activities offered, the AG World Missions Eurasia Experience was presented to the Rangers and on Tuesday night, the national Youth Department sponsored a pizza pool party for the high school boys featuring Christian comedian Justin Fennell.

Although the National Royal Rangers Camporama is geared for Royal Rangers members, Hicks explains that the boys are encouraged to bring along friends to the event as an opportunity to introduce their friends to Royal Rangers — and Christ.

The evening services were pivotal for many of the campers in attendance, with Monday's opening session featuring General Superintendent George O. Wood and Assistant General Superintendent Alton Garrison. In addition to recognizing the Royal Rangers 50th anniversary and honoring former national commanders — Johnnie Barnes (deceased, but represented by his wife Juanita), Ken Hunt and Richard Mariott along with current director, Doug Marsh — the boys received a powerful message.

"The altar was flooded with boys coming forward — some for salvation, some for other needs," Wood recounts. "The services are held in this natural, outdoor amphitheater where the boys are seated on a hillside — and they were just streaming down to the altar at the end of the service."

Marsh ministered to the Rangers the rest of the week, basing the messages on his book, "A Guy's Journey to Manhood." Hicks says that the evening services also included a teaching time with Christian illusionist Joshua Jordan.

"Every night, the altars were filled," Hicks says. "On Wednesday evening, the worship lasted for 2 1/2 hours. I overheard one Royal Ranger ask, 'Why can't church be like this?'"

Although the Camporama is mostly populated with boys and leaders from the United States, Royal Rangers North Central Regional Coordinator Rick Scott says there were 30 countries represented at this year's Camporama, including groups from Japan, Australia, Russia, Germany and the Virgin Islands.

Hicks, however, is quick to point out that none of this could have happened without the thousands of hours put in by RV Volunteers and leaders during and prior to Camporama.

"All together, more than 100 MAPS RVers were here during the last three to six months fixing and repairing things, mowing, weed eating, painting and building snacks bars," Hicks says. "And the adults who accompany the boys are also volunteering, many choosing to work multiple shifts — mowing, grating and watering roads, helping with set up, working in the cafeteria — so the boys could have an experience they'll never forget."

Hicks say that the feedback on this year's Camporama has been overwhelmingly positive, as boys and leaders have frequently expressed their appreciation for the variety of activities and great evening services.

The next Royal Rangers National Camporama is schedule for 2016. "Taken from National Royal Rangers Website" <http://www.royalrangers.com>

August

- 3 – 4 Healthy Church Network Retreat #2
- 6 --10 Nat'l Fine Arts & Youth Convention --Louisville
- 10-11. RMA Location Heartland Christian Center, Vine Grove
- 11 GM Cinderella Extravaganza (Erlanger, Christ's Chapel)
- 17 – 18 KSOM plus Youth track
- 17-19 **FCF Family Campout**
- 21 Leadership Conference & Minister's Orientation
- 23 CE Rep Meeting
- 24 – 25 Children's Church Workers Training (Camp Crestwood)
- 27 LFTL Tour (Pennyrile & S. Central Sections)
- 28 LFTL Tour (Jackson/S. Central #2)
- 30 LFTL Tour (Central & N. Central Sections)
- 31 LFTL Tour (Bluegrass & Red River Sections)

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 7-9 **JSC and JTC Camps** [Click here for registration](#)
- 7 – 9 G-5 Discipleship Weekend (Youth)
- 8 JBQ- West
- 10 LFTL Rally (Northeast Section)
- 11 LFTL Rally (Northern Section)
- 14 – 15 KSOM
- 15 MM Annual Skeet Shoot (Smith's Grove)
- 20 Mission Awareness Training
- 21 – 22 CE Conference
- 21-22 **Kentucky District LEAD Conference** (Camp Crestwood)
- 24 – 25 EP & DP Meetings
- 28 – 29 Coins for Kids Sleepover (At local church)
- 28 – 30 Powette (Somerset, Camp Dove)

October

- 1 – 2 Sectional Councils
- 5-7 **Fall Trace (Glasgow RSR)**
- 6 JBQ- East & West
- 8 – 9 Sectional Council
- 12 – 13 KSOM plus Youth track
- 19 – 20 Youth Workers Training Conference
- 19 – 20 CPR Conference

- 20 BGMC Conference (New Harvest)
- 25 CE Rep Meeting
- 26 – 27 Healthy Church Retreat #3 (Camp Crestwood)
- 29 LFTL Rally (Cumberland Section)
- 30 LFTL Rally (Mountain Section)

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