

North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

October 2000

Greeting Commanders,

Senior Commanders,
your charter packet
is at your church office.

Yes, commanders it is time for charters again. A couple of you sent your charters in the last part of July and August. I have held both for these charters. If you have questions who you are, please call me at the district office. Please return your new charters to the district office by October 31. Please DO NOT sent your charter forms to the national office.

Pastors, get your men involved with Royal Rangers. You will be blessed and so will they. This past year was tremendous in Royal Rangers. At Pow Wow this year, we saw over 30 boys saved and more filled with the Holy Spirit including commanders. The Winter Pow Wow, we expect more and a greater time to be had. Commanders, don't forget this is a winter camp so be ready for different weather. One never knows if it will be sunny, raining, or snowing at our Winter Pow Wow.

If you are unable to find your charter forms in your church office, you can find them on the web at www.royalrangers.net/ntd under forms, or you may contact me at the district office.

In His Service,

Paul Patterson, North Texas District Commander

District Calendar

2000

October	12-15	National Training Camp (NTC) - Lakeview
	24	Light for the Lost Banquet
	27-29	FCF Family Days
November	10-11	District Winter Camp
December	9	FCF Family Banquet

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January	5-6	District Staff Meeting—Lakeview
	6	District Staff Meeting w/ ALL sectional staff members—Lakeview
	26-27	Regional Conference, Houston Texas
February	2-3	Instructor Certification Seminar
	16-17	Academy of Ranger Training—Lakeview Camp
		LTC Campout
Basic Ranger Training		
March	9-10	FCF Brush Poppin
	30-31	Sarge SIT Camp
	April	7
19-22		Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC) - Lakeview
27-28		Commanders Conference and Awards Ceremony
May	12	Pow Wow Work Day—Lakeview
	26	Sarge SIT Camp
June	1-3	District Pow Wow—Lakeview
	23	Sarge Staff arrives at Camp
	24-30	Sarge Training Academy
August	17-18	Academy of Ranger Training
September	7-8	Instructor Certification Seminar
	28-29	District Commanders Campout
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Signal Fire Notice

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• 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.

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DIVISIONAL WINTER CAMPS

NOVEMBER 10 AND 11

\$10 PER PERSON

Southwest Division "Rough Riders" (Abilene, Austin, South Fort Worth, and Waco sections)

The theme for this year's winter camp is "It is Well, Standing Firm". It will be held on November 10-11.

This will be our first divisional camp for the millennium. Plan to be there. This camp will be held regardless of the weather. Remember, this is "Winter Camp." Plan now to be prepared for any weather condition.

This year's Southwest division camp will be held at Fort Courage in Lampasas, TX. This is the home of Outpost 81, First Assembly of God, Lampasas. Fort Courage has become our division's base camp. Thank you Fort Courage.

The church is located 46 miles west of I-35 on Highway 190. Just look for the church on the south side of Highway 190. It's located just east of town. Fort Courage will be located behind the church.

Cost will be \$10 per person and registration will begin at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon.

We will be having a winter camp workday at Fort Courage on October 7th. Come on out and pick a campsite for winter camp. This will give you the opportunity to clear your site before you arrive. If you have never been to this camp, it will give you a good chance to locate the camp before Winter Camp arrives.

We hope to have our division flag in time for this camp. Remember to bring your outpost flags.

We will not have a FCF phase I testing at Fort Courage this year.

For more information, please contact Southwest Division Commander Kenneth Farley at 817-483-0565., kwfarley1@aol.com

North Division "Soaring Eagles" (Denton, Greenville, North Fort Worth, and Wichita Falls sections)

Greetings Commanders,

May God bless all of you! Division 1 is planning another super winter campout! Get ready for attacks but stand firm! In fact Standing Firm is our theme for the winter encounter, be prayed up ready to go!

I have selected a Deputy Division Commander (Scott Stamps). He will be a plus to our division! He has a Vision for Rangers!

As always I am excited about this Winter Divisional Campout!

I have asked the Sectional Commanders to help with running events, so if they ask for a hand please say yes. And if they don't ask and you want something to do please contact me. The

boys need all the activities for earning advancements we can provide.

