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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, 1999. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or moliver@csc.com.

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North Texas District ROYAL RANGERS “Signal Fire”

October 1999

Greeting Commanders!!

It has been a great summer, starting with Pow Wow and ending with the Academy of Ranger Training (A.R.T.). In between we had a fantastic Sarge Training Academy where we saw 157 boys attending. The Holy Spirit was with us throughout these camps.

When you receive this newsletter, your charters will also be due. The charter forms were mailed to your church office. If you have not received one, please let me know at the district office. If you have received them, please return them before November 1st.

Also, get ready for Royal Rangers week October 3-9. Put something together for your church to help promote the Royal Rangers ministry.

Are you ready for Winter Camp? Remember, it is winter so be ready and plan to come to camp prepared.

In His service,

Paul Patterson
North Texas District Commander

1999 District Calendar

October	3-9	Royal Rangers Week
	12	LFTL Banquet in each section
	29-31	FCF Family Days
November	12-13	District Winter Camp
December	11	FCF Christmas Banquet

2000 District Calendar

January	28-30	Regional Training Seminar
February	4-5	Instructor Certification Seminar
	18-19	Academy of Ranger Training LTC Camp-out
March	10-11	FCF Brush Poppin
	25	Ranger of the Year Testing
April	28-29	Commanders Conference
May	6	Pow Wow Work Day
	20	Sarge Training Academy SIT Camp
June	2-4	District Pow Wow
	17	Sarge Training Academy SIT Camp
July	9-14	Sarge Training Academy
	17-21	National FCF Rendezvous
August	18-19	Academy of Ranger Training LTC Camp-out
September	8-9	Instructor Certification Seminar
	14-17	NULC, San Antonio, TX
	29-30	Commanders Camp-out
October	12-15	National Training Camp(NTC)-Lakeview
	27-29	FCF Family Days
November	10-11	District Winter Camp
December	9	FCF Family Banquet

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.

Royal Rangers South Central Regional Training Seminar

The seminar is going to be held at First Assembly of God in San Antonio, Texas on January 28-29, 2000.

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 15, 2000 to qualify for the pre-registration discount, and to receive the free tote bag.

(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.

2000 South Central Regional Training Seminar

The 2000 South Central Regional Training Seminar will be held January 28-29, 2000 at First Assembly of God in San Antonio, Texas. We expect a great time of worship, fellowship, and training at this Regional Seminar. Our new national commander, Richard Mariott, will be the featured speaker during the Friday evening service after a time of praise and worship lead by the Gulf Latin District's praise and worship team.

Saturday we will hold a series of workshops, including one by Commander Mariott on "Royal Rangers in the New Millennium." In this session he will be sharing about the forthcoming changes in Royal Rangers. Other workshops that are planned include: Fundraising for Your Outpost, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, Ministry in Urban Areas, Outreach Ministries Training Guide, Buckaroos Meetings, Straight Arrows Meetings, Liability/Protecting Kids in Your Outpost, Challengers, Motivating Boys to Advance, Buckaroos/Straight Arrows Crafts, and a Senior Commanders class. As you can see, we will have a variety of classes for everyone.

The Seminar costs \$20 if you pre-register by January 15, 2000, or \$22 if you register at the door. As a bonus for pre-registering, you will receive a free Seminar tote bag when you check in at the Seminar if you pre-register by that date.

During the day Saturday, there will be activities for the wives who are not involved with the Seminar. They will be meeting at the host hotel for breakfast and a devotional, and then spending the day in San Antonio.

The host hotel is the San Antonio Airport Hilton. Rooms are \$69 for 1-4 people. To make a reservation, you may call toll-free 1-877-377-7227 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and mention that you are with the Royal Rangers group. This special rate will be honored before and after the seminar in case you would like to spend an extra day or two in San Antonio.

Additional details about the Seminar will be posted to the regional web site (<http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>).

Royal Rangers Week

October 3-9. Make plans now to provide a Royal Rangers emphasis in your local church. Ideas include a RR display in the church, a campsite display on the lawn of the church, brochures or flyers in the bulletin, having your boys present the colors in the morning service and/or having them participate in the collection of the offering (in complete uniform, of course), and a father/son camp-out.

FCF Phase One

Greetings North Texas!

If you want to join the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship next year, you will have a chance to take phase one testing at the Winter Camp in November. This will be the only chance to take the phase one testing before the Pow Wow next summer. The phase one testing will be at the FCF village in Maypearl. Here are the requirements to take the phase one test: 1) If you are a boy, you must be 12 years old by the Pow Wow next summer. If you are a man, you must have completed LTC; 2) You must wear a class B uniform; 3) You must bring a pocket knife; 4) You must bring \$10.

