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NEWS NEEDED

Is there anything specific you would like to learn more about. If you have some ideas or articles to place in the Signal Fire, the next deadline to receive news is November 21, 1998. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or moliver@csc.com.

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Commanders:

I would like to thank you for a very successful year. As we start a new charter year, I would like to urge each church to send their charter applications back to the District Office by November 1. It's very important that we receive them by this time in order to make sure you do not miss out on any High Adventure magazines.

As the Commanders Lodge is getting close to completion I would like to let you know that the reason we built the Lodge first is because this is the only way to have National Training events such as NTC at our Camp. Now that the lodge is available for use, we now have our first two national camps scheduled for February 26-28 (BSTC) and March 4-7 (NTC) next year. These camps will fill up fast so please make sure you get your application back to the national office soon. The restrooms at camp are progressing with sections sponsoring these. We could still use your help at camp with the many outstanding tasks. Each division is planning a work day to help complete these. Please plan to attend.

I want to tell you how proud I was of the North Texas District men and boys that went with us to Camparama. You were fantastic with the way you acted and worked even when not asked. If anything needed done, you did it! I am very proud of every one of you. You made my job a lot easier.

Be praying for the Royal Rangers.

In His service,

Paul Patterson, North Texas District Commander

1998-99 District Calendar

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October 23-25 FCF Family Days
 November 13-14 Divisional Winter Camp
 December 12 FCF Christmas Banquet

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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
 29-31 FCF Family Days
 November 12-13 District Winter Camp
 December 11 FCF Christmas Banquet

Mark your calendars now for these dates.

Royal Rangers South Central Regional Training Seminar

The seminar is going to be held at Faith Tabernacle, I-40 and Portland Ave. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 29-30, 1999.

The cost is \$20.00 if you pre-register and \$22.00 if you register at the door. Please submit a separate registration form for each leader. Pre-registration must be postmarked by January 16, 1999 to qualify for the pre-registration discount, and to receive the free tie-tac.

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY)

Last name: _____ First Name: _____

Street or PO Box _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ District: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I will Bunk-in the Gym: ____ Yes ____ No
 (men only--bring your own gear)

I will be eating the Sat. noon meal at the Gym: ____ Yes ____ No
 (\$5.50, purchase your ticket when you register)

Will your wife be attending the ladies activities: ____ Yes ____ No

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Jonathan Trower
 PO Box 6211
 Waco, TX 76706
 Phone: 254-420-1941

Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers.

1999 South Central Regional Training Seminar

The 1999 South Central Regional Training Seminar will be held January 29-30, 1999 at Faith Tabernacle in Oklahoma City, OK. Friday night we will be blessed with the anointed singing of The Merits, a southern gospel singing group from Springdale, Arkansas. On Saturday, we will have a number of great classes for leaders to chose from, including classes on Buckaroos and Straight Arrows, the new Challengers material, the Outpost Council LTC, a class by Fred Deaver on the family, and many more. Complete details will be in the next issue of the Bugle Call, and will be posted on the regional web site at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>.

The host hotel is the Best Western Saddleback Inn, which is located about one mile from the church. This is a very nice motel which has been completely remodeled. It is located at I-40 and Meridian. The cost will be \$55.00 for 1 to 4 people. They also have suites available for \$70.00 per night (normal rate is \$160.00). You can make your reservation by phoning 1-800-228-3903 and asking for the Royal Rangers block #9685. Male commanders may bunk for free at the host church; bring your cot and bedroll and enjoy the fellowship Friday night.

The cost of the Seminar is \$20.00 if you pre-register by January 16, 1999, or \$22.00 if you register at the door. As an extra incentive, those who pre-register will receive a free tie-tac with their registration. The noon meal Saturday will be provided by the host church for the very reasonable price of \$5.50. You will be able to purchase your tickets for lunch when you register for the Seminar.

On Saturday, there will be activities for the ladies at the hotel. After breakfast, Joyce Deaver (Fred Deaver's wife) will be presenting a devotion to the ladies. Following that, there will be a session in both the morning and afternoon devoted to crafts (until approximately 3:00 p.m.) The cost of the materials for the crafts will be approximately \$6.00. If your wife would be interested in joining in these activities, please indicate that on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you at the Seminar!

Instructor Certification Seminar

Congratulations to the following commanders who were recertified as instructors for the North Texas District.

