

New Jersey West Central Section Roundtable Minutes

Roundtable Meeting: Fountain of Life Center
Date: February 11, 2008
Host Commander: John Larocco

Opening Prayer: Pastor / Cmdr. Keith Carpenter

Devotional By: Cmdr. Mike Barnes (Changing gears in our lives.) (Rev: 5)

Cmdr. Mike related a story about an experience he had growing up in Alabama. It was about a ride in a very fast car with his friends. And how a car was about to go faster and how God can change our direction. That God is not worrying about our agenda. We need to allow him to dwell in us, and let Him do his work in us. God is practicing with us. He is polishing us to be ready for him. Cmdr. Mike said if you are having a bad day, check out and read Rev: 5.

- **Outpost Carters:**

Cost \$13. per boy and \$15 per leader. Charters are due on Feb. 29, 2008: Outpost should make an extra effort to get them in ASAP. It may be a good idea to have your Church sponsor kids if possible. All monies should be sent directly to the District. ***“Note” Senior Pastor needs to sign all applicable forms*** with a copy the Charter Form sent to the Sectional Commander. Failing to do so will result in returned dues and a delay of chartering. The necessary forms were mailed to Churches/Senior Commanders on Jan 2. Remember Outposts must be chartered to participate in Royal Ranger functions.

- **Winter Day (February 22 – 23)**

Location: Malaga Pine Grove Camp. Cost \$8 per boy and \$5. per Commander. An additional \$1. person includes Friday night camp-out. Our Section is responsible for First Aid and the Chariot Race. Winter Day PW packets can be down loaded from the Sectional website.

- **WSC Training Update By: Cmdr. Steve Slimm**

First Aid and CPR course will be held at the Fountain of Life Church, located in Burlington on March 1st.

An LMA training session will be held this Saturday at GCCC OP-136 in Sewell. Classes on Discipleship 1, and Ranger Basics were selected as well as age specific (Expedition Ranger) will be held.

A training record is available on the WCS-website. Please keep it updated and a copy sent to the WCS training coordinator.

- **Ranger Kids Drawing Contest By: Cmdr. Kevin Fannon**

Drawings from Februarys Ranger Kids Drawing contest were accepted and reviewed by Sectional Staff.

The coloring contest took place with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

Winners are:

1 st place Franklin Sanchez OP-6	2 nd place David (?) OP-136	3 rd place Luke R. OP-136
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Commanders should have the boy's full name placed on the back of the drawings so that we know who they are for the contest.

Ranger Kids Day (May 17th), Theme will be Cowboys and Indians. If you have an event idea geared to the theme please contact Cmdr. Kevin Fannon.

- **Hand-outs should be ready by next months meeting.**

- **N.J. District Royal Rangers Advancement Academy:**

The National Office is taking a real hard look at the Camps this year. Gathering of pros and cons for the Junior Camps to bring to the National Council is being conducted by Academy Camp Cmdr. Bob Carlino. We would like to give them a ton of information, so that the camps can be even better.

The NJ District RR Advancement Academy will be held in August (see calendar) at Camp Roosevelt. Cmdr. Joe Muscella needs your support; any time that you can commit is ok with Cmdr. Joe.

This is a District event and is for Discovery Rangers on up (should have 4th grade completed). Cmdr. Ruggieri recommends that if you can find time, to drop by see what's going on, also bring your spouse and stay for dinner.

Our Section will look into adding an Academy Web-page to our Website.

Our Section will be offering 2 scholarships to this years Academy. Boys must write a 50 word essay on what Royal Rangers has done/and how it has changed their lives.

We are also looking for sponsors; if you would like to sponsor a boy please contact Cmdr. Dan Ruggieri.

Cmdr. Mike Barnes agreed to help by offering to pay for 1 Scholarship for an additional boy.

- **NE Regional Commanders Conference:**

The NE Regional Leaders Conference was held on Jan 25-26 in Bethlehem, PA. Our section was well represented at conference. Those who went related their experience and what classes they attended. Our National Commander Doug Marsh was our guest speaker and had a great message for us as leaders and some insight for the Royal Ranger program for the future.

The Commanders Conference is highly recommended. Some 353 Commanders from the Northeast Region attended this year.

