

The Long Tom

Winter 1998

From the President & Scribe

Greetings All!

As we start off 1998, I have a few reminders to aid in planning for a diligent year in FCF. First, let's get those young bucks to be up to speed now! Encourage other commanders to become new members of FCF by diligently studying "Adventures in Camping" and LTC principles. You would be surprised what a few study sessions outside the outpost meeting will do to bring you and your boys up to speed. FCF is not a cakewalk but is well worth the effort to study diligently to become among the elite spiritual leaders of Royal Rangers. Get with it – you will not regret it. Requirements for boys are that they must have earned the Trailblazer First Class Rating, earned the Camping Men and be recommended by their outpost for this position. They must then pass phase one testing which will be held on district workday May 9th of this year and pass phase two – Frontier Adventure to be held at District Pow Wow. Requirements for men are that they

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Attitude Adjuster!

The 1998 District Pow Wow will be at Lakeview on the 29th through the 31st of May. As FCF members, let's set a positive attitude example to comply with District administration policies. Among them will be the enforcement by security of being at group assemblies on time, like council fires and other assemblies. It is proper to obey Godly authority and District administration is responsible for the safety of the camp. To further aid in compliance, I quote from the 1995 edition of the Royal Rangers Leaders Manual, page 40 1st paragraph "There was a time when you could allow a group of boys to go anywhere and do anything they wanted. But in today's society, unfortunately, your boys need the protection of an adult." Leaders don't just do your own thing, have those boys and yourselves at the group assemblies – ON TIME! ♦

Congratulations

Since the last newsletter, several have received their Gold Medal of Achievement.

Kurt Griffis and Lowell Martin

Southlake Assembly of God November 16, 1997

Simon K. Mace November 23, 1997

First Assembly of God – Copperas Cove

Eric Anaya and Marvin Van Noy

Southlake Assembly of God February 8, 1998

Jimmie Brooks February 15, 1998

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must be in good standing with their church, complete the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course and earn the Leaders Medal of Achievement. He must then be selected and approved by the FCF staff and pass phase's one and two as earlier mentioned for boys. An application to join is attached but please make copies of a BLANK copy and store a blank copy in a safe place. Please include a \$10.00 testing fee with each application and study diligently. The completed application and fee are to be sent to the President, Gary "Wildwind" Bierschwale at 5 Carey Lane, Lucas Texas 75002. Email EUSCABI@am1.ericsson.se. Please send these applications at least three weeks before the phase one testing date so the testing staff can gather enough testing supplies and prepare for an orderly testing session. ♦

Attention Trappers Brigade! Let's reconcile those points and get your status upgraded through the Wilderness Representative Rodney Krumnow at P.O. Box 1244, Marlin, TX. 76661, Phone # (254) 803-2498. An application is attached as well but don't forget to copy the BLANK original, put it in a safe and like a peace officer and his gun – don't give it up. ♦

For those wishing to advance to Buckskin, contact Brian "One Way" Philpott for information and the required Buckskin Prerequisite Course. This course and the requirements within, must be completed and ample advance notice given before being promoted to Buckskin. Brian's address is 518N. Holiday Dr, Grand Prairie, TX 75052, or contact him by phone, evenings at (972) 264-4382. ♦

Speaking of enhancing skills, skills can be further refined at our winter A.R.T. / B.R.T at Lakeview Camp. It will be held on the 20th and 21st of February, 1998 so encourage others who need to complete their LTC camp with First Aid and CPR. The cost of the entire camp with meals included is around \$20.00 to \$30.00 depending on the CPR / First Aid card options you choose. This is about half of what it costs to take First Aid and CPR alone through the Red Cross direct. Get those young bucks, especially the GMA candidates in for this requirement as it is offered through the district A.R.T. / B.R.T. only twice per year. Commanders, keep your certification(s) current as well. If we act responsibly, it keeps us protected under the Good Samaritan Law and we never know when we will need

to use it. For more information on the A.R.T. / B.R.T. contact the training coordinator, Jonathan Trower via email "Jonathan_Trower@Baylor.edu". ♦

March 6th and 7th is Brush Poppin at Ken "C.O.A.L." Harris' place. A map is attached and it's really not hard to find, so plan to be there for Candle Shoot's, tradin, and other fun activities as El Ninio permits. If nothing else, just be there to solve the worlds problems – you know we can do it guys. Nominations for FCF election to be held at POW WOW will be accepted at Brush Poppin with approval procedures followed as explained at the Christmas 97 Meeting / Banquet. The cost will be \$10.00 and include some great tastin stew so come hungry Friday night to finish it off. ♦

