



Commander's Connection

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Southern Missouri District Royal Ranger Commander & Spouse Retreat

December 2 - 3, 2011

Tri-Lakes Church, Branson, MO

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

Treat your Spouse to a special weekend...

Christian Fun & Fellowship!

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

We will meet again this year at Tri-Lakes Center. To get in the building for the get-together, you will need to enter the building at the back Northwest side of the building. We ask that you 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 Dixie insert elsewhere). Don't wait too long to call. Let's make this a Royal Ranger day at the Dixie Stampede.

Hope to see you in December!!

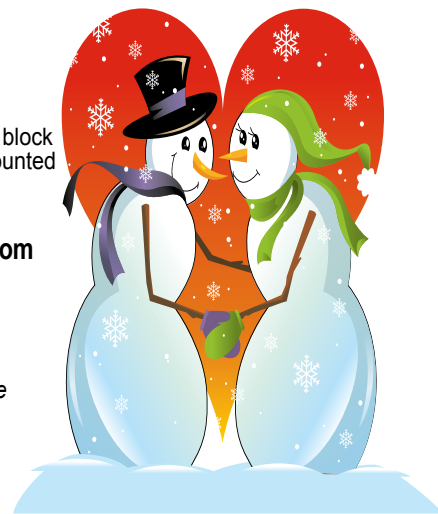
Hotel Rooms may be reserved through Nov. 15 at:

Seven Gables Inn @ \$49.99 per room (deluxe room) breakfast included

305 Hwy 165 S. • 1-800-280-7077
South of Hwy 76 on Hwy 165 about 1/2 block from the Titanic. They also have discounted show tickets.

Amazinn & Suites @ \$56.00 per room - includes breakfast
3311 Shepherd of the Hills Exp.
1-417-334-2300

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



See you in December!

TENTATIVE 2012 CALENDAR

Jan. 5.....Sedalia Section Staff Meet
 Jan. 6-7.....Joplin Ranger Derby Lock-In - Seneca
 Jan. 7.....KC LTA Begins - Ranger Basics 8 am-5 pm
 FCF Executive Committee Meeting
 Jan. 9.....NE Division Ranger Derby Plan Meet
 Jan. 13-14.....Divisional F.C.F. Winter Outing
 Jan. 16.....Spfld N. & S. Staff Meet
 Jan. 17.....Clinton Section Staff Meet
 Jan. 20-21.....Spfld N. & S. Bat Cave Campout
 Jan. 23.....NE Division Ldrs. Training
 Jan. 27-28.....Spfld N. & S. Ranger Derby Lock-In
 Jan. 28.....KC Section Ranger Derby
 Joplin Comm/Spouse Dinner - Neosho

Feb. 3-4.....Gulf Regional Seminar
 Feb. 10-11.....Training Academy (Instructor Certification)
 Feb. 17.....Joplin Ranger Derby Set-Up - Seneca
 Feb. 18.....NE Division Ldrs. Training
 Joplin Ranger Derby - Seneca
 NW Division - Ranger Essentials Training - 8- 5
 Clinton Ranger Derby

Feb. 24.....Spfld Sections Ranger Derby Setup
 W Plains Leaders Meeting - Faith
 Feb. 25.....Spfld Sections Ranger Derby
 Feb. 26.....Joplin FCF Merit Work - Neosho

Mar. 2-3.....SE Division Ldrs Training
 Mar. 3.....NW Div. First Aid Training
 W Plains Section Ranger Derby - Faith
 NE Division Ranger Derby
 KC Section Comm. Meet
 Mar. 9.....SW Division Comm Meeting
 Mar. 15-17.....National Royal Ranger Council
 Mar. 15.....Commander & Leader Service Award
 Applications Due

Mar. 17.....Sedalia Section Ranger Derby
 Mar. 18.....Joplin Section FCF Merit Work - Neosho
 Mar. 23.....SW Division Set-Up-Ranger Derby
 Mar. 24.....SW Division Ranger Derby
 NW Division LTA Training - Saf & Church/Class Mgmt
 SE Division Ranger Derby- Essex

Mar. 25.....Joplin Pastors & Comm. Meeting - Neosho
 Mar. 31.....Division Ldrs. Training

