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My Say

Spring and summer will be here before too long and that means more Ranger activities for us and our outposts. Please remember to send word of your activities to us in order to get them mentioned in future issues of the newsletter. Also, remember, pictures can help tell a whole story.

-Chris Goins

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West Texas Royal Rangers



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New National Commander Appointed

A transition in leadership was made complete on Friday January 5, 2007 when the Royal Ranger Executive Council announced they had selected a new National Commander.

Doug Marsh, previously director for Royal Rangers International, was selected to take the helm from outgoing National Commander Richard Marriott. Marriott had announced his resignation, effective December 31, 2006, in a letter dated October 17.

Commander Marsh came to the National office in 2002 when he was appointed director for Royal Rangers International. In this capacity, Marsh was charged with developing Royal Rangers in foreign nations and in helping to coordinate the ministry worldwide.

Prior to his appointment as Director of Royal Rangers International, Commander Marsh served as an Assemblies of God missionary in Costa Rica

for nine years. In 1997, he secured an 80-acre tract of land in Costa Rica that is now known as Camp Summit. This camp is used as a Royal Ranger and discipleship training center.

Marsh is the son of missionaries and he grew up in Bolivia and Peru. As a boy, Marsh was also active in Royal Rangers where he eventually earned his Gold Medal of Achievement in 1988 (GMA # 1469).

While he was on the missions field, Commander Marsh was responsible for helping train Royal Rangers leaders in Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Today there are over 5000 trained men who minister to over 45,000 boys on a weekly basis throughout 21 countries in Latin America.

Commander Marsh will currently serve as both National Commander in the United States and will also direct the activities of Royal



Outgoing National Commander Richard Marriott and former Deputy National Commander Mike Laliberty pin the 3-star insignia on new National Commander Doug Marsh

Rangers International until a transition in leadership in Royal Rangers International can be completed.

Executive Council President Jim Barger and South Central Region Coordinator Jonathan Trower are encouraging all commanders and boys to pray for our new leadership that God would guide them as we enter into this new phase in the ministry.

A MAN NEVER STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A BOY.

W. Texas Ranger Competes at Region

Seth Goins, the West Texas District Adventure Ranger of the Year, competed at the South Central Region Ranger of the Year evaluations that were held at Christ Church AoG on January 27, 2007.

Seth, a Junior Commander in Outpost 103, Harvest Time Church, Midland, received a score of 576.5 for an "Excellent" rating which placed him as second runner-up.

Seth was evaluated on Handbook and Bible skills as well as Archery, Hiking and Citizenship. Seth also had to give a 3-5 minute speech on "Effective Discipleship".

Seth has said his current goals are to earn his Expedition Rangers Achievement and Leadership medals, attend the Great Texas Pow-wow and to attend a Junior Training Camp this summer.



Seth Goins poses with his trophy and medallion he earned as a Regional Ranger of the Year



Requirements for Joining FCF



FCF is open to all men and boys who meet the requirements at right and desire to give and serve to others.

The Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) is an honor society in Royal Rangers dedicated to giving and serving. Boys and men who join FCF strive to achieve in five different areas in their lives and ministries: courage, leadership, friendship, woodsmanship and achievement.

Men and boys who desire to advance in Royal Rangers and give of themselves in service to other may join FCF by fulfilling the following requirements:

Both Men & Boys

*Earn the following merits: **Rope-craft, Lashing, First Aid Skills, Firecraft, Cooking, Compass,**

Toolcraft & Camping.

*Explain the Plan of Salvation
 *Explain the meaning of the Four Red Points, Four Gold Points and Eight Blue Points of the Royal Ranger Emblem.

Boys Only

*Be at least 11 years old and an Adventure Ranger.
 *Be recommended by the Outpost Commander

Men Only

*Complete the **Ranger Basics Module** of the LTA

*Be a Royal Ranger Leader in good standing with your local church

Once a boy or leader completes these requirements, he is eligible to wear the "Trail of the Grizzly" patch on his awards vest. He is also eligible for the "Frontier Adventure". Upon completion of the Adventure, he can wear the Frontiersman pin on his uniform.

For more information about FCF, contact Bryan Copeland or Clois Burgess or any FCF member.

SCR Conference Held January 26-27, 2007

About one dozen commanders and 1 boy from the West Texas District made the trek to Fort Worth recently for the annual South Central Region Training Conference.

This year's conference was held at Christ Church AoG and was also held in conjunction with the annual Regional Ranger of the Year evaluations.

Several hundred commanders were in attendance the two days of the conference and were able to attend a myriad of interesting and informative classes from LTA modules to certification classes held by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

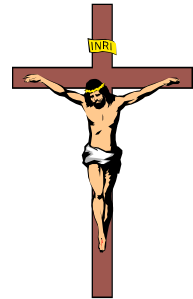
Vendors were also on hand ranging from Tandy Leather to Scoutman Supply to Cabela's to help furnish attendees with the latest in equip-

ment for their Rangers ministry. Those who attended also got the special privilege of hearing from our newly appointed National Commander, Doug Marsh, who spoke in Friday evening's service as well as the general session Saturday afternoon. Marsh challenged leaders to continually focus on evangelism. He also assured everyone that no major changes were in store for Royal Rangers.

Next year's conference will be January 25-26, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas.

"Love is more than a characteristic of God; it is His character."

