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North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS “Signal Fire”

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Hello Commanders:

I hope this newsletter finds you doing great in your outpost after such a good Pow Wow. We had 101 saved and 75 filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!!! You that did not make it, we would like to see you next time.

The Camporama is coming up quickly, are you ready? Commanders, remember to bring only 4 person tents or bigger. The first pageant will be Monday evening and the first meal will be Tuesday morning. You can check in on Sunday afternoon, but remember that you will need to feed your crew for every meal before Tuesday morning.

We could use your help to finish up out at the camp. We have a lot of cleanup and painting to be done. We need each of you when you come out for any reason to bring a few items:
2 - 2 x 6 x 12 ft, 1 - 2 x 10 x 12 ft, or 1 - 2 x 12 x 12 ft.
We would like to have treated lumber so we can use these for the benches down at the pageant site.

Thanks a lot commanders.

In His Service,

Paul Patterson
North Texas District Commander

1998-99 District Calendar

1998

August	21-22	Academy of Ranger Training
September	11-12	District Instructor Certification Seminar
	25-26	Commanders Campout
October	4-10	Royal Rangers Week
	23-25	FCF Family Days
November	13-14	Divisional Winter Camp
December	12	FCF Christmas Banquet

1999

January	29-30	South Central Regional Training Seminar (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)
February	5-6	District Instructor Certification Seminar
	19-20	Academy of Ranger Training
	26-28	BSTC, Lakeview Campground
March	4-7	NTC, Lakeview Campground
	12-13	FCF Brush Poppin
	27	District Ranger of the Year Testing
April	23-24	District Commanders Conference
May	8	Work Day for Pow Wow
	15	Regional Ranger of the Year competition
June	4-6	Pow Wow
July	11-16	Sarge Training Academy
August	20-21	Academy of Ranger Training
September	10-11	Instructor Certification Seminar
	24-25	District Commanders Campout
October	3-9	Royal Ranger Week
	22-24	FCF Family Days
November	12-13	District Winter Camp
December	11	FCF Christmas Banquet

Mark your calendars now for these dates.

Section Staff will be there to assist. This event will take place in July. Pray with us that more boys will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus.

Let me leave you with this thought... II Samuel 22:35 (NAS) tells us this. King David is singing a song of deliverance to God. Verse 35 says this, " He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze." I believe Commanders, that the bow of bronze for us is the Royal Rangers ministry. The calling to reach, teach and keep boys is great but we must be willing to be teachable and trained. I want to encourage anyone who senses a call from God to get all the training possible. Our District office and National office provides great opportunities of training and we need to take advantage of it. It is

North Division

All Division One Commanders and Royal Rangers, we need to find a good Biblical name for our Division, with a scripture reference or references to back up the chosen name. Also design a special division patch or emblem and flag to go with the new Division One name.

Please send the information to Lee Fogleman, 104 Patti J., Greenville TX 75402 or E-Mail address lfogleman@pulse.net.

All mailed entries must be received before 23 September 1998 or brought to the Commander's campout September 25th & 26th at Lakeview where we will vote and choose

NORTHEAST DIVISION

A special thank you to all those who assisted in the recent Pow Wow. Once again, God demonstrated His heart to reach boys and share His love to them. I am sure that everyone from the Northeast "Minuteman" Division who attended the Pow Wow received a special blessing from God. The Council Fires were awesome as boys responded to the call for Salvation or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It seems that God uses the Pow Wows to "pump me up" for Royal Rangers. We always return with a greater zeal and an understanding of the Father's heart toward boys. I believe Heaven looks forward to the Pow Wow more than we do. The Bible tells us that the angels rejoice when one soul is brought into the Kingdom. (Luke 15:10) I'm sure they had a time of celebration each night of the council fire. The FCF communion service was powerful. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

I am excited to hear reports from other commanders saying that their pastor came back from the district council meeting and placed their Royal Rangers ministry in the church budget. Praise God! This was such an encouragement to the commanders. As a result, the commanders have scheduled an all-out effort to reach the boys within a 5 block area of their church. They are planning a campout on the church property to introduce the Royal Rangers ministry to them. The Tyler

Deputy District Commander Report

Certainly the POW WOW was a great success. Maybe a little dusty and warm! Doesn't the Commanders lodge look great? This is a building everyone can be proud of. One time or another you will enjoy the comforts of being cool or maybe warm. I'm definitely excited about it. We still have a few things left to do. It should be completed in the near future. We need carpenters to finish the outside. We need insulation put in the ceilings. If you can give some time to help ... sure would be appreciated.... Call Deputy Commander Dwain Klopfenstein 817-281-0081. We raised over \$1300 in offerings. Praise the Lord! Lets continue to support this project with your gifts and prayers.

It's good to have new people willing to help out at POW WOW. Many of you are doing an outstanding job. Some will be able to step up and take over. Some are willing to do it now which is good ... Like being the Auctioneer. If you were not at the Council Fire Saturday evening you missed it. One of our fine young Royal Rangers broke the ice when he came forward and did the patch thing. It was Terrific. I need to coach him on his dress. I loved it.