Apr. 5.....Sedalia Staff Meet
 Apr. 7.....SE Division Comm Meet - 1st. Poplar Bluff
 Apr. 8.....Easter Sunday
 Apr. 13.....Joplin Sec. Set-Up Bike Rodeo - Seneca
 Apr. 14.....Joplin Section Bike Rodeo - Seneca
 Apr. 17.....Clinton Section Staff Meet
 Apr. 16-18.....District Council
 Apr. 20-21.....R. R. Exec. Com. & Outpost Com.Conf.
 Apr. 27.....KCLeader's Banquet/Ranger Rally
 WP Section Ldrs Meeting At Faith

Apr. 27-28.....Spfld. N. Section Paintball Campout
 Apr. 29.....Joplin Pastors & Com. Meeting - Neosho

May 1.....F. C. F. Applications Due
 May 4-5.....W Plains Section Pow Wow
 Sedalia Section Spring Funfest

May 5.....NE Division Ldrs. Training
 Joplin Bike-A-Thon
 May 7.....Sedalia Ldrs. Banquet
 May 8-12.....Work Week At District R.R. Campgrounds
 May 13.....Mother's Day
 May 18-20.....District F. C. F. Spring Outing &
 Frontier Adventure

June 1-2.....Pre Pow Wow Work Time & Camp Set-Up
 June 7-10.....District Pow Wow
 June 11.....KC Section Staff Meet
 June 12.....NE Division RKDC Plan Meet
 June 14-16.....District Junior Canoe Expedition
 June 17.....Father's Day
 June 21-23.....District Junior Ldrs. Training Academy

July 5-9.....GMAA Pre-Camporama Work Time
 At Eagle Rock
 July 7.....NW Division RK Day Camp
 July 9-13.....National Camporama
 July 14.....WP Section Comm Meet - Faith
 July 17.....Clinton Section Comm Meet
 July 21.....WP Section Day Camp
 July 23-28.....NW Division Merit Camp
 July 27.....SW Division Comm Meet

Aug. 10-11.....SW Div Pow Wow & Cardboard Boat Regatta
 Aug. 18.....NE Division Operation Clean Stream
 Aug. 20.....Spfld. N. & S. Staff Meeting
 Aug. 24.....SW Division RK Daycamp
 Aug. 24-25.....KC Section Rangerama
 Clinton Section Jamboree

Aug. 26.....Joplin Section Pastors & Comm. Meet

Sept. 1.....Spfld N. & S. Ranger Mobile Race
 Sept. 7.....Labor Day
 Sept. 8.....NE Division RK Day Camp
 Sept. 10.....Section Comm Meet
 Sept. 13-16.....NRMC (National Ranger Ministry Camp)
 Sept. 21-23.....District F.C.F. Fall Trace
 Sept. 28-29.....NRA Smallbore Rifle Safety & Shooting
 Merit At Rocky Mount Camp
 Sept. 28-30.....District Men's Retreat

Oct. 4.....Sedalia Section Staff Meet
 Oct. 5.....W Plains Comm Meet- Pomona
 Oct. 12.....R.R. Executive Committee Meeting
 Oct. 12-13.....GMAA Meeting & Event
 At District Campgrounds
 W Plains Section Father-Son Campout

Oct. 16.....Clinton Section Staff Meet
 Oct. 26-27.....SE Division Campout & RK Day Camp

Nov. 2.....WP Section Comm Meet at Faith
 Nov. 3.....Joplin Section FCF Merit Work Day

Dec. 7-8.....Royal Ranger Commander & Spouse Retreat
 Dec. 10.....KC Section Commanders Meet
 Dec. 15.....Joplin Section FCF Merit Work Day



Royal Ranger Day at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede

There are still days set up for you to take your boys and families to the Dixie Stampede.

Available Dates:

Nov. 5
(2:10 PM Pre-show),

Nov. 10
(10:40 AM Pre-show),

Nov. 12 & Dec. 3
(2:10 PM pre-show)

Price: \$17.99
+ tax and gratuity

Dec. 3 is on Saturday of the District Commander & Spouse week-end so let's all go to the Dixie Stampede on that date and make it a Royal Ranger day at Dixie!

Group Bookings can use their tax-exempt letterdon't forget to tell them you have one and that you are with the Royal Rangers.

Reserve Early - Space is Limited

(800) 520-510
(417) 336-3900

email: kristenk@dixiestampede.com

Please let them know that you are with the Royal Rangers. They say we haven't had anyone attend the Youth Days.



