



Avalanche 2025



Restore the Roar

This year, Avalanche Winter Camp was held on **February 28 – March 2** weekend at a new location – Cran Hill Camp in Rodney, Michigan.



Our theme was **'Restore the Roar'** from **Hosea 11:10** based on grit and dedication to follow the Lord and be bold as Lions.

Our event speaker was **Jason Forsman**, Youth Alive Director for the state of Michigan. Jason speaks to youth, school assemblies and camps. He brought great challenging messages to the boys and men.



The new camp at Cran Hill provided a great improvement in camping facilities, food and activities. In addition to the

standard ranges (22 and archery) we enjoyed a new sport of slingshot range. Other activities included a large ice rink for broomball games, horse back riding, archery tag, petting farm and an indoor games room. Cran Hill Camp is also Christian based ministry camp with a dedicated staff.

Boys also enjoyed earning Avalanche sports trading cards at various events and competing in a campground scavenger hunt.

Each cabin was a modern brick building with with heat, water, bathrooms and showers. Also included was a small kitchen area and lounge area. Campers were also impressed with a great food service and large selection menu. Although the camp was a higher cost, every camper expressed great pleasure with the camp environment.

We plan to return with Avalanche in 2026. A collage of Avalanche pictures are provided on the last page.



Farewell to Our Great Friend Don Fraser



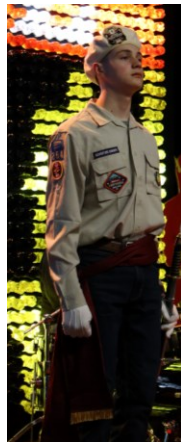
Commander Don Fraser from Canton, Michigan (Northville Assembly) stepped into a new heavenly life on **February 5, 2025**. Don had entered hospice earlier due to medical ailments. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Northville Assembly on Saturday, Feb 15.

Don served as a Royal Ranger commander, Outpost Coordinator and training instructor. Don was best known as "Farmer Don" at his homestead at **Real Life Farm** in Canton. The 'farm' was a full day time camp with various animals – pigs, horses, cows, rabbits, ducks, chickens and kittens. During the year, Don and his staff conducted youth camps for schools and organizations. But his farm was also a great place of ministry. Don supported Royal Rangers with overnight camps, Klondike Derbies, Merit Camps and many activities. Don had a great heart for kids and freely shared the gospel through his farm and life. He will be greatly missed.

2025 Saber Award



During Avalanche on Saturday, we celebrated a special **Saber** Recognition Service for **Vinnie Pirrone** (Compelled, Op #264) who completed all of his 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.) These camps offer a great opportunity and challenge in leadership, skills and spiritual growth.



Local Ranger Derbies



The spring is here, the snow has melted, 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 outposts 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 29,
Brightmoor, Novi, MI

Metro South, March 29,
ROL, Belleville, MI

Junior Training Camps 2025



For boys in your outpost that are in **5th 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 and leadership.

Junior Training Camp (JTC) is the initial camp for basic skills and team building. It is the foundation for all other camps. Each camp has a strong spiritual emphasis and challenge. Cost is expected to be \$100 which includes all meals, camp shirt and ballcap. A young man that completes JTC, AJTC and 2 action camps can earn the Saber.

This year we will also offer **JMC** (Junior Missions Camp) where boys will build beds for 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' for local needy families.

These camps will be conducted at **River of Life in Belleville** from **June 26th to June 28th**. Registration for these camps will be open in early May, posted on the **michrr.com** website and also emailed.

Please contact Frank Fenbert @ Fenbert99@aol.com for questions and details.



Upcoming Event Reminders

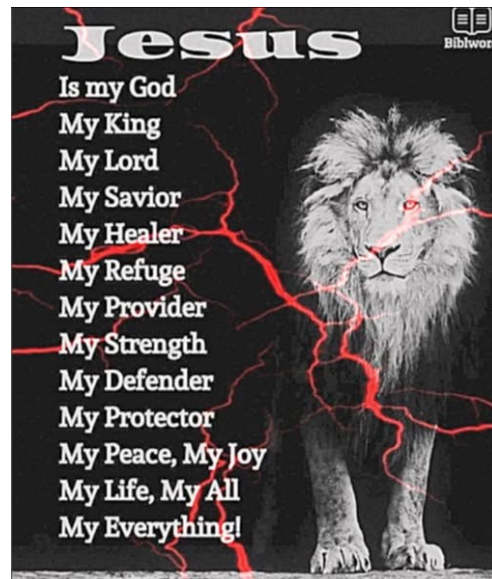
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Follow information on www.michrr.com

March 20-22 RR National Conference
Springfield, MO

March 29 M/MS Pinewood Derby
Belleville, MI (ROL)
MW Pinewood Derby
Brightmoor, Novi, MI

May 2-3 Invincible Men's Conference, Novi, MI

June 26-28 JLTA Camps
Belleville, MI (ROL)





**Images from
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