

The Long Tom

Newsletter of the Shawnee Trail Chapter – North Texas District
Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

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Congratulations Gold Medallists

Since the last publication of The Long Tom, several have received their Gold Medal of Achievement

Jeremy Johnson - Family Worship Center (Formerly Hampton Rd. A/G) De Soto, TX.

Ryan Arnold - Family Worship Center, De Soto, TX

Eddie Majerczyk – Memorial Assembly of God – Duncanville, TX

Scott Rowell - Rowlett, TX

Upcoming GMA Ceremony—Justin “Hungry Wolf” Gell—Saturday 6 Nov 1999 6:00 PM at Memorial A/G at US 67 + Main St. Duncanville TX Ch Ph # (972) 296-2250 BE THERE!

Future Gold Medallists, earning that Gold Medal is no cakewalk and when you have earned it, as many as possible would like to attend your Gold Medal Ceremony so keep the following in mind before setting the date of your Gold Medal Ceremony.

First, check your district, section and local church calendars so as to not conflict with existing events. Second give PLENTY of ADVANCED notice. You could do this through invitations, letters or email. If you do not have access to email, you may notify the scribe (listed in the FCF Staff section of this newsletter) and he will broadcast it for you on the Internet. Please be specific as to directions to the Church or place of ceremony. It is helpful to include a contact persons name, address and phone # too. Ample advanced notice gives others time to plan to attend and possibly budget for a nice gift.

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- Please welcome our new Trappers Brigade Rep. He is Cody “Three Bind” Hord. See the Staff Section on page two on how to contact him as well as other staff members. Remember to consult Cody about Trappers Brigade Requirements and get those points turned in to him. He will then arrange for your receiving the proper advancement pin and service stars and forward records to the Scribe.

FCF Officer Election 2000

Be in prayer about those you would elect at the POW WOW 2000 FCF Election Nominations will be accepted at Brush Poppin 2000. Keep in mind that those you nominate must be in good standing in their local church, section and district and will be verified concerning this good standing and competency to serve in the position to which nominated. These positions for nomination include, Chapter President, Vice President and depending on time in service, the District Scout and Assistant District Scout. This will be discussed at Family Days and a possible meeting at the Christmas Banquet. **Watch and Pray!**

FCF Staff and how we can be reached.

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Welcome New Members / Transfers

The Shawnee Trail Chapter welcomes new members from Frontier Adventure 1999.

Ryan Arnold, Virgil Barnes, Paul Blackmon, Grant Blazer, Carlos Castillo, Stephen Day, Daniel Dillow, Cody Dodd, Toby Gibbs, Clayton Kerr, Kerry Magnum, Michael Marciniak, Ruben Martinez Jr., Grant Permenter, John Permenter, Chad Pool, Christopher Shelton, Aaron Shipley, Mike Shirey, Edward J. Spears, Charles Terry, Joshua Van Horn and Ben Watts. Some of you new Young Bucks got a letter from the scribe and he is waiting to hear from you. **Talk to me!** My phone #, postal and email addresses are in the staff section of this newsletter.

Please welcome these new members / transfers into our chapter as family.

Our new family members include the following transfers:

Elijah Chavez from the New Mexico District, Clint "Tinker" Grant from the Louisiana District, Jeffery "Medicine Wolf" Hunter from the Ohio District, Roddie McIntire from the South Texas District, Phillip Pacheco from the New Mexico District and Richard Patin from the Louisiana District.

FCF Family Days 99

This years FCF Family Days is going to be held at Lakeview Camp on October 29 – 31. Time is running out to make up those quilt squares and bring to Family Days. If you do not have the means to make one, please contact Faye Spence at (972) 938-1927 and arrange for her to make you one. If you come hungry Friday night, we will have a pot of stew to satisfy your appetite. Don't forget to bring a pie that you made or bought for the pie for the auction Friday night and a dish for the community dinner Saturday. We will have no trace this year since we wish to dedicate more time to fellowship including a "Women's Time Out". This year we will have a Chili and Desert Cook off on Saturday afternoon—food must be prepared at camp to be eligible for prizes and we will enjoy it at the community supper. Don't forget about the Kangaroo Court. Remember **only the first six** properly received applications and fees for Buckskin will be admitted for advancement to Buckskin. These must be **in the hands of the Buckskin Rep no later than 23 October 99. No walk ins allowed.** Any applications past six will overflow to Brush Poppin 2000, otherwise we chase rabbits. Young Bucks, get involved and bring your families.



