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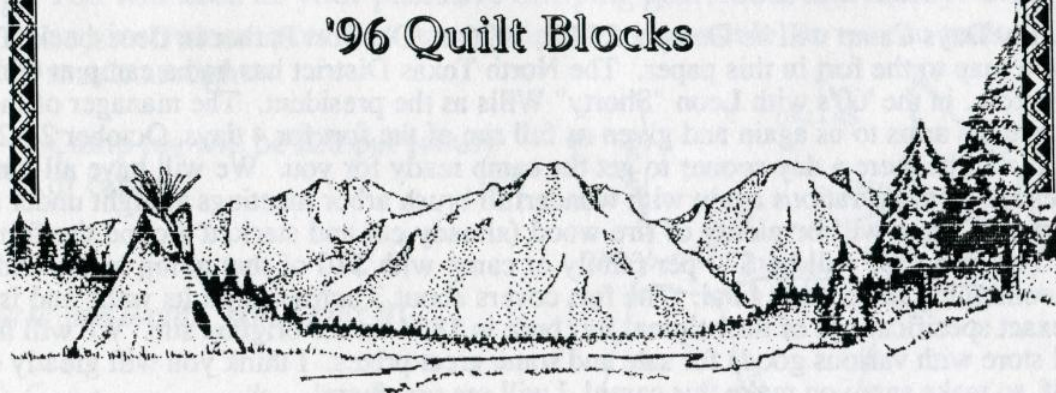
Life and times of the North Texas District Shawnee Trail Chapter

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President's Page



Thought I would give you something to sharpen your knife throwin skills on!

I hope everyone has had a good year so far. Although half the year is over... we still have some great activities going on around the district!

Hasn't this been grand weather this summer? I like it! And I hope it stays good for our Family Days camp coming up in October.

If you didn't attend the National Rendezvous... I heard we missed a great time of fellowship, brush arbor meetings and all kinds of fun FCF activities! We had about 25 attend from our district and had some pretty interesting things happen... The next time you see Terry Gibbs, ask him how he is feeling. Did you know he had a twin brother with the same name... Eli Harris represented the North Texas District as a participant in the election for a national scout... and won! Congratulations to our new National FCF Scout, ELI HARRIS! Ken couldn't

stand for Eli to have all the spot light so he was elected as National Shooting Sports Director! Boy, those Harris's, always doin something. A big congratulations for both of these fine FCF members for representing the district well! But it doesn't end here... Chris Coburn won best lodge set-up for a young buck! Congratulations to Chris! He had just bought his new tent and was excited to go to the rendezvous to set it up. Well, it looks like he knew what he was doin. Another good congratulation to all our North Texas FCF members that represented us so well at the National Rendezvous!

The Family Days Camp will be October 25-27, 1996 at Old Fort Parker in Groesbeck, Texas. There is a map to the fort in this paper. The North Texas District has had a camp at Old Fort Parker before, in the '60's with Leon "Shorty" Wills as the president. The manager of the fort has opened his arms to us again and given us full run of the fort for 4 days, October 24-27. A few of us will be there a day sooner to get the camp ready for you. We will have all kinds of activities and demonstrations again with wonderfull brush arbor meetings at night under a real brush arbor! There will be plenty of fire wood (already cut and stacked around the fort) and water. The camp fee will be \$20 per family or camp with \$10 of that going to the Old Fort Parker continuing restoration fund. The fort covers about 3 acres within its walls and is built to the exact specifications of the original fort built in 1834 on the original site. We will have a general store with various goods for sale and some great prizes. I think you will greatly enjoy yourself, so make sure you make this camp! I will see you there!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

Look What's Happening . . .

Family Days !

Yes! It's about time for our favorite camp, Family Days! It will be at Fort Parker in Groesbeck, Texas. Old Fort Parker is a rebuilt historic structure. It was reconstructed just like the original on or about on the same site. This is where Cynthia Ann Parker, mother of Quanah Parker, was kidnapped by Comanches after they tricked their way inside the fort and killed everyone else. The overseer of the fort, Bert Dockery, has opened his arms and given us full use of the fort and all of its facilities from Thursday October 24 to Sunday October 27. There may be visitors in camp during the day because it is a historic site and the town of Groesbeck and surrounding cities know there will be a historic camp in the fort that weekend. We will have a great speaker for our brush arbor meetings and all sorts of activities for the whole family. There will be some great prizes to be had and there will also be a general

inside one of the cabins in the fort. There will be patches and also medallions for a modest fee commemorating this camp. The camp fee will be \$20 per camp or family (\$10 of that will go to the fort). There will be water and fire wood but it wouldn't hurt to bring extra wood just in case... We hope this camp will be better than last years... so don't miss it!