Restrooms! This is the area we need to concentrate on for next year. To fix this problem we need more facilities at different locations. You can help by supporting us with funds or taking on the project to build one. See Commander Paul for the plans.

New camping area.. We ran out of camping area. By this time next year new areas will be available to camp. These areas will probably not be under trees. Sorry! But if you would like to have trees to camp under why don't you bring a tree to the property and plant one. Sounds like a great idea.

Commanders! We appreciate all your hard work and bringing your boys to POW WOW. Many boys' lives were changed. That's what it's all about.

District staff appreciates James Kemp and his outpost for a fine steak supper Saturday evening. We can handle that. Thanks for the invite.

See you all at Camporama!!

Dwain Klopfenstein, Deputy District Commander

Family Days 98

If you enjoy history and acting out the part, then you need to come to the Family Days camp this year! Our camp is set up as a pre-1840 setting and everyone involved in the group acts, talks, and dresses the part. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get the whole family involved in an activity together and be a part of an historical re-enactment! You will learn about historical crafts, participate in historical activities, and even have the opportunity to purchase hand-made historical replica merchandise! Some of the items will actually be made as you watch, like blacksmithing, soap making, gun making, candle making, quilt making, and more!

All this will take place at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, Oct. 23-25. The camp and activities will be located in the FCF Village-by-the-Lake. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this camp and activities. If you are not in FCF you are still welcome to come and bring the family and participate. There will be sites for primitive and modern camping. The cost of the camp will be \$10 for members and \$5 for non-members (kids under 5 are free).

We will start Friday, of the camp, with a friendship supper as you come into camp to register. Later that evening, we will have some blue grass music and praise and worship. Then we will have a pie auction and a pie supper! So, bring a pie to get auctioned off and help pay for our special speaker. It's worth bringing a pie just to hear old Skimmer Horn run out of breath!

Saturday will start with a word from our speaker and announcements about activities of the camp. Then all the activities begin! There will be shooting, hawk throwing, knife throwing, family games, woods walk, fire starting, and all kinds of people in the village showing off their skills and crafts from long ago! Later that evening we will come together for a community dinner, prize awarding, a brush arbor meeting, a community communion, and maybe even a kangaroo court!

Sunday we will have church and dismiss camp. So bring the family and enjoy recreating a little history and having a lot of fun with us! See you at the camp!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

Commander, pray for your outpost. A few weeks ago, I had a young man in my outpost who was asked to leave our outpost because of behavior problems. When I found out about this, I talked to the boy, discussing how intelligent he is, good grades but how I didn't like his behavior. I also told him several times that I loved him. I wish every one could have seen the change in his expression when I told him that. The next week, he came IN UNIFORM and half of his Bowie Knife award completed. Others saw the

Commanders Campout

Commanders, This is a great time to come and relax with other commanders within our district. This camp is designed for you without having to bring the boys with you. All you need to do is bring your sleeping bag. Tents and food will be supplied. This years campout will be held at the Royal Rangers campgrounds on September 25-26, 1998 and will cost \$10 per commander. Plan now to participate.

National Urban Leadership Conference (NULC)

There will be a NULC in Houston, TX September 24-27, 1998. A NULC is designed to prepare commanders (and Missionette leaders) to effectively minister to kids in our urban areas. The NULC will consist of a series of classes on how to relate and minister to urban boys and girls, and an opportunity to minister on Saturday afternoon to a group of children in an urban setting. If you are interested in attending, or want more information, you may contact Jonathan Trower at 254-420-1941 or Jonathan_Trower@baylor.edu

Chartering

Look for the 1998-99 Chartering Packages to be mailed to your Church Office at the beginning of August.

Pow Wow Prayer Vigil Results

For those who missed the 24 hour prayer vigil in March, the opportunity was given during the POW-WOW to make it up. This is the first POW-WOW that I know of that had continuous prayer from beginning to end. This made a significant difference in the success of the camp. I know it was hard to get up early in the morning to pray but from what I have heard the "sacrifice" was worth it. Most every time slot was filled. Thanks to the Divisional Commanders and the men who cooperated with effort. One section was not able to fill the time slot in the lodge but did have offsite support during the time assigned. This shows dedication even for those who could not attend the camp.

Over 100 boys and men accepted Christ for the first time or rededicated their lives to Christ. How much courage does it require for a commander or a boy to come forward!!!! Your prayers gave them that courage. What would have been the result if you had NOT prayed. Also, I know of no serious injuries during this camp. Coincidence? Not likely. This is another sign of the impact your prayers. God is good and inhabits the praise of His people.

Just because POW-WOW is over, don't stop praying. We still have Camporama, activities for the rest of the year and many boys and men who need Christ. Continue to be a part of the solution in reaching them.

