

North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS “Signal Fire”

October 1995

Commander,

I trust you have had a wonderful summer. The District camps have been great . . . Sarge Sellers Training Academy had 12 filled with the Spirit for the first time and 52 were refilled. This is great! We had four camps going at one time at Sarge. Pioneer Training Camp is for 9-11 years with no requirements. This camp goes from Sunday through Wednesday evening. Advance Training Camp is for 10 1/2 and up with Advanced Rating in Pioneers. This camp goes from Sunday thru Friday evening. Junior Leadership Training Camp is for 12 years and up with Advanced Camping Merit. This camp goes from Sunday through Friday evening. For the first time, we had Advanced Junior Training Camp. The requirement is that the boys go to JLTC. This camp goes into training a boy on how to teach, present colors, dress, etc.

Get ready for Sarge Training Academy next July 1996. The boys in your outpost and every commander would benefit from this experience.

In His service,

Paul Patterson
District Royal Ranger Commander

Commanders:

I need your help. We have promised the National office that we as a District would help with the Royal Ranger missions trip to Tibet. As a staff we felt that North Texas District could give them \$500.00. If you can help, send in monies marked Tibet, and it will go to the right place.

Also, the District Office is being remodeled and we have an office all to ourselves. Margaret is out in her own area with Youth and Christian Education in the front office. Praise the Lord - we needed the room! With these new offices, we had to get furniture for Margaret, and I need your help again. We need to raise about \$1,000 for this furniture. If you can help, please mark monies office furniture and it will get to the proper account.

Thanks, Commanders. I know you will come through for these projects.

In His service,

Paul Patterson

1995 District Calendar

Oct.	27-29	FCF Family Days
Nov.	17-18	Winter Camps Divisional
Dec.	2	District Staff Christmas Banquet
	9	FCF Christmas Banquet

1996 District Calendar

Jan.	6	District Staff Meeting
Jan.	26-27	Reg. Training Seminar, Calvary Temple, Irving
Feb.	16-17	District Instructor Certification Seminar
	23-24	FCF Basic Training
Mar.	8-9	FCF Brush Poppin - Lakeview
	16	District Ranger of the Year Testing
	21-23	National Council, Springfield
Apr.	26-27	Commander's Conference/Awards Service
May	18	Work Day for Pow Wow - Lakeview
May 31-Jun.	2	District Pow Wow - Lakeview

"There is no ministry in the Assemblies of God that wins more souls than Royal Rangers."

Terry Raburn, national director, Division of Church Ministries

SHOOTING SPORTS 1995 - 96 CALENDAR

1995

October 13 - 14 Shotgun Instructor Course
Standard and Muzzleloader
November 3 - 4 Rifle Instructor Course
Standard and Muzzleloader

1996

January 13 Shooting Range Workday
February 9 - 10 Rifle Instructor Course
Standard and Muzzleloader
February 23 - 24 B.R.T. Standard
Muzzleloader Course
April 5 - 6 Archery Instructor Course
May 18 Shooting Range Workday
July 14 - 20 Sarge Sellers Academy
Standard Rifle and Archery
October 11 - 12 Shotgun Instructor Course
Standard and Muzzleloader

If you are interested in becoming certified or have additional questions about the above classes, please contact Ken Harris, the District Shooting Sports Coordinator, at 214-244-9651 (mobile) or 214-938-9751 (home).

WORK DAYS AT LAKEVIEW

EVERY Saturday is Work Day at Lakeview, but for those who require dates, these are the Saturdays designated until August of next year:

October 14, 1995	February 3, 1996	May 18, 1996
November 4, 1995	March 30, 1996	June 29, 1996
January 13, 1996	April 13, 1996	August 10, 1996

Need Firewood for the coming winter months???

If you could make use of some firewood, please contact Ken Harris at his mobile 214-244-9651 or home 214-938-9751. There are oak trees that have been cleared at the property, and you are welcome to cut these saplings into usable firewood and haul it off for your use!

FUTURE FCF DUES/MEMBERSHIP

These monies need to be mailed to Gary Bierschwale at 5 Carey Lane, Lucas, TX 75002. If you have a question, please call Gary at 214-442-1325 or the District Office at 817-284-4856.

TO ALL THAT CAN ATTEND:

There is a Men's Retreat October 6 & 7, 1995, featuring Dave Roever and good fellowship. This will take place at Camp Copass in Denton, Texas. We need to show this District that we are here and active.