District Ranger of the Year testing will be hosted by Christ Church in Wedgewood on March 14. Further information can be obtained through Mark Oliver at 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft Worth, TX 76123-2018 or moliver@csc.com. ♦

Commander's Conference will be held in Waco at Victorious Life Fellowship, home church of the Espin and Trower families. It will be held on April the 24th and 25th so get those evaluations for commander's awards processed in a timely manner through the proper chain of command. For more information, see attached Map. "The Doctor (Bigfoot) is in" email Jonathan_Trower@Baylor.edu. ♦

As mentioned earlier, lets be good examples and show up for District Workday / FCF Phase one testing on May 9th at Lakeview to get the property in shape for Pow Wow and watch God Move. ♦

For those participating in Regional Ranger of the Year testing, plans are to hold it at a Gulf Latin Church somewhere in the DFW metroplex on May 16th. ♦

Thanks for all your support and please attend as many activities as you can. Don't forget prayer time at 2100 Hours Thursdays. ♦

Gary Bierschwale

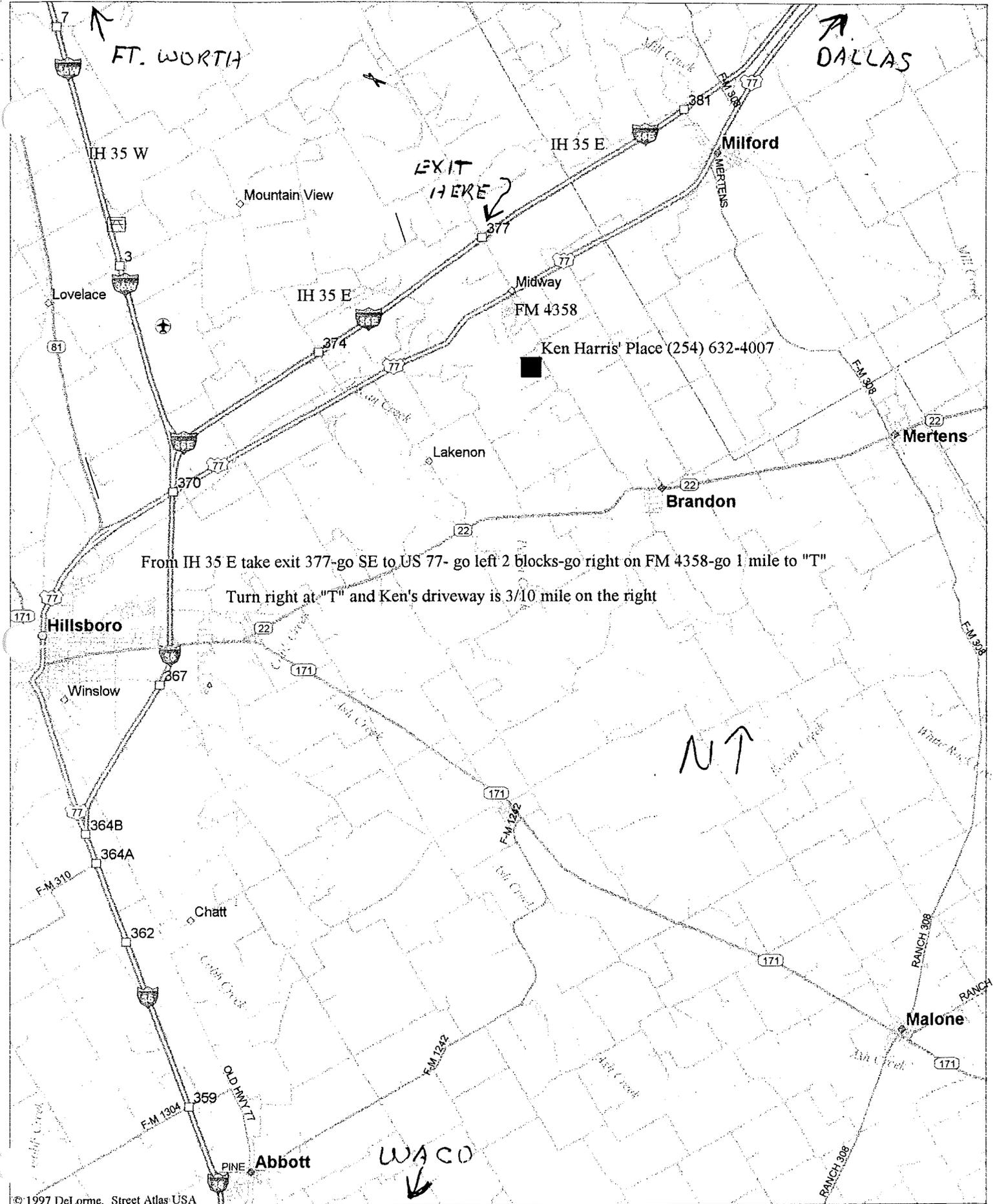
John J. Baumann

NTD FCF President

NTD FCF Scribe ♦

1998 Dues Due – OT \$20 / YB \$10

Send To Scribe -See Return Address of Newsletter♦



FT. WORTH

DALLAS

EXIT
HERE

IH 35 W

IH 35 E

Milford

Mountain View

Lovelace

IH 35 E

Midway

FM 4358

Ken Harris' Place (254) 632-4007

Lakenon

Mertens

Brandon

From IH 35 E take exit 377-go SE to US 77- go left 2 blocks-go right on FM 4358-go 1 mile to "T"