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Diligence / Discipline / Commitment / Servant hood / FCF

Remember that Commander or boy that showed up for **one meeting in a row** and whenever he felt like it thereafter? Does it remind you of that Frontiersman that shows up for his FCF pin for **one event in a row** and whenever he feels like it thereafter? Ever try to command respect from your boys and fellow commanders when you show up for one meeting in a row and whenever you felt like it thereafter? What happens? The boys probably blow you off because they probably see enough leadership by convenience and lack of commitment. This is not representative of a diligent FCF member but less than half of the members on the chapter roll are active. We understand there are hardships and wish to minister to these but we also know there is slothfulness in an organization which must represent the **elite**. In hopes of filtering for diligence, we are now testing new applicants as follows. Phase One testing will be offered at all Winter Divisional Camps provided **the president receives your application and fee by 30 October 1999. No Walk ins will be allowed and there will be no make up exams.** Leaders must have completed LTC and Boys, by Pow Wow 2000, must be 12 years of age and completed their First Class rating and Camping merit. If a boy honestly obtains both of these, he will have no trouble passing phase one. If boys and leaders study Adventures in Camping diligently, they will have no trouble passing. Both boys and leaders must be living exemplary Christian lifestyles above reproach and those recommending them must state same on their application. Those passing phase one may enter FCF through Frontier Adventure / Pow Wow 2000. Those failing to meet the standards of phase one will be counseled in confidence and allowed to test in November 2000 and join through Frontier Adventure 2001. These standards are being implemented in hopes of bringing our chapter to the elite status it needs to be in, not to represent a narcissistic clique. My apologies to those who perceive otherwise.

So you want to pass National Academy

We live in a busy world where the harvest is plentiful and laborers few but be careful not to wing it, especially at Phase II. The National Academy demands high standards and nothing less is acceptable. Before going to Phase II, examine yourself in the following areas. Can you teach and build good teaching aids? Do you know your SIT notebook inside and out? Do you have the proper uniforms and will you wear them properly? Are you a team player? The Academy is a formation of character as well as an intensive learning experience. Upon arrival at the Academy, you are tested on the SIT notebook and must obtain a passing grade of 85%. If you fail to pass this entrance exam, you will be allowed a retake before the Academy ends. You must also take an exit exam on the SIT notebook and on classes at the Academy. The Staff In Training program requires good standing and approval with your Pastor, Sectional Commander, Sectional Presbyter and District Commander as well as completion of LTC, NTC and ICS. If you meet these requirements and apply, STUDY THAT SIT NOTEBOOK THOROUGHLY to avoid retake anxiety and have someone like Jonathan Trower or John Permenter—both active successful college professors—evaluate your teaching skills BEFORE PHASE II.

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New Buckskins

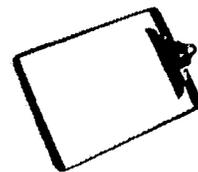
Frontier Adventure / Pow Wow 1999 brought in some new Buckskins. Congratulations to:

William "Gospel Taylor" Brown, Craft: Tailoring, Sponsor: Stanley "Three Claws" Lewis.

Jody "Red Wing" Fauss, Craft: Flute making and playing, Sponsor: Lee "Prospector" Fogleman.

John "Faithful Squirrel" Flack, Craft: Leathercraft, Sponsor: Brian "One Way" Philpott.

Kurt "Hungry Heart" Griffis, Craft: Art Work, Sponsor: John "Abraham" Baumann.



