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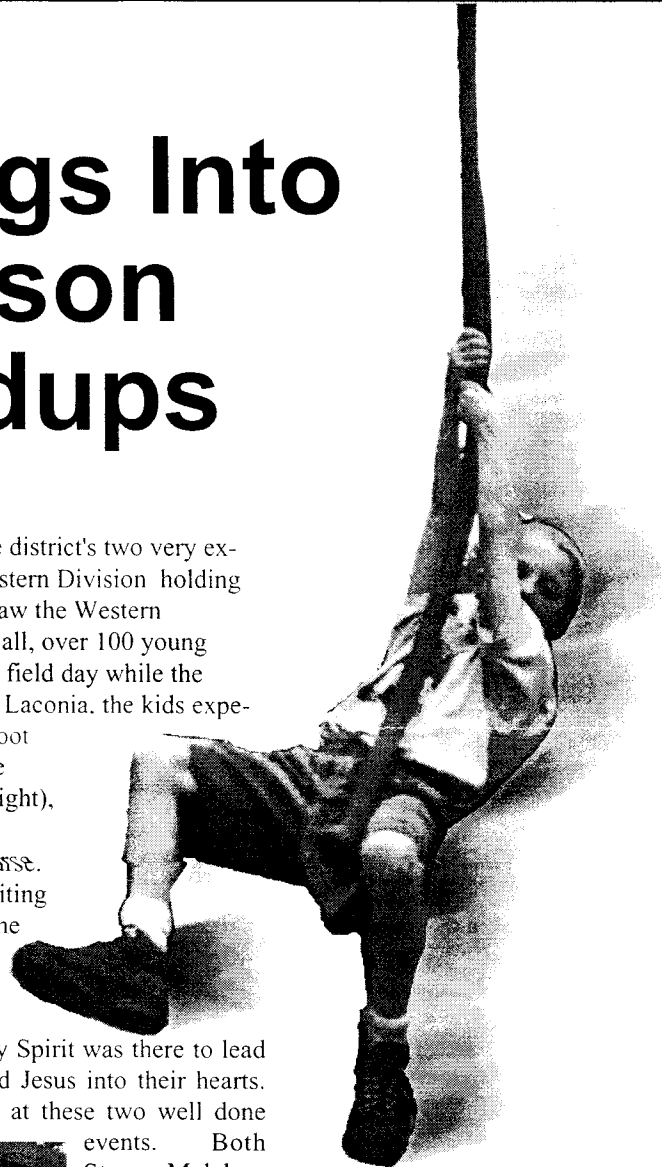
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## District Swings Into Summer Season With 2 Roundups

The 1996 Summer calendar of events began with the district's two very exciting Roundups. The season began on June 1st with the Eastern Division holding their Roundup in Newport, Maine. The following weekend saw the Western Division holding a roundup in Laconia, New Hampshire. In all, over 100 young boys attended these two events. The Eastern Division had a field day while the Western Division had the theme of Cowboys and Indians. In Laconia, the kids experienced what it was like to pan for gold, play Indian popit, shoot a bow and arrow, and run the dangerous obstacle course. The high points of the obstacle course were the swing (shown at right), and shooting a bear (shown below).

The field day in Maine also featured an obstacle course. In addition, there was badminton, frisbee golf and a very exciting game of kickball between the leaders and the boys. That game ended with a 9-8 showdown win by the boys.

As has been the case each year, the Master Ranger kept his hand of safety upon everyone. Not only was the Lord present to protect the youngsters, but His Holy Spirit was there to lead young souls to Salvation. In Laconia alone, 37 boys asked Jesus into their hearts. Each Outpost had a wonderful time of fun and adventure at these two well done events. Both Steve Melcher, who headed up the Eastern Division and Don Filena (Western Division) would like to thank all the men who helped make these two events just the start of an exciting summer of fun and accomplishment in the N.N.E.D!



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## Technology, Is It or Isn't It?

I am truly amazed at the technology that we have available to us in 1996. We can sit at our computer, type out a letter and it can be read by the recipient in a matter of seconds, even if they are on the other side of the world. Somehow technology needs to be improved as far as getting a letter only one state away. For some reason our U.S. Postal Service has a very difficult time carrying a letter from my house to yours. I am hearing many complaints from commanders that they are not getting any information or they are getting it very late. I assure you that we strive to turn things around very quickly in this office and things get mailed out very close to on time. I have checked with some of you and found that it is taking three to four weeks to get a letter or packet, and I truly apologize for that. Unfortunately the only thing I can do is try mailing all information from a different post office and pray that you get it before that event has passed. I am sure that you all have my phone number and if you see that an event is getting close and you don't have any information, please **Call!!**, **Call!!** If you have access to a fax machine or you have E-mail on your computer, please let me know.