Try to be there and **WEAR YOUR ROYAL RANGER UNIFORM SATURDAY MORNING!** The cost will be \$45.00 including room, material, and three meals. The registration form is below.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail to:

MEN'S RETREAT - P.O. Box 1188 - Hurst, TX 76053-1188

Church Name, City _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Paid _____

ATTENTION ALL COMMANDERS

One of the benefits of chartering is receiving a copy of the quarterly District newsletter, **SIGNAL FIRE**.

Effective with the January newsletter, any commander who has not renewed their charter will NOT receive the **SIGNAL FIRE!!!**

SHAWNEE TRAILS NEWS

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer this year, I have. I look forward to the Fall though.

FCF CHANGES

At a recent NTD staff meeting, the procedures for Phase I and Phase II/The Frontier Adventure have been changed. Rather than having lots of different Phase I tests, we are going to have one Phase I a year. The phase I will occur at the Winter Pow Wow at each Divisional camp. This way we can get a Phase I in your neighborhood once a year. The Phase II/The Frontier Adventure will also be done once a year at the Summer Pow Wow at Lakeview camp. In the past we have had problems keeping up with records and getting enough help to put on these camps. We hope this is not an inconvenience but trust that it will give you a better quality Phase I and Phase II/The Frontier Adventure. If you have anyone that would like to get into FCF at this winter camp, please have the applications in to me by October 24.

FAMILY DAYS

The Family Days Camp will be October 27-29 this year. We are planning to have a real good time! Anyone who wishes to come is invited even if you are not in FCF yet! The camp will start as soon as you can get to Lakeview Camp on Friday. There will be a pot of stew cooking for all who want to eat it for supper at the registration area (which will be near the flag poles in the assembly area). All families need to bring a pie covered in a box or sack that will be auctioned off Friday night. The proceeds going to offset expenses from the camp. Afterwards we will have a pie supper! Umm Umm! We will have old time music while we have praise and worship so bring your instruments to help out the guitar and Banjo players. Mike Eddy will give us a short devotion afterwards. There will be a hay ride and a story reading for the youngun's (young at heart anyway...). By this time it will be time to go to bed. Saturday we will start off with an assembly to tell everyone what is going on and there will be old time games and activities the rest of the day! We will have a dessert cook-off right before we all come together for a pot luck supper and fellowship. Then we will have more praise and worship before Mike Eddy gives a message to us. Afterward, we will have a group communion under the stars and by candle light. After that, we will have a kangaroo court, story reading for the youngun's, and another hay ride! There will be prizes awarded for different activities with several wonderful grand prizes! Y'all come and rejoice ... the Lord with us and put joy in your heart the old fashion way! The

registration will be \$7 for members, \$5 for non-members, and no more than \$25 per family.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Christmas Banquet will be December 9, at 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. or whenever we are through. It will be in Plano this year at The Potter's House AOG, 1415 East Parker Road. We will have a Mexican dinner, pot luck style, with the main dish supplied. We will have fellowship, dinner, gift exchanging, praise and worship, and a quilt auction! All FCF members need to bring a FCF type gift (\$5 to \$20), ladies need to bring a lady type give (\$5 to \$20), and children a child type gift. You do not have to participate in the gift exchanging if you do not want to. This is where FCF dues are due for 1996. The dues are \$20 for old times and \$10 for young bucks.

As you can see, we have a lot planned for the near future. I am excited about what God will do at these events! Do not forget to pray for our district staff and the improvements to **our** camp. Hope to see you at the doin's!

Going about my Father's business.....

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

THE RANGER SUPPLY STORE

Would you like to help your District earn money while you receive PROMPT and knowledgeable service when ordering Ranger supplies? If so, try the Ranger Supply Store in Northern California. To receive a free catalog, please call their toll-free number (1-800-322-4377). They will always be glad to send you one. In addition to setting up a church account with them, they also accept Mastercard and Visa. So please consider The Ranger Supply Store the next time you order Royal Rangers, Missionettes, or FCF supplies.

THANK YOU

A special thanks goes to Ronnie Franklin for the new computer system for our office. It is a very special blessing to work on the new equipment, and I want to thank all of the commanders and churches who donated the funds to make this possible. God bless!!

