



TOP RANGERS IN DISTRICT COMPETE

It was a rainy morning on Saturday. February 24, 1996 in New Hampshire when young men from the Northern New England District came to the Christian Worship Center in Barrington. These young men worked hard all year in their respective outposts and were then able to compete in their sections. The top 3 Pioneers, Trailblazers and AST's came to the district level testing to test their skill in Ropecraft, Map and Compass, First Aid, Toolcraft, Field & Nature, just to name a few. Each Ranger represented themselves and their section very well. However, only the top three from each age group could be the district winner. After a few hours of testing, the results were as follows:

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1st Place

Tim Corum

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place	Seth Masterson Jeff Locke Nathan Halcombe	White Mountain Section Southeast Section Central Section	Outpost 40 Outpost 43 Outpost 9
Trailblazers 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place	Joshua Truskowski Jimmy Neilson Matthew Beuhl	Southeast Section Southwest Section White Mountain Section	Outpost 43 Outpost 45 Outpost 36
<u>AST</u>			

The top 2 Trailblazers, Joshua Truskowski and Jimmy Neilson, and our top AST, Tim Corum will be traveling down to Washington, DC on April 19th and 20th to compete with 7 other districts within our region. Please hold these young men up in prayer as they will be tested with the best of the best.

We are proud of the accomplishments of all the Rangers in the Northern New England District and wish God's speed to all in this up and coming year!

- Mark A. Blanchette

White Mountain Section Outpost 40

RANGER AND FRIENDS **BANQUET CHANGES** LOCATION AND STYLE!

Who says that the staff doesn't listen? We heard lots of folks telling us that the planned banquet just wasn't going to work out well for them. Because of this. we made a BIG change.

The first change is the location. The event will now be held at the Christian Worship Center in Barrington, New Hampshire starting at 6:30 p.m. The second change is the style. We all know that ranger leaders love to eat! But, getting a group of ranger leaders to agree on what to eat can be a Huge Problem. So, what's a district staff to do? Why, have everyone bring something they like to share with everyone else! Yes, were asking all of you to bring some finger food to share with everyone else. Not only is this a fun way to share your favorite recipe while having a great time of fellowship, but it also costs very little, (In fact, the cost has been greatly reduced to nothing!!!).

So, there is absolutely no reason for you not to attend this event. We have a guaranteed winning combination of food, worship and fellowship. In fact the only thing that could dampen this great event is if you don't come. So plan now to attend this April 27th.

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Here are just a few of the items inside!

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EVER WONDER???

"Where Have All The Children Gone" is a song from long ago. As that song came back to me I changed the meaning in my mind to mean "God's Children." I have been serving God in Rangers for 16 years and I have seen many wonderful people come and go. Some have gone on to be with the Lord and some have just gone on.

Have you ever wondered why your friends leave the ministry, or even worse, leave their first love. Jesus. I think I saw a glimpse of it in the last six weeks. My company just moved the entire office and manufacturing plant. A large percentage of the move was my responsibility. I have been working twelve to sixteen hours a day seven days a week since the end of February. Needless to say, it has worn me down to the point that reading and prayer were too much work. I did not have much time to give to my family let alone Rangers. Things are just starting to get back to normal now, but I did learn a lesson that I will never forget and will always share. God showed me how important it is to take time to pray, read the Word and rest. It is the only key to the survival of your relationship with Jesus Christ and your family. Don't ever make the assumption that you are too strong to fall, it could kill you.

So, "where have all God's Children Gone", I now know. Some are celebrating with God and the others, well, I am sure they have stopped praying, stopped reading, and become so busy they just did not have time to rest.

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Apr 19,20 Regional Ranger-Of-Year

Commander and Friends Apr 27 Banquet

May 4 LTC Section 5 (near you)

LTC Section 1 (Littleton NH)

May 17,18 District Men's Convention

May 24,25 F.C.F. Family Outing

June 1 Eastern B/SA Fun Day

June 8

June 15 F.C.F Phase I Testing LTC Campout

Western B/SA Fun Day



Choice Christian Greetings to you and yours. It's time to plan for the coming year and the King's Pine brothers did just that on Feb. 24, 1996. Right after we opened in prayer, we elected some new officers. My new vice-president is Rick Eagle Claw Collins, and the new Treasurer is Gary Bout-time Wrey. I welcome them both to the King's Pine Staff and I know they will do their very best fulfilling the duties of their office. Some of the things we are planning include the Work day (Mav 11,96), Family Rendezvous (May 24-25.1996), Phase 1 Testing (June 14-15.1996). Frontier Adventure (Aug.23-24,1996). Trace (Sept.20-21,1996), Thanksgiving Feast (Nov.29,1996). As you can see we have a busy year coming up an we look forward to every event.

