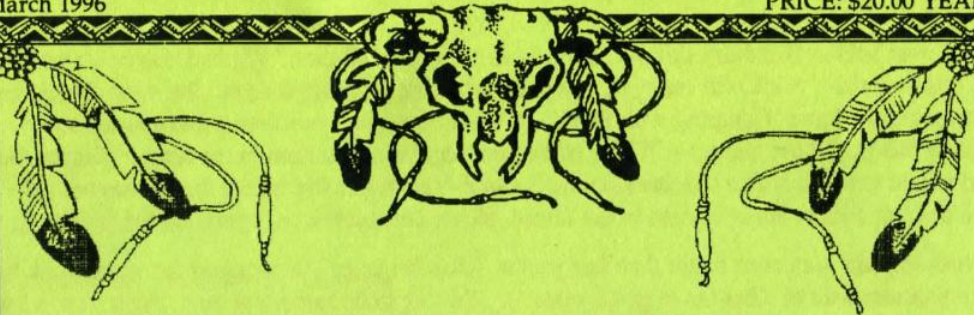


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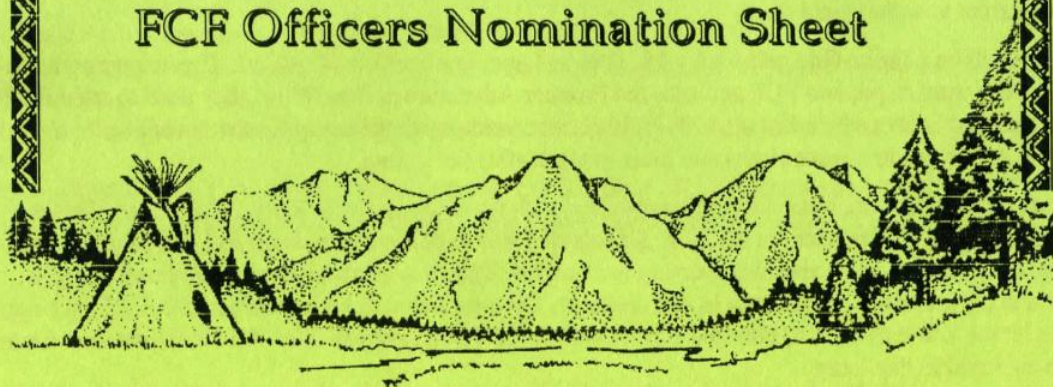
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President's Page

Well, it's been a good year so far! We have our BRT and the Brush Poppin' behind us with some fine memories.

Our BRT was held in Granbury this year and it was a really good time. We had two new classes taught this year that I think will really be useful this coming camping season. The new classes were "Camping in Rain" and "Camping with Pests". We had some fine instructors and learned some interesting things. These classes will be a part of our regular curriculum in the future. During lunch we had a field trip downtown to a buckskinner's shop! This was a big hit for the instructors! If anyone has some ideas about classes in the future, please contact me or anyone on the FCF staff.

Our Brush Poppin' was even better than last year's! Most brigades that went on the woodswalk had a costly encounter with ol' Griz (as in grizzly bear!). We lost some fine point men. Next year we will make even more improvements for you guys who like to look for strings... There were throwin' knives given to the winning team. Our young bucks were again blessed by the old timers with the gifts on our friendship blanket! We also had an advancement to Buckskin... congrats to Paul "Long Knife" Williams! He makes some fine throwin' knives if you ever need one... he made the prize throwin' knives for our camp. The turnout for the camp was a little poor... maybe it was the 16 degree weather! We all crammed into my teepee (about 20) and had a praise meetin'! Ken and Aaron Harris sang a special song and then we all sang the night away, with Ken strummin' his banjer. We had a special word from Long Knife that blessed each one of us and then we just soaked up the heat from my wood burnin' stove and fellowshipped. After a while everyone wandered back to their own lodge and went to bed. It was a real good time! Try to make the next doin's and bring a friend... who knows... he might get blessed... even better, you might get blessed!

Well, it's been two years since you fine fellers elected me to be your president. Now its time to have another election! There is a nomination ballot enclosed with this news letter. You need to nominate who you want to be on the ballot for president. Also we need to nominate a district scout. The qualifications for each position are on the nomination sheet. Please send your nominations back to Paul Patterson at the address on the sheet by April 15, 1996. The district staff will tally all nominations and send out a ballot for you to vote on. I have enclosed a list of members along with the last current year they paid dues.