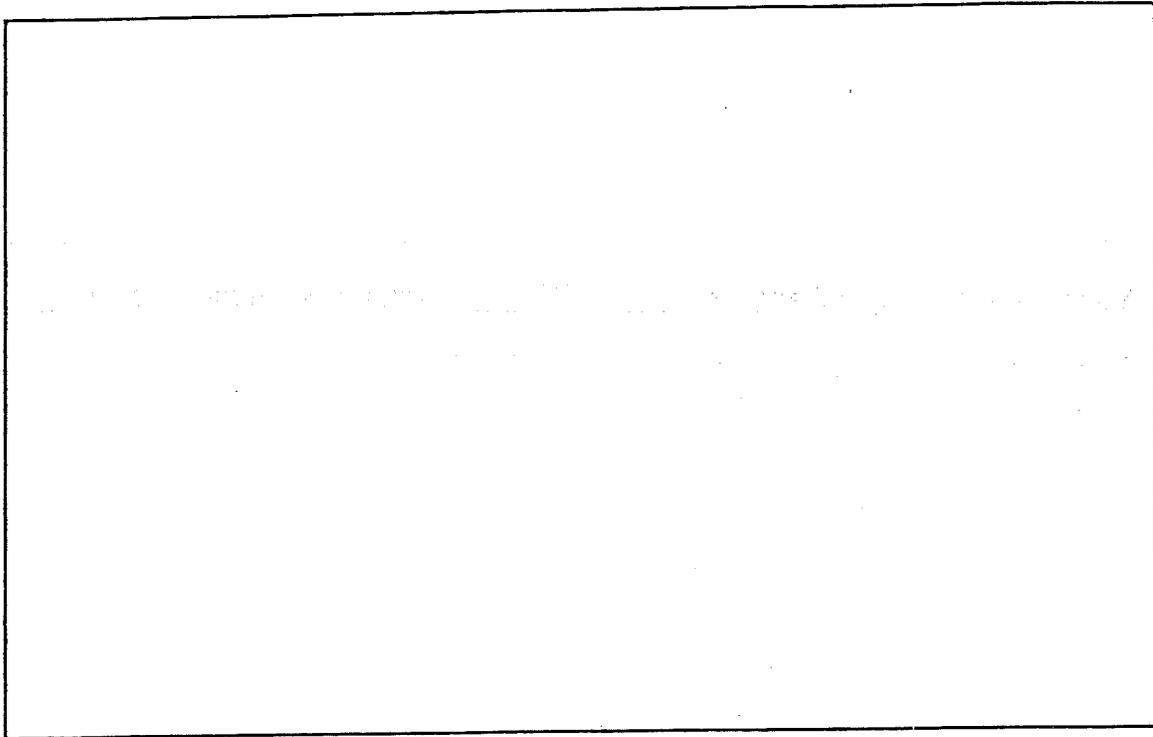
To advance to Buckskin - Contact Brian "One Way" Philpott - your Buckskin Representative for requirements See Staff Section of this Newsletter for details.

Personal Totem Registration Form

(For Buckskin Application Only)

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

Shawnee Trails Chapter



Picture or Sketch of Personal Totem

I, _____, known as _____,
Name Greenhorn Name
hereby make application to register my Personal Totem with the Shawnee
Trails Chapter and from henceforth be known as _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attach this form to the Buckskin Frontiersman Sponsor's Checklist Form.

For District Use Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected Date: _____
Verified by: _____	Title: _____

FCF Advancement Form

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

Shawnee Trails Chapter

Advancement to Buckskin

Advancement to Wilderness

Name: _____

First
"FCF Name"
Last

Address: _____

Street
City
State
Zip

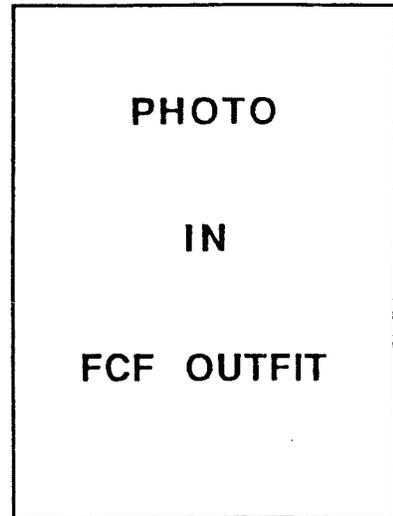
Phone #: (____) ____ - _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

Church: _____ Outpost #: _____

Year entered: Royal Rangers ____ FCF ____ Trapper's Brigade Points: ____

Check (x) the items that are part of your FCF outfit.
 Two checks (xx) if you made it.

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Frontier Style Hat _____ | Frontier Style Shirt _____ |
| Frontier Style Pants _____ | Moccasins or Boots _____ |
| Leather Belt _____ | Necklace or Choker _____ |
| Hunting Knife _____ | Stalking Stick _____ |
| ID Staff _____ | Possibles Pouch _____ |
| Black Powder Rifle _____ | Powder Horn _____ |
| Blowing Horn _____ | Capote or Jacket _____ |
| Other _____ | Other _____ |



List Training Events and / or Advanced Awards completed:

List Royal Ranger and/or Leadership positions held:

List current Royal Ranger and/or FCF Leadership positions:

Church ministry other than Royal Rangers: _____

Current Church Ministry: _____

Other training, recognition's, etc.:
(Red Cross Instructor, Hunter Safety Instructor, Commander's Award, LTC
Instructor, JLTC Staff, etc.)

How many Frontier Adventures have you participated in as a:

Frontiersman ? ___ Buckskin Frontiersman ? ___ Wilderness Frontiersman ? ___

Names of boys you sponsored into FCF:

Selected FCF name: _____

Commander's or another leader's comments: _____

Pastor's Comments: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

For those applying for Buckskin Frontiersman there is a Buckskin Prerequisite Study Course that must be completed and a \$15 fee must be sent with the request for the course. This fee covers the cost of the course, postage, and Buckskin Frontiersman pin.