How about you? Would you like to take part in those events plus the ones not mentioned (Black Powder course, for example). Well you can. What will you find on these events? Ask any King's Pine brother and he will tell you his version of this. Fellowship, fun, great food, Fellowship, worship, events, Fellowship, prayer time, brotherhood. All of these are there and everyone has a special part that he remembers. It may be the food (Grizzly's bean-hole beans, Woodsmoke's breads, Hooper's Dutch apple crisp, Wooly Bear's apple pies), Little Bear & Lighting Bolt being touchd by the Holy Spirit along with the rest of the brothers, our Lord speaking through Bald Eagle, Tall Timber's voice as he leads worship and the Lord puts His hand on your shoulder, the laughter as the brothers joke with each because they are a family, praying in one accord as we lift each other up to our Lord, breaking two targets with one shot split by a knife blade. being out-shot by your wife, your daughter throwing and sticking the Hawk for the firs time. Little Knife's story time. I don't have

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From Where I Sit...

Rev. Gregg Randall Men's Ministries Director



A Few Thoughts On Leadership

I recently received a personal letter from Charles Crabtree, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. In it he made the comment, "Most people want management: they do not like leadership." His statement has provoked a lot of thought within me regarding good leadership.

A great challenge for the church today is leadership. Who will lead? What is leadership? How can we lead? Why is leadership misunderstood? How can the leadership problem be solved?

Perhaps the easiest way to define leadership is to look at what it is not. Leadership is not <u>dictatorship</u>. Leadership is not <u>just administration</u>. Leadership is not <u>just management</u>.

John Maxwell is a nationally recognized Christian author and conference speaker on leadership principles. He shared ten insights regarding leadership during a workshop that I attended this past August. I would like to share them with you in the hope that it will inspire you in your position of leadership as a Royal Ranger Commander.

- 1. Everything rises and falls on leadership. A good leader is important. It can be lonely at the top, so know why you are there.
- 2. Leadership is influence. We teach what we know but reproduce what we are. People do what people see.
- 3. Leaders understand priorities. Activity is not necessarily accomplishment.
- 4. Leaders attract leaders. There's an old saying, "Birds of a feather flock tother." People buy into a leader before any buy into a vision.
- 5. Leaders develop leaders. This is the highest level of leadership. People are your greatest asset, therefore, develop

their leadership qualities.

- 6. Credibility is the most important characteristic in leadership. Leadership functions on trust.
- 7. Leaders possess a tremendous belief in people. Hurting people will hurt other people, but this does not stop a leader from investing himself in others.
- **8.** Leaders are always learning. My growth determines my people's growth.
- 9. Leaders pay the price. Leading others takes courage. Knowing the right decision is easy making it is hard.
- 10. Leaders are never self-made. Inspiration and creativity flow out of time that is spent in meditation and reflection. We call that prayer. The Bible reminds us to be still and know that He is God.

Jesus provides us the perfect example of leadership. Let us learn from the Master Leader himself. "Effective Christian leadership begins with the focus on people and God's purpose for them. The leadership task is to motivate and guide people in the attainment of Christian goals." (THE DYNAMIC CLASS-ROOM by Billie Davis)

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the space to tell you everything, but you will never know the Fellowship we have if you don't join. Now is the time to contact me or any King's Pine brother to find out how. If you need help getting ready for the Phase 1 test we have many brothers who will help, but we have to know first. Take the step now, you'll never be sorry you did. I pray that I will hear from you asking how to join. May the Lord hold you & yours in His hand as you walk with him.

In His Service,

Wooly Bear Wooly
Bear

P.S. My address is: Sid Bean, 79 Sixth St., Dover,NH 03820 1-603-749-1446

F.C.F WHY ME?

For years, I heard people talking about FCF. They'd tell me how wonderful FCF was. They'd tell me how much fun it was. Yet for many years, I did not ioin FCF. In fact, it was the reasons that were given for joining that kept me from joining. You see, I was fairly busy doing many things in rangers. I was already having all the fun I could handle. Since I had several small children at home, I found myself questioning the value of the promised 'fun' verses the responsibilities of being a dad. No matter how much fun FCF was touted to provide, I found it lacking when compared with my duties as husband, father, and ranger leader.

