



New Jersey

2005 District Pow Wow

West Central Section Summary

Yard Creek Camp - Blairstown, New Jersey

The New Jersey District Pow Wow was nestled in the autumn colored hills of the Kittatinny Mountains. Outposts came from all over New Jersey and were camped in the valley below in all of the glory of God's creations.

The theme was called *"Light for the Lost"*. It also could have been the theme for our Sectional as well, as some of Royal Rangers enthusiasts ventured the climb up the mountains. A few brave boys along with Commander Mike "The Rooster" Barns also climbed about hour's hike, 1,563 feet to the very top of the mountain to the Appalachian Trail. When they returned back at camp, they had the face of Moses all over them, not that they had saw God , but it was from the glare of the sun and the heat that was all over them. Commander Mike traded in his ANTC, Academy hat for a wet towel. They all spoke of site's they had seen and the beauty of Gods creation that surrounded them as they recuperated from heatstroke.

Friday was an adventure, as outpost from our Section came from afar and some nearby while a few lost their way. They came to be nestled in the arms of a mountain where eagles and hawks soared high above them in the wilderness. They came to participate in the Ranger International Game's, with recreational fun and to receive a spiritual blessing from their God. Pastor George Costa, was our guest speaker at the District Pow Wow. What was that, he stayed at a local hotel? Anyway he delivered a powerful message and a challenge to the leaders on reaching these boy's for Christ.

On Saturday (September 17th) our Pow Wow, started out with a great opening ceremony. The weather was beautiful with a few clouds above and of course a couple of drops, (not rain) came down. A message from God that this was of course a Royal Ranger Pow Wow, just to keep up the Rangers tradition.

The Pow wow events started, Sectional Outpost's were all running their International events through the campground. Our Section the (WCS) had the Bache Ball Toss event. Their was canoeing at the swimming lake and of course, we had the fishing contest at the fishing Lake.

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Saturday evening Pageant, started out with some humor and fun as a ship from a far came ashore and berth at our campsite. Aboard were the three stooges, who tried to make some money from Missionaries looking for passage aboard a ship to the land of lost soles. As their captain was away from his ship on business, the three stooges was approached by the Missionaries who were looking for a ship for heir. The stooges agreed to take them to the Land of Lost Soles and set sail, they hit a storm and ended up back where they came from and was caught by their captain who had then returned. As for the Missionaries they went on their way searching for another ship.



Three Stooges played by Bill Goodwin, Tom Heeney and Ron Roy Sr., the Captain was played by Kevin Iaione, the Missionary played by Skip Sliker and the Crew played by Royal Rangers (boys) "Great Job" guy's.

Our Council fire's were lit as we had one each side of the stage with the large pilgrim ship in the background. We had a time of worship with music and songs and another powerful message delivered by Pastor George Costa. He spoke on that it is this generation that will lead the church tomorrow. By this generation he meant our eight year old boy's, who are lead by and full of the Holy spirit. Commander John Benda, stopped the service and had all of eight year old boy's come up front. It seems that Pastor George had some back pain, hence why he was staying at a local Hotel.

He had the boy's surround pastor George, lay hand on him and pray for his healing, what a sight to see and hear as about 25 boy's prayed for him that night. I was a great service, the Holy Spirit fell and came upon us and by the end of the night there were many men and yes those eight year old boys along with others down at the amphitheater, worshiping, praying, and seeking their god. I believe they will never forget this day and the experience they had at that night, at the council fire.

Sunday came and what another beautiful day. Pastor George Costa delivered another powerful message; Afterwards many trophies and awards were presented. How did are Section do, you might ask, well let me tell you. Outpost 76 won 1st Place for Best Campsite and 2nd Place for Best Archway. In addition, Philip Collazo won 1st Place in the Bocce Ball event, **I think Commander barns would give them a the big watermelon clap from us all. Our section received the Second Place Grand Pow Wow trophy.**

It was a another Great Pow Wow; all who attended had a life changing spiritual experience and eventful time was enjoyed by all.

See You Next Year at the District Pow Wow!!

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