



# Commander's Connection

Royal Ranger Ministries of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God

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**TENTATIVE 2010 CALENDAR**

- Jan. 4..... NE Division PW Derby Plan Meet
- Jan 7..... Sedalia Section Staff Meet
- Jan. 8-9..... Joplin PW Derby Lock-In
- Jan. 9..... FCF Executive Committee Meeting
- KC LTA Begins – Ranger Basics 8am-5pm
- Jan 16..... NE LTA Training
- Joplin LTA – Safety/Church & Dr/Ar Activities
- Spfld N. & S. Bat Cave Campout
- WP PW Derby Workshop-Faith Ag
- Spfld N. & S. LTA – RK & DR/AR Activities & Successful OP
- Jan 18..... Spfld N & S Staff Meet
- Jan. 19..... Clinton Section Staff Meet
- Jan. 22-23..... Divisional F.C.F. Winter Outing
- Jan. 29..... SW Division Comm Meet - Mansfield
- Jan. 30..... KC Section Pinewood Derby
- Joplin Comm/Spouse Dinner
- Spfld N. & S. PW Derby Lock-In
  
- Feb. 5-6..... Gulf Regional Seminar
- Feb. 9..... NE LTA Training
- Feb. 12..... WP Section Comm Meet – Faith AG
- Feb. 13..... Clinton PW Derby
- Feb. 14..... Joplin Pastor & Comm Meet – Carthage
- Feb. 16..... NE RK Daycamp Plan Meet
- Feb. 19..... Joplin PW Derby Set-Up – Mt Vernon
- Feb. 20..... Joplin PW Derby – Mt Vernon
- NW Division 1st LTA Training – 8-5
- WP PW Derby
- Feb. 27..... District ICS
  
- Mar. 5-6..... SE Division LTA
- Mar. 6..... NE Division PW Derby
- Sedalia Section PW Derby
- NW Div. First Aid Training
- Spfld N. & S. PW Derby
- Mar. 8..... KC Section Comm. Meet
- Mar. 11-13..... National Royal Ranger Council
- Mar. 15..... Outpost Commander & Leader
- Service Award Applications Due
- Mar. 20 Joplin LTA – Classroom Management & Patrol System
- NE Division LTA Training
- Mar. 21..... Joplin Pastor & Comm Meet – Carthage
- Mar. 23..... Spfld N. & S. Staff Meet
- Mar. 27..... SE Division Pinewood Derby
- SW Division Pinewood Derby
- NW Division 2nd LTA Training
  
- Apr. 1..... Sedalia Staff Meet
- Apr. 4..... Easter Sunday
- Apr 9-10..... NE Division LTA Campout
- Joplin Bike Rodeo Set-Up & Bike Rodeo - Seneca
- Apr. 10..... NW Division 3rd LTA Training
- SE Division Comm Meet-1st AG, Poplar Bluff
- Apr. 16-17..... R. R. Exec. Comm. & Outpost
- Commander's Conference
- Apr. 19..... NW Division 4th LTA Training- Mon Nite 7-9
- Apr. 19 - 21..... District Council
- Apr. 20..... Clinton Section Staff Meet
- Apr. 23-24..... NW Division LTA Campout
- SW Division LTA Campout
- Apr. 24..... WP Comm Meet At Family Victory
- Apr. 26..... Joplin Pastor & Comm Meet – 1st/Carthage
- Apr. 26..... NW Division Leader's Banquet
  
- May 1..... F. C. F. Applications Due
- NE Division RK Daycamp
- May 3..... Sedalia Section Leaders Banquet
- May 2..... Joplin Section Bike-A-Thon
- NE Division RK Day Camp
- May 7-8..... Sedalia Section Spring Funfest
- May 8..... Spfld. N. & S. Section Ranger Mobile
- May 9..... Mother's Day
- May 15-16..... WP Section Pow Wow
- May 21-22..... Divisional F. C. F. Spring Outings
- May 25 - 29..... Work Week At District R.R. Campgrounds
  
- June 4-5..... Pre Pow Wow WoRK Time
- June 10-13..... District Pow Wow
- June 14..... KC Section Staff Meet
- June 20..... Father's Day
- June 25 - 27..... F.C.F. Frontier Adventure
  
- July 8 - 10..... District Junior Canoe Expedition
- July 10..... NW Division RK Day Camp
- July 13..... NE Division Comm Meet
- July 14 - 18..... District R.R. Junior Training Academy
- July 16..... WP Section Comm Meet- Pomona
- July 20..... Clinton Section Comm Meet
- July 25-31..... NW Division Merit Camp
- July 30..... SW Division Comm Meet
  
- Aug. 7..... WP Section Ranger Kids Day Camp
- Aug. 13-14..... SW Div. Pow Wow & Cardboard Boat RegAtta
- Aug. 23..... Spfld N. & S. Staff Meet
- Aug. 24..... Joplin Pastor & Comm Meet
- Aug. 28..... SW Division RK Daycamp
  