We are here to help you in any way we can but if you don't ask we can't help. I hope to see all of you at Pow Wow for one of the best times ever. God bless all your efforts.

Gary Cloutier



Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I send choice Christian greetings to you and yours from me and mine.

Well the King's Pine held their Family Rendezvous over Memorial Day weekend and it was great. Friday night everybody arrived and set up house keeping in time for the fire. At the fire we had a time of worship and communion with our Lord, and His presence was felt throughout the whole rendezvous, and what a blessing it was. If you wanted to hear a joyful sound being made for our Lord, you should of been there Friday night. On the music makers were *Tall Timber*, *Firebird*, *Grizzly*, *Woodsmoke*, Jean (*Mrs. Tall Timber*) and Dorene (*Mrs. Strong Bow*). What a great job they all did; thank you for blessing us. Let me tell you there isn't a choir anywhere that sounded as good as the families praising Jesus out in the woods. It was beautiful and I know our Lord was pleased as He sat with us in fellowship. I want to thank all of the brothers who were there, along with the guests for the fellowship they provided during that weekend.

The ladies did real well in the events, some can even shoot better than some of the brothers. We gave a prize out for the Hawk throwing (for the children) (no King's Pine brothers were allowed to compete) and Cory Snyder of C.W.C. took first place for the girls. Jason Burrows (*Lighting Bolt's* son) took first place for the boys. I hear he is after his dad to get his own Hawk now. Congratulations to you both, it was well deserved. Thanks to *Tall Timber* for making the plaques, they came out great. The boys are getting good with the flint & steel, watch out *Nightwind!* I think the greatest thing I heard (next to the worship) was said by one of our guests who was there for the first time and was wondering if they would fit in. The comment was

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 6    | L.T.C. Section 3<br>Littleton, NH.            |
| July 13   | District Staff Meeting<br>Barrington, NH.     |
| July 20   | Pow Wow Work Day<br>Pittsfield, NH.           |
| Aug 2     | L.T.C. Section 4<br>Littleton, NH.            |
| Aug 9-11  | District Pow Wow<br>Pittsfield, N.H.          |
| Aug 23-24 | F.C.F. Frontier Adventure<br>Pittsfield, N.H. |

# From Where I Sit...

Rev. Gregg Randall  
Men's Ministries  
Director



## MORE THAN GOLD

This year marks the Centennial Olympic Games. The Olympics is a one hundred year history of great athletes. Some of these athletes have become American heroes. Their courage, determination, and perseverance has inspired many. From Athens to Atlanta, the Olympics have flourished on the strength of individual effort and excellence. The names of many individuals are as legendary as the Olympic Games themselves.

American James Connolly was the winner of the first gold medal in the first Modern Olympic Games of 1896 in the triple jump.

Jim Thorpe won the 1912 de-

cathlon gold in Stockholm. King Gustav called him "the greatest living athlete" and tradition begins. Every decathlon winner since then owns the unofficial title of "World's Greatest Athlete."

During the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Babe Didrickson, an American with spunk announces, "I'm out to beat everyone in sight." She almost does it. She is still the only athlete in the world to medal in the high jump, hurdles, and javelin in the Olympics.

In 1936, Berlin plays host to the Olympic Games and Jesse Owens. His four gold medals humiliates Hitler. Owens is adored by the German people. His name has become synonymous with the Spirit of the Olympic Games.

Twelve years later, Alice Coachman becomes the first African American woman to win the gold. She becomes a hero for then eight year old Wilma Rudolph, who still in leg braces and unable to walk, does not yet imagine her very own 1960 gold medal wins.

In Rome that year, Wilma shares the stage with another American athlete named Cassius Clay. Even then,

Cassius Clay "floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee." but it is years before the world knows him as Muhammad Ali.

In 1968 at Mexico City, George Foreman, Bob Beamon, Dick Fosbury, Mark Spitz, Jan Henne and Debbie Meyer lead one of the most-medaled U.S. Olympic teams in history. It would be 23 years before Beamon's long jump record is broken.