The testing will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 of the Winter Camp. I must have your completed FCF application 1 week before the camp in order to plan for the camp. We will not accept walk-in's. Please send your FCF applications to Gary Bierschwale, Five Carey Lane, Lucas TX 75002. See you at camp!

Sarge Sellers Training Academy 1999

What a success! This year we had 157 boys and 54 staff attending the camp. We have continued to see these camps grow over the past many years. In 1997, there were 143 boys. In 1996, there were 92 boys, and in 1987, there were only 17 boys. Praise God for the growth we have seen. There were four (4) camps participating at Sarge Training Academy (STA).

PTC	53	AMC	53
JLTC	42	AJTC	9

There were many exciting highlights happening at camp.

The boys spent some time swimming each day. This was a cooling off time. Some even spent their time in canoes, row boats, and sail boats.

The evening rallies were the biggest highlight of the camp. Several lives were changed and rededicated to the Lord each evening.

We are expecting a greater camp in 2000. Please continue to advertise this camp in your local outpost. A special thanks to the STA staff and all of the great work they did teaching the many classes.
Dwain Klopfenstein
Deputy District Commander
817-281-0081

Light for the Lost Banquet

The LFTL merit is now required for both the Pioneers and Trailblazers standard track advancement trail. One of the requirements for this merit is to attend a LFTL banquet. The 1999 LFTL banquet will be held in each section of the North Texas District on October 12. Check with your sectional commander or sectional men's rep to find out the location and time for your section's banquet. The study course that is required for this merit is available on the web at http://www.ag.org/light-for-the-lost/single_item.cfm?root=4898

IT WILL BE OK

Lately, I've felt an urgency to pray for family and friends. There may be an upcoming trial or it may be God calling them (or me) to come closer to Him. It doesn't really matter. I just need to pray as God prompts. I've asked God to give me the ability to know what an individual needs while I am praying for them. Sometime, I get an answer; sometime I don't. God knows. I must be obedient and pray.

Some months ago, I asked God to give me a "Yes or No" answer concerning a decision I needed to make. He said "It will be OK". I told Him I wanted a yes or no. He said "It will be OK". After going through this three times, I finally got the hint. God is in control. It will be OK.

Since then, I, like many of you, have faced circumstances that, without God, would be overwhelming. Many times, I have wanted to give up, but God kept saying "It will be OK". Had I not had that promise, I would not be able to stand. Our strength is in God, not ourselves.

When we have a relationship with our Heavenly Father, He treats us as His children and gives us what we need for that day. If I had seen, in advance, what was on the horizon for my family and me, I could not have held up under the load. But God continues to give us what we need – one day at a time. His Word says not to worry about tomorrow. Each "today" has enough trouble.

Don't give up on a prayer that seems to go unanswered, a situation that seems to not improve or a perceived hopelessness. Remember, God sees the end from the beginning. He has our path planned. His timing is perfect. In the right season, He will answer. It may not be the way we want, but it will be the best for all concerned.

IT WILL BE OK.

Randy Woods
Harvest 2000 Coordinator

and have a great meal and recognize people, auction the quilt, sing Christmas carols, and hear a great word from God!

Academy of Ranger Training (ART) will be held February 18-19 at the camp in Maypearl. This is the district sponsored LTC required camp along with some great classes, both basic and advanced, for Ranger leaders. This is not a camp for boys, but for leaders that need to learn how to run an Outpost (including Straight Arrow and Buckaroo leaders), finish their LTC camping requirements (including Straight Arrows and Buckaroos leaders), and take some advanced classes that will enhance your local Outpost. We will also offer a Red Cross First Aid course for \$12. The cost of the camp is \$20, which includes all meals, a patch, and your insurance. If you want to take the Red Cross First Aid course to satisfy your LTC, the cost is an additional \$2. If you want to take the Red Cross First Aid course and receive a card, it will be an additional \$10.

Brush Poppin will be March 10-11 at the camp in Maypearl. This is where we have competitions with one another and win prizes! Sharpen your skills and come try to win a prize! Members and non-members are welcome to come to this camp, but only members will be allowed to compete for prizes. The cost of this camp will be \$20.