There will be a Phase One given May 18, 1996 at Lakeview camp in Maypearl. If you have some folks that want to get into FCF and take the Frontier Adventure at Pow Wow, they need to attend! Get me your applications by May 11, 1996. This is also workday at the camp for the upcoming Pow Wow, so bring some work cloths and tools to work after the testing.

Don't forget about the National Rendezvous, July 15-19, at Camp Eagle Rock in Missouri! This is where all the FCF brethren in the USA get together and trade, compete, visit, and just have a good time in the Lord with Praise and Worship each night! This only happens every four years... so you need to try and make the last one in this century! The next one will be in the year 2000! If you need a ride let me know as soon as possible and we will see if we can get you one. All the registration forms are enclosed in this letter.

That's about it... I love you guys. Keep that fire burnin' and remember what it stands for! See you at the next doins'!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

Look What's Happening . . .

National Rendezvous

The National Rendezvous will be July 15-19, 1996. This camp only happens once every four years... so you better try to make this one! This will also be the last one in this century! The next one will be in the year 2000. At the national rendezvous is where all the FCF members in the USA come together for a good time of trading, competition, fellowship, and Praise and Worship to our Lord! All the preregistration forms are enclosed in this letter. Read over them real close because it will tell you exactly what will happen and when you need to get it back to me for processing. This will be a fun time so try real hard to make it. If you need a ride call me as soon as possible so we can try to arrange transportation for you. If you have any questions at all please call Gary Bierschwale @ 214/442-1325. Get started now makin your hand crafts and take them to MO and trade! See you there!

Phase II

"The Frontier Adventure"

There will be a Phase II for all you greenhorns itchin' to get in to FCF at the Pow Wow, May 31 - June 2! So get your Phase I done and get *called-out* at the Friday night counsel fire.

Phase 1

There will be a phase 1 testing May 18, 1996 @ Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. If you know anyone that wants to get into FCF, this will be they're last chance to get in by this Pow Wow so they can take the Frontier Adventure! Spread the word and lets get some new members joined up! I will need they're applications by May 11, 1996. This is also work day for the upcoming Pow Wow so bring your work cloths and tools so you can do some work after the testing.



1996 National Rendezvous

PERSONAL Application

Name _____ Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Church Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Outpost Number _____ Age _____

In case of emergency notify: Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____
Parent/ Guardian Consent Signature _____

Pastor's Certification for Church Worker:

I am personally acquainted with the applicant, and in my opinion he is a competent and qualified youth worker. I know of no facts or allegations that raise any question concerning his suitability for working with minors in any Royal Rangers activity. The applicant has completed a screening application that is on file with this church.

Pastor's Signature of Affirmation * _____

Registration Fee

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up the National Rendezvous, the \$50 registration fee for Old-timers and \$40 for Young Bucks must accompany this application. The registration fee can be paid by check.

Total Amount Paid \$ _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Travel fees—for food, lodging, and transportation to and from the National Rendezvous—are additional fees that must be paid to your district commander prior to the trip.

Registration Age Requirements

This application **must be received** by your district commander by **May 1, 1996**, in order for you to be eligible to attend. **Young Buck:** 1. He must be a Trailblazer and be a member of FCF. 2. He must complete these forms: registration form (signed by parent or guardian) and medical release form. **Old-Timer:** 1. He must be 18 years old or older and be a member of FCF. 2. He must be approved by his district commander. 3. He must be qualified, experienced, and actively involved in his outpost. 4. He must have these completed forms in order to attend: church worker's clearance form, medical release form, registration form. (Leader Note: The church worker's clearance form can be either a local church form or the one accompanying this application.)

* Application will be denied if not signed by applicant's pastor

Medical Record

General Information: A physical examination by a physician is required for enrollment. Persons arriving at the National Rendezvous without having had a physical examination will be required to have such an examination at personal expense by a local physician.
 This form is to be completed and mailed in with the application. The national Royal Rangers Office has the prerogative to accept or to reject any person, based on his medical health. (**Note District Commander:** Notify the national office if applicant has any questionable health problems indicated on this form.)