Leadership Training Course Camp-out

The next Leadership Training Course training camp-out will be held August 21-22, 1998 in conjunction with the Academy of Ranger Training. Everyone who is currently working on the LTC needs to complete this camp. Classes will be held for those taking the Standard LTC and the Buckaroo/Straight Arrow LTC. The camp will be held at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. Each trainee is responsible for bringing their personal camping and cooking equipment, including tents, Class B uniform, camp uniform (RR T-shirt and jeans), compass, hand ax, pocket knife, whet stone, and file. The cost of the camp is \$20, which covers the meals, insurance, training materials, and a patch for the camp. The first class begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, so leaders need to be there in sufficient time to get their camp set up prior to that time. The training camp-out concludes promptly at 3:00 p.m. Saturday.

American Red Cross First Aid Course

At the conclusion of the LTC Training Camp-out in August, we will again hold the American Red Cross first aid course. For those who simply want the first aid training that is required to complete Section IV of the LTC, this will be a three-hour course, and the fee is \$2.00 to cover supper (you also do not receive the certificate from the Red Cross). This portion of the course will be done by 6:30 p.m. Saturday. If you want to also receive the CPR training, or you want to receive the certificates for completing the course, it will take a total of six hours to complete the course, so you will be done by 9:30 p.m. Saturday. To take the entire course and receive the First Aid and CPR certificates from the Red Cross will cost \$12 plus \$11.50 for the required first aid book.

Instructor Certification Seminar

There is always a need for qualified commanders who would like to help teach the Leadership Training Course. If you have completed the LTC, and either NTC or BSTC, then you probably qualify to become an instructor. The next step would be to attend an Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS). The next ICS will be held September 11-12, 1998. The cost is \$35, which includes a complete copy of the teaching guidelines we use in this district, along with the transparencies for the course. If you are interested, you need to pre-register and obtain approvals from your pastor, sectional presbyter, and sectional commander. You may obtain the necessary forms from the district office or the district training coordinator. If you originally certified four years ago (September 1994), then you will also have to attend the ICS this year to recertify. Contact the district office for further details on the cost and class schedule of this recertification.

2nd Annual 1998 ART

Make plans now to attend the second annual Academy of Ranger Training camp (ART). The Basic Ranger Training (BRT) and the Leadership Training Class (LTC) will be going over the basic skills for camping such as cooking, ropecraft, firecraft, nature study, council fires, lashing, toolcraft, etc. If you are a new leader to the camping program, this is a class you will need to take or if you have recently taken the LTC, you will need to take this camp to finish your course.

This year for the Advanced Ranger Training (ART) we will have defensive sword play and rope bridge construction. In the sword class you will learn how to handle a sword for skits at council fires or for demonstrations for out-reach. This class will teach you the proper ways to handle a sword and also proper offensive and defensive moves. The key point in this class will be safety. The rope bridge class will teach you how to construct a rope bridge properly and use it. You will actually construct a rope bridge over a hazard and use it to cross. This is an ideal activity to take back home and do with your older boys in your outpost!

There will also be a black powder class offered during this camp. The black powder class costs \$10 (in addition to the \$20 camp fee) and will take the entire 2 days of the camp. You will need to be at camp by 6:00 Friday evening and stay until Saturday at 3:00 p.m. You will earn a NRA black powder shooting card which will allow you to shoot firearms at any black powder shoot.

There will also be a First Aid class taught at this camp for those needing a certified Red Cross first aid course. The course will be taught Saturday starting at 3:00 p.m. at the commanders lodge. If you only need the class for LTC it will last till 6:00 p.m. and if you want the certification card it will last till 9:00 p.m. There will be a supper served during this course at 6:00 p.m. The cost for this course will be \$2 for those taking the course from 3:00 to 6:00 for their LTC requirements and \$12 for those taking the full course from 3:00 till 9:00 earning their Red Cross

certification (getting their card). These fees include supper. Those taking the entire course for certification must also purchase a first aid book for \$11.50.

The camp will be August 21-22 and the cost will be \$20. This will pay for a patch, insurance, supplies, and three meals. The camp will be at Lakeview camp in Maypearl. This camp is open to commanders and outpost leaders (Jr. and Lt. commanders) only. If you have any questions about these camps please call Gary Bierschwale at 972/442-1325.

FCF Christmas Banquet

Make plans now to attend the 1998 FCF Christmas Banquet. This year's Banquet will be held on December 12, 1998 at the Commanders Lodge at camp. It will be held from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The meal will be catered and no gifts will be exchanged. I feel that we may have caused someone to miss the banquet in the past because they couldn't afford the expense of the trip, gifts, and food so this year we are trying something different.

From 3:00-5:00, we have old fashion games and fellowship. Then from 5:00-6:00 we will enjoy our meal and comments from Wild Wind and from 6:00-7:00 we will have a speaker to share God's Word with us. Brother Derwood Dubose is schedule but I do not have final confirmation from him. Any ideas that anyone has to make this a good banquet please contact me. Rodney "Grizzly" Krumnow, rkrumnow@juno.com or at (254) 803-2498 or I can be faxed

Trappers Brigade Point System

I am currently working on the point system to try and make it simpler and easier to figure out what you can count and not count. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Trappers Brigade or would like an application, please call me at 254-803-2498 or fax me at 254-803-2499.