For District Use Only			
Date received: ___ / ___ / ___	Fee Paid: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Study Course Sent: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	FCF Pin Given: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Approved by: _____		Title: _____	

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

The Indian Tipi... An Illustration of Christianity

by Jody (Red Wing) Fauss



Very few shelters can capture the heart and mind of boys as that of the Indian tipi. As the smoke flaps and poles extend to the sky, the imagination goes back to the early days of our country. But have you ever considered the similarities of the Indian tipi to Christianity. Let me bring out a few comparisons.

First of all, the weight of the tipi will rest upon its tripod. Likewise our faith has a tripod, however, we do not call it a tripod. We call it the Trinity. The love relationship between God the Father, who sent His Son, Jesus, who sent the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. What a joy it is to know that like the canvas on the tripod, we can rest on Him. 1 Pet 5:7 says "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." If He can carry the weight of the world upon His shoulders, I know He can carry you.

As each pole is placed on the tripod, the builder has to look up. This reminds me to keep my eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2) I have never known anyone who could properly place the poles on the tripod without looking up.

Next, the outer canvas is tied to the lift pole. It is then, lifted up and placed on the tripod. This again reminds me of our Savior who was nailed to a tree and lifted up. John 12:32 says "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

After the canvas is placed on the tripod, we wrap the canvas over the poles. Songs of Solomon 2:4 encourages us with this verse, "He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his banner over me is love. How great is his love for us.

We fasten the canvas together with sticks to form the door. Please notice with me that the tipi has only one door. Likewise the only way to come to our Heavenly Father is through Jesus for He said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We know that if anyone tries to enter the tipi any other way except through the door, then that person would be the enemy.

The floor of the tipi speaks to me of our eternal God. Like the circle, He has no beginning and no end. Revelation 4:8 proclaims the holiness of God as the living creatures worshiped saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Our God is an awesome God who reigns forever more.

Luke 3:16 proclaims Jesus' desire when John the Baptist, referring to Jesus says, "...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Yes, there is a fire in the tipi. Only a few shelters allow for a fire on the inside. The fire is there to keep up warm. That's our comfort. The fire is there to prepare our food. That's our provision. The fire is there to give us light. God's Word is to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. May our spirits be filled with the fire of God and a passion for Jesus, as we reach, teach, and keep boys for Him.

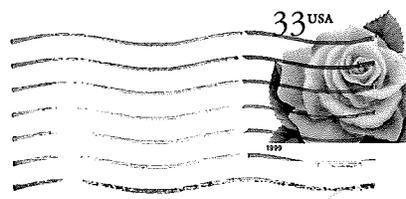
Please Note: Red Wing would be available to come to your outpost/church and demonstrate this teaching. For more information call Jody Fauss at 903-882-1040.



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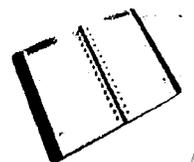
October 29 -31 FCF Family Days at Lakeview Camp. Camp fee is \$10.00 for members, \$5.00 for non members with \$25.00 maximum per family. Please bring those quilt squares and a pie for the pie auction Friday night and plan on helping with a dish for the community diner Saturday.

October 23 Deadline for Buckskin applications and fees to be in the hands of the Buckskin Rep. **Only the first six will be accepted.**

November 13-14 Winter Divisional Camps / Phase One Testing – application enclosed with newsletter. Send completed application with \$10.00 fee to **so the president receives it no later than 30 October 1999** which is two weeks before the test date of 12 November 1999. Yes, you may bring application and fee and give to Gary at Family Days. Check with your divisional commander for camp location. Lets mentor and bring new members in.

December 11 FCF Christmas Banquet to be held at the Memorial Assembly of God in Duncanville where Russell "Shining White Cloud" Mask serves as Senior Commander. The Church is located at the northwest corner of US 67 and Main Street in Duncanville. The Church phone # is (972) 296-2250. At Family Days we will decide about if we will have a pot faith as in the past or have catered and charge a fee and about possible gift exchanges. Be there at Family Days and help us decide. There will be a quilt auction, caroling, and eating. It will start at 5 PM and last till Remember dues are due – \$20.00 for Old Timers and \$10.00 for Young Bucks.

January 28-29 2000 South Central Regional Seminar to be held at First Assembly of God in San Antonio. Our new National Commander Richard Marriott will be there. For more information check the Regional Home page at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr/> or contact Jonathan Trower at trower@mis.baylor.edu



Study to show thyself approved