

# North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

August 2001

Greeting Commanders,

Thank you all very much for the offering that you took up at Pow Wow. It really came at the right time.

Thanks Commanders

Also, thanks to the “cast” of Outpost 39 for their hard work on the pageant. You guy’s did a great job. Also, thanks to Judy Harris for her many hours of work on the backdrop. It looked great Friday night. And thanks to Jenny Reese for the uniforms that she created for the cast for the pageant. They looked fantastic.

Because of all the prayers of the task force and the hard work of these people above, there were 34 first time salvations, 126 rededications, and 74 individuals filled with the Holy Spirit the first time.

Thanks for all your work.

Finally, for those of you needing to attend an NTC, we have one coming up on October 11-14 at Lakeview camp. This will be the last one in our area until the year 2003. So, if you have not attended, I urge each of you to sign up early and attend.

It’s about time for chartering packets to be mailed to your churches again. Look for these packets to arrive at your church office in the latter part of August. With your help, we can get all our charters returned to the district office by November 1st.

In His Service,

Paul Patterson, North Texas District Commander, [paul@royalrangers.net](mailto:paul@royalrangers.net)

## 2001 District Calendar

<b>August</b>	17-18	Academy of Ranger Training—LTC Campout, Basic Ranger Training, Advanced Ranger Training
<b>September</b>	7-8	Instructor Certification Seminar
	28-29	District Commanders Campout
<b>October</b>	11-14	National Training Camp (NTC) - Lakeview
	23	Light for the Lost Banquet
	26-28	FCF Family Days
<b>November</b>	9-10	District Winter Camp
<b>December</b>	8	FCF Family Banquet

## 2002 District Calendar

<b>January</b>	4-5	District Staff Meeting
	5	District Staff Meeting with ALL Sectional Staffs
	25-26	Regional Training Seminar, Oklahoma City, OK
<b>February</b>	1-2	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	15-16	Academy of Ranger Training—LTC Campout, Basic Ranger Training, Advanced Ranger Training
<b>March</b>	8-9	FCF Brush Poppin', Lakeview
	21-23	National Council
<b>April</b>	6	District Ranger of the Year testing
	26-27	Commanders Conference and Awards Ceremony
<b>May</b>	18	Pow Wow Work Day
	18	Regional Ranger of the Year Testing
<b>May 31 June 2</b>		District Pow Wow
<b>July</b>	15-19	National Camporama
<b>August</b>	16-17	Academy of Ranger Training—LTC Campout, Basic Ranger Training, Advanced Ranger Training
<b>September</b>	6-7	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	27-28	Commanders Campout
<b>October</b>	22	Light for the Lost Banquet, in each section
	25-27	FCF Family Days
<b>November</b>	15-16	District Winter Camp
<b>December</b>	7	District Staff Banquet
	14	FCF Family Banquet

# Pow Wow 2001

## “Above and Beyond”

### Highlights

This year we had a total of 869 commanders and boys in attendance. Praise the Lord, during Pow Wow, we saw 34 new salvations, 74 fill with the Holy Spirit, and 126 re-dedications.



# Kenya Training Team

By Marty Reese

The team assembled at DFW airport on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We introduced ourselves and started to get to know one another. There were 13 men from different parts of the United States. Jim Eubanks the Oklahoma district commander headed up the team. There was a total of 6 men from Oklahoma, one from Nebraska, one from South Texas, one from Florida, one from Pennsylvania, two from Louisiana and one from North Texas.

It took two days of flying to get to Nairobi, Kenya. We did have a fourteen-hour layover in London. Once we landed at the airport in Nairobi we were able to go through customs without any problems at all. Missionary's Ben and Darlene Odell along with Mick Waite the Kenya Training Coordinator met us and brought us to the East Africa School of Theology. It is located in the southern part of Nairobi called Buru Buru. The rooms we stayed in were furnished with bunk beds, desks and shelving that was bought with monies that came from BGMC. Thank the Lord for boys and girls that give to the Lord.

We started the training with an Instructors Certification Seminar. These were a select few who were trained about two years ago and hand pick by the General Superintendent, the Men's Director and the Kenya National Commander. We had a total of thirty men that came for this training. These men also became our shadows and interpreters in the rest of the training camps. These are the ones also that will become IT's down the road and be running the NTC's. A number of these men were pastors, school teachers, businessmen and laymen of the churches.

The next week we spent in training eighty-three men in the first Kenya National Academy. This academy was a combination of three camps: an LTC, NTC and part of an ANTC. Most of these men only had the clothes on their back and no more and in most cases it was a suit. They were hungry for the Royal Ranger ministry to reach their boys. One man had a problem in his church. The problem was boys from other churches were coming to his church because he had started Royal Rangers and had to stop because he was the only man and could not handle by himself all the boys that came.