Come join us for these camps... you won't be disappointed!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale
FCF President
972-442-1325

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>

DIVISIONAL WINTER CAMPS

DATE: November 12-13, 1999

COST: \$10.00

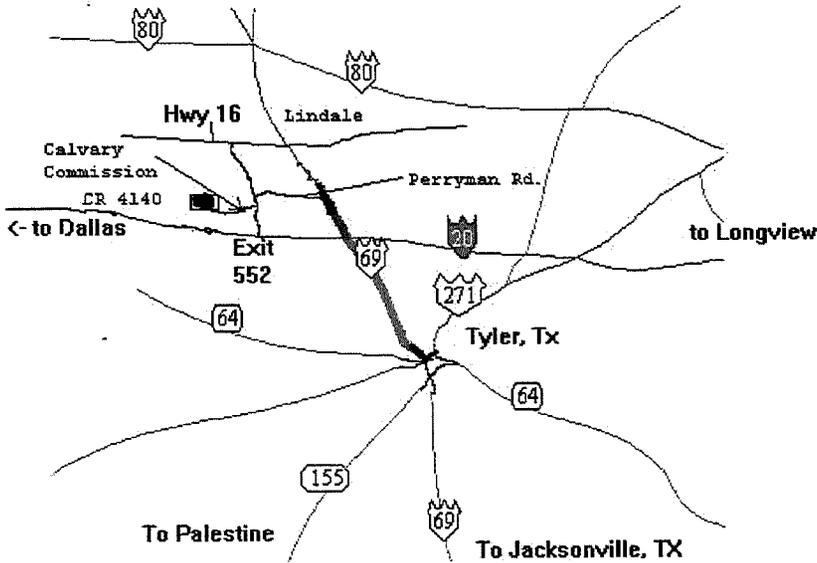
Patches will be the same for each Division Camp. Registration will start at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and dismiss at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. There will be 5 locations for Winter Camp. They are as follows:

North Division (Wichita Falls, North Ft. Worth, Denton, and Greenville Sections) Greetings Division One Soaring Eagles! I pray the Lord has blessed you this year. Are you ready for the move of the Holy Spirit again at Winter Camp? Boy, just thinking of the cold chill at night and early morning makes me feel great! But most of all I am looking forward to souls saved and men and boys filled with the power of God. Don't let the devil trick or deceive you there will be a mighty move of God! Come expecting! Division one "The Soaring Eagles" will be having their winter camp at the same location as last year, Camp Burnett at Lake Grapevine, Southlake, Texas. I will give out packets at the Commander's Camp-out September 24 & 25. So please try and come Sectional Commanders! And encourage all of your commanders to come. I'm excited about winter camp. Once again we will use a bead system for prizes for the boys. Remember each commander to bring a prize. Last year we had tents to bolo slides. It does not matter if you can make the prize or buy it. The boys loved it! Just a quick run down on some of the items and who is responsible for the event. Wichita Falls will have Winter Survival, North Fort Worth will have First Aid, Denton will have Rope Craft and Lashing and, Greenville will have Fire Craft. The Speaker at Friday night besides your Division One Commander will be Pastor Allan Phillips out of Paris Texas. Saturday I am still working on, if you have a speaker or are led by the Lord to speak, we will talk at the Commander's Campout. Saturday night will be a potluck for all of us to come together and fellowship. Come expecting a miracle! - For additional information, please contact me at 903-454-9439 (home) or 903-457-5627 (work).