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From the District Commander

It's been a hot & 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. Praise God!

We had a super Pow Wow this year, great weather, almost no rain, with 636 in attendance and many (too many to count) boys came forward at the altar time and several were "filled with the Spirit". It was reported on the response form from the leaders that 28 boys and young men were saved. 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 2012 District Pow Wow on June 7 – 10, 2012. The theme for 2012 will be "Olympic Days" with the activities focused around that theme. Help us reach OVER 1000 at the Pow Wow next year.

If you would like to help work at the Royal Ranger Campground, there is still work to be done. We would like to finish up the Education Building. Some things that need to be done are: painting of the doors, sanding sheet rock, painting sheet rock after sanding is finished, put up ceiling in conference room, finish tile & plumbing in restrooms, finish electrical work, complete window trim, etc., etc. We really need to have the restrooms in operation for the Pow Wow next year. Also, a great need is for someone who likes to do chainsaw work to trim off the low limbs in various areas of the camp (especially in the camp areas up the hill from the "FCF Call Out" area) and dispose of them in a brush pile to be burned. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, so, just ask and we will give you something to do that will fit your style.

The District Executive/Royal Ranger Committee will be meeting at the Camp on October 28 & 29, 2011. This would be a good time to do some work. An earlier time might be during the Men's Retreat on Sept. 23 – 25. Concerning the District Men's Retreat on Sept. 23–25 at the District Campgrounds, we need you FCF men and boys 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.

Jimmy "Abe" Abbott

PLEASE ORDER YOUR ROYAL RANGER SUPPLIES THROUGH THE ROYAL RANGER DEPARTMENT of Southern Missouri District. Thanks to you who have been doing it in the past. Buying your Royal Ranger supplies through the District Royal Ranger Office helps to financially support your District Royal Ranger Ministry. The price is the same as if you order through GPH. If your Outpost is chartered, you will receive the 15 % discount. Your order will either be shipped directly from GPH or you may pick it up at the Package Pick-up at GPH. An invoice will be sent to you after an invoice is received from GPH. The postage that GPH charges will be added to the invoice, if your order is shipped. Of course, there will be no postage if you pick up the order at GPH. Please list item # & description & how many & where to send the order and if you are chartered. 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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LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR 2011:

- Sept. 10..... NE Division RK Day Camp
- Sept. 11..... Joplin Section Sunday Rangers – Victory, Neosho
- Sept. 12..... KC Section Commanders Meeting
- Sept. 16-18..... District F.C.F. Fall Trace
- Sept. 23..... District Men's Retreat
- Oct. 6..... Sedalia Section Staff Meeting
- Oct. 7..... W Plains Commanders Meet - Faith
- Oct. 7-8..... SE Division Campout & RK Day Camp
- WCO – World Class Outpost At Bolivar
- Oct. 8..... Joplin Training – Ranger Basics – 2nd AG Joplin
- Oct. 9..... Joplin Sunday Rangers – Abundant Life, Neosho
- Oct. 14..... R.R. Executive Committee Meeting
- Oct. 14-15..... W Plains Section Father-Son Campout
- Oct. 18..... Clinton Section Staff Meeting
- Oct. 20-23..... FCF Fall Territorial Rendezvous
- Nov. 4..... WP Section Commanders Meet at Pomona
- Nov..... Joplin Section Commanders Meeting-Grace Pt.
- Nov. 13..... Joplin Section Sunday Rangers-Abundant Life, Neosho
- Dec. 2-3..... Royal Ranger Commander & Spouse Retreat In Branson
- Dec. 10..... Joplin Leaders Training-Ranger Essentials
- Dec. 11..... Joplin Section Sunday Rangers-Abundant Life, Neosho
- Dec. 12..... KC Section Staff Meeting
- Dec. 16..... NE Division Christmas Party

Rivermen Territorial Rendezvous
OCTOBER 20-23, 2011
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!
Location: Moscow, Tennessee
\$45 - Old Timers
\$35 - Young Bucks
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jonathan Hendren
 Pastor, Gateway AG, Ashland, Tennessee
 For additional Information go to:
www.gulfregionrr.org

Daniel Boone Chapter is running the Primitive Archery event.
 We will need some help so we can rotate and everyone gets in on the fun.