The movement of my position began when someone shared about the fellowship that came with the other men in FCF. That was the first thing that really caught my attention. Up until that time I heard fun. Now I was hearing fellowship, closeness, etc. I knew that if there was anything ranger leaders needed, it was a more intimate, caring,

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relationship with the other men laboring in the district. Perhaps, I thought, FCF would be a unifying force among the men in the district. Even then, I decided that the time required out-weighed the positives and did not join.

This all changed one day. I was talking to someone in FCF and when I asked him why he was in FCF, I got an answer I really wanted to hear. "THE BOYS", was the answer. "I joined because FCF provided another tool for me to use to keep the boys interested. I especially use it to help keep the older boys interest in rangers." I joined FCF the

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RANGER OF THE YEAR RESULTS

STRAIGHT ARROWS

1st Mathew Palmeira Outpost 8
2nd Dana Bouchard Outpost 43
3rd Mike Levesque Outpost 43

BUCKAROOS

1st Joshua Locke Outpost 43
2nd Michael Adam Outpost 43
3rd Patrick Woodman Outpost 11

PIONEERS

1st Jeff Locke Outpost 43
2nd Tom Levesque Outpost 43
3rd None

TRAILBLAZERS

1st Joshua Truskowski Outpost 43 2nd David Dube Outpost 43 3rd None

WELL DONE!

Congratulations go out to Steven Tusi of outpost 36 who has recently joined the growing number of boys in N.N.E.D. that have become Light for the Lost Junior Councilmen.

WE'VE MOVED!

For those of you who send the Pony Express articles, etc. via email, please note that our email address has changed. Our new address is readypge@sover.net. For those of you who have asked why the name readypge, my wife and I run a desktop publishing business named Ready Page. Of course, since we're in rangers, READY was a natural name to pick!

PINEWOOD DERBY

STRAIGHT ARROWS:

lst	Austin Veino	Outpost 8
2nd	Kenny Craig	Outpost 11
3rd	Matthew Palmeira	Outpost 8
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BUCKAROOS:

ISI	J.J. Lacourse	Outpost 36
2nd	Ezra Washburn	Outpost 36
3rd	Aaron Veino	Outpost 8

PIONEERS:

150	Jonathan Forsythe	Outpost 36
2nd	Justin Courchaine	Outpost 36
3rd	Brandon Dutra	Outpost 8

TRAILBLAZERS:

1 st	Levi Washburn	Outpost 36
2nd	Joshua Conti	Outpost 8
3rd	Brandon Willingham	Outpost 36

PARENT/COMMANDER:

lst	Debbie LaPlante	Outpost 8
2nd	Shawna Tusi	Outpost 36
3rd	Wally Woodman	Outpost 11

FASTEST OVERALL

lst	Jonathan Forsythe	Outpost 36
2nd	J.J. Lacourse	Outpost 36
3rd	Levi Washburn	Outpost 36

BEST LOOKING:

1 st	John Lozeau	Outpost 36
	Daylon Larochelle	Outpost 11
2nd	Adam Forsythe	Outpost 36
	Dan Smith	Outpost 36
3rd	Kyle Lacourse	Outpost 36

Stephen Frechette

MOST ORIGINAL:

lst	Steve Frechette	Outpost 20
2nd	John Lacourse	Outpost 36
3rd	Austin Veino	Outpost 8

Outpost 20



As the snow starts to melt it will not be long before we hear the sound of baseball bats smacking a ball off the left field wall. This letter is to encourage all of you Sr. Commanders to consider taking vour outpost to a baseball game. One of my many hats I wear is a chaplain for a minor league baseball team. We have Bible studies with the players before their games on Sundays. We are not a replacement for the church but an arm of the body reaching out to these young players.

I truly believe that a trip to the ball game is a lot of fun and a good way to invite a neighbor to see the fun that being a Royal Ranger can be.

There are minor league baseball teams in most of the regions of New England that get this newsletter. If you would like any information of which teams are closest to you please write me a note and I will send you the information.

Any outpost that would like to attend a Nashua (NH) Hawks game and maybe even a chapel service with the team please let me know. We have a full summer of fun ahead of us.

Remember to ask for "group rates" when you call the ball field for information. Most teams are very helpful with groups like ours. Some even have a program to use as a fund raiser.

Just remember that Jesus came to serve and not to be served. So if you name the name of Jesus and wear your Royal Ranger's uniforms encourage your boys to be good ambassadors.

I hope to see you at the ball field. Please contact me for more information.

Chief Wash-U-Feet/Out Post 11

Rick Duhaime 27 Granite St. Hooksett, NH 03106

(Chief Wash-U-Feet is a frequent contributor to the Pony Express. Have a thought? Why not do like he does and submit your article to us today!