John Baumann	Tommy Bennett
Clyde Burress	Michael Coburn
Kenneth Dotson	David Elliott
Terry Gibbs	Lonnie Harris
Sammy Kellum	Wanda Kellum
Lindsay Lang	Michael Lowe
David Lowry	Russell Mask
Terry Mathis	David McDaniel
Sherman McDaniel	John Permenter
Brian Philpott	Sheryl Poorboy
Jearl Poorboy, Sr.	Faye Spence
Bruce Wadsworth	David Wilson
Wayne Word	

The following were certified for the first time:

Brady Brackin	Michael Gallops
Cody Hord	Mark Horner
Frankie Mae McEntire	Roddie McEntire
Gilbert Moncivais	

If you would like to become an instructor and help teach the Leadership Training Course, plan now to attend the ICS scheduled for February 5-6, 1999.

The latest issue of the South Central Region's Bugle Call newsletter is now available on-line at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>

In addition, you can also find out more about upcoming North Texas District events at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd>

Division One Update

Division One is looking for a name. I have several ideas to submit and am excited about some other suggestions. If you have any questions please call me. My home number is (903)454-9439, and my work number is (903) 457-5627. My address is 104 Patti J., Greenville TX 75402. I would like to have patches available at the Winter campout.

The District needs our help! There is a lot of work that needs done on the Commander's Lodge and the camp grounds. Division One has a work force scheduled 16 & 17 October. We will arrive Friday night to start work early Saturday morning. We need carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and laborers. Sometimes we can't support with much money, but maybe we can support by working. FCFers this will count for Trappers Brigade. I pray you will come and join us, supporting our District Commander and **our** camp grounds!

The location for the Winter Camp will be Camp Burnett, 3301 N. White Chapel Road, Southlake, Texas. It's hard to believe the location and yet the privacy it offers. Commander Roger Steward came up with the idea and just got done giving me a tour of Camp Burnett August 15th. I loved it, and you will too. It's located at a midpoint for our Division. I have started to line up speakers and Pastors for this camp. Come expecting great miracles to take place!

I close with a scripture from Deuteronomy 10:12. "And now, O Israel,(Division One) what does the Lord God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all of your soul."

And I know that the Ranger ministry is a way to serve the Lord, with all your heart and soul. I know, for I am Called, are you?

In The Master Ranger's Service
Division 1 Commander
Lee Fogleman

Contact your Divisional or Sectional commander if you have additional questions about this year Divisional Winter Camps. They will be held the weekend of November 13-14.

Trappers Brigade Update

The following FCF members have earned additional Free Trapper points.

New Members For 1998

Sammy "Longhorn" Kellum	2/2/98	OP#72	192 pts. Free Trapper + # 2
Nolen "Iron Horse"Fox	2/21/98	OP#188	672 pts. Free Trapper + # 18
Steve Hyatt	6/1/98	OP#11	218 pts. Free Trapper + # 3
Chad Hyatt	6/1/98	OP#11	218 pts. Free Trapper + # 3
Christopher Philpott	8/21/98	OP#120	20 pts. Company Trapper

Advancements

Jimmy "Dove" Brooks	3/7/98	OP#182	99 pts Pin # 11
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Congratulations to all these hard working members. Let's all get busy filling out our applications so we can add your name to this list.

Rodney "Grizzly" Krumnow (rkrumnow@juno.com)

Address Change

Commander Paul Patterson now has a new home address. Please make note of this new address.

1323 Chamberlain St.
Irving, TX 75060-6145

Signal Fire Notice

This is your last Signal Fire unless you have sent your charter application to the District Office. In order to make sure you do not miss out on this or other publications such as the High Adventure, send your charter application today.

Revved-up, super charged and ready to stop

Have you notice the increased popularity of the NASCAR and other racing teams recently. There are several popular racetracks in North Texas that cover a wide range of racing events. We like the feel of the high powered engines, the roar of the exhaust pipes and the thrill of the victory. Even Christians are caught up in this.

Carefully pull the cars out to the racetrack. We rev up the engines, make sure every one hears us, and smile at the driver next to us giving us a big thumbs-up. We talk of the horsepower and speed of which this machine is capable of producing. Then, we carefully park our high powered machines in the garage. We listen carefully to make sure everything sounds right. If there is a perceived problem, we refer to our overhaul or user manual. We have learned how to diagnose the engine and the drive train. When we find the problem, we fix it according to the instructions to assure the machine will perform as designed. Again, we exclaim loudly the thrill we encounter in driving this racecar and proclaim the power that is in our control.