- Sept. 6..... Labor Day
- Sept. 10-11..... Clinton Section Jamboree
- KC Section Rangerama
- SE Division LTA – Poplar Bluff, 1st.
- Sept. 11..... Joplin LTA – Ranger Basics – Seneca
- Spfld N. & S. LTA – Ranger Basics
- Sept. 13..... KC Section Comm Meet
- Sept. 17-19..... District F.C.F. Fall Trace
- Sept. 24-26..... District Men's Retreat
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2..... NRA Training
  
- Oct. 1..... WP Section Comm Meet – Faith
- Oct. 7..... Sedalia Section Staff Meet
- Oct. 8-9..... SE Division Campout & RK Day Camp
- Oct. 9.....

Treat your spouse to a special weekend...

## Commander & Spouse Retreat!

December 4-5, 2009

Tri-Lakes Center, Branson, MO

(2527 St. Hwy 248, just off of Hwy 65 as you enter Branson North)



Rooms may be reserved through Nov. 15 at:

**Seven Gables Inn @ \$49.99 per room**  
- includes continental breakfast  
305 Hwy 165 S. • 1-800-280-7077

**Prince Charles Inn @ \$39.99 per room**  
- includes continental breakfast  
280 Tanger Blvd. • 1-417-334-3276

Tell them that you are with the Royal Ranger group. You may reserve rooms at other locations if you wish.

### Christian Fun & Fellowship

#### Friday Night - Tri-Lakes Center 7:00 pm.

We will meet again this year at Tri-Lakes Center. Please bring some of your favorite "snack" foods to share with others. Coffee and soda pop will be furnished. We will have some fun games and an optional gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring one \$10.00 gift per couple attending.

**Saturday** - You are on your own to go shopping and/or visit some of the local attractions or just spend some quiet time with your spouse. There is a special session reserved for Royal Ranger & other youth groups at 2:10pm. at the Dixie Stampede. You will need to call and make reservations.

See you in December!!



### 2009 YOUTHSHOWS

Dec. 5 - 2:10 pm (pre-show)

**\$17.99/ea.**  
+ tax & gratuity

Special priced Youth Shows for groups including Royal Rangers for the 2009 season!

Price is limited to youth groups for these shows only.

This is a dedicated performance for Royal Rangers, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts so availability may be limited. Includes Horse Care & Handling presentation for Scout merit badges.

Group bookings can use tax-exempt letters. Tell them you are with Royal Rangers.

Call Early for Reservations  
800-520-5101

## 2009 District Ranger of the Year Evaluation

October 23-24 at the District RR campground  
Starts Friday at 7:00 pm • Cost is \$20

**Come early!** Bring sleeping gear and personal items and sleep in the Royal Ranger Activity Building, or you may set up tents outside. Snacks are provided on Friday night & breakfast and lunch on Saturday. (Please bring an offering to help with the food).

Our young men did great last year at the Gulf Regional evaluation, finishing at the top in Expedition and Adventure Rangers.

Each outpost can send their top two Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition Rangers. Or, you may send your Discovery Rangers having their Gold Hawk Rating & 600 points on the ROTY application, Adventure Rangers having their Silver Medal of Achievement & 750 points on the ROTY application, and Expedition Rangers having their Achievement Medal or the Gold Medal of Achievement & 950 points on the ROTY application.

For applications & information go the District Royal Ranger website at [www.somoag.org](http://www.somoag.org)

Please send your Dist. ROTY application to:  
Cmdr. Rick Barnhouse • 4618 S. 156 Rd. • Bolivar, Mo. 65613

Commanders, if you can assist with this event, please email  
Commander Bowser at [cbowser@centurytel.net](mailto:cbowser@centurytel.net)  
or Rick Barnhouse at: [rangerick@windstream.net](mailto:rangerick@windstream.net).

Saturday afternoon there will be a shotgun shoot. Steve Copeland will be overseeing this event so come and have a great time.

**TENTATIVE 2010 CALENDAR**

- Joplin LTA – Discipleship I & II – Oak St, Carthage
- Spfld N. & S. LTA – Discipleship I & II
- Oct. 15-16..... WP Section Father/Son Campout
- Oct. 19..... Clinton Section Staff Meet
- Oct. 22..... Royal Ranger Executive Committee Meeting
- Oct. 22-23..... District Royal Ranger Of Year At
- District R. R. Campgrounds
- Oct. 29-30..... District FCF Fall Trek – District R. R. Campgrounds
  
- Nov. 5..... WP Section Comm Meet At Family Victory
- Nov. 6..... Spfld N. & S. LTA – Safety/Church & Classroom Mgmt
- Joplin LTA – Safety/Church & Dr/Ar Activities – Victory AG
- NE Division LTA
  
- Dec. 3-4..... Royal Ranger Commander & Spouse Retreat
- Dec. 11..... Joplin LTA – Successful OP & RK Activities- Grace Pt.
- Spfld N. & S. LTA – RK & Dr/Ar Activities & Success OP
- Dec. 13..... KC Section Staff Meet
- Dec. 18..... NE Division Comm/Spouse Party



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## From the District Commander

It's been a great summer for the Royal Rangers in Southern Missouri District. God only knows the number of boys that were reached for Him through all the activities and events which were held this year.