We promoted Royal Rangers each Sunday and on the second Sundays five young people got saved. Praise God no one got sick on this trip. The food was good but I am thankful to be back. Thank you for your prayers while the team was traveling and training a nation of men that will go after their boys for Jesus.

# FCF ADVENTURE PHASE TWO TESTING

Expectancy filled the air as over 800 men and boys gathered at the flagpoles on the parade grounds prior to the pageant ceremony on Friday night at our recent Pow Wow. Many wondered what the purpose could be for having an 18th century style shelter on the deck in front of the flagpoles. They soon found out as the names of twenty-one individuals were called out as candidates to serve as employees of the Shawnee Trail Fur Company. These men and boys had already proven themselves at Phase one testing, and now the time had come to complete the rigorous process which would tell if they were fully prepared to become a part of the elite organization of Royal Rangers known as the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship.

As the "Greenhorns" set out on the trail, they were given some sort of an idea of what they would face during the next twenty-four hours, which for some proved to be the most challenging weekend of their lives. Since the FCF Phase Two - Frontier Adventure carries the purpose of selecting only those candidates who have proven their skills and abilities to be of the highest degree, it is conceivable that not every individual would be found to be ready, but that some may wish to sharpen their skills further and be back next year.

This group of men and boys discovered in a very real sense the meaning of our motto: "Ad Dare Severe" - which is Latin for "To Give and to Serve." It is our prayer that each and every person who went through the Adventure this year came out sharpened and ready for the Master Ranger's service. Thus we would like to congratulate the following and welcome them into the elite service organization known as the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship:

Art Sullivan  
Daniel Tatum  
David Swink  
Greg Garza  
James D. Rodriguez  
Jonathan Harris  
Michael Avrit  
Seth Bennett  
Tim Avrit  
Wesley Flach

Caleb Bennett  
David M. Havel  
Dick Harris  
Ian Reilly  
Johnathan Bailey  
Kraig Reeves  
Sam Vanderburg  
Stephen Rogers  
Tom Harris

The next time you see these frontiersmen why don't you shake their hand and pat them on the back? They have earned it.

Clint "Tinker" Grant, Booshwah

## FCF Family Days

Gather round all ye flatlanders and trappers. It's time for our family days git t'gether. This year we're gonna git t'gether down at the Lakeview campgrounds on October 26-28. Git all yer gear together and come down for a fine time of fun and fellership. Our theme this year is "The Lighthouse" with scripture from Matthew 5:14-16. Our fees this year will be \$10/members and \$5/family members and guests. We'll be having several competitions again this year, including the cooking contests. There will be more information coming. Check the website at [www.royalrangers.net/ntd/fcf.htm](http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/fcf.htm)

# POW WOW PRAYER VIGIL

Thanks to all who participated in the 2001 Pow Wow Prayer Vigil. About 250 boys were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit or rededicated their lives. That was the result of the prayers both during the camp and before the camp. You were the ones who drove Satan away during the camp that allowed the boys to pray and receive from God without interruption.

I really appreciate the commanders that included their boys in the hour of prayer. This will train the boys that an hour in prayer isn't so hard after all. We as adults can hardly wait upon God for an hour. By showing the how and setting the example, they will become the warriors of the future.

Your prayers also helped the pageant performers in their acting and praying. They could out-pray most of the men in the camp on Saturday night. Thanks to these young men who thought they were going to do a play but received an anointing.

The first aid officer reported fewer injuries and illness than average. That is also a result of God's protection. I know some that were healed during the Pow Wow.

I pray a special blessing from God upon each who participated. The kingdom of God will increase because of you.

Remember the Pathfinders in August or September as they travel to Ecuador to rebuild a church destroyed by rebels. Pray for their safety and success in the goals. We will have a vigil during this time. Details will be forthcoming.

Randy Woods  
Harvest Task Force Coordinator

## ACADEMY OF RANGER TRAINING

Have you completed your LTC and in need of additional camping skills? If so, we invite you to attend the ART advanced training classes being held August 17-18, 2001 at Lakeview Camp. We are planning to offer advanced classes in low-impact cooking, hide tanning, black powder shooters card, brand new basic First-Aid / CPR, and an open forum discussion class for those who have questions about any Royal Rangers related subject. Please note that we must have at least 10 men and boys (Trailblazer age and up) pre-registered in order to hold the black-powder class.

Once again, in order to save you money, time, and confusion, you must pre-register for any of the camps being held at ART.

