

## 2006 Northeast Region Commanders Conference Falling Waters, WV.



Keep: Every Boy!

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers." Acts 20: 28a, NIV.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Regional Commanders Conference was held at the Potomac Park Conference Center in Falling Waters, West Virginia from January 20 to 22, 2006.

Some 360 Royal Ranger Commanders, some of their spouses and a few boys from the local area came expecting to hear from God, and were looking forward in having a very special time in training, fellowship and worship. For the ladies there was also fellowship and fun in crafts and scrap booking! Did I forget to mention shopping at the Hagerstown Outlets?

The Rev. Randy Ruiz, an evangelist from Springfield, MO., was our guest speaker. Our worship team was lead by Wilson Velazquez from; 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Worship Center, Allentown, PA.

Together they encouraged and uplifted us, so that we can return to our Outposts, and communities with a greater burden to reach lost souls, disciple boys in Christ and keep boys in our churches through the ministry of Royal Rangers.

### Regional Ranger of the Year Update

The Regional Ranger of the Year testing was held at the Bethel Assembly of God Church in nearby Martinsburg, WV. With the setting of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the background, they came from the north as far as the state of Maine and as far south from Virginia. Twenty eight boys' who represented their state's best Ranger of the Year came to test their skills and knowledge against each other until one of the Expedition Rangers would represent our region as the National Ranger of the Year.



Four of these twenty eight boys that made it to the finals are from our state of New Jersey. They are, Christopher Slimm, Richard Worley III from the West Central Section, and Josh McGinnis from the East Central Section and John Lerchbacker from the Northern Section. We are all very proud of these four New Jersey District boys and offer our sincerest congratulations.

What's more, it is with great pleasure to announce that for the first time-ever, one of very own West Central Section boys has earned the National Ranger of the Year award.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Christopher Slimm, of Bethel Christian Center, Blackwood NJ. Christopher has worked long and hard to prepare for this day, and he continues to do an outstanding job in all areas of the RR ministry, to include, an excellent Royal Ranger role model.



*Our late Sectional Commander always said "do your best, and God will do the rest". Chris, our hats are off to you, you've done your best. As a result, we of the West Central Section Royal Rangers in the District of New Jersey, would like to dedicate our first National Ranger of the Year to our late Sectional Commander, John C. Earnest.*

**God is good!**

**Christopher Slimm  
2006 National ROTY**

Christopher has received a \$500.00 scholarship along with other great gifts, such a free trip to the National Camporama. At the recognition banquet and expectance ceremony, Chris gave a short speech, but we believe he was lost for words due to the exciting and thrilling emotions he was experiencing. I'm positive we will hear more from Chris when he comes down from the clouds.

**Yet again, we say congratulations to all four of these young men, their parents, commanders and their Pastors. They all have a wonderful ability to get the job done - and done well.**

**We wish you could have been there to share in this momentous occasion. Perhaps next year. . .**

Submitted by: Area Cmdr. John LaSala