It was a super Pow Wow this year, great weather, with 760 in attendance and 91 boys saved with 23 being "filled with the Spirit". That's what it is all about - reaching those boys for Christ. You Royal Ranger leaders are to be commended for bringing your boys and doing all the work it takes to do so. God will reward you for your efforts in the Royal Ranger Ministry.

Begin to make plans to bring your boys to the 2010 District Pow Wow on June 10 - 13, 2010. The theme for 2010 will be "Knights with the Armor of God" with the activities focused around that theme. Help us reach OVER 1000 at the Pow Wow next year.

Great things are happening at the Royal Ranger Campgrounds. However, there is still work to be done and if

### LOOKING AHEAD in 2009

Sept. 25-27	District Men's Retreat
Oct. 1	Sedalia Section Staff Meet
Oct. 2	WP Section Comm Meet - Victory Worship, 7pm
Oct. 3	SE Division Day Camp & Campout
Oct. 4-10	National Royal Rangers Week
Oct. 10	Joplin & Spfld N & S Ranger Basics
Oct. 19	Clinton Section Staff Meet
Oct. 23	Royal Ranger Executive Committee Meeting
Oct. 23-24	District Ranger Of The Year Eval
Oct. 29-Nov 1	Territorial FCF Rendezvous at District R, R Campgrounds
Nov. 6	WP Section Comm Meet - Pomona A/G, 7pm
Nov. 7	NE Division LTA
Nov. 9	Spfld N & S - Safety/ Church & Classroom Management
Nov. 14	Spfld N & S Sections Commanders Meet
Dec. 4-5	Royal Ranger Commander & Spouse Retreat
Dec. 6	Joplin Section Comm. Meet
Dec. 12	Joplin LTA - RK & ER Activities & Successful OP
Dec. 14	Spfld. N & S LTA - Discipleship I & II
	KC Section Staff Meet

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO ORDER YOUR ROYAL RANGER SUPPLIES THROUGH THE ROYAL RANGER DEPARTMENT of Southern Missouri District. Thanks to you who have been doing it.

This helps to financially support our District Royal Ranger Ministry. The price is the same as if you order through GPH, but you pay just what it costs to ship the order to you which is usually cheaper than what GPH would charge. Please list item number, description, how many & where to send order. Send your Royal Ranger orders to:

Jerry Millhouser, 11351 Lawrence 1245, Marionville, MO 65705  
 e-mail: rangers@sommoag.org or jm73c@juno.com FAX: 417-883-5924

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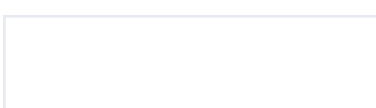
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you have some time to go up and help, just call and let us know when you can go. Of course, we have work times scheduled but there will be additional times in the near future.

Just a reminder about the District Men's Retreat on Sept. 25-27 at the District Campgrounds. FCF men, we need your help to be there with your shelter and you can set it up just outside of the meeting area and "show off your trade" and maybe even sell some of your "wares".

Please pray for our District Staff that the Lord will guide and direct them in every activity they plan and that the Lord will help and bless them.

*Jerry Millhouser*



# Rivermen Territorial Rendezvous

October 29 - November 1, 2009

Young Bucks: \$30 • Old Timers: \$40 - includes patch  
 \$5 for event medallion (if available) • Rendezvous T-shirt: \$10

Registration opens at 9:00 am on Thursday & Sunday morning devotion will be the closing ceremony.

We (Daniel Boone Chapter) are providing the option of pre-paid meals for the rendezvous to anyone Form if you are a Young/Buck so you won't be left out of some of the fun. And Old Timers, you need your Pastor's signature, so make sure you allow time to get a bad deal! You will need to call and discuss it with Cmdr Jerry "Night Hawk" Millhouser to see if there are any meal tickets still available.

This Rendezvous promises to be a real "Shinin' Time" for sure! First off it will be right here at home for the Daniel Boone Chapter - at our very own District RR Campground in Rocky Mount, MO - so we are expecting a great turnout. Of course there will be the standard FCF competitions: Hawk & Knife Throws, Flint & Steel, Black Powder & Archery Shoots, Outfit contests and Scout election/competition. You will probably have more fun than you can stand. Don't forget being - Philippians 3:14 "Hit the Mark." Our very own, Jim "Parson" McHaffre is the speaker.

There will be the excitement of awesome Council Fire services with the theme special Missions Auction.

There will also be special events like Stump Preamin', Trail Walk, Candle Shoot, Cooking contest, Chapter Seneca Run, special shoots, etc. and the always