- Anonymous



Training Events Available for 2007

Commanders and Boys wishing to increase their training can avail themselves of the following opportunities in 2007:



National Training Camp Chandler, OK
 9/13-9/16/07



Advanced National Training Camp La-Grange, TX 10/25-10/28, 2007. Must have completed NTC.



World Class Outpost San Antonio, TX 2/16-2/17, 2007



Ranger Kids Training Camp Eagle Rock, MO
 6/22-6/24, 2007

Junior Leaders Training Academy Chandler, OK 6/20-6/24, 2007. This camp includes all training camps available to boys in Adventure Rangers and above. Please check the Oklahoma District website for details at www.royalrangers.net/oklahoma.



Eagle Rock Adventure Camp Camp Eagle Rock, MO 6/24-6/29, 2007. Open to Adventure and Expedition Rangers. Activities include archery, firearms, horseback, paintball, etc.

For all National Camps, including the Eagle Rock Adventure, applications and

information can be obtained at the National Royal Ranger Website at www.royalrangers.org.

Please make sure before applying to any camp that you meet the requirements for that camp. Some camps also have restrictions on the number of applicants that may attend. Make sure you are aware of this information before applying. All adult camps except WCO & RKTC require NTC. Boys camps have different requirements.

Plans for 'Great Texas Pow-wow' Moving Forward



For the first time in history, the three districts that make up the State of Texas— West Texas, North Texas and South Texas— will combine to have one pow-wow known as "The Great Texas Pow-wow."

This pow-wow, held from May 31-June 3, 2007, promises to be the biggest and best of its kind with dynamic special speakers and exciting events throughout the day for boys and leaders alike.

Here is a small list of what campers can expect when they attend:

- *Special speakers such as evangelists Steve Hill & Randy Ruiz
- *All meals provided— including a meet & greet pizza feed on Thursday night
- *Shooting sports— including archery, rifle & shotgun

- Water sports— slides, kayaking & canoeing
- Pinewood Derby with a 6-lane track. FCF battle reenactments and the largest FCF village ever
- Field games
- Special displays
- Concession stand/camp store
- Only \$55 per camper

The districts involved have decided to forego their regularly scheduled District Pow-wows in order to have the best attendance possible at the Great Texas Pow-wow. Invitations have been

extended to the other districts that make up the South Central Region. Outposts from outside the Region have also expressed interest in joining, including some outposts from as far away as Georgia. Attendance is expected to top 1500.

Information can also be found on the web at greattexaspow-wow.com

Upcoming Events

February 3, 2007

North Plains Section Pinewood Derby. Amarillo, TX.

February 4, 2007

Pecos Section Pinewood Derby. 1st AoG, Midland, TX. 1pm for BBQ dinner. Races start @ 2pm.

February 24, 2007

West Texas District Pinewood Derby.

March 15-17, 2007

National Royal Ranger Council, Springfield, MO.

March 24, 2007

West Texas District Commander's Conference. District Auditorium, Lubbock, TX.

May 18-19, 2007

North Plains Section Pow-wow. Location TBA

May 31-June 3, 2007

Great Texas Pow-wow, Lake-

view Camp, Maypearl, TX.

June 24-29, 2007

Eagle Rock Adventure Camp. Camp Eagle Rock, MO.

July 18-22, 2007

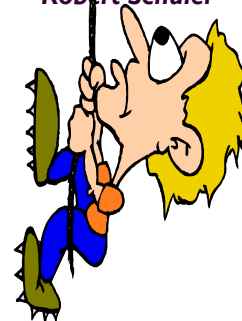
Plainsmen Territory FCF Rendezvous. Davis Willow campground, Pecos, NM.

July 27-29, 2007

Pecos Section Pow-wow. Location TBA

*"Impossibilities
vanish when a man
and his God
confront a
mountain"*

- Robert Schuler



DC's Corner

.I apologize for the confusion that I caused about the West Texas District Pinewood Derby that **is scheduled to happen Feb 24th at the District Office Auditorium.** I ask you to forgive the slip and get out and promote the event . Any District event is not dependent on me, but is the result of the enthusiasm and support of the Leaders and Boys of the whole District. Let's make this one the best one yet and prepare for bigger and better things to come.

Speaking of things to

come, I was very impressed and energized by our new National Commander and his pledge not to change the great things we have already done in the Ministry, but to challenge all leaders and boys to built up their enthusiasm and support for the Ministry and realize that it is our job is to evangelize boys and men who have not yet committed to the Royal Ranger Vision. That is the only way we can grow and make progress in the Lords work for Royal Rangers, Nation-wide and World-wide. An Outpost, Section, District and above that does not grow, will soon disappear.

Start planning to attend the District Commander's Conference March 23 and 24, 2007. The meeting Friday Evening will concentrate on scheduling and planning for the rest of the year and next year's activities. Information exchange is important. Then on Saturday there will be training for all commanders to sign up for. There will be Ranger Basics and other Modules offered to move you along to the Leaders Medal of Achievement. Pre-registration will start February 24th. You can pick up forms at the District Pinewood Derby or download the form from the District website and mail it in.



District Commander
Troy Young

Don't forget to be saving up for equipment and expenses for attending the GREAT TEXAS POWWOW! The publicity posters and information sheets will be out within the next few weeks. If you don't get excited, how do you expect your boys to be?

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www.wtxdrr.org

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