Margaret ☺

DIVISION WINTER CAMPS

DATE: November 17 & 18, 1995

COST: \$7.00 per person *

* Only \$5.00 per person if **currently chartered!!!!**

Patches will be the same for each Division Camp. Registration will start at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and dismiss at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. There will be 5 locations for Winter Camp. They are as follows:

Warrior Division (North Ft. Worth, Denton, Wichita Falls, and Greenville sections) will have their Winter Camp at Camp McDonnell in Wichita Falls. You can arrive at camp as early as 10 a.m. on Friday and stay till 12 noon on Sunday if you wish. Each section will be in charge of the following:

GREENVILLE: Games and recreation for Saturday (1-2:30 p.m.)

DENTON: Classes on Saturday (9:30 am-11:30 am). The classes will be rotating classes with the emphasis on Winter Camping such as clothing, activities, "wet cooking".

WICHITA FALLS: Opening and Closing of the Camp, restrooms, general campground security and maintenance.

NORTH FT. WORTH: Council Fire (9 p.m., building and putting out fire) and the Speaker.

The **emergency only** phone number for the camp will be 817-781-1339. For more information, please call Joe Watts at 903-454-1474.

Southwest Division (Abilene, Waco, South Ft. Worth, and Austin sections) will have their Winter Camp at Keith Barber's Ranch outside of Meridian. The speaker will be Rev. Allen Phillips, Austin section commander. For more information, please contact Jonathan Trower at 817-848-5965.

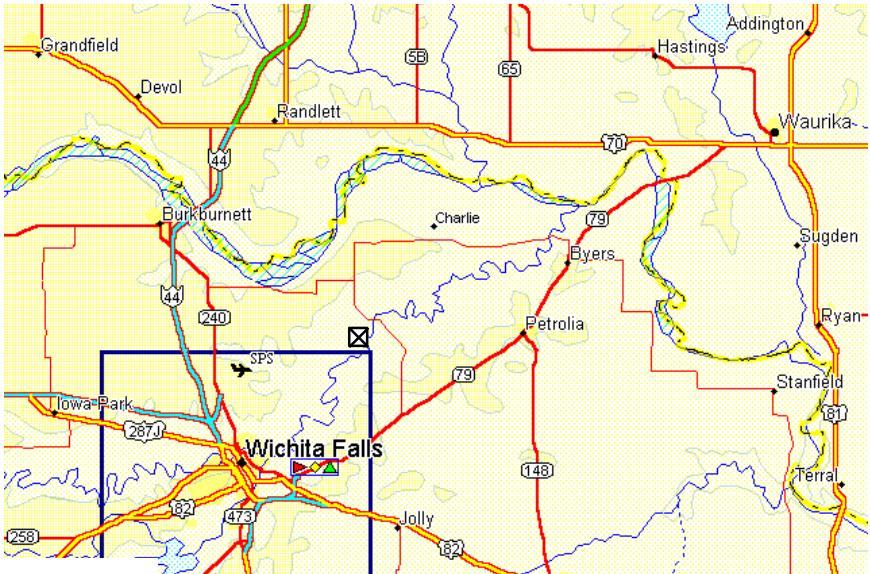
Southeast Division (Bryan, Corsicana, Palestine, and Lufkin sections). The speaker will be Rev. Leonard Ward. For more information, please contact Mack Cox at 409-272-3098.

Central Division (North Dallas, South Dallas, and Athens sections) will have their Winter Camp at Lakeview. For more information, please contact Ken Harris at 214-938-9751.

Northeast Division (Texarkana, Tyler, and Longview sections) will be held outside of Gilmer on Hwy. 155 heading toward Ore City. Look for the R.R. Signs! The speaker will be the Longview Sectional Presbyter, Rev. Roger Hoffpowier.