Health History	To be completed by the parent or physician. Has the applicant experienced the following? (Answer "Yes" or "No." If "Yes" explain under "Remarks and Medical Facts We Should Know.")				
Sinus condition		Shortness of breath		Exposed to infections:	
Ear problem		Skin infection		a. Disease past 3 weeks?	
Lung problem		Hearing difficulty		b. Hepatitis past 6 months?	
Heart trouble		Bad eyesight		Any disorder preventing strenuous activity?	
High blood pressure		Wear contact lenses?		Taking prescription medicine?	
Allergy - Asthma		Any medical care within past year?		Any reaction to drugs or medicine of any type?	
Fainting or dizzy spells		Any surgery within past year?			
Diabetes		Special diet required?			
Appendix removed					

Remarks and Medical Facts We Should Know:

Give latest date of inoculation or vaccination against following:	Tetanus	Small Pox	Measles	Typhoid	Diphtheria	Polio
Name and address of person to notify in an emergency					Area code & phone number	

I authorize the providing of medical services in the case of an accident, injury, or sickness.

Signature (parent/guardian, if under age 18) _____ Date _____

Physical Examination	Physician, please note: Applicants attending the National Rendezvous may be exposed to strenuous physical activity. Therefore, the applicant must be physically sound and strong.				
Print Applicant's Name	Examination Date	Birth Date	Height	Weight	Occupation
Briefly Indicate Condition	Heart	Lungs	Throat	Ears	
	Eyes	Skin	Hernia	Blood Pressure	

In your opinion, is the applicant physically capable to attend? Yes _____ No _____

Remarks:

Physician's Name (Print)	Physician's Signature
Physician's Address	
Physician's Area Code & Phone Number	



Classified Ads



Cast Iron If you are in the market for some fine cast iron cook ware and want to support your district, look at the set above. The FCF staff is offering this five piece set for only \$45.00. Yes, that is a bargain! If you are interested you can call Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale @ 214/442-1325 or just wait for the Pow Wow coming up in May. We will have it displayed in FCF village. The set includes: 8" skillet, 10-1/2" skillet, 4 qt. dutch oven (12") w/flanged lid, and a 19" oblong griddle.

TENT FOR SALE ? I have had several people ask me if I knew of someone that has a used primitive tent or lodge. If you know of someone please tell them to call me as soon as possible.

Plunder Boxes Some of the finest plunder boxes I have ever layed eyes on were made by David Villalpando! He will even do some fine wood burnin art on the top if you want. The wood burnin art he does is suitable for hanging on the wall at home! If you are in need of a box to put all that plunder in... give him a call @ 512/282-0179.

Throwing Knives If you want a well balanced throwing knife, look no further! Paul " Big Knife" Williams makes a first class knife. It is well crafted and has leather handles. It will make a good addition to your hawk! Call him @ 903/887-1125.

BEADS, BEADS, BEADS For some hard to find trade beads, give ol' Steve "Big Crow" Norcross a caw! He brings a beautiful assortment of trade beads to all camps. He will even build you a good lookin necklace if you want. If this sounds like something you want give Stevie J a call @ 214/288-5530. (If he's not home... leave him a message on his new answering machine. I hear he has a real neat answer!)

Official North Texas District FCF Nomination

for

President and Scout

FCF President Responsibilities

- 1) Must be active in the Royal Ranger Program.
- 2) Cooperate and work closely with the chairman (District Commander).
- 3) Will be the focal point of all FCF activities.
- 4) Encourages outposts to select candidates for FCF.
- 5) Maintains contact with members.
- 6) Will develop ways and means for perpetuating the chapter.
- 7) Arranges FCF public selection ceremonies and private initiations. These events will probably be directed by the chairman, but the president is responsible for making the arrangements.
- 8) He must inform the chairman of all things that must be brought up at meetings and all other activities pertaining to FCF within the District.
- 9) Must demonstrate a high degree of expertise and involvement in the Program.
- 10) Keep the membership aware of its role in the Royal Ranger Program.
- 11) Will attend all National, Regional, and District Royal Ranger Councils as a voting member, as well as attending all National, Territorial, District and FCF events.

Name of Nominee: _____

FCF Scout Responsibilities

- 1) Scouts are the boy representatives on the FCF chapter staff.
- 2) They should endeavor to express the viewpoint of the other boys in FCF in regard to plans for events and activities.
- 3) They should cultivate friendship and understanding among other members by personal example and other means.
- 4) They will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and participate in all FCF chapter activities.
- 5) Should be 15-16 years of age when nominated. This allows them to be nominated to territorial scout at next rendezvous.

Name of Nominee: _____

Please return this ballot to Paul Patterson @ 5120 Colorado Blvd., Ft Worth, TX 76180, by April 15, 1996.

Going about my fathers business ...



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