Phase 1

There will be a phase 1 testing November 15-16, 1996 @ the Winter Divisional camps. If you know anyone that wants to get into FCF, please pass the word around in your sections and lets get some new members joined up! I will need they're applications by November 9, 1996. We have to prepare material and have enough food for the test so let us know asap.

STORE



Basic Ranger Academy

BRT / LTC / ABRT

As you may have heard... we are going to add to our Basic Ranger Training (BRT) Camp. In addition to the traditional BRT format, we will have an LTC Camp and an Advanced BRT Camp. The academy will start in February 1997 and I am going to need a lot of volunteers. Please call me if you are interested in helping out. An outline of the camp follows:

Gary Bierschwale 214/442-1325

People needed: 16 leaders

- 1 Camp Commander (Should be an instructor and have a good knowledge of Rangers)
- 1 Lt. Camp Commander (Assists Camp Commander in his duties (training spot))
- 1 Camp Coordinator (purchases or acquires all resources needed at camp)
- 1 Camp Assistant Coordinator (Assists the Camp Coordinator in his duties (training spot))
- 12 Camp Instructors (should be ICS trained instructors)

Registration: \$20 per person

Meals (\$3 per person per meal - 3 meals per camp = \$9)

Camp Patch (\$3 per person - patch will be same design each year with different colors)

Misc. (for items not in above categories - \$8)

Classes:

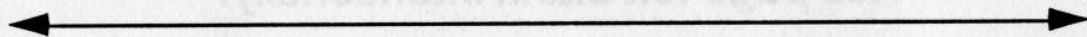
The BRT and LTC classes will include ropecraft, firecraft, toolcraft, compass, cooking, etc. The ABRT classes will consist of camping in rain, camping with pests, rope machines, making rope and constructing rope bridges, etc.

- Friday:
- 19:00 Camp Set-up
 - 20:00 Orientation / Friendship Supper
 - 20:30 Class on Council Fires
 - 20:45 Council Fire / Fellowship
- Saturday:
- 07:30 Breakfast / Devotion / Class Instructions
 - 09:00 Uniform Review
 - (there will be a total of 6 28 minute classes)
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 13:28 Classes
 - (there will be a total of 6 28 minute classes)
 - 16:00 Dismissal

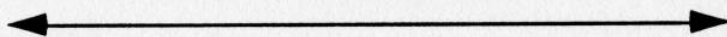
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We need some items for the Family Days Camp at Old Fort Parker. We are relying on you folks to help us out here. Please call Gary Bierschwale @ 214/442-1325 if you can help in any area. We need your help in order to put on a good camp for you. Listed below are the items needed:

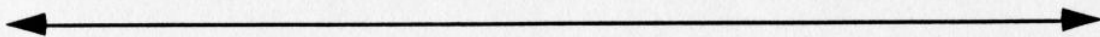
Volunteers for a play Saturday night, Oct. 26



**We need about six white hunter's frocks for the play
Saturday night, Oct. 26**



We need a sound man for the camp



We need sound equipment to use at the camp: Three clip-on wireless mics, Sound board, Speakers, External CD and Cassette player to plug into the sound board.

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WANTED

What are you looking at this side for ?

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1996 FCF Quilt Block

The quilt block for the 1996 FCF quilt is enclosed in this envelope. If you do not plan to complete a block for the quilt... please return it. Lets be good stewards of our District's assets. This material is being paid for with FCF funds and if we do not get enough squares back to complete the quilt, we will have to buy more material and it's not cheap.

This year's quilt is an Irish Chain pattern. It's going to be very beautiful! You can do what ever you want with your square, embroidery your name, your family's names, fancy art work, your totems, and use any color except white. Here are the rules for this year's block:

- 1) Don't wash it.
- 2) Don't use paint pens or markers of any sort.
- 3) Use as many colors embroidery floss as you wish, except white.

** Embroidery floss is six strands thick. Please separate it and use only two strands when embroidering your patterns.

- 4) Leave 1/4 inch seam allowance around all four sides of your block so we will be able to put them together without messing up your design.