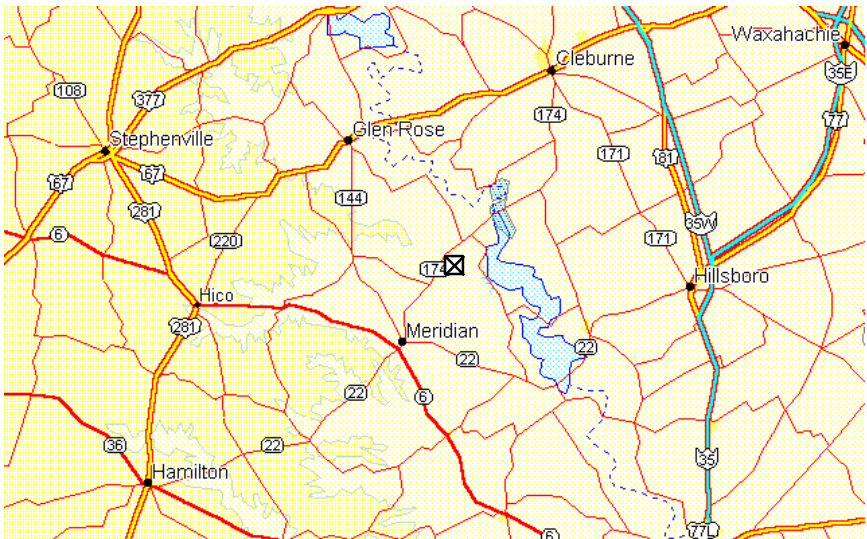
For more information, please contact Jody Fauss at 903-882-1040.

Warrior Division Map



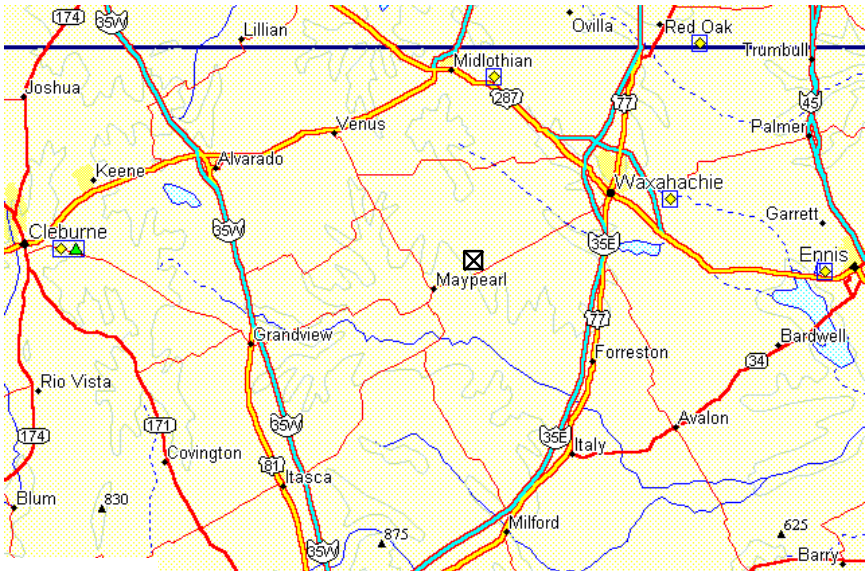
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Southwest Division Map



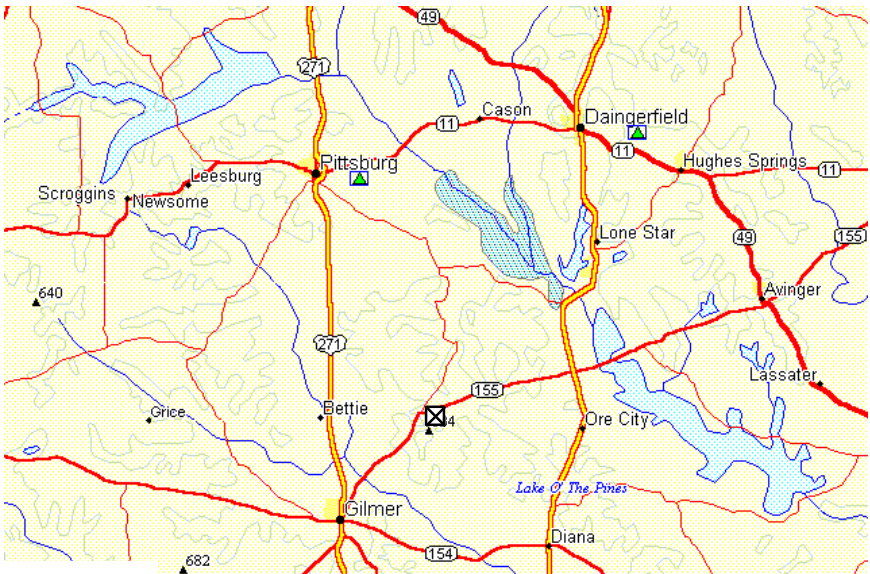
The camp is on the south side of the road (174) between Kopperl and Morgan. If you are going south and past a Roadside Park on your right, you have gone too far.