Bring Prizes for the boys as in the past campouts, each Commander bring a small gift (bolo slide, pocket knife, flashlight, something you made etc.)

Also this year I am trying something new. We will have a time set aside for trading. No money allowed, just trading stuff, sounds like fun, huh?

Please get the word out about this divisional campout and invite an outpost who usually doesn't participate. You will be blessed and so will they. The cost is \$10.00 per person. This provides a patch and pays for insurance for the camper, plus helps offset some of the camp expenses. It is well worth this investment!

There will be no Phase 1 FCF Testing at our camp. It will be done at Maypearl. News should be following about Phase 1 testing.

Be Ready for Friday night service. Stand Firm for a miracle! We will have a guest speaker Friday night (to be announced). Saturday Commander Matt Sanchez will have his band in the evening.

Any questions give me a call. It will again be at Camp Burnett, 3301 N. White Chapel Rd, Southlake, TX 76092

Lee N. Fogleman, Division 1 Commander

104 Patti J, Greenville, TX 75402, (903) 454-9439, lfogleman@pulse.net

Northeast "Minutemen" Division (Longview, Texarkana, and Tyler sections)

Greetings from the Northeast Minuteman Division,

Our divisional camp this year will again be held at Calvary Commission's Kamp Kreekwood campground in Lindale. It promises to be a camp the men and boys will not want to miss.

This year's camp will include a dynamic council fire with a pageantry, special songs and a word from our guest speaker. Saturday will be filled with a challenge course and games. All outpost in the Northeast Division should plan to attend.

We now have a designated camping area for the commanders in FCF to come and camp with their boys. So whether or not you have a primitive shelter, come join us in the FCF village.

Let's come together and expect great things from our Great God. He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Jody Fauss, Northeast Divisional Commander, 903-882-1040, jfauss@lakecountry.net

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

Central Division (Athens, North Dallas, and South Dallas sections) - For more information, please contact Ken Harris at 254-632-4007.

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 FAMILY DAYS

I would like to invite everyone out to Family Days. This year it will be held at the District Camp in Maypearl. We plan to have a great time of fun and fellowship. If this is your very first Family Days, don't worry. We understand you may be new in the chapter. We'll have the FCF Village and another area for non-primitive shelters. So just don't worry! Come out and have fun.

This here is the only camp we can have the women folk at. So we can take our time and not be in a rush. Just let your hair down, if you got any! There's going to be singing and good eating. Friday night there'll be a big pie auction. Maybe we can get old Skimmerhorn to come down.

Saturday there will be some games and activities for the little ones, and the older ones too. I need someone to bring out those old horseshoes. They tell me old Prospector's pretty good. We'll see.

Cost of this here camp is \$25.00 for a family or \$10.00 per member, \$5.00 for non-members. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I've been seeking God's Will and, I need to share this with the FCF members. It's about our FCF Quilt. The FCF Quilt has been a tradition in our chapter for years. Very much love, and long hours have gone into our Quilts. And I want to say "Thank You" to Sister Sheri Bierschwale and Sister Faye Spence for your love and hard work. There may be others. Thank you so much. May God richly bless you. But will our tradition continue?

Thank you,

Brian "OneWay" Philpott, President, Onewaypott1@juno.com

Well, well, it's time to gather up all cooking irons, spruce up the outfits, and get ready for the big picnic. That's our theme for the NTD FCF family days this year, the Big Picnic, Oct 27-29. We plan on creating one large picnic table for gathering around to eat, chew some fat, (the talking and eating kind) and to be the general center of the village and all that happens. Cost for the camp is \$10 for members, \$5 for visitors/family members, \$25 max per family. We have several types of games and activities planned from horseshoes to clothes washing, not while you're in them. Make sure and bring your quilt squares to camp ready for Lightfoot's (JC) better half (Faye) to prepare them into our quilt for the banquet in December. One thing we have changed this year is the Friday evening Fellowship stew. We will not be having that stew this year in favor of another concept. We are encouraging all Ole timers and their family to sponsor a young buck and/or his family for the weekend. That would include cooking for them the Friday evening meal and sharing that meal with them. We want to encourage the young bucks and new timers to attend and feel that taking on a family for sponsorship and helping them with everything, is a great way to help the FCF family grow stronger. We will be continuing the pie auction Friday night so bring your pies, and the desert and chili cook-off competitions on Saturday evening. To help clear up some past confusion, let me offer this, the competitions are for points that are awarded to the participants chosen best in the categories, they are then eaten as part of the community meal Saturday evening, you do not have to participate in the competitions to bring food to the meal, the meal is intended for all to bring pot luck style dishes for your family and for sharing with others. If you're a young buck member and would like someone to help you out, contact your FCF sponsor or FCF staff member to help make this camp an enjoyable camp for you. So dust off the iron works, and trade blankets and prepare yourselves for a camp that will be full of fun and fellowship.