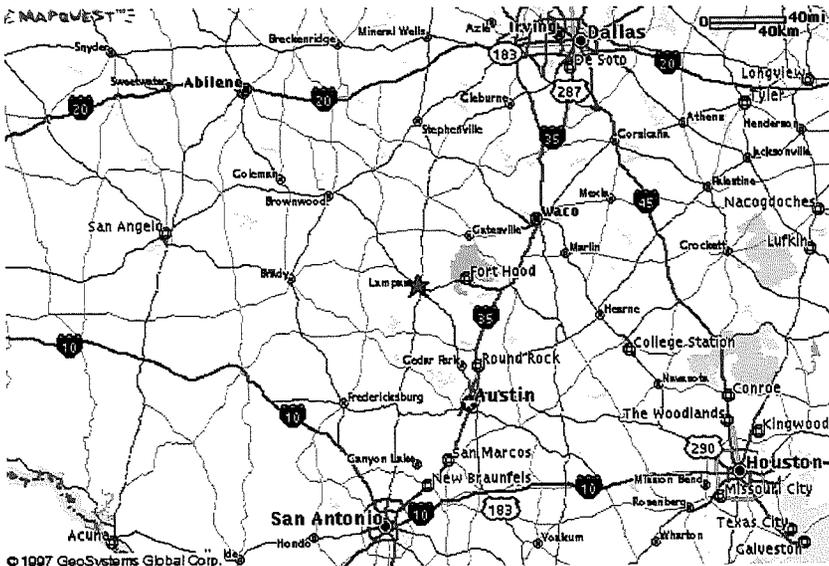
God Bless,
Commander Lee

Northeast Division (Tyler, Longview and Texarkana Sections)
The Northeast Division "Minuteman" Division will be hosting our winter camp this year again at Calvary Commission's Kamp Kreekwood. Kamp Kreekwood is located in Lindale. Please see map for directions. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. on Friday with a fellowship stew prepared for you. An exciting council fire pageant will be held at 9:00. Our theme this year will be "Ready!" Activities and the Rescue Adventure will be held on Saturday. Prizes, Awards and Trophies will be given out. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. If you have any questions, please call Divi-

sional Commander Jody Fauss at 903-882-1040.
See ya there, Jody Fauss, Northeast "Minutemen" Division



Southwest Division (Abilene, Austin, South Ft. Worth, and Waco Sections) will have their Winter Camp at Fort Courage, the home of Outpost 81 of First Assembly of God in Lampasas. The fort is located behind First Assembly of God, which is 46 miles west of I-35 and just east



of Lampasas on the south side of Highway 190. This camp will be held regardless of the weather. For more information, please contact Ken Farley at 817-483-0565.

Southeast Division (Bryan, Corsicana, Lufkin, and Palestine Sections) - For more information, please contact James Kemp at 409-272-5017.

Central Division (North Dallas, South Dallas, and Athens Sections) - For more information, please contact Ken Harris at 254-632-4007 or 214-244-9651.

FCF Update

Greetings!

There are some dandy camps coming up for your enjoyment this fall and winter! The last weekend of October is FCF Family Days (Oct 29-31), in December we will have the FCF Christmas Banquet (Dec 11), the next Academy of Ranger Training (ART) will be in February (Feb 18-19), and the Brush Poppin will be in March (Mar 10-11). Let me tell you a little about each camp:

FCF Family Days will be Oct 29-31 this year. Members and non-members are welcome to join the festivities! We have some new ideas and activities for this year! You will hear around the clock Praise and Worship for a few minutes each hour at different places within camp from our traveling Minstrels. There will be more activities for the youngun's and different ones for the not-so-youngun's! This is one of the better camps we have here in North Texas and the whole family is invited to come with activities everyone can participate in! You will see people performing their trade or craft and will be able to even purchase some of the goods if you so desire.

This would be a good place to get a Christmas present or two! We will have some wonderful brush arbor meetings at night to praise the Lord! Come slow down and join our little camp... kick back and experience a slower time recreated in the early 1800's!

The FCF Christmas Banquet is for FCF members only and will be December 11 at a church located in the central part of our district. This is where we get together



North Texas District Council Assemblies of God

August 31, 1999

Dear Pastor and/or Senior Commander,

Greetings in Christ's name! Great things are happening in the Royal Ranger ministry in our District!

Our new chartering year is here, and we wanted to send you a gentle reminder. With your busy schedule, we would not want you to forget to send in your Royal Rangers charter application.

Royal Rangers has swiftly become instrumental in being a powerful tool in soul winning in the Assemblies of God. I would like to encourage you to keep your Royal Rangers ministry active! Royal Rangers is designed to **Reach, Teach, and Keep boys for Christ!**

To assist you, we have enclosed a charter application. As soon as we have received the completed application, your new charter certificate and membership cards will be forwarded to you. Each member of your outpost will also be issued a subscription to either the *HIGH ADVENTURE* or the *HIGH ADVENTURE LEADER*.

Thank you for your assistance. May God richly bless you as we continue to work for Him until His coming!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Patterson', written in a cursive style.

Paul Patterson
North Texas District Royal Ranger Commander

Paul Patterson
DISTRICT ROYAL RANGER COMMANDER

National Royal Rangers Office
Self-Charter Application
 (Please type or write legibly when completing this form)

District: North Texas Section: _____
 Church Account Number (GPH) _____
 Church _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Senior Pastor _____ Church Phone & FAX _____

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 Date: _____

Note: Type the number you are chartering in the grade/age division box below:

<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	STRAIGHT ARROWS (grades k-1, ages 5-6)
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	BUCKAROOS (grades 2-3, ages 7-8)
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	PIONEERS (grades 4-6, ages 9-11)
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	TRAILBLAZERS (grades 7-9, ages 12-14)
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	CHALLENGERS (grades 10-12, ages 15-17)
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	LEADERS (ages 18 and up)