Mark Spitz returns to the Olympics in 1972 and swims away with seven gold medals and numerous records. This is more than any athlete in any sport in any Olympics.

We also are introduced to tiny Olga Korbut that year. And gymnastics would never be the same.

In Montreal, Nadia Comaneci scores seven perfect 10's, the most ever. We also meet some other soon-to-be-household names: Edwin Moses, Bruce Jenner, Michael and Leon Spinks and Sugar Ray Leonard.

At the 1984 L.A. Games, Carl Lewis is the first to repeat Jesse Owens'

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## FCF

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you could feel the Christian love the minute you arrived. You knew you were part of a family of Christ and didn't have to worry about your children. This year there was a group of teens (boys & girls) and I'm here to tell you that anyone who says teens are bad news never met these teens. You could see Jesus just pouring out of them and not just at times of worship. Thank you all for attending, you are invited back next year.

The King's Pine held the Phase I testing and due to another event (LTC campout) we only had one testing and will test another one at a later date. I thank my brother Bald Eagle for the article in the Pony Express on FCF. I know that I say a lot about the fellowship in FCF, but I would like it known that everything is done with the boys in mind. If a boy can get good Christian fellowship, then he will serve Jesus.

Recently I had the chance to help serve on the Round-Up and what a blessing it was. The King's Pine broth-

ers look forward to serving Jesus in any way He sees fit. A Commander and I had a chance to talk when I ask him if he wanted to join FCF. The answer shocked me, when he said "he wouldn't join because we thought we were better than everyone else". If that is the way the FCF is looked upon, all I can say is, there is a mistake some place along the line. The King's Pine Chapter is made up of brothers who serves our Lord, Jesus Christ. We try to do His will in all ways, and the ministry that He has placed us in is Royal Rangers. I don't know of any King's Pine brother who doesn't have a burden for the boys on his heart. We strive to be the best we can in what we do, but we never forget to stop and help a boy how ever we can. Yes we do have a higher standard, but being a Christian example calls for that, and if you don't have that as a Royal Ranger (Commander or Boy) than something is wrong because Jesus calls for us to have high standards. I don't believe FCF is holier than you if you are a Born Again Christian following Jesus. What we do is lift each other in many ways that makes us closer to

each other but all we are is a bunch of Born Again Believers placed in a ministry by God doing the best we can by being His servants. I ask each and everyone of you to join us if you fit in that category. I hope this will clear up any misunderstanding you may of heard, if not contact me, Sid "Wooly Bear" Bean, 79 Sixth St., Dover, NH 03820-2642. 1-603-749-1446 and I will try again to clear it up.

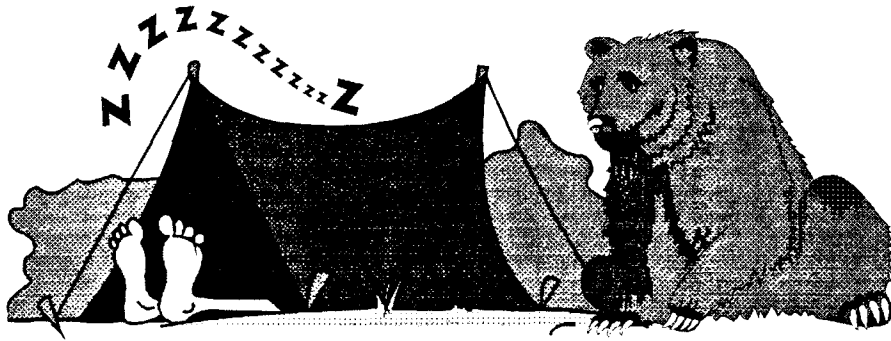
May you be the servant Jesus wants,

God Bless

*Wooly Bear*

P.S.

I forgot to mention the FCF Commander I was talking about was in a midwest state, not here. But FCF is FCF no matter where you are just as Royal Rangers is Royal Rangers no matter where you are.



## L.T.C. CAMPOUT

On June 14th and 15th, 14 leaders converged on Pittsfield, N.H. for the first L.T.C. campout of the year. Since many of the attendees had already completed the course work for their Leader's Medal of Achievement, this was the culmination of a long journey of training. For others, this was but a brief stopover in their labors as they continue their studies.

The camp was headed by Commander Dick Barr of Outpost 8. He took on the huge task of running the camp. From making sure that all of the materials were available to seeing that everyone had plenty to eat, Dick did an outstanding job. His staff for the event included Gary Besaw, Gary Ladeau, and Lenny Pettersen.