Jeff "Skywatcher" Kersey, FCF Vice President

FRONTIERSMAN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

Shawnee Trail Frontier Adventure 2000

On June 3-4, 2000, there were 22 new FCF Frontiersmen and 6 new Buckskins.

Please welcome the following new FCF Frontiersmen to our chapter: Jon-Michael Beard, Shane Fore, Curtis Woods, Charles Holguin, Ryan Beberwyck, Thomas Norman, Wendel Nolen, Ernie Statuto, Lance Howell, Mike Lons, Aaron Vossler, Pat Reilly, Daniel Green, Stephen Phipps, David Perez, Todd Haddix, Dan Bradley, Kendall Kersey, Jeremy Gell, Wendell Conner, Charlie Winner, and Michael Elliott.

The new FCF Buckskins were:

1. Cody "Three Bind" Hord whose trade is Leather and Bead Work and was sponsored by Clint "Tinker" Grant.
2. Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman whose trade is Box making and was sponsored by Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods.
3. Roddie "Tejas Peddler" McIntire whose trade is Woodworking and was sponsored by Leon "Shorty" Wills.
4. Grant "Wolverine" Permenter whose trade is Blacksmithing and was sponsored by Sherman "Road Runner" McDaniel.
5. John "Pepper Spark" Permenter whose trade is Blacksmithing and was sponsored by David "White Owl" Elliott.

Success at Academy of Ranger Training (ART)

Praise the LORD!! Our recent "Academy of Ranger Training" held August 18-19, 2000 had good attendance from various Royal Rangers Leadership Training Courses throughout the North Texas District. We went prepared with great instructors and interesting classes to train "ALL" leaders working with Royal Rangers in their outpost. In addition, we had a good turnout for the First-aid and CPR classes held on Saturday afternoon and evening. Also, the Black Powder Shooters Card class experienced a great number of people receiving their card. I want to thank ALL instructors, and staff for supporting our District FCF Staff and me in making the August 2000 "ART" a success!

As I endeavor to start planning the February 2001 "ART," look for "NEW" classes to help every Royal Rangers commander and leader within our North Texas District ministry. Please remember, ART stand for Academy of Ranger Training and is designed for EVERY LEADER! Accordingly, every Royal Rangers commander or leader should attend these classes to obtain the latest and most unique methods of training to take back to the Outpost to reach, teach, and keep boys for CHRIST! So, check out the "Signal Fire" updates for the 2001 "ART."

GOD bless all of you and your faithfulness to the LORD's work! Ready in HIS Service.

Your ART Coordinator,

Samuel "Longhorn" Kellum, longhorn@t-oe.com

Congratulations to the new members of the FCF Staff

Pathfinder/Mission Rep

Clint "Tinker" Grant
clintwgrant@hotmail.com

Buckskin Rep.

Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman
mtmanworkshop@aol.com

Historian

Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods
mark.woods@airliquide.com

Trapper Brigade

Cody "Three bind" Hord
threebind@yahoo.com

PATHFINDER MISSIONS

Want to help build the Kingdom of God in a tangible way? Maybe a Pathfinder Missions trip could be just the thing for you. The aim of Pathfinder Missions is to go where no one else can, to remote areas under harsh conditions, for the purpose of meeting the needs of missionaries in the area of building construction. There are many mission fields in need of church and school buildings, medical facilities, housing, etc. in areas that are inaccessible to regular MAPS construction teams. Pathfinder Missions was established to help meet this unfulfilled need.

In order for a project to qualify as a Pathfinder trip, it must have MAPS approval and project number. The location must be inaccessible by normal modes of transportation, and lack modern conveniences (i.e., electricity, housing, plumbing, etc.) The team usually backpacks in builds the project in about a week to ten days, and hikes out. The average trip costs \$1500-\$3500 per man. Funds are raised in the local church and within the Royal Rangers ministry.

While a Pathfinder trip isn't for everyone, because of the harsh conditions, weather, and daylight to dark hard manual labor in high altitudes that requires good physical abilities, you can still be involved by helping to send a team through your giving. If you feel that God is speaking to you about being involved in any way (and I'm praying that He is) let's talk about it. Perhaps a section would like to sponsor an individual.

There are plans in the works for the North Texas District Royal to organize and conduct a Pathfinder trip with a suggested target date of Dec. 2001. There are other opportunities you could take advantage of in the meantime, so if you feel a burden for this mission field, please don't hesitate to contact us. Lets build the Kingdom of God!

Clint Grant, Pathfinder Missions Coordinator, clintwgrant@hotmail.com

TRAPPER'S BRIGADE REP

Greetings, I need to help everybody understand that ART and Phase Two Testing is a part of the FCF ministry and is run by FCF workers. I have checked with One Way and Paul on this matter, and they have made it clear that nobody will get any points for working them. It is our duty to work and serve at these camps if at all possible. Please keep in mind that to be eligible for points you must take part in at least half of the events put on by FCF.

My goal in this office is to get clearer information out to you and let you know of upcoming events that will help you earn more points. I am going to work harder to serve you and keep you up to date on any questions you might have.

Your servant in Jesus,

Cody "Threebind" Hord, Trapper's Brigade Representative, threebind@yahoo.com

HISTORIAN

Having been active in the Royal Ranger Ministry for fifteen years and in FCF for twelve of those years, I am very honored to serve in the position of Historian. I look forward to help preserve our history for those to come. Thank you very much for your confidence in me.

Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods, Historian, mark.woods@airliquide.com

Wilderness Rep. Appointed

Greetings in the precious name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST from Longhorn! I gladly accept the opportunity to serve the next two years as your FCF Wilderness Representative. As the LORD has given us the desire of our heart to see things done in our Chapter, I also have the desire to see men grow through the admonition of the LORD JESUS CHRIST by setting goals to achieve the Wilderness award within a four-year period after getting accepted as a member in the FCF Shawnee Chapter. Accordingly, every year each Young Buck and Old Timer should set goals in Royal Rangers and FCF to accomplish earning the highest advancements. If you will set yearly goals in Royal Rangers and FCF you too can accomplish your GMA as a boy and FCF Wilderness member status within a four-year period of time. But, it does not stop there. Just as I do every year, likewise, you need to continue setting goals and persevere in following through every year in trying to meet them. My main goal as the Wilderness Representative for our Chapter remains to see more boys and men come into the Wilderness Brotherhood than in previous years. So far the LORD has blessed the Shawnee Chapter with more new FCF Wilderness members in the past three years of my tenure than in previous years. So, I want this trend to continue to expand even more so during these next two years as your Representative. Remember, achieving these goals is not for my glory, but to glorify our LORD! If any of you are not currently sponsoring a boy or man in achieving Buckskin or Wilderness status in FCF, at least, reach out in love, with a handshake, with a pat on the back, and with prayer to let someone know that you are there for them if needed.

Your FCF Wilderness Representative,
Samuel "Longhorn" Kellum, longhorn@t-oe.com

New Buckskin Rep Named

Howdy Folks!

I would first like to say thanks for the chance to serve you. I will do my best to go the next step and improve on what our last Buckskin Rep has done for us.

I would like to encourage all of our Frontiersmen to take the next step to Buckskin. Far too often people go through the Frontier Adventure and say, well I'm in, and stop there. I would like to remind you that we are the elite and being the elite we should always strive to improve ourselves. We need to remember that Frontiersmen is only the first step to achieve the goal of Wilderness.

We will be having a Buckskin ceremony at the upcoming Family Days. I need to know who is planning to take the next step there. I need to know as soon as possible.

May God Bless You!

Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman, Buckskin Rep, mtmanworkshop@aol.com

Buckskins candidates?

Hurry and turn in your applications, pre-requisite course and \$15.00 fee to Buckskin Rep. Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman. Only the first six will be accepted for Family Days.

Why should I join FCF?

(Some have asked me this question and here is a good answer)

The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship goes way beyond the bare minimum requirements of Royal Rangers. You may notice in your local outpost that there are those that show up and play and those that are diligent about the business of the Master Ranger Jesus Christ. It is these diligent Rangers that the Master Ranger seeks to fulfill His great commission. It's great to get saved but the Master Ranger would not have us just stop there. He has a mission field for us out there – within our local outpost, our local church and as I reflect on writing this article, He has a mission field for us in our work place. I work with wonderful people yet not all of them know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Personal Savior. Christ has put the burden in my heart to win my fellow workers to Him. I could simply say that I am saved and going to heaven and that they are not but I love my fellow workers too much to see them spend eternity without Jesus Christ. I believe He has given that burden to many of us to win our fellow workers and not let up until we do win them to Christ. FCF gives me that opportunity and even requires a higher standard to go above and beyond the minimum requirements, and lead other boys and men to do so as well. In the short time I have worked with my new staff, I see many of them have wonderful Christian like qualities, even better than many saved people I know. I find a lot of good qualities in them, only to break into tears when they simply say they don't go to church. I continue to pray that the Master Ranger lead me in His testimony so that my co-workers will come to know Christ. If you pray the Lord Jesus give you that same burden, He will be with you to lead your co-workers and others to Christ and will not let up. He will give you His love for other people just as if they were your own family as He has given me. This showed with my brief hospitalization over the Fathers Day weekend, I was moved and broken. In the short time Christ has led me in that testimony to my co-workers, they have shown me favor and know I work with Royal Rangers even though they don't know fully what it is, they know it helps boys grow similar to the Boy Scouts. They show me favor in offering various promotions tickets to various events to help the boys. They compliment me on a great work and to keep it up. I pray this testimony will lead them to know our Master Ranger as their Lord and Personal Savior too.

John Baumann, Scribe, rangerjib@att.net

How should I help a boy prepare for FCF?

This question has come up too and here is my best answer.

When you as an FCF member wish to present a boy or a man as a candidate for FCF, you tell them about FCF and its high standards. You verify and continue to help them lead a Christ like lifestyle – Above Reproach. If the boy or man does not meet these standards, you pray with them and for them and continue to lead them until they do meet our high standards, then continue on with more training as follows.

Each boy and man should have knowledge of "Adventures in Camping." A boy should be earning and by phase one have earned his Trailblazer First Class Rating and earned his Camping Merit. A man should have completed his LTC. If the boys and men honestly earn these, they will have no trouble passing the FCF Phase One skills test. If they have weaknesses in these areas, you should continue to work with them until they can pass the competencies required for FCF Phase One. These competencies are not difficult and should be known by all commanders

and older boys, even if they choose not to join FCF.

It is not the position to make FCF hard to get into so as to keep others out. It is our position to require diligence on the part of our members to further their fulfillment of the Master Rangers Great Commission.

When preparing to present your candidate(s), consider their financial dignity and offer to help with their fees. These fees are set on a cost basis to run a Frontier Adventure and still usually require extra personal help of others to meet expenses.

If your candidate is not prepared to take the phase one test and decides to take it, you, as a sponsor may need to counsel with them should they not meet the standards on phase one. We are not out to turn others away. We want to follow the Master Rangers plea for high standards for his Elite. We know the Master Ranger wants nothing less than our best and we owe it to Him to do our best.

You may contact any FCF staff member including myself for further questions. We want to see you make it into FCF and if you study and apply diligently – you will make it into FCF for our Master Ranger would have those that “Whom so ever will, may come” and diligently fulfill His Great Commission.

John Baumann, Scribe, rangerjbb@att.net

If I join FCF, do I have to buy a lot of additional clothing?

It is not the position of FCF to financially overwhelm anyone.

When initially joining FCF as a Frontiersman, an outfit is not required to get in.

We do, however, encourage you go make or buy an outfit and these do not need to cost a lot of money.

When advancing to the rank of Buckskin, an outfit is required but need not be pricey. With the help of my Buckskin and Wilderness Reps., I was able to get a nice looking outfit for a reasonable price. I do not have a leather outfit yet because I perceive they would be too hot for our Texas climate except for the winters. When talking to others, some think leather outfits are comfortable year round here so that would be a personal choice.

What should be avoided is to just look for a bare minimum mediocre outfit, like a pair of blue jeans and a calico shirt. We must consider that when we wear our outfits, we represent the Master Ranger Jesus Christ and our appearance represents Him. I have always held the position that the Lord does not really care about the outfit or uniform itself since he looks upon the heart and not so much the outward. We must remember however, that while He does not care so much about the outfit itself – **HE DOES CARE FOR WHAT THE OUTFIT STANDS FOR AND HOW YOU REPRESENT HIM!** We must keep this in mind in our dress for Him – not to impress others about ourselves – but to be our best as we represent HIM!

An initial outfit does not need financially overwhelm you. I paid about the same for my outfit as I would have paid for a good set of work or dress clothes. It's worth having a nice outfit although it may not be that \$1000.00 pair of leather buckskins – it could cost a lot less.

In my experience with Royal Rangers – Suburban and Urban, I hear the line that they don't have the money for an outfit among other things. Some do have the money and some

don't. I have found that some that say they don't turn out to be a lot different. You may find they have \$100.00 for that fancy pair of sneakers, another \$100.00 for that sports jacket, another \$100.00 + for those electronic games, etc. Then you find out, their parents have cable TV and would think nothing of paying \$40.00 for a pay per view boxing match and both Mom and Dad have Cell phones too. We just need to ask where our financial priorities really are.

My experience is that if you pay Gods Tithes, be honorable in your bills to your creditors – then He will provide extra for offerings to help others – and get that nice FCF Outfit to wear as a testimony and witness for HIM.

Please feel to approach your Buckskin Rep or any FCF staff member about assistance in getting an FCF outfit. We are here to help.

John Baumann, Scribe, rangerjib@att.net

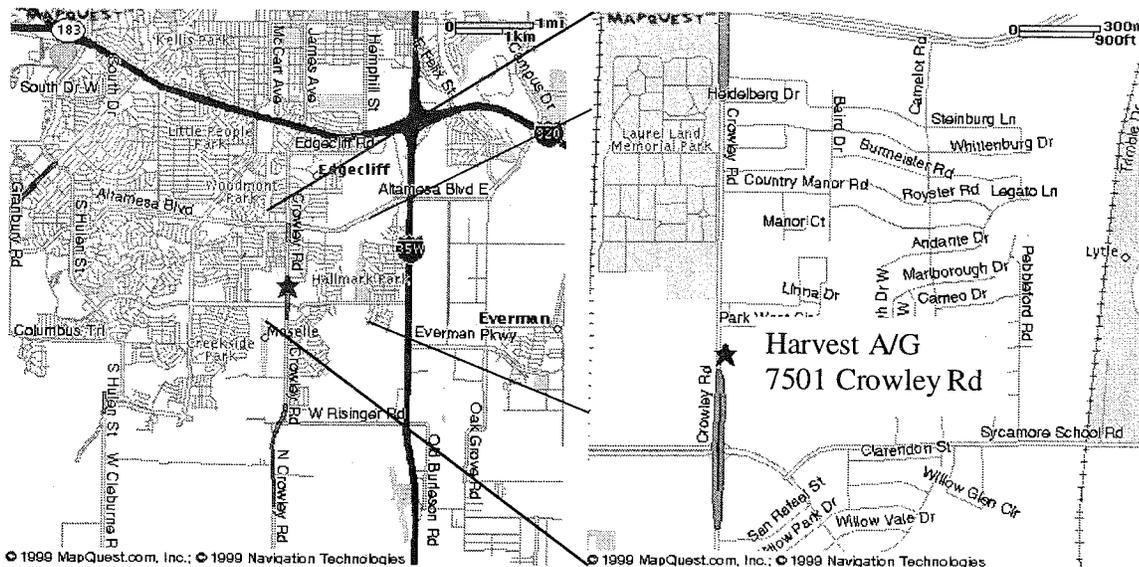
Light for the Lost Banquet

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 2000 LFTL banquet will be held in each section of the North Texas District on October 24. 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://ag.org/lightforthelost/jrcouncil.cfm>