Turn right at "T" and Ken's driveway is 3/10 mile on the right

Hillsboro

Winslow

Chatt

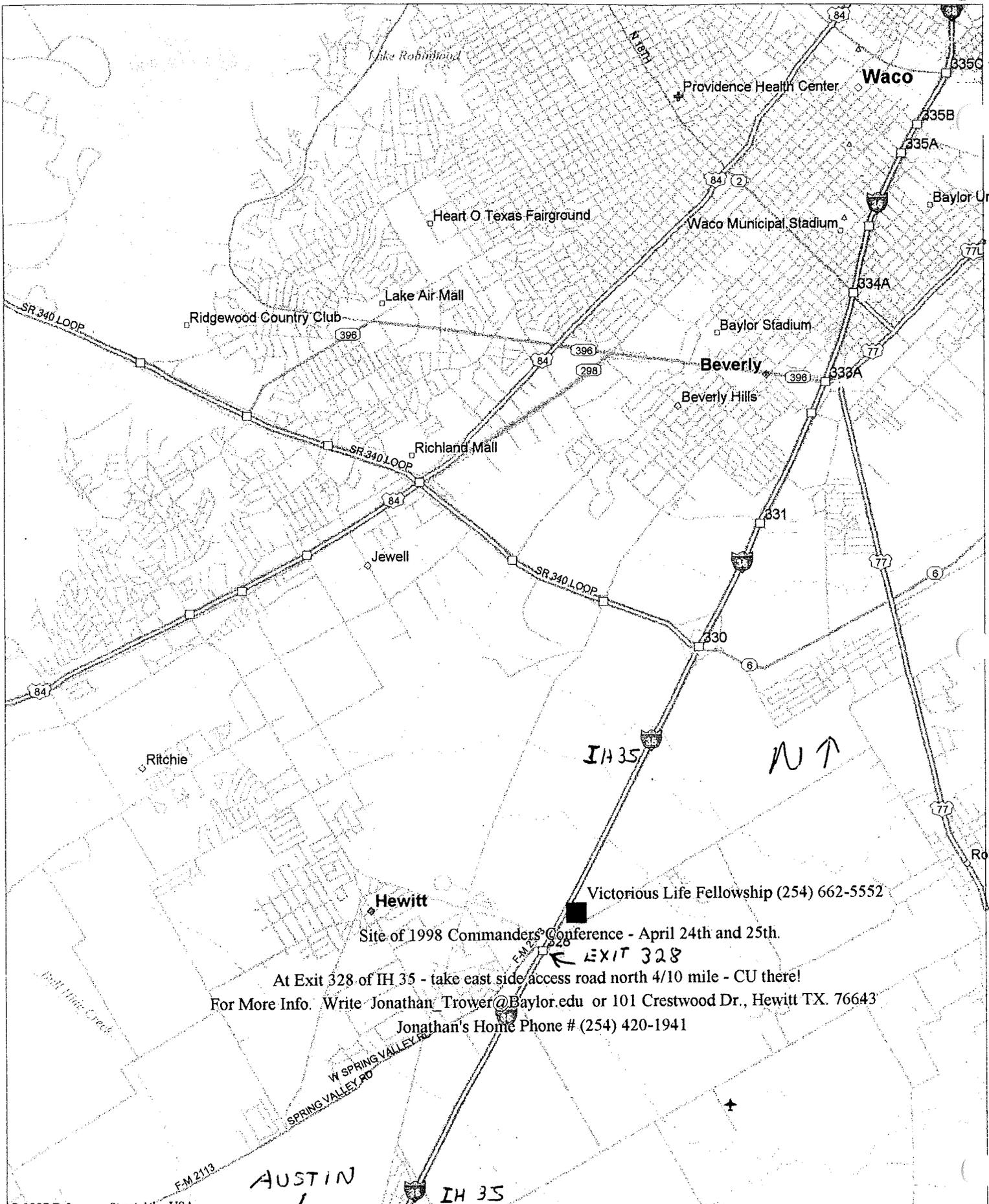
Malone

Abbott

WACO

FT WORTH

DALLAS



Victorious Life Fellowship (254) 662-5552
 Site of 1998 Commanders Conference - April 24th and 25th.

At Exit 328 of IH 35 - take east side access road north 4/10 mile - CU there!
 For More Info. Write Jonathan_Trower@Baylor.edu or 101 Crestwood Dr., Hewitt TX. 76643
 Jonathan's Home Phone # (254) 420-1941

Trapper's Brigade Application
Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship
Shawnee Trails Chapter

Name: _____
First "FCF Name" Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: (____) ____ - _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

Church: _____ Outpost #: _____

Current recognition: Frontiersman Buckskin Frontiersman Wilderness Frontiersman

Trapper's Brigade Recognition applying for:

- Company Trapper (total 20 points)
- Bourgeois (total 60 points)
- Free Trapper (total 120 points)
- Free Trapper Numeral (each additional 30 points)

Guidelines: An FCF member must be in good standing with the Chapter. His current and past year's dues must be paid. He must have participated in at least half the Chapter activities in the current and previous year. He must be actively involved in his local outpost and church. Activities in the local church may consist of supervising boys in Christian service outside of normal Royal Ranger activities. Points can be earned for assisting the needy, fund raisers for special needs, and assisting Royal Ranger programs outside your own church. You cannot earn points for activities that you normally do as a church member. Nor can you earn points for work performed for wages. Points cannot be earned for Royal Ranger fund raisers, teaching any kind of courses (LTC, First Aid, etc.), teaching Sunday School, CA Leader, money spent, or travel time.