Those leaders who were taking the Regular L.T.C. arrived on Friday night. After checking in, they were separated into patrols and assigned duties to perform. They then had a meal and began classes. Commander Besaw taught a class on Firecraft followed by Commander Barr's class on Council Fires. Following this class, the attendees were led down to a council fire where Commander Besaw shared some thoughts. Following this, everyone enjoyed a tremendous time around the fire praying for each other. For some of those attending, this time was the most beneficial time at the campout. We as leaders need to learn the importance of the council fire and in lifting each others burdens before the Lord.

Saturday morning started off early, (In fact too early since one of the patrols started chopping wood at 5:30 in the morning!) After a great breakfast, we had an opening ceremony and a devotion.

After that, it was off to classes again. At this point, the Buckaroo and Straight Arrow leaders had arrived for their portion of the day. They were divided up into the two patrols and joined in as well.

The first class of the morning, on safety and sanitation, was led by Commander Barr. Next, the students moved on to a class on Conservation, taught by Commander Ladeau. After that class, the S/A and Buckaroo leaders went to a class on day hikes with Commander Besaw while those taking the Regular L.T.C. attended a class, taught by Commander Pettersen, on backpacking.

How many leaders can identify a Beech Tree? What does an Elm tree look like? After the Nature study class taught by Commander Pettersen, each student was able to do these things and more. Next on the list of classes was the very popular *How to plan a menu* class followed by the even more popular *Lets make a foil dinner and have lunch class*. (Actually it was all part of one class but everyone did get to eat a delicious foil dinner for lunch).

Believe it or not, the day was not over yet! After lunch, Commander Ladeau held a class on toolcraft, Commander Pettersen had a class in map and compass and Commander Besaw taught a class in rope craft.

You can well imagine that by 3:30 P.M. everyone was exhausted. However, it was a good feeling because everyone felt a sense of accomplishment. Congratulations to the following who successfully completed the campout: David Bilodeau, Jay Dexter, Debbie Laplante, Gerald Hatch, Ken Hatch, Tim Hatch, Curtis Lemay, Sally Lemay, Shane Neibauer, Steve Smith, Christine Way, Robert Way and Jeffrey Wiles.

# 3 DAY LTC

On June 28th, 11 men and women gathered in Vergennes, Vermont for a new type of L.T.C. training. They were the first people in Northern New England to participate in a 3-day L.T.C. Unlike the traditional L.T.C., which usually takes place over 5 Saturdays, this L.T.C. occurred in the span of 42 hours.

The class was headed up by Jay Hoffman. Jay recently moved to our district from New York where he had pioneered this new and exciting type of L.T.C. Jay was aided by Steve Melcher, who filled the role as senior guide. We were especially blessed to have two men from New York come to help us learn how to run this new training class. Both Sam Robles and Charles LaShure brought with them a wealth of enthusiasm and experience. Rounding out the teaching slate were Dick Barr and Gary Besaw.

Starting at 6:00 Friday evening, the trainees began their intensive study of how to be a Royal Ranger commander. From that time on, these men and women threw themselves into studying how to run a meeting, how to lead a boy to Christ, etc. While the time was intense, it was extremely rewarding for everyone there. The trainees were able to give themselves totally to their studies.

While this was the first of these in our district, it is sure to be only the forerunner of many more. The district training staff will be evaluating this class to see what they need to refine but there is no question that this will soon become the standard method of teaching L.T.C. in the district. Of course, we realize that this method may not be for everyone and so we will, at times, still offer the more traditional method in order to meet everyone's needs. Congratulations to everyone who attended this class. Look for more information regarding L.T.C. in the next edition of the Pony Express.

# HOME VISITATION

## UNLOCKING THE DOOR TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTPOST

Over the years, we have heard that the success of the outpost hinges on the Advancement Trail. There is no question that this statement is true. The real question is how can we successfully run an advancement system that will work? The answer is really quite simple. Looking back over the past twenty-seven years that I have been involved in rangers, the secret is painfully clear. In nearly every case, the boys that have made and are making the grade are the ones whose parents are getting involved with helping and/or encouraging them. So, the real question is how can we get the parents involved? The answer is even more clear and simple!

