



N California - Nevada District Royal Rangers News Letter

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Hello Royal Rangers, families and friends;

I had a Zoom meeting, April 24th, 2020, with our NCN RR executive, division and section commanders to update what is known at this time for our activities we had listed on the calendar for 2020. Here is a brief overview of the Zoom meeting:

Rich's Opening Comments:

In a time like this, which we have never seen in our lifetime, word-wide, everyone's life completely changed in less than a few weeks. **"God Has Got This"**

I read 3 comments from our minister's newsletter from Doug Clay, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God USA. Here are the three points I shared with everyone:

- ***Intentionally manage your input:*** Take breaks from news updates and social media. Pick up the Bible and read the promises of God, not in preparation for your next Facebook Live update, but to feed your own soul and spirit to encourage yourself in the Lord.
- ***Humor really helps:*** So much is very serious right now. Watch for opportunities to throw back your head and laugh out loud. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."
- ***Worship privately:*** Ask God for a go-to-song to hum our way through this season. Worship is our weapon against worry. You can't worry and worship at the same time. Mark Batterson recently shared this helpful quote at the SMN Conference. "Called to Serve Spring 2020"

After reading these points, I thought about a few stories in the Bible that also had Pandemic times for them:

Moses and crossing the Red Sea Israelites thought they were all going to be killed by the enemy;

David and Goliath;

When Moses sent the 12 spy's into the land of milk and honey, but 10 came back and convinced friends and family they couldn't beat the giants in the land.

Moses and David may have said to everyone "God Has Got This", sometimes they didn't have FAITH!

I know you may be one that's job is on hold or we know family or friends that need our help and prayer, but be encouraged "God Has Got This"!

Calendar – Events Update:

National Camporama 2020 – Postponed! We had a Zoom meeting with Karl Fleig and here were some of his comments:

Camporama postponed for 2020 and hopefully soon will be able to provide the year and date in either 2021 or 2022 for Camporama.

- If you have already pre-registered, you have two options – 1) Have your 2020 registration go forward for the next Camporama, no increase if you do this option. – 2) You may apply for a refund. Go to Camporama video and watch for more information
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otEr3KbYYbw>

NCN RR 2020 Calendar Events:

- We had a good turn out for the January 25th RR Council and FCF Business Meeting. We also handed out the 2020 RR Yearbook.
- We had a good turn out at the District Ranger Derby – March 7th @ Destiny CC in Rocklin.

Due to the Cov19 restrictions we had the following:

- April 4th-DRCRR Commanders Conference and Awards Banquet Cancelled. Leadership awards, medals and numbers will be sent out as soon as BSA store and Gph has inventory in.
- May 15-17 FCF Spring Trace – Cancelled – the Adventure will be done at the Fall Trace later in the year.
- June 21-27 JLTA – Cancelled. Currently Mt. Lassen has not received the approval to open camp – We are still on restrictions on groups.

NCN RR 2020 Calendar Events – continued

As everyone knows we are waiting to see when restrictions will be lifted so we are not sure about the following – We do want to keep them on the calendar and will hopefully be able to do the following:

- July 6-11 RR-FCF Family Camp @ Mt. Lassen Camp with DRC Family Camp – Pending – we will send out an email as soon as we have a confirmation one way or another.
- July 29th – August 1 – RR District Pow Wow @ Mt. Lassen. Pending – we will send out an email as soon as we have a confirmation one way or another. We are hoping to do this and would need the help of outpost to confirm if they will be coming.
- August 22nd – NCN RR Small Bore # Shot Gun Shooting @ Sacramento Valley Gun Club – Sloughouse, Ca. No change at this point will be waiting to hear we can do this event.
- October 15-18 – FCF Trek & Fall Trace. No change at this point will be waiting to hear we can do this event.
- October 24 – RR Training Day @ DRC. No change at this point will be waiting to hear we can do this event.
- November 7th – RR Academy Graduation & Sabre Banquet – This date will probably change. We are looking to see when and where we can host make up JLTA training dates. See later in this newsletter about JLTA updates.

NCN 2021 RR Dates:

I am currently working on dates for to submit to the DRC for 2021.

Along with working on the 2021 calendar dates – I’m also looking to confirm locations for the events.

Divisions & Sections:

Would like to see more events and training dates to be done in the Bay Area, and other sections in our district.

We can look at doing several Pow Wow dates and locations sponsored by the district to help outposts attend with reasonable travel to make events.

Have You Been Able to Do Any RR Classes on Facebook, Zoom, YouTube or other ?

If so, send me some of your ideas. I’m also working on a few and doing a couple of pilots and hope to be able to share with you.

How about doing the following:

- Weekly devotion and or short bible stories on Zoom with your boys?
- Do a shorter meeting outline on Zoom to include
 - Short Opening with Prayer, RR Pledge
 - A bible story to share with the boys, with coloring pages you can email ahead to parents to print for the boys to color while you do the bible story. Lots of materials out there to look at.
 - Close with a great devotion, challenge and Prayer
 - This is a great time to be in contact with the boys over Zoom and Pray for them and their families.



You may want to start working on some **Royal Rangers Lite** outlines to do when we can get back to class meetings!

I recommend these meeting be:

A five point meeting outlines and adjust for a (60 or 90 minutes meeting)

- 1) Opening ceremony
- 2) Short bible study from RR materials
- 3) Main Feature – activity type of features; Outdoor when possible to keep active and energy driven.
- 4) Games – don’t over do this one
- 5) Devotion – Keep the Salvation message clear and to the point at the end.

JLTA: A committee has been reviewing the JLTA information and realign with the National and other successful district Junior Camps in the nation. We hope to do some updated camps of before the end of the year.

If you didn’t receive the NCN RR 2020 Yearbook let me know and I’ll email you a copy.

Blessings Rich Mariott

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