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3rd	Daniel Spaulding	Outpost 7

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2nd	Brandon Willingham	Outpost 36
3rd	Joshua Conti	Outpost 8

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This month's staff member is Steve S. Melcher of (currently) Sanford, Maine. Also known as "Wanderer" to his FCF brothers, and also referred to as "Hairball" by his barber. He has a lovely wife, Cheryl, and three great children: Stephanie, Zechariah, and Gabrielle.

Steve is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God here in Northern New England. Currently his ministry is weekend preaching at any Men's Breakfast that will feed him in exchange for information or encouragement in the Royal Ranger ministry.

Steve grew up in Concord, NH. From there he was called to Bible School at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO. After graduating in 1975 he headed to Tucson, Arizona where he finished raising his last three brothers and worked in the Youth program as a Counselor and in the Royal Ranger program as a Pioneer Commander. From there he went to Sulphur, Oklahoma to Pastor a Home-Missions church for the Deaf. Again Royal Rangers was a part of his life. While in Sulphur. along with his close friends Tim & Ann Moore he helped to bring into reality, a vision he and Tim shared in Bible School. "A home for unwanted deaf children and vouth". Today,"Loving Hands Ranch for the Deaf", a nonprofit Corporation is in its 10th year of existence. Steve then moved to Sanford Maine in 1987 and joined outpost 9 and a year later became its Sr. Commander. He joined the staff in the spring of 1988 as the Sectional Commander for the Central Section. He served as the Children's Church Pastor at Dover-Foxcroft A/G along with Royal Rangers and other church responsibilities. Then in 1993 he moved with his family to Greenville, Maine to establish a new work. Steve and Cheryl are now in Sanford, Maine on a "breather" getting caught up on bills and anxiously awaiting the next assignment from the Heavenly Father.

Royal Ranger Vital Statistics:

Joined Royal Rangers in 1964 as a Trailblazer.

Service:

Tucson, AZ: Pioneer Commander, Sectional Chaplain.

Sulphur, OK: Sr. Commander, Training Chief

Sanford, Me: Pioneer Commander, Buckaroo Commander, Sr. Comman

der, Sectional Commander, Training Chief, Deputy District

Commander, FCF Scribe

Dover-Foxtrot, Me: Sr. Commander, Pioneer Commander, Deputy District Com

mander, Instructor Trainer, Productions Coordinator

Present: Deputy District Commander (Eastern Division), Productions

Coordinator, Instructor Trainer

Training Events Completed: Leaders Training Course, National Training Camp, Advanced National Training Camp, National Canoe Expedition, Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Training Conference, Staff School, Staff Academy Phase II, Low Ropes Safety Course.

Training Events as a Staff Member: National Training Camp (3 times), restructured the Junior Leadership Training Camp program and served as the Camp Commander for the first two camps held in NNED, developed the Advanced Junior Training Camp which was held with this year's regular JLTC.

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next chance I got.

You see, I'm a firm believer that the royal ranger ministry is for the boys. Yes, we can have great fun in rangers. Yes, we can have great fellowship in rangers. But if kids go to hell because we were too busy having fun in some part of rangers then there is something wrong. Shortly after I joined FCF, I was able to work with an older boy in my outpost and helped him get into FCF. He then remained in rangers until 18 and has recently been helping out in the outpost.

Steve Melcher. Deputy District Commander for Maine, has made the statement that Royal Rangers is a disciple-ship ministry. I couldn't agree with him more. FCF is one of the greatest tools available to you as a ranger leader to help disciple those teenage boys.

Should YOU join FCF? ABSO-LUTELY. Why? To Reach, Teach and Keep THE BOYS. Coming up soon is the phase I testing for FCF. Why not determine that you will do whatever it takes to keep your boys in rangers? Send your application to Wooly Bear today. The fur and fellowship are great. The eternal values are greater still. Send it in today.

Gary Besaw

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Does this sound just a bit familiar to you or someone you know? If so, the only cure is getting alone with our only Lord and Savior and spending time with him. Please remember, if you look for an excuse not to spend the time with him, you will surely find one. If you are looking and can't find an excuse, just call me and we can discuss it

I need to thank my wife, two sons and friends for praying for me and to my church for all the great teaching that was imbedded into my heart so strongly that the old bad boy couldn't make me forget it.

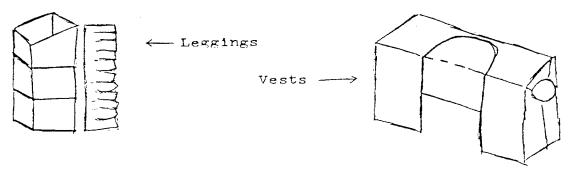
God Bless all of you as we begin a great summer for Christ.