Lets start with the fourth word of the ranger code...COURAGEOUS. Lets live according to this simple verse, "pray also for me that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly as I should" (Eph 6:19,20). We are a holy nation, a royal priesthood. We have been commissioned to take the gospel to the lost and dying world. We must take every chance we have to assure that each boy we come into contact with will grow spiritually. What better person for that job is there than the boys own parents? The following is a guide to help you to seriously get active with Home Visitations.

First, if you're not familiar with visitations, you may want to visit with some of the parents you do know or parents of families in the church. This will help you get familiar with your presentation and get over some of the shyness. Second, let us move on to the un-churched families as soon as possible. Time is short, the day of the Lord is at hand. Now let me make one thing clear, we are not asking you to go out door-to-door witnessing. What I am saying is that we need to promote the ranger program to each and every parent. While on visitation, let them know up front and do not hide the fact that we have Bible studies, we pray, and that Jesus Christ is our center attraction. With that, the seed will be planted.

As a commander in the R.R. program you have found that time is one of the most valuable assets that you have. From every direction come demands for your time. The meeting night, Sunday school, church, a night to plan the meeting, mid-week service, etc. These are just a few of the items at the top of your list, so why another activity? Because of the benefits! Both the immediate and long range benefits to you, the boy and the outpost.

### BENEFITS FOR ALL

Some of the benefits to you, the commander are that it sells the parents on Royal Rangers, thus gaining their support. It establishes a rapport with the parents. It helps you understand future problems you may have with the boy and it helps avoid misunderstandings about the nature of Royal Rangers.

Next, there are benefits to the outpost. Some of these are that it will encourage regular attendance as well as encourage proper and regular wearing of the uniform. In addition, it will help raise attendance at special functions and it will help reduce discipline problems.

The benefits continue on to the boy. Visitation will help get parents behind him in passing advancements. It will often relieve some of his transportation problems.

There are also tremendous benefits for the parent. Home visitation informs them about Royal Rangers. It tells them how they can help their son. It tells them how they can help you. It gives them opportunity to tell you about their son and most important of all, it gives them opportunity to find Christ.

Finally, it benefits the church. In fact, visitation is a key item in bringing unbelievers into the circle of fellowship of the church and into the ranks of believers.

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# FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

The Ranger and Friends banquet was held on April 27th in Barrington, New Hampshire. The evening was a great success with many attending. After a relaxing time of fellowship, all of those attending were blessed by a video presentation on Rangers Past and Present. This outstanding video had pictures of leaders and boys from both yesterday as well as today. Who could see a picture of a man like Earl Dorr and not be challenged to increase their efforts for the ministry of Royal Rangers? In addition, the video was a stark reminder that we all must continue to lift each other up in prayer. Many of the leaders seen in the video are now no longer serving in rangers. In fact, some are no longer serving the Lord. Pray for your co-workers in this ministry.

Following the video, District Commander Gary Cloutier presented various awards to the men and women of our district. He emphasized the importance of these awards. Commanders should be earning the awards but not just to wear on our uniforms. The reason we earn these awards is to show the boys that we are working hard, just like them. Many men and women in the district could earn the award if they would take the time to do the paperwork. Take the time! Show your boys that you are laboring hard as well. Set a high standard for them.

In addition to the awards and video, those in attendance were blessed by the ministry of the Prebles. The district is grateful to them not only for the wonderful way that they ministered to everyone but also for their willingness to open their church up for this great evening.

Of course, what is a ranger gathering without food and *this was a great ranger gathering!!!* At the conclusion of the program, everyone adjourned to the balcony for a time of

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## DID YOU KNOW?

...that the national office now offers the outpost councilman's leadership training course? This course has been designed specifically for the outpost councilman and will give him valuable insight as to how to do a great job in his position. I have completed this course and found it to be a very good tool and a top quality training experience that no outpost councilman should be without. If you are a councilman, contact the national office for your course today. You'll be glad you did and so won't your outpost.

- George Tusi

## WE'VE MOVED!

For those of you who send articles, comments or questions to the Pony Express via email, please note that our email address has changed. Our new address is [readytpe@sover.net](mailto:readytpe@sover.net).

**CRAFT  
CORNER**

## THE TWO-LITER AQUARIUM

Materials: 2-liter soda bottle (green looks best), small paper plate, fishing line or string, tape, glue, scissors, crayons or markers, white cardboard (poster board works well).

Before the meeting: Cut off the top part of a large plastic soda bottle. Try soaking the bottle in warm water for a few minutes in order to loosen the label as well as soften the plastic to make it easier to cut.

