

# Michigan District The Long Rifle



Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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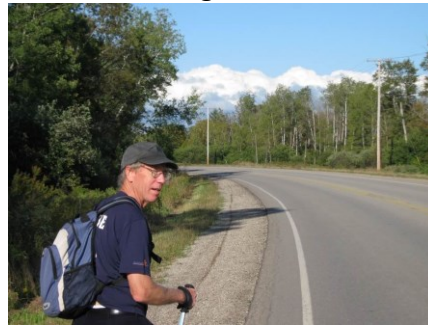
## Royal Ranger John Koski steps into Heaven



Missionary John Koski started his new life in Heaven at age 72 on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**John** served as Missionary to the Muslims in Dearborn for the past 20+ years. He also served a Royal Ranger leader and evangelist since the early 1970's. John was known for his great travels around the world. He ran marathons, triathlons, cross country ski races and bicycling. All along the way, he shared the gospel. In 1975, he travelled as a bicycle evangelist through 36 countries and was arrested and imprisoned for sharing the gospel. Locally he participated in many Avalanche winter camps, Pow Wows, pinewood derbies, training camps and various outings. He often brought Muslim boys to these events. In the past two years, John lost his strength and was diagnosed with MS. He still continued to attend events and share the gospel while using a walker. Finally he lost all control of his body and retired to

nursing home in Springfield, Missouri. Even then he continued to pray for Royal Rangers and encourage others. A memorial of his life will be shared on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Hillsboro, Oregon.



## AVALANCHE 2023 MINDSCAPE REPORT

Our annual winter camp, Avalanche, was a great success this year. Altogether about 300 boys and men gathered at D-A Ranch on February 17-19 for a winter event.

We enjoyed hiking, shooting ranges, horseback riding and great services. Our theme, **MINDCRAFT**, (Romans 12:2) featured a competitive scavenger hunt, escape room, indoor shooting gallery and other games. Our event speaker, **Dr. CaVar Reid**, shared messages about renewing your mind and choosing to follow God's will and direction.



If you attended Avalanche 2023 could you respond to this survey? We want to learn and improve for each event.

## Junior Training Camps 2023



For boys in your outpost that are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above, the Junior Training Academy is a great challenge in leadership, skills and spiritual growth. These camps provide a small group (patrol) environment to build teamwork through these camps they can earn and leadership.

For 2023, these camps will be offered on **June 29 – July 1** at D-A Ranch (Metamora, Michigan). Visit [michrr.com](http://michrr.com) for the flyer and application. Contact Peter Posont, [pjposont@sbbcgloba.net](mailto:pjposont@sbbcgloba.net) for any questions.

Avalanche 2023 Survey Link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScylsASYrsVTjrutR1Oy2XvgW8F6kfjAbOG1BB7GnsmZ7Ew8w/viewform>

# 2023 Saber Awards



During Avalanche, we celebrated a special **Saber** Service for three young men who completed all of their Junior Training camps. The Saber is awarded to young men that complete 4 training camps – JTC, AJTC and 2 action camps (Trail hiking, Missions, Shooting sports, Canoe, etc.) Congratulations:

**Isaiah Marcum, Op #99**  
**Wyatt Estermyer, Op #99**  
**Colton Fuller, Op #99**



## Sectional Ranger Derbies



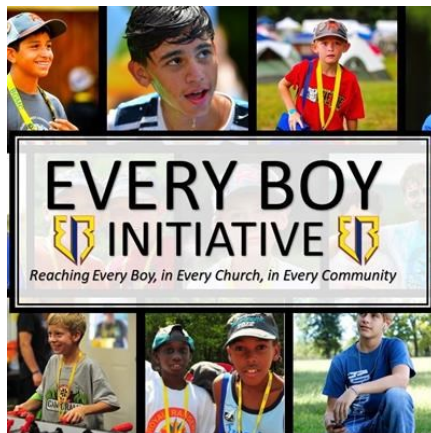
The spring is here, the snow is melting, and boys and men are building their cars. It is a fun time to use your imagination and skill to build a colorful car.

Various sections are conducting races which are open to all churches and outposts, even if it is outside of your section.

Take advantage of these upcoming races:

Metro West, March 25,  
Brightmoor, Novi, MI

Metro South, March 29,  
ROL, Belleville, MI



In July 2022 at National Camporama, National RR Director Karl Fleig introduced a new initiative to ensure that every evangelical church in the U.S. would have free access to Royal Ranger curriculum and materials, and a mentoring process.

The “**Every Boy Initiative**” for Royal Rangers is now recognized as a Mission-approved ministry. This change allows for all individuals and groups to contribute to Royal Rangers ministry. The intended plan is to fund the ministry in this way and eliminate chartering costs for outposts. The goal is to be fully funded by the fall of 2023.

A Faith Promise / Donation form is now activate to allow individuals to contribute.

<https://giving.ag.org/donate/700001-4b1227>

### Related Resources

- [Introductory Video on YouTube](#)
- [Every Boy Initiative Update - Nov 2022 on YouTube](#) - an update from National Director Karl Fleig
- Videos are available for download and to use offline
- [Promotional Handout](#) - use this handout to share info with others
- [AG US Missions Faith Promise Form](#) - download and print as needed

## Upcoming Event Reminders

All Dates subject to change  
Follow information on [www.michrr.com](http://www.michrr.com)

**April 28-29** Men’s Conference,  
Brightmoor, Novi, MI

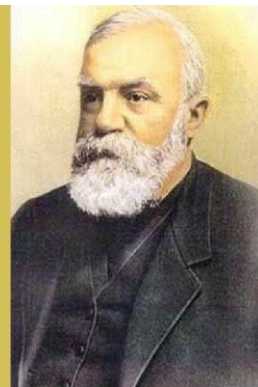
**May 19-21** FCF Spring Trace, Martin,  
MI

**June 2-3** Field Day & Overnighter  
Real Life Farm, Canton

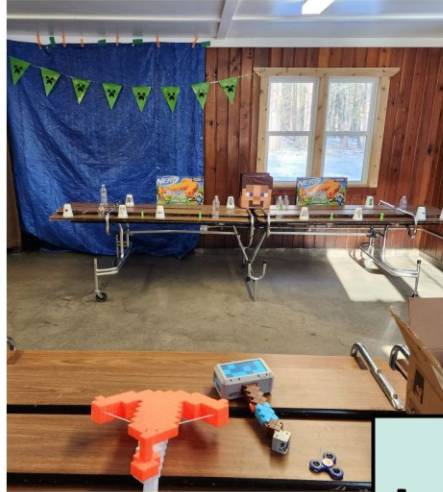
**June 29 -** JTC / AJTC Camps  
**July 1** D-A, Metamora, MI

“If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God!”

Dwight L. Moody







Images of  
Avalanche 2023