OOPS!!!!

The date listed in the calendar last issue for section 5 of the LTC should have been May 4th, not May 2nd.

PUTTING THOSE PAPER BAGS TO USE IN YOUR OUTPOST

Paper Buckskins - Use small bags attached together to make leggings and fringe. Attach fringe with safety pins. Use large paper bags for the vest.



WESTERN DIVISION FUN DAY

On June 8, 1996 we will be having our Western Division Straight Arrow / Buckaroo fun day. This year, the event will be held at the Laconia Christian Academy. To get to the academy, take Interstate 93 to exit 23. Take a right off the interstate until you see Meredith Center Road and the Humane Society signs. Stay on this road for about 5 miles until you see the signs for Laconia Christian Academy.

The gates will open at 5:30 PM on Friday June 7th for anyone interested in camping on the school grounds. If you're staying on the 7th, please let me know ahead of time so I can arrange a proper size site for your group. In addition, preregistration will greatly help the staff plan this event.

This year, we will be having Pastor. Mac Prebble of Christian Worship Center as our guest speaker. We know that the both the boys and the leaders will enjoy this wonderful servant of the Lord. He will be wearing his F.C.F outfit for this event.

This year, we are also asking the outposts to have the boys make cowboy and Indian vests, etc. out of paper bags. (See above drawing for some help). Commanders, this will make a great craft to work on in your meetings or at home with the

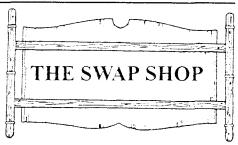
dads.

We also put together some games and competitions. Some of the games after lunch will include water so please have the boys and commanders bring extra clothes. We've even prepared a game for the commanders so come prepared! The boys will enjoy getting you wet so be ready.

We would also like to ask the F.C.F. brothers to wear their outfits. The kids are sure to enjoy it and it may help them gain interest in this exciting aspect of the ranger ministry. Let's pray that God will touch the heart of each boy and commander who attends.

Registration will be \$7.00 per person. Visitors arriving on the 8th will be asked to pay \$2.00. Please have your activity supervisory certificate form filled out and signed by your pastor. I will be calling you for conformation that your outpost will be attending. Please preregister! Even more important...COME! The boys will have fun. Who knows, it could be one of your boys that accept the Lord. Thank you for you cooperation and participation. If you need any help or you need more information, call me at 603-536-4208.

Don Filena Deputy District Commander



I have some extra Military Surplus, I would trade or sell at a great bargain. Items are: Army Mess Kits, without silverware, Ponchos like new condition, Infantry shelter halves without poles, like new condition, web belts, ALICE Packs (look like brand new ones) with aluminum frames and lastly, one large US Army Kitchen Tent, canvas like new condition, missing some poles. It weighs a ton! These are all in very limited quantities, so call soon if interested!

I can use a good cabin tent, folding cots, canteens, a couple good axes and bow saws, a reliable trailer, some angle iron or flat iron and of course almost anything for uniform accessories or manuals. My home number is 825-3595, work is 848-5804, ext. 29.

Ken Bustard Sr. Commander Outpost #29 Bangor, ME

SOUTHWEST SECTIONAL PINEWOOD DERBY RESULTS

STRAIGHT ARROWS:				
l st	William Neilson	Outpost 45		
виска	BUCKAROOS:			
lst	Aaron Dugan	Outpost 7		
2nd	Jordan Barney	Outpost 7		
PIONEE	PIONEERS:			
lst	Daniel Spaulding	Outpost 7		
2nd	Chris Webber	Outpost 7		
3rd	Matt Spaulding	Outpost 7		
TRAILB	TRAILBLAZERS:			
lst	Leon Dugan	Outpost 7		
2nd	Ian Desharnais	Outpost 45		
3rd	Greg Bascom	Outpost 45		
COMMANDERS:				
lst	Gary Besaw	Outpost 28		
2nd	Richard Bennett	Outpost 7		
3rd	Anita Neilson	Outpost 45		

COMING NEXT ISSUE

The Straight Arrow/Buckaroo Fundays will be history. Join us as we see what went on.

Hard to believe but Pow Wow will be here before you know it. We'll be taking a peek at what's in store for your outpost.

What can you do with those empty 2 liter soda bottles? Find out about a fun craft for your younger groups.

> What happens at an LTC campout? Find out.

All this and more in the next issue of the *PONY EXPRESS!*

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