One day, we all gather at the racetrack to show off our cars. We have the best fuel and the best tires. The cars are highly polished to show our genuine care for these cars. Every one lines up on the starting line. The announcer calls "Drivers: Start Your Engines." We start the engines. The Flagman raises the flag to start the race. The clock counts down 3...2...1. The flag falls. Everyone gets out of their cars and walks away.

If you haven't discovered this yet: The garage is the church building, the fuel and horsepower is the Holy Spirit in the church, the instruction manual is the Holy Bible and the race track is the world. In Egypt, God said, "Let My people go." Today, when God drops the flag to begin the race to reach the world, He says, "**Where** did My people go?"

God did not give us His power through the Holy Spirit for show. It is not a spectator sport. Use it to reach the world. IT'S NOT ABOUT US. IT'S ABOUT GOD.

Randy Woods
Harvest Task Force Coordinator
randy.woods@lmco.com

Southwest Division Update

Winter Camp - This year's divisional winter camp will be held on November 13-14. We will hold camp at Ken Harris's place just north of Hillsboro off of I-35E. For additional information, please contact your sectional commander or call Ken Farley at 817-483-0565.

Divisional Name - Our division has elected to take the name "Rough Riders." Let's begin to build on this and start getting authentic type costumes together. We would like to see some at Winter Camp this year and then a big showing at next year's Pow Wow. Also, if you have any ideas for a design for a divisional flag, please give them to me.

"Rough Riders" was formally the 1st volunteer Calvary in the Spanish-American war. It was a segment of the U.S. Calvary volunteers recruited by Theodore Roosevelt and was composed of cowboys, miners, law-enforcement officials, and college athletes largely from the Southwest. Their colorful and often unorthodox exploits received extensive publicity in the U.S. press. They were commanded by Col. Leonard Wood and future U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt led the victorious charge of the Rough Riders up San Juan Heights in July 1898.

Divisional Workday - Each division is scheduling a Saturday to gather at Lakeview camp to get some of the needed work done before our National Camps are held there early next year. There is a real need to get these tasks done. Our weekend is October 3. Everyone is needed and a special call has been sent out for skilled workers. It will be best to come in on Friday evening and sleep over so we can get started working early Saturday morning. Bring your tools and all the help you can get. See ya there.

FCF Update - Special thanks to Rodney Krumnow for his service to this division as FCF coordinator. Rodney resigned this past year. We welcome Ronnie Gilbert to that post and look forward to working with him.

"CHARGE"
Ken Farley, 817-483-0565
Southwest Divisional Commander

Southwest Division Winter Camp Location

From IH-35E, take exit 377. Go south 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 (.3) mile on the right.

If you are coming from IH-35W, it will be 5 miles north from where IH-35W and IH-35E meets.



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 Ennis. 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 scheduled to be the speaker. Any ideas that anyone has to make this a good banquet please contact me. Rodney "Grizzly" Krumnow, rkrumnow@juno.com or at (254) 803-

1999 Ranger of the Year Testing

It's that time of the year to start preparing your boys for the 1999 Ranger of the Year testing. We would like to get as many churches as possible to participate in this coming year's competition. Ranger of the year testing is a great way for boys to test their knowledge. Commanders, please do not keep your boys from participating in this testing because you feel they are not smart enough. This could be the one thing that gets your boys motivated again. If you will send a boy out on a football field so he can learn to play, why not allow him the opportunity to test his Royal Rangers knowledge. For both of these, boys only get better by practicing. As you prepare for this year's sectional testing, remember that you need to send one boy from each age group who best represents his outpost.

By each outpost participating in their Sectional testing, this will ensure we have a good turnout at the district testing. We would like to see each section represented at district testing by sending their top boy from each age group to the competition.

We are currently in the need for a church for next year's District Ranger of the Year testing. We would like to hold it in the Dallas - Fort Worth area so if your church has plenty of rooms for testing and a sanctuary we can use, I would like to hear from you. In addition to needing a church, we are also needing at least 80 leaders to assist with our testing. It's only with your assistance that we can make this testing a success for our boys.

Please contact me if you have any specific questions or can assist with the 1999 Ranger of the Year testing.