

Michigan District The Long Rifle



Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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Avalanche 2018



Feb 16 - 18

Our winter retreat, Avalanche Winter Camp, will be held on **Feb 16-18** at D-A Ranch. The theme for 2018 is **American Frontier**.

Our guest speaker is **Rick Dostal**, a former National FCF Field Advisor and Frontiersman. He lives in Marietta, Ohio where he serves as the Outpost Coordinator for River of Life Church.



We will be having many frontier activities such as Knife & hawk throwing, log sled racing, Voyager Adventure game, trapping, fire starting, Trading Post, and cool crafts.

In addition we will be bringing back some of the favorite activities

– Gaga ball, horse back riding, shooting ranges, sledding and hiking. We will also be lowering the cost of **horseback riding** to get more riders in this special activity. This event is a great opportunity to invite new men and boys.

At the Lodge on Saturday, we will offer a **Trading Post** where boys and men can exchange furs, bones, frontier stuff, cool FCF gear and Royal Ranger items. Please bring your stuff and join the fun of trading!

View the 2018 Avalanche Video:

<https://youtu.be/2xpDEVcicig>

Royal Ranger Alumni



District Commander Marty has appointed **Arden Frey** to head up the new Michigan Chapter of RR Alumni.

Their mission is two fold. First a method by which older Royal Rangers leaders can continue to be involved in the Royal Rangers ministry by being a resource to the local outpost, section, district or national office. Second, to minister to other retired RR leaders by providing fellowship, friendship and

assistance in time of need. Praying for the Royal Ranger ministry and assisting with financial support is always needed. A ministry by which older Royal Ranger leaders can continue to be involved in Royal Rangers as their time, health and resources permit. This is for leaders who are at least 55 years old or have a medical disability that would prevent them from serving.

Arden is working on a plan for RRA membership in the District and would like to hear all ideas. He is working on a design for a district RRA shirt among other items and hopes to have a display available at the upcoming RR Leader's Conference in April. He will also display some of the national items along with pledges and applications for membership. Please help us to spread the word to all Royal Ranger men who might not know about this event.



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Michigan AG Children & Youth Director Departure



Josh Wellborn, Michigan AG Children & Youth Director has announced his departure from Michigan to serve as the **National Youth Director**. This transition will occur sometime between February and April. Michigan Superintendent Jeff Hlavin will begin searching for new candidates in the next weeks and months.

We want to thank Josh for his great support for Royal Rangers over the years. He was our guest speaker at the 2016 Avalanche and has attended many summer and winter camps and has provided ideas, funding and direction for our ministry.



On all **April 13-14** we want to invite all Michigan RR Leaders to a spring conference at **Greater Lansing AG**. More details will be released in March for the agenda and plans for this conference. It will be a great time of fellowship, sharing and learning. Stay posted for more details!!

New Mich RR Website



If you have not visited michrr.com in a while, you will now find dramatic changes. Our website, under the direction of Don Prentiss, has undergone transformation!

There is more information, pages and better layout. For example, under '**Resources**' you can find all files to download for events and training. There are more videos and pictures to access as well. And on the upper right corner you will find an easy link to our MichRR Facebook.

There is still much development to be completed but we are far along to make this site better and a resource to parents, leaders and boys across the state.

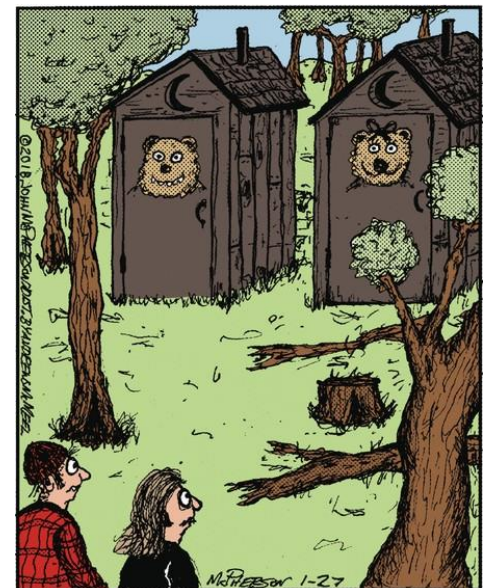


Upcoming Event Reminders

- Feb 2** Deadline for Avalanche Registration
- Feb 8-10** RR National Council, Springfield, MO
- Feb 16-18** Avalanche Winter Camp, D-A Ranch
- Apr 13-14** RR Leaders Conference, Lansing, MI



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While hiking deep in the mountains, Frank and Brenda found the answer to a centuries-old question.