Central Division Map



Camp is approximately 2 miles east of Maypearl on Hwy. F.M. 66

Northeast Division Map



Outside of Gilmer on Hwy. 155 heading towards Orr City.

1996 REGIONAL SEMINAR IRVING, TEXAS

Location: The seminar will be held in Irving, Texas at Calvary Temple, 3000 W. Airport Freeway on January 26 & 27, 1996.

Guest: The McLaughlin Brothers will minister Friday night in music. The McLaughlin Brothers were raised on stages around the country, playing and singing a variety of gospel music. They have performed with many of the well known singers in the country. You will be blessed by their anointed music and their desire to minister to the lost.

National F.C.F. President, Fred Deaver will be speaking in the Friday night service. **National Commander, Ken Hunt** will be speaking in the Saturday Morning service.

Host Motel: Holiday Inn, Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport South, 4440 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062. Their phone number is **(214) 399-1010**. I have secured excellent room rates of \$56.00 per night for 1-4 people. (*their normal rate is \$106.00 per night*) Ask for the Royal Ranger Seminar rate when making your reservations. To be exempt from the 6% State tax, an exempt form must be signed and presented at time of check-in. **Motel reservations must be made prior to 15 January, 1996 to get the \$56.00 rate.** I know many of you wait until the day before the seminar to reserve your room. Let me encourage you to reserve your room before the cutoff date. After January 15th, the Motel will honor the \$56.00 rate if space is available. The motel is an open Atrium Holidome complete with indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, putting green, game room, toddlers playland, a pizza hut, ice cream shop and more. Call me if you have trouble in getting a room reservation.

If you would like to stay a few extra days, the motel will try to honor the \$56.00 rate. The motel is close to the church, and a major shopping mall (about 1/2 mile from the church).

Bunk-in: Male leaders may bunk-in the Gym on Friday night at no charge. Bring your sleeping gear. (No Showers available.)

Booths: We will have many booths with Royal Ranger items for sale or trade. If you bring items to sell or trade, please contact Randy Claunch or Marvin Lemke to reserve a booth. Note: booths are limited to items useful in the Royal Ranger Ministry. Bring your own table if possible.

Classes: A variety of exciting and different classes will be offered on Saturday that will benefit every Leader. Yes, classes for Buckaroo and Straight Arrow will be offered.

Cost: Pre-registration is **\$18.00** and **\$20.00** at the door. Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers. **Cutoff date for Pre-**

registration is January 18, 1996. (Note: pre-registration must be post marked by January 18, 1996). I will send an information packet containing maps, classes and schedules to those who pre-register.

Transportation: If you need transportation to or from the Airport, Please contact me with your flight schedule and I will have someone meet you at the Airport. Also, the motel picks up at the Airport and runs a frequent shuttle to the mall.

Additional Information: The largest Christian book store in the Southwest is located at the south end of the church parking lot. TBN's International broadcasting facility is across the church parking lot. (I hope to be able to get a tour of the facility on Saturday). Saturday noon meal will be hosted by the North Texas District Royal Rangers. The cost will be \$5.50. Purchase your tickets at the door on Friday night.

For more information contact:

Marvin Lemke, Phone (415) 728-1453

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR
CALVARY TEMPLE, IRVING, TX
JANUARY 26 & 27, 1996**

COST IS \$18.00 PRE-REGISTRATION & \$20.00 AT THE DOOR. Please submit a separate form for each leader. Pre-Registration must be postmarked by **January 18, 1996.** (Free Tie Tac For All Pre-Registrations)

(Please print your name and address clearly)

LAST: _____ FIRST: _____

STREET OR P.O. BOX: _____

CITY: _____

ST.: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

DISTRICT: _____

AMT. ENCLOSED \$ _____

Men may bunk in the gym on Friday. Bring your sleeping gear.

Mail Registration to: **MARVIN LEMKE**
8200 Crestline Court
Oklahoma City, OK 73132-1321
Phone (405) 728-1453

Make checks payable to: SCR Royal Rangers

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NEWS NEEDED

The deadline for the information for the next newsletter is December 15, 1995. Please send us your information as soon as possible to:

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