Application for points must be submitted within 1 year from the time of the activity. The Application should be sent to the FCF Trapper's Brigade Rep. The application will be reviewed by the Trapper's Brigade Authorization Committee in order to award the points. Those FCFers under the age of 18 need the signature of a supervisor.

For activities completed within your community, 1/2 point will be awarded for each hour of work. For activities completed outside your community, you will earn 1 full point for each hour worked.

Application for Membership

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

Shawnee Trails Chapter

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt # City State Zip

Phone # : (_____) _____ - _____ Present Rank: _____

Church Name: _____

Current outpost charter? Yes No

Minimum Requirements for Application

Men	Leadership Training Course completed. Date: _____
Boys	Trailblazer First Class completed. Date: _____ Advanced Camping Award completed. Date: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Explain why you want to be a part of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship:

Recommendation of Pastor or Commander:

Pastor's Signature

Commander's Signature

For District Use Only

Received _____	Accepted _____	Rejected _____	Reason for Rejection _____	Notified _____
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BRT / ART

LAKEVIEW CAMP / FEBRUARY 20-21

BRUSH POPPIN'

KEN "COAL" HARRIS' PLACE / MARCH 6-7

DISTRICT RANGER OF THE YEAR TESTING

CHRIST CHURCH - WEDGEWOOD / MARCH 14

DEADLINE CAMPORAMA APPLICATIONS, PHYSICALS & FEES DUE AT DISTRICT OFFICE 1 APRIL 1998

COMMANDERS CONFERENCE

VICTORIOUS LIFE FELLOWSHIP - WACO (HEWITT) / APRIL 24-25

DISTRICT WORK DAY / PHASE ONE TESTING

LAKEVIEW CAMP / MAY 9

REGIONAL TESTING LOCATION TBA MAY 16

DISTRICT POW WOW

LAKEVIEW CAMP / MAY 29-31

1998 NATIONAL CAMPORAMA

CAMP EAGLE ROCK MISSOURI / JULY 13 - 18

RETURN ADDRESS:

JOHN J. BAUMANN

1957 E. IRVING BLVD.

IRVING, TX. 75060-4555

RANGERJJB@SBE67.ORG

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED