

North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

October 2001

Greeting Commanders,

We are coming upon a new era for Royal Rangers. We are looking at new names, new material, and new ideas. Lets look on these as a great potential for reaching the boys for Christ.

I know a lot of us old hands are shaking our heads and walking off. This is not what needs to happen. Look at the changes with an open mind and prayer. I believe if you do so you will understand most of the changes and get on board.

We have been trying to keep you abreast of the changes and will keep doing so.

You need to make it up to Oklahoma City in January to the Regional Conference. We will be doing a course to help you convert from old to new. You will need to also register early and get your hotel reservations in now. All current ICS instructors will need to be there Friday morning.

Get ready for Winter Camp on November 9—10. There will be 5 camps going on at the same time. You may go to anyone you like. The winter camp theme is “The New Frontier”. We are looking forward to seeing you and your boys there.

I would like to introduce you to two new sectional commanders.. They are Jerry Lewis for the Abilene section and Ken Johnson for the South Dallas section. Welcome aboard gentleman and I look forward to working with you.

Commanders, we have also completed the challenge course at camp. This is something that we have worked on for several years. We will be adapting it into our training program as well as use with the boys.

Charters are now due. You should have received them at your church already. Please plan to complete these and send them to the district office by the end of October. Doing this will allow you to continue getting information from the district office as well as the national office. We will be seeing more as we continue to move towards the new Royal Rangers program.

In His Service,

Paul Patterson, North Texas District Commander, paul@royalrangers.net

2001 District Calendar

October	11-14	National Training Camp (NTC) - Lakeview
	23	Light for the Lost Banquet
	26-28	FCF Family Days
November	9-10	District Winter Camp
December	8	FCF Family Banquet

2002 District Calendar

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



Obstacle Course

FCF NEWS

Congratulations!

John "Faithful Squirrel" Flach
Outpost 72 Challenger
National Royal Ranger of the Year

Christopher "Strong Bear" Philpott
Outpost 72 Challenger
South Central Regional Territorial Scout

Welcome New FCF Staff

Terry "Sky Hawk" Gibbs
Dist. FCF Scribe/Trapper Brigade Rep.

Clint "Tinker" Grant
Dist. Wilderness Rep./Pathfinder Rep.

I would like to personally thank,

Sammy "Longhorn" Kellum, John "Abraham" Baumann, and Cody "Three Bind" Hord for their countless hours of service, committed dedication and unswerving faithfulness to our FCF Chapter. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for such men of integrity and personal conviction. We honor you!

To give and to serve,
Brian "Oneway" Philpott

Just a reminder:

Trapper's Brigade points need to be turn in by the **FCF Christmas Banquet** (Christmas Banquet will be held at Sachse A/G, 2709 3rd St., Sachse TX, starting at 7 pm)

FCF Dues are due

- Old Timers \$20.00
- Young Bucks \$10.00

Want to Earn Your Buckskin?

Are you interested in earning your Buckskin? If so, you will need to let me know so we can make sure that you have completed everything. We will be entering the new program next year, which will have other requirements. So work on your Buckskin now.

Remember we aren't just trying to advance to say look at me but to encourage the boys to do the same. We lead by example.

God Bless You,
Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman
FCF Buckskin Coordinator

Do you want to be the best that you can be? Can you meet the challenge?

Get ready!

May 4, 2002

Make plans now to attend the premiere FCF event of the year!

FCF Family Days

October 26-28, 2001

Maypearl, TX

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

Non-FCF Attendees - \$5.00 per person

FCF Member - \$10.00

FCF Family - \$25.00

Everyone is welcome!

