

Reports from the Royal Rangers **Ranger Kids**

Royal Rangers

August was a busy month for the Royal Rangers. Alex Anderson, Peter Sandland, Mark Otto, Austin Halverson, Devon Halverson and Patrick Sandland were down at Pillager for camps.

Patrick was attending Spirit Challenge, Peter attended Merit Camp and Austin, Alex and Devon took part in the Discovery Training camp where they learn team work and life skills.

Peter earned his First Aid, BB Gun and Marksmanship and Fire Arm Safety merits. Patrick now has completed all the camps needed to earn the Saber. Minnesota had its first Saber Ceremony and it was very impressive. Our boys are "READY" to meet this new challenge. Arlen, Darrin and Stand were down being camp commanders and instructors for Leadership Training Academy, Junior Training Academy and Advanced Training Camp. Brandon Prothero was our Ranger that attended Royal Ranger of the Year testing. At First Assembly in Bemidji we will be attending our state wide camp out September 10-12. We are hoping to once again come away with a camping award and hopefully we will earn the skill-a-rama ribbon also.

Submitted by Stan Weston

Ranger Kids-Second Grade

Joe Long has just completed the Tiger Merit which is the last merit in the second grade program. Joe moves up to the Discovery group when school starts in time to go to the state wide campout in Pillager on September 10-12. Congratulations Joe on achieving all the patches in Ranger Kids. (Lynx-Cheetah- Panther-Tiger)

Keep up the good work.

Submitted by Dianne Sandland

Ranger Kids to be congratulated are: Parker Korb for earning Wolverine Merit, Graydon Grensteiner for earning Badger Merit, Brandon Prothero for earning Elk Merit, Avery Dunham for earning Elk Merit, Adam Lorenson for earning Elk Merit, Hunter Sullivan for earning Buffalo Merit and Aaron Halverson for earning Buffalo and Badger Merit. Commander John Prothero had fun with the Ranger Kids making walking sticks, Origami characters (Origami is Japanese meaning "folded paper") and having a Nature Scavenger Hunt.

Bible Verse: *"In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth."* Genesis 1:1

We found lots of stuff that God created on our scavenger hunt. When you see these boys shake their hands for they may be our next spiritual leaders!

Submitted by: John Prothero

RCC Youth Group Special Events in September

Wednesday September 15th the youth activities will include a *"Girls Only"* at "Courtly at the Commons". The evening will continue with our theme of "How to be a Lady" series. The same night the young men will have a *"Guys Only"* with David Johnson at the Polaris Experience Center. Their them will be, "The Lord is Good".

Sunday September 26th is:

Youth and Family night. It will be an evening of "Scripture and Song".

Youth In Action

Katie Rigstad: Helps teach Rainbows Missionettes class every Wednesday evening

Tiffany Wysocki and **Tracy Fettig** are Mary Long's assistants in Children's Church every Sunday morning.

September Assistants:

Greeters: Tim & Emily Wysocki
Ushers: Tim Otto & Jeff Rigstad
Music: Greg & Laurie Grensteiner
WM's Hostess: Mollie Bicker
WM's Bible Study Leader: Linda Rigstad

Lake Geneva Bible Camp

-a view from the eyes of our RCC youth...

Randy Doneth

Bible camp was the most spiritual experience I have ever been through in my life. Before I get into that, I want to tell you about God helping me to get to bible camp. See a week before bible camp I was having problems trying to find the money so, I could go. Well it didn't look to good for me to be going. I basically gave up and I prayed to God that if he wanted me to go that I would find a way to get there. About a week later God answered my prayers. It was the last day for money to be put in for bible camp. My mom went up to Darrin and told him that we didn't have the money. Right then he said don't worry about it will be taken care of. I spiritually thank God and personally thank Darrin for making it possible for me to go.

Well the first day was an odd one trying to find everything and trying to get settled in for the five days of being there. The second day was fun got to do something's and we had worship, the speaker speaking about God. The third day I have to say was a hard one for me. I had some one to that prayed for me. He told me the fire was there but I had to go after God. Well that really disappointed me not knowing that God wasn't there. It was very hard struggle for me. When I got to my cabin I didn't want to even talk and Jared knew I was upset. When Darrin came in to Jared's and my cabin to talk. I told him and Jared what was going on in my spiritual life right then. We had a little discussion on it for a little while. We all three prayed for each other afterwards.

The next day I didn't even know it but we were doing a thing tongues that day. This was the awesome part about my experience at bible camp. For one thing I was still disappointed even after I got prayed for. Well when the speaker said we were going to speak in tongues that night. I was really interested in it like my heart jumped all of sudden. When every one got up the speaker was talking and he told the youth leaders to come and pray for all of standing. One youth leader did come and prayed for me and he told him to stay there and keep on praying. Well I underestimated the thought that I would be there for only couple of minutes. To my surprise God was testing my patience. I stood there praying to God for about twenty to thirty minutes. Let me tell you that for an impatient person like me it was hard. I got so lost in my prayer that I lost all that was going on around me. One guy came up to me asked what I am doing down here. It startled me cause I was so deep into my prayer when he came up and touched me. I told him that I wanted to speak in tongues. He started praying and I had this image in my head of Jesus on the cross talking to me. I was copying what he was saying. I just started speaking in tongues and I couldn't stop at all.

After that I was at higher level with Christ. I felt like I was on top the mountain finally. I felt so great about everything and I had no worries or anything. Like everything had left and it was just God and I. I just can't describe the feeling. Then the last day we had a clean up around the place and we left.

I just want to say one thing to all of you look at your life with God. You might find out that your relationship was like mine, was I found out that God and I were far apart. So I encourage you to look at your relationship a lot closer with God. Now as for God and me we are closer than ever now. Anyone who says different well they can judge me all they want for I know the truth about me and God.

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Laura Vagle

This year at Bible Camp was so amazing. I had a wonderful experience. The praise and worship time was my favorite part. Everyone was so into it. It was fun going all out praising God with 500 students doing the same. I really bonded with the girls in my cabin. I was sad that it was my last year, but I'm glad I had one last great experience at camp.

Laura Glassman

My experience at Lake Geneva Bible Camp was definitely an exciting trip. Not because of the games we played or the people we met but also because of the awesome speakers who opened our eyes to things teens need to step up to do. Their main message was how teens need to come out of their comfort zone and speak to others about Jesus and the things He did for us. The speakers also shared works of wisdom that they have taken from their own lives. One of them held out attention for every second with this unusual but funny stories; I'm still trying to figure out if he was telling the truth or just a story. I took so much away from my second year at camp. Things I won't forget.

Jared Long

Sean Hennessy delivered a powerful message that was unlike any other. Every year the experience is awesome but this year it was life changing. I recommend Lake Geneva Bible Camp to everyone.

Kari Nelson

This was my first trip to Lake Geneva Bible Camp, and it was a very challenging and uplifting experience for me. The main speaker Sean Hennessy offered some solid and attainable goals to help us in our daily walk with the Lord. He encouraged each and every one of us to re-evaluate our lives, and that camp should not be just an emotional roller-coaster of Bible Camp and not be willing to be obedient in our daily lives. Most of the evening services begin at 7p.m. and usually did not finish until 11p.m. That was very different than anything I was used to, but I soon began to appreciate that time spent aside just to grow spiritually.

YG Kids in clean clothes