LTC campout (for those currently taking LTC) - \$20

Advanced Class participants - \$20

B/SA Class (those currently taking B/SA LTC) - \$10

Black Powder Shooters Class - \$30

First Aid – no cards - \$18

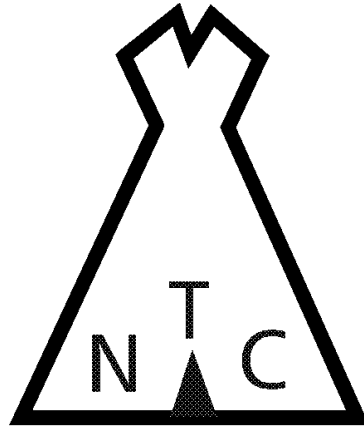
First Aid – with cards - \$28 (due to the first aid/CPR new and updated revisions, purchasing the books is now required. The cost of this book is included in the above fees)

Please note, regardless of which class you attend, everyone must pay either the pre-registration fee or the normal registration fee at camp (see form on page 9).

# ART Black Powder Shooters Class

If you plan on attending ART and will be attending the black powder shooters class, please make sure you pre-register. This class requires at least 10 men or boys (Trailblazers and older) in order to teach it. Once you pre-register, you will need to bring the following items with you to camp: Tent, Lantern, Lantern fuel, personal sleeping gear, and cot.

## OCTOBER 2001 NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP



We have one more opportunity to attend an NTC in North Texas. This is the last one until 2003. There will not be a 2002 camp. If you miss this one, it may be almost two years before we have another one.

A highly qualified staff from across the nation has been assembled and is ready to give you the training you need. This may be what you need to motivate yourself or your fellow outpost commanders. Forget the rumors you have heard about NTC. This camp will train you to conduct outpost meetings, reach the boys for Christ, various camp skills, discipline, patrol system and conducting the all-important council fires. It also helps you learn how much you really can do. It is usually more than you think you can do!

It is not a "fun" camp. It is a fast paced training camp. It can be fun but it has eternal rewards for those successfully completing the camp and those they touch. Nothing discourages a commander faster than not knowing what to do during an outpost meeting or how to do it. Here, you will be with other commanders like yourself, working together as patrols to help each other learn and take it to the local outpost. You will be the boys in this camp. Learn to see things from their prospective.

Don't forget the purpose of the camp is to teach you to REACH, TEACH and KEEP Boys for Christ. If you really care about your boys, apply now. You may miss reaching some of your boys if you wait until 2003. You will miss this outstanding staff. You will miss a real blessing. I have seen the NTC as a trainee and a staff member. I find it very rewarding.

Please make every effort to attend. You will be better off for completing the camp.

Randy Woods  
Camp Commander

**You can get the NTC form on the North Texas District Web site at [www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm](http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm)**

**You can get the ART Pre-Registration Form on the North Texas District Web site at [www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm](http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm)**



# **SARGE TRAINING ACADEMY PIONEER TRAINING CAMP**

Fifty-three Pioneers – three and a half days – three council fires – an overnigher – a nice long hike – classes in fire craft, tool craft, first aid, cooking, and rope craft – more energy expended than you can imagine – new life long friends –

That gentlemen was The Last Pioneer Training Camp. The next time Sarge Training Academy is held we will have a new Royal Ranger Program and Pioneers will be Discovery Rangers.

If you had some Pioneers at Sarge this summer, give them 15 minutes at your weekly ceremony and let them tell your outpost about their experience.

This summer the Pioneer Training Camp was made possible by some talented instructors. You do not have to get Pioneers interested in fire craft or tool craft or any other craft, you have to control them so you can teach them. These Commanders were great with your boys. PTC just would not work without the Patrol Advisors. Commanders that will spend three and a half days “mothering” someone else’s kids and your Royal Rangers so these boys can learn that they are able. They showed them how and then showed them how and then showed them how again. Think about teaching 8 boys you do not know how to fry bacon, make bolo ties, and a patrol flag all before lunch on day one. These Commanders taught your Pioneers a lot of firsts.

If your Pioneers came to PTC this summer, you have some leaders in your outpost. Let them take the lead. If your Pioneers did not come to PTC this summer, we will have another camp in 2003 called something besides PTC that will give them the same wonderful exciting opportunity.

Oh yea, and we showed them the care of Jesus. The reality of a living God.

Pat Reilly  
Camp Commander  
The Last Pioneer Training Camp  
Sarge Training Academy

# SARGE TRAINING ACADEMY

WOW, what a great week at Sarge this year. We had a total of 199 boys and 79 staff that were at Lakeview for Sarge camps. We had great weather for the week, and the Lord watched after us and kept us free from anything much worse than our friendly chiggers. We had a large number of boys and commanders from South Texas come up this year and the commanders brought many new classes with them for the AMC campers. It's going to be hard to wait 2 years for the next one with Camporama next year. But it's never too early to start making plans to attend the next one.

Jeff Kersey  
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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 August 21, 2001. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver at [mark.oliver@royalrangers.net](mailto:mark.oliver@royalrangers.net)

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