

# The Long Rifle



Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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## 2012 Snowflake



## Gold Rush

The new year is marked with a great new event – Gold Rush 2012! Mark your calendars for **Feb 17-19** at D-A Scout Ranch for our annual Snowflake event!

Boys and men will be able to enjoy great events such as archery, rifle range, hiking, sledding and great games while earning gold nuggets toward prizes. There will also be some hunting and digging for gold on the ranch grounds.

Our speaker for this event will be **Art Thomas**, former GMA and National Royal Ranger of the Year in Michigan. Art has been serving on the pastoral staff at Northville Assembly in Student



Ministries. He has been active in the past years as an evangelist, youth pastor and worship leader. Art is excited about the great opportunity to reach boys with an exciting message and see the

change that the Holy Spirit can make!

All the forms, packet information, maps and details are posted on the [michrr](http://michrr) website. Bring out your boys for a great life-changing and exciting adventure and search for gold!

## Fair Haven, OP76 Hosts GMA Ceremony



**Michael Scarantino** will be awarded his Gold Medal of Achievement on **Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 2pm**. Mark your calendar and come join in the celebration of a fellow ranger !

The ceremony will be held at Fair Haven Assembly of God Church located at 876 Beech Daly Road Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Michael is 14 years old and is currently a freshman at Northville High School. He has participated in soccer, baseball, swimming, track and football. Michael started the

Royal Ranger program in kindergarten and has worked his way to the Gold with the assistance of the Royal Ranger Commanders and staff from the following Churches: Detroit World Outreach (DWO), Taylor Christian, Tri-City (currently known as Connection Church), Northville Christian and Fair Haven Assembly of God.

Michael enjoys attending the merit camps - Snowflake and Pow Wow and plans to continue his quest for his Saber.



Michael Scarantino

## Ranger Essentials Training in January



A Ranger Essentials course was held on **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at Greater Lansing Church in Lansing, Michigan. Ranger Essentials along with Ranger Basics are two foundational training courses for all leaders.

Ranger Essentials focuses on mentoring boys, conducting spiritual services, devotions and connecting with boys. This course, along with Ranger Basics trains leaders to the “**READY**” status for the new leader training system.

**RE Lansing Graduates:**

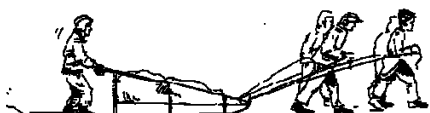
- Michael Rose – Lansing (OP18)
- Keith Currie – Lansing (OP18)
- Pastor Joe Mason – Lansing (OP18)
- Paul Atallah – Lansing (OP18)
- Rick Wixson – Crosspoint (OP302)
- Brian Rohrer – Crosspoint (OP302)

**RE Lansing Instructors:**

- Brandon Brooks
- Greg Roy
- Leland Scott



**Metro / Metro South  
Host  
Annual Klondike  
Derby**



**On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Metro/Metro South Sections will host their annual Klondike Derby at **Real Life Day Camp** in Canton.

This fun, outdoor event is open for all boys in Discovery, Adventure and Expedition ages. Boys form patrols or groups and compete at various stations while pulling a Klondike sled with their materials. As they travel around the Camp grounds they will be tested in: compass, first aid, toolcraft, ropecraft,

firecraft, Ranger knowledge and Bible knowledge. Medals will be given to the top 3 patrols in each age group. The cost is \$5 which includes an event patch. This event starts at 9am and finishes in the early afternoon. Boys and men can bring a lunch or purchase a meal at the event for \$3. This event will take place whether there is snow or not.

Visit the [michrr](http://michrr.com) website to get a full packet of all of the test questions and answers. This will prepare your boys for great competition! The packet also has contact information for Don Fraser or Pastor Greg Roy if you have questions.

**2011 Michigan  
LEAD Summit**



Michigan District AG Youth Department and Royal Ranger District Staff sponsored a conference for all Michigan children and youth leaders on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Northville, Michigan.

This summit meeting was open to all ministry leaders, church and lay leaders (Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, Children Ministries, etc).

Featured speakers were Jeff Kennedy, Director of Michigan AG Youth and Children’s Ministries, Pastor Jeff Blagg of Sunrise Church, Pastor Bryan Ball of Canton Connection, Jim Barger, RR National Council President and Scott Donald, Michigan District RR Director

shared on topics of team work, leadership, church marketing, relationship building and technology impacts.

We want to thank all Royal Ranger leaders that attended and believe it will help grow their ministry in the local church and throughout the district.

**Upcoming Event  
Reminders**

**Jan 21** Metro South/Metro Klondike, Real Life Farm, Canton

**Jan 27-28** FCF Business Meeting, East Lansing, MI

**Feb 2** Pre-Registration due for Snowflake

**Feb 17-19** Snowflake at D-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI

**March 3** Ranger Basics, Lansing, MI

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