Have you chartered before: Yes No

Our outpost number is: _____

For District Use Only Number assigned by district: _____

Please make check payable to:
NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS
 and mail to:
 NTD Royal Rangers
 P.O. Box 1188
 Hurst, TX 76053-1188
 (817) 589-0082

***INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. A national registration fee of \$9 for each leader (including all outpost councilmen, senior commander, commanders, and lieutenant commanders) must accompany this application. Each leader will receive the *High Adventure Leader* magazine, which includes the *High Adventure* magazine.
 2. A national registration fee of \$7 for each boy must accompany this application. Each boy will receive the *High Adventure* magazine.
- NOTE: You must list all outpost commanders on the back of this chartering form. You must mail this form to your district Chartering Officer listed above.**
 District Officer: Fill in amount below for district chartering fee.

We are registering _____ **leaders** at \$9 each..... \$ _____
 We are registering _____ **boys** at \$7 each..... \$ _____
TOTAL REGISTERING _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED...** \$ _____

For National Office Use Only
 Start _____ Stop _____
 Charter Acct: 001-01-252-4101-252
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For District Use Only

OUTPOST NUMBER: _____

Please Type or Print

	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	(A/C) Phone
Church						
Outpost Council						
Senior Cmdr.						
Straight Arrow						
Buckaroo						
Pioneer						
Trailblazers						
Challengers						
Lieutenant						

ROYAL RANGERS OUTPOST ANNUAL REPORT

Church _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 District/Section _____ Outpost Number _____ Date _____

THE OUTPOST

No. of Boys Attending Royal Rangers _____
 No. of Boys Chartered..... _____
 No. of Advancement in Rank..... _____
 No. of Merits Earned (Formerly Advanced Awards) _____
 No. of Adult Leaders..... _____
 No. of Rangers in Church Youth Group..... _____
 No. of Boys Leaving Rangers for Youth Group _____

OUTPOST LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Adult Leaders

No. of LTC Approved Leaders _____
 No. of NTC/BSTC Approved Leaders _____
 No. of Leaders Approved in Other Training _____

Boy Leaders

No. of Gold Bar Camp-Outs/Activities _____
 No. of JLTC Approved Boys _____
 No. of Boys Approved in Other Training _____

OUTPOST ACTIVITIES

No. of Camp-Outs or Activities Conducted _____

<u>No. of Leaders/Boys Attending:</u>	<u>Leaders / Boys</u>
Local Outpost Activities	____ / ____
Sectional Activities	____ / ____
District Activities.....	____ / ____
Regional Activities.....	____ / ____

(please complete other side)

Thank you for helping us gather this important statistical information.
 Your input will allow us to continually improve the Royal Rangers Ministry.

OUTPOST ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS

Is Program Active?

Patrol System is Operational	Y	N
Gold Bar Meetings are Operational	Y	N
Outpost Staff Meetings Operational	Y	N
Junior Guide Program Operational	Y	N
Outpost Council Operational	Y	N
Parent Involvement/Support	Y	N

OUTPOST PROGRAM FUNCTIONS

Is Program Active?

Royal Ranger of the Year	Y	N
Straight Arrows	Y	N
Buckaroos	Y	N
Pioneers	Y	N
Trailblazers	Y	N
Challengers	Y	N

FRONTIERSMAN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

- No. of Boys in FCF..... _____
- No. of Boys who have Advanced in FCF Recognition Program..... _____
- No. of Boys Attending FCF Activities..... _____
- No. of Men in FCF _____
- No. of Men who have Advanced in FCF Recognition Program..... _____
- No. of Men Attending FCF Activities..... _____

DECADE OF HARVEST

- No. of Commander Prayer Sessions for the Outpost..... _____
- No. of Boys Saved Via Royal Rangers..... _____
- No. of Boys Filled with the Holy Spirit via Royal Rangers _____
- No. of Recommitment to Christ via Royal Rangers _____
- No. of Boys Baptized in Water in your Outpost _____
- No. of Boys Called into the Ministry _____

RANGERS IN MISSIONS

- No. of Boys who are Light-For-The-Lost JR Councilmen..... _____
- No. of Mission Projects Supported by Boys..... _____
- No. of Men who are Light-For-The-Lost Members..... _____
- No. of Mission Projects Supported by Men..... _____

This Report was completed by _____
(name and position)

Any additional comments, suggestions, ideas, etc., would be greatly appreciated.