At the meeting: Give each child one of the bottles that you have prepared as described above. Next, give each boy some cardboard. Have them draw a number of fish shapes onto the cardboard (not too many) and then have them color them brightly with crayons or washable markers. Now have the kids cut these fish out carefully. Once the fish have been cut out, poke a hole in each fish and tie a piece of string or fishing line through the hole. Tape the string to the inside of the bottom of the bottle so that the fish hang down at different levels when the bottle is turned upside down.

Place the upside-down bottle on a small paper plate and trace around the opening. Remove the bottle and have the kids color inside this circle that they drew.

Take different colored pipe cleaners and twist them into shapes for seaweed and coral. Glue or tape these to the paper plate. If you have some small sea shells or rocks or even sand, you can also glue these to the plate to add additional decorations. Finally, take the bottle and once again place it upside-down on the paper plate and tape it to the plate. The kids will love their new aquarium!

# FOCUS ON THE STAFF



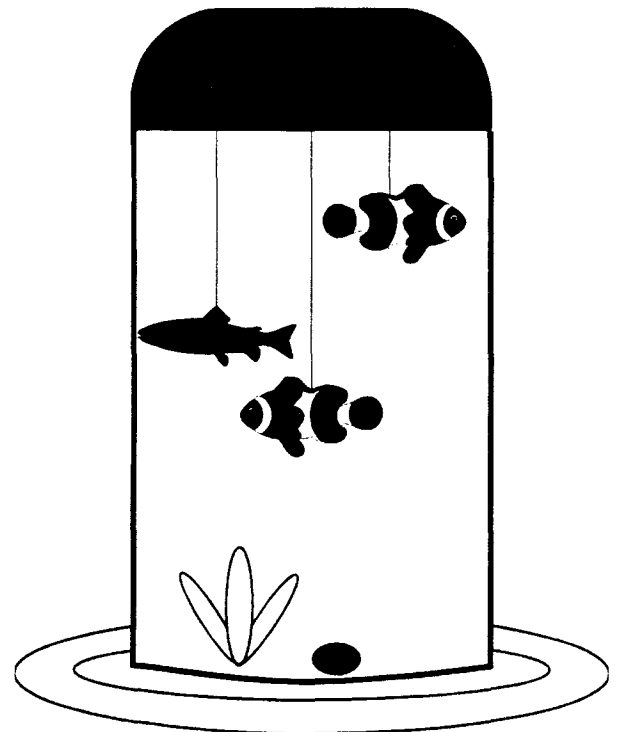
Gary was born and raised in Claremont New Hampshire. After returning from Vietnam in the early 70's he gave his heart and life to Christ. He has been serving the Lord now for over 25 years. Gary's wife is Beverly and they have one son Gary Jr.

When their son was in Pioneers, the outpost was going on a hike and campout. Gary Sr. went along just to help. It was at this time that Gary saw himself at the age of many of the boys and wanted to do something to make a boy's life have more meaning to it. He knew the Lord Jesus would make the difference in the lives of the boys.

Gary was called to Royal Rangers 13 years ago. He has been a member of the district staff for the past 8 years. He is now the Southwest Sectional Commander and has been a training chief for 3 years. In addition, Gary has been an active member of the F.C.F. for 10 years.

Gary and Bev live in Claremont, New Hampshire. They attend the Springfield Assembly of God in Springfield, Vermont where they teach Sunday School together. Gary works at Sturm Ruger in Newport New Hampshire. His wife Bev does clerical work in Newport, New Hampshire. Bev has seen Gary's heart beat to make a difference in the lives of boys. Bev is also a commander of Straight Arrows and is currently a instructor in training for training chiefs. Their son Gary Jr. attended 2 years at Zion Bible Institute in Providence R.I. Gary Jr. is now married and lives in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Gary would like to leave a thought with his brothers in Christ. "Jesus is coming for those who have been cleansed from sin and are living according to His Word." Are you ready for his return????



## GOLD

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medal sweep of four golds in four events. Maine's own Joan Benoit-Samuelson was the first to win the gold in the first women's Olympic marathon event.

And now athletes are gathering from nearly 200 countries in Atlanta pursuing their dream of gold and a chance that their name will be added to the glorious history of the Olympic Games. They spend their whole lives striving for this moment and their chance to make history.

Should not their stories inspire us to pursue after that which is of far more eternal value? The Apostle Paul was an avid sports fan. He was fascinated with the Olympics - especially the running events (Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27). In those verses he writes, "...They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (1 Corinthians 9:25).