Please try to have your block ready by Family Days Camp, October 25-27. We need as much time as we can get to put this puppy together and quilt it for you in time for the auction at the FCF Christmas banquet.

We will have a contest at the Family Days Camp for best looking block and a prize will be awarded! So do your best and bring it to camp so you will have a chance to win a nice prize!

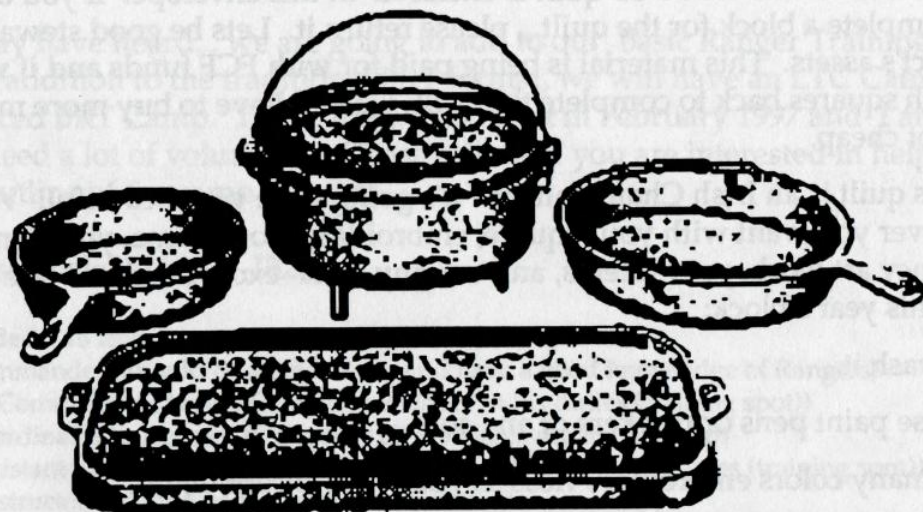
Return your block to:

Gary or Sheri Bierschwale, Five Carey Lane, Lucas TX 75002

214/442-1325



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. The set includes: 8" skillet, 10-1/2" skillet, 4 qt. dutch oven (12") w/flanged lid, and a 19" oblong griddle.

Soap & Shampoo OK, I'll admit... Some of you guys out there need to take heed to this ad. Mrs. Lowry has been makin some of the nicest smellin soap & poo this side of the Red River! She makes it the old way and wraps it in brown paper. I personally use her soap (no wise cracks!) and can tell you that it is next to none. If you would like to try some give her a call. Christine Lowry @ 903/498-7245

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!)

FCF Family Days Old Fort Parker

October 25-27, 1996

Who: Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and introduce them to primitive camping and activities. There will be camping areas for primitive and modern camping. Water and fire wood supplied.

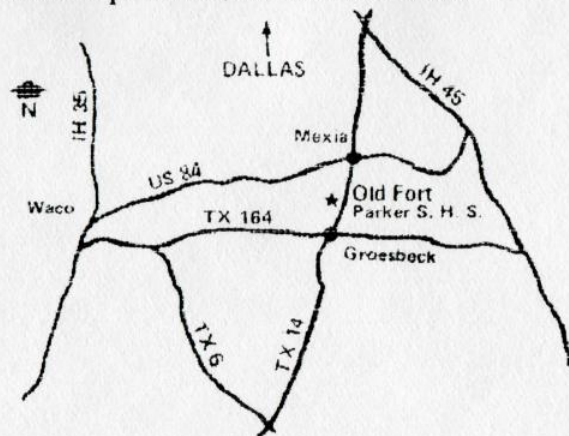
What: There will be activities for all age groups (Dessert Cook-off, Rope Making, Soap Making, Quilting, Shooting, Hawk & Knife Throwin, Eatin, Fellowshiping, Horse Shoe Tournament, Games, Maybe a Family Trace, and more!!). There will not be a schedule... we will just do things as we do them. There will be brush arbor meetings at night.

Bring: You will need all your primitive camping gear, food, and family. Bring any instrument you may have (primitive if possible) so we can make music at night!

Fee: Camp fee will be \$20 per family or camp.

If you're not there... you'll miss it!

Don't forget you're quilt square!



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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NTD FCF President
Five Carey Lane
Lucas, TX 75002



Going about my fathers business . . .