- **Camden Public School Royal Ranger Ministry Update:**

Pastor/Cmdr. Keith gave an update on the Camden Public School program. He said that the Kids in Camden are excited about Royal Rangers and learning about God. He said that the boys are excited about going to Winter-day and can't wait to go to the Pow wow. Pastor/Cmdr. Keith also stated that the boys are talking about scripture in school classes and are preaching and spreading the word to others around school and among themselves.

Cmdr. Mike Collazo who was designated as Camping Coordinator is helping with selecting and purchasing camping equipment. Cmdr. Mike said that they should be outfitted and ready for the Pow Wow in June.

- **Health and Safety: Cmdr. Mike Barnes**

Cmdr. Mike said that his next news letter is ready for posting to our website and should be sent out to all Sr. Commanders by the end of this week.

- **FCF Update By: Cmdr. Mike Collazo**

Cmdr. Collazo stated, that to date, he has received 14 new applications for the FCF Membership for our Section.

The FCF members will be holding a workday at Camp Blueberry on March 8th and the Trace to be held on the last weekend in April. Those going should get their applications in as soon as possible.

Gold Pathfinder Trip to Bolivia: Those going will be building a new Church building in the Bolivian Jungle. When, May 3rd, they will be going for about 10 days and will cost about \$1500, if interested please contact Cmdr. Sal Gargiulo. Also you will need as Visa along with your pass-port to go to Bolivia.

- **National Council 2008:**

The National Council 2008 will be held in Springfield Mo. Visit the national website for further information. (www.royalrangers.ag/nationalcouncil).

- **2008 Sectional Pow Wow:**

Theme, "Rise UP".

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker will be Josa Ortiz from **Bethel Christian Center..**

Location: Camp Roosevelt

Camp Dates: June 6 – 8.

Patch design:

1st Place; Jared Hill OP-96

2nd Place; Alec Howie OP-79

3rd Place; Homphre Stine OP-50

4th Place Chase Hill OP-96

Suggested Activities:

Cmdr. Slimm suggested at our last roundtable meeting that we need to challenge the boys and recommended we do a Skill-arama type Royal Rangers skills events.

Events suggested are:

Knots, Compass (Brown Bag), First Aid, Back-Packing, Fire Craft, Lashing, Bible Trivia, Camping Skills, Emergency preparedness, Sewing, Knife and Hawk and Cooking.

Tool Craft was also mentioned but could be a problem as Cut and Chop cards are needed by the boys to participate. Cmdr. Glenn Heller is looking into this event to see if it would be able to hold it at the Pow wow.

Sr. Commanders who are going to select an event from the above list should be ready to present a written description of the event at the next round table meeting.

Cmdr. Roy Snyder suggested that a Participation Patch be given out to boys who complete all of the events held at the Pow Wow.

- **Pow Wow Pageant:** David Kaye

David Kaye stated that he was asked to promote Speed the Light and Light for the Lost and in return they will also promote Royal Rangers at their meetings.

David Kaye said that he would some how work in these two programs into his Pow wow pageant.

- **Pow Wow Promotional Video:** David Kaye

David would also like to produce a 2 minute video and may need some help in putting it all together. Cmdr. Tyler Mumford, fro the Camden program said that he will help out with David's project.

- **New Business:**

1. March 8th, Outpost 76, will be going snow tubing, at Blue Mountain, Penn.
2. District Leaders Banquet is around the corner. Anyone awarding awards are reminded to get the applications into Cmdr. John Benda by the end of February.

Notice: There is a change in the date to the August Roundtable meeting to August 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm,

Cmdr. John Larocco closed in prayer.

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Attendance List\West Central Section Commander's

No.	Outpost	Commanders Name
1	54	Frank Schaffer
2	50	David Kaye
3	50	Wendy Cosme.
4	50	John Larocco
5	50	Dave Dougherty
6	88	Joe Muscella
7	88	Joleene Muscella
8	15	Joshua Gill

9	6	Joel Mann
10	6	Vicki Mann
11	76	Sal Gargiulo
12	149	Tyler Mumford
13	149	Keith Carpenter
14	6	Roy Snyder
15	91	Phill Zampino
16	79	Doug Howie
17	136	Glenn Hellyer
18	96	Wayne Hill
19	7	Bob Romei
20	5	Hector Aviles
21	136	Tom Nickerson
22	50	Kevin Fannon
23	91	Mike Collazo
24	15	Steven Slimm
25	15	John LaSala
26	50	Mike Barnes
27	91	Dan Ruggieri