In Hebrews 12:1-2, we read, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. {2} Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Beloved, our faith is of far more worth than gold (1 Peter 1:7). Seek and pursue after that which will last for eternity.

## FELLOWSHIP

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food and fellowship. There was enough food to feed everyone for several days but being good rangers, we ate almost all of it right then. The food was great, the fellowship was outstanding. Many a person was seen lingering in conversation long after the formal dismissal had been given. And why not? What better way to enjoy yourself than in the company of fellow laborers for Christ!

## VISITATION

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### How to structure your visit

**Pre-plan.** Set aside one evening a month to have visitations. Call for appointments, (you should allow two hours for each appointment). Try to have the appointment at the boys home whenever possible. Ensure that both parents will be available since you and their son need both of their support. Never have more than two commanders with you so that you don't overpower them. **Never go alone.**

**Be Ready.** Be thoroughly familiar with the areas you want to cover. Have all the tools you need at your finger tips, (boy's handbook, Adventures in Camping, ranger brochures, High Adventure, medical forms, calendar of events, etc.) **Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance before each visit.**

**While Visiting.** In the beginning, spend a few minutes discussing why they sent their son to Royal Rangers. Who introduced them to rangers? What do they expect rangers will do for their son.

**Proceed with Visitation.** Keep discussion closely related to the subject. If you go out on a tangent, you will run out of time without reaching your objectives. Make sure they understand each area your discussing. Make sure you use the various items you brought along. For example, when talking about the uniform use the handbook as well as your own **properly worn uniform** to illustrate.

### Items to Discuss.

- Transportation to and from meetings.      →Medical and permission slips.
- The Advancement Trail.                      →A brief history of Royal Rangers.
- The Ranger of the Year Program              →What a typical meeting is like.
- Respect for the commander and church property.
- How you will get them information on upcoming activities.
- Regular recurring activities their son will attend such as Pow Wow, Pinewood derbys, fun days, etc.

**At the end of the visit make sure you close with prayer with the parents.**

**After the visit.** Review the visit after you have left with those who accompanied you. Ask yourself what you could do to improve your visit. What can you add to it? What should you delete from it? How long did it take? What benefits do you expect to see as a result of your visit? Keep a record of each visit that you make. Once you have finished your visit, you should be satisfied that the parents know what Royal Rangers is all about, and that they are welcome to attend a meeting. Make sure you leave an open door for them to come to church or Sunday school with their child. Be sure that if they show up at some point that you greet them warmly and make them feel welcome.

Visitation can be done by all commanders. It is advised that the commander of the boy of whom you are visiting be one of the two present at the meeting. As Senior Commander, you should try to ensure that all the commanders get involved with visitations. You may not get every commander to visit each month, but ask if they feel they can visit at least twelve families over a one year period. Most outposts starting visitation have been active for quite some time. In this case, you should visit the newest boys first or the boys who do not attend regularly. At the same time, don't make the mistake of not visiting a family just because they are churched or because the boy attends regularly. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you guidance and wisdom and he will lead you to that divine appointment.

- George Tusi



## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

This year's Pow Wow promises to be one of the best ever! Your boys will love the events geared towards this new and exciting theme. From a banquet fit for a king to a circle of honor, nothing has been left out of this year's event. Your Pow Wow packet gives you enough information to whet your appetite but it doesn't tell half the story! What is the other half? Souls saved! Young men filled with the Holy Spirit! Lives transformed by the power of God! If that doesn't stir your heart than nothing will. Knights of old often took on great challenges because it was the right thing to do. **Now you face a more difficult challenge.** Your district staff is looking forward to a great move of God at this year's Pow Wow. Since that is the case, it's certain that **YOU** will be under attack. Satan would like nothing better than to give you and your outpost a reason to not attend. **Don't give into to him! Be a conqueror.** Determine in your heart that you will face this challenge and get your boys to Pow Wow.

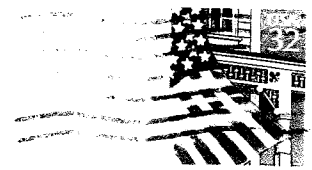
## COMING NEXT ISSUE

- The Frontier Adventure and Trace will be all over. We'll be there to find out what happened.
- Look for great pictures and stories from this year's district Pow Wow.
- Toilet paper tubes and Jericho. What do they have in common?
- What is a Training Chief and why should I become one???

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

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