FCF Christmas Banquet

The FCF Family Christmas Banquet will be held at the church of the "Skywatcher" Kersey family at Harvest Assembly of God in Fort Worth. We will once again get some other folks to bring in the food for us so those better halves don't have to slave over the pots and fires, (or us lesser halves) Harvest A/G has a new location and a map is included. We will send more info by the pony express or pigeons at a later date.

Harvest A/G is located at 7501 Crowley Road. It is South of I-20 and West of I-35W. You can exit on Crowley Road and go south from I20, or you may exit at Sycamore School Road from I-35W and go West to Crowley Road and turn right. If you need further



directions contact Jeff Kersey, 817-534-4740 or jeff@royalrangers.net.

Power for Life

There are some very interesting and unique things about miracles. First, in order to have a miracle, we must have a need. Second, the answer must be greater than our ability. Last, we must look to God.

If you have a need, you are automatically a **candidate** for a miracle. Nothing else needs to be done. The man whose daughter had died and the woman who had the issue of blood both went out looking for Jesus. They didn't wait for Him to come to them. They also expected something to happen. One asked Jesus to come to him while the other said if only I touch his clothing, it is enough. Sometimes, we get too wrapped up in the problem to see God and the answer. To give it all to God means we must give up dependence on our self and our own resources. Give God the ownership.

But be assured, if we step out in faith, we will upset the non-believers around us who don't understand. They will laugh, scorn and ridicule (but when they get into trouble, they will seek you). When we are in the midst of a trial, we must **look** for the miracle. If we don't look, it may pass us by. Jesus had faith in God. What He settles in heaven is settled. It is settled even if the world takes a while to catch up. It is by His authority that things happen.

Some will look for the sign not the source. They want to see the miracle not meet the miracle maker. Are we looking for the power from God or the **will** of God? We need God's guidance. The real treasure is having a real relationship with God, not just an observer. When we give God our treasure, He will give us His.

Are you willing to do whatever it takes to do His will? Be All You Can Be in God's Army.

Remember to pray for the men going through the Wilderness Vigil in October.

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

FCF PHASE 1 TESTING

On Saturday November 11, 2000 The District FCF Staff will be conducting a Phase 1 Test in the FCF Village behind the Commanders Lodge. Starts at 8:00 a.m. Uniform is class B. Look sharp for the Inspection.

The cost of phase 1 is \$10.00 sponsors; make sure your candidates are prepared for the test. There will only be one chance this year for your candidate to pass!

Dead line to turn in your application (found on page 13) and fee is November 1st. Mail them to: Brian "OneWay" Philpott 518 N. Holiday Dr. Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Once your application is received, you will be receiving more information from our FCF president. Please continue to pray for our new FCF staff as the continue moving forward with changes to meet the national FCF guidelines.

Sarge Training Academy Update

What a great year for Sarge Training Academy. We had a full camp with 40 in PTC, 108 in AMC, 17 in JLTC, 5 in AJTC, and we even sent 6 to the mountains of New Mexico for JTT, and they even came back. The AJTC boys send out a special thank you to Cmdrs. Philpott and Martinez, they appreciated the "vacation" from home. If you have never experienced a Sarge Training Academy before, talk to someone who has and hear about a wonderful opportunity to see the lives of boys changed. Next year it moves up into June to try and help a little with the heat. Remember the words of Johnnie Barnes "A man never stands as tall, as when he stoops to help a boy." Make plans to come out next year and help the boys who show up, and see how Jesus changes their lives. As Cmdr. Pat Reilly says, "Why are we here? Jesus"

