

JROTC Raider Team competes at Mountain Rendezvous

By Cadet Major Tim Tyler

Thirty cadets of the Rockcastle County High School's JROTC Raider Team left school midday Friday, September 28th to venture to McCreary County's Annual Mountain Raider Rendezvous. The competition included seven very intense, high level events, with forty-one teams competing from all over the eastern United States. After the competition on Sunday, we made our annual stop by Cumberland Falls for an hour of fun and relaxation before returning home to Rockcastle.

The results of the competition were as follows: Cross Country Rescue - A Team placed fifth; B Team, eighth; Map Test - A Team, fourth place; B Team - ninth place; Night Navigation - A Team, 14th, B Team, 22nd; Expert Ranger Course - A Team placed fifth and B Team, 11th; One Rope Bridge - B Team placed eighth, A Team - ninth; Obstacle Course - A Team 17th, B Team 25th; Army Physical Fitness Test - A Team, 15th, B Team, 28th. Overall, A Team placed fifth of the 41 teams and B Team placed 13th. RCHS Senior Josh Ramsey won a third place individual medalion in the Obstacle Course and also came in first in the two mile run with a time of 11:50.

A Team members include: Senior Josh Whicker, Platoon Leader; Joe Husband, Platoon Sergeant; Zach Shepherd, Team Leader; Seniors - Tim Tyler and Josh Ramsey, Adam

Stallsworth, Justin Cornelius, Ronald Willey, Josh Hayes and Jesse McColman.

B Team members include: Seniors - Jacob Helton, Team Leader; Jonathan Noe, Sherri Glover and Jon Phelps; Ross McClure, Sarah Steele, Eric Miller, Andy Coffey, Chris Smith and Bill Burdette.

Other team members on the trip were: Seniors Tara Thompson and Chris Eldridge; Jessica Toothman, Samantha Dees, Shane Harris, Carla Hensley, Rebecca Steele, Tommy Ralls and Kris Amaral.

The team was coached by Sergeant Major Keith Taylor and Major Jim McGuire. Many thanks to Specialist Jason Whicker, Army National Guard who has been assisting with the freshmen at Raider practices since August. We would also like to thank our chaperone, Mrs. Jenny Taylor and her assistant cooks this year, Miss Tabitha Dees and Chris Kirby. Special appreciation goes to Mr. John Tyler who assisted us by transporting the rest of the team Saturday morning along with Major McGuire who stayed back to work the parking detail and Color Guard for the football game.

We would like to welcome Major Jim McGuire to Rockcastle County High School as the new JROTC Senior Army Instructor who has just come to us from Eastern Kentucky University as their Scholarship Enrollment Officer.



RCHS Raider Team at Mountainer Raider Rendezvous September 28-30.



Josh Ramsey - third place individual in Obstacle Course.



A-Team on Rope Bridge Competition. From left: Josh Whicker, Tim Tyler, Zach Shepherd, Adam Stallsworth, Joshua Ramsey, Josh Hayes and Ronald Willey. Not pictured were Joe Husband, Justin Cornelius and Jesse McColman.



RCHS Senior Josh Whicker on Rope Bridge and Joe Husband on far side knot.

Minds in the Middle

Our RCMS Open House is planned for this Monday, October 15th from 3:00-6:00. Parents will be able to pick up report cards at this time. GEAR-UP will be sponsoring a spaghetti supper. We also invite everyone to our Safety Expo sponsored by our 21st Century Community Learning Center from 4-6:00 on Monday.

Congratulations to Mr. Tracy Gabbard's 6th grade homeroom. They had the highest attendance for the second month of school. Mr. Abney's class came in second and Mrs. Whitaker's class came in third. Both are 7th grade Shooting Stars teams.

The Y-Club is conducting their annual food drive. The goal is to collect 1,000 non-perishable food items to donate to the Food and Clothing Mission in Mt. Vernon. The homeroom who collects the most items will win a pizza party.

The FCA is involved in a community service project for the Christmas Season. Operation Christmas Child involves packing up shoe boxes for children around the world who have suffered because of war, natural disasters, poverty, or illnesses. Gift boxes will be made for children ages 2-14. We will be needing items such as small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, hair accessories, socks, jewelry, or

any neat items that would fit in a show box. We will also be collecting money to cover the cost of shipping the items. The homerooms collecting the most items will receive a popcorn party.

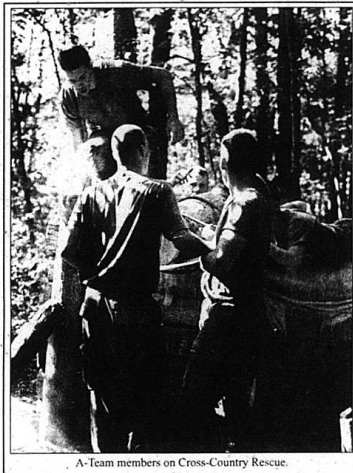
Our monthly SBDM meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 in the library. Beginning at 5:30, the RCMS PTG will meet.

ESS tutoring sessions began on Wednesday. The sessions will be from 3-5:00. Tutoring will only be offered one day a week this year, however, our 21st Century Community Learning Center Circles of Learning activities take place on Monday and Tuesday. The 21st CCLC just began French, Intramurals, and Chess classes on Wednesdays. Call Jason Coguer for more information.

This Thursday evening, the girls basketball team will be sponsoring a chili supper from 5-7:00. The girls will be playing at home North Laurel. The football team will also be playing at home against South Laurel.

Next Tuesday evening, the girls basketball teams will be playing at South Laurel.

There will be an after school party this Friday from 3-5:00. The cost is \$3.00 and students must have team and parental permission in order to attend.



A-Team members on Cross-Country Rescue.



A-Team's Josh Hayes on wall.



RCHS Senior Tim Tyler competes in the two mile run for P.T. Test.



B-Team members on Expert Ranger Course: Pictured front to back: Jon Noe, Eric Miller, Bill Burdette, Sarah Steele and Jon Phelps.



B-Team's Bill Burdette and Andy Coffey on Cross-Country Rescue.

Auction

Saturday, October 13th • 10 a.m.
Located across road from Snyder Grocery, 8 miles north of Mt. Vernon on US 25

Fairview Baptist Brotherhood
3rd Annual Auction & Bake Sale

Some items we will have include: table saw, hand tools, baby items, appliances, furniture, glassware, automotive related items, hay and much much more

Large Bake Sale & Refreshments Available

John Gilliam, Auctioneer

RCMS Chili Supper

October 11th • 5 to 7 p.m.

\$3 plate per person

Fundraiser for Girls Basketball