Jeff Kersey, Asst. STA Program Director, jkersey@itexas.net

Application for Membership

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

Shawnee Trails Chapter

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

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 Frontiersman Camping Fellowship:

Recommendation of Pastor or Commander:

Pastor's Signature

Commander's Signature

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2001 South Central Regional Conference

(formerly the SCR Training Seminar)

The Regional Conference will be held at the beautiful Radisson Hotel and Conference Center at 9100 Gulf Freeway in Houston, Texas on January 26 and 27, 2001. For the 2001 conference we have made a few changes that we believe will improve the conference. First, all the activities, including the Friday evening service and Saturday classes, will be held in the Radisson Conference Center. Each classroom will seat 250 people, so no more crowded classrooms. This year we are blessed to have several members of the national Royal Rangers staff with us as presenters and as our featured speaker Friday night. A list of the classes will be posted to the regional web site in the near future (<http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>) and will also be published in the next issue of the Signal Fire. The cost of the Conference is still the low price of \$20.00 if you pre-register by January 16, 2001 (and if you pre-register, you will receive a free tie-tac at the seminar). When we receive your registration we will send you a conference packet that will include a map to the hotel and list of the classes.

The rate for the hotel is \$71.00 plus tax for 1-4 people. When making your reservation, request the Royal Rangers special rate code number RR071. You may also want to pay with a church check--if you provide a copy of your church tax exempt form (check with your pastor), you will save money by not having to pay the state portion of the room taxes. The hotel has great restaurants, indoor swimming pool, workout room, luxurious spa and room accommodations.

Secondly, since many of you are driving a long way to get to Houston, the region would like to offer you the opportunity to enjoy the Houston hospitality by offering several tours. There are many things to see and do in Houston and the surrounding area, and we want you to have a great time with your family. Make this weekend a mini-vacation with your wife -- you both deserve it! We have scheduled a couple of tours that we think you and your wife will enjoy. You will need to sign up in advance on the registration form so we can make the proper arrangements for these tours.

KEMAH BOARDWALK

Spend the day browsing the shops, taking in the sea breeze on the boardwalk, and experiencing the old fashioned thrill of the amusements. With over 150 shops and restaurants to choose from there is something for the whole family. Come with us and enjoy the day at the Kemah Boardwalk.

The Boardwalk is located on Galveston Bay, less than 20 miles from the Radisson Hotel where the conference is being held. The tour will start at 9 a.m. from the Radisson Hotel and we will return to the Radisson hotel by 5 p.m. The tour is free (lunch and shopping is on your own).

NASA SPACE CENTER

Space Houston is NASA's premier space showcase. This world-class attraction will launch you on a mission that goes beyond the boundaries of our world. The center offers a full day of fun and adventure, where you can see larger-than-life IMAX films, touch a real moon rock, tour NASA, and explore the exciting Kids Space Center plus much more.

NASA is about 15 miles from the Radisson hotel and we will leave from the hotel at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. There will be an admission charge for the Space Center. We will have more details about this tour on our web site and in the next issue of the Signal Fire, once we have finalized the cost with the Space Center.

Saturday we will have activities planned for the ladies who may be in Houston with their husband but who are not attending the Conference.

Also, for those who would like to minimize their expenses in Houston, a local church that is fairly close to the Radisson will be available for men to spend Friday night. You will be responsible for providing your own sleeping gear.

Royal Rangers South Central Regional Conference

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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, 2001 to qualify for the pre-registration discount, and to receive the free tie-tac. Please do not mail after that date, as it may not be received before the conference

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY)

Last name: _____ First Name: _____

Street or PO Box _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ District: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

E-mail address: _____

May we e-mail your confirmation to you? Yes No

To help us with planning for the optional Friday tours in Houston, please indicate if you (and your spouse or family) will be attending:

Kemah Boardwalk _____ (number attending)

Space Center _____ (number attending)

Lodging is available Friday night at a local church for men who prefer to stay there (you must bring your own gear). Will you be staying at the local church?

Yes No

There will be activities scheduled on Saturday for wives who do not attend the Conference. Will your wife be attending the ladies activities?

Yes No

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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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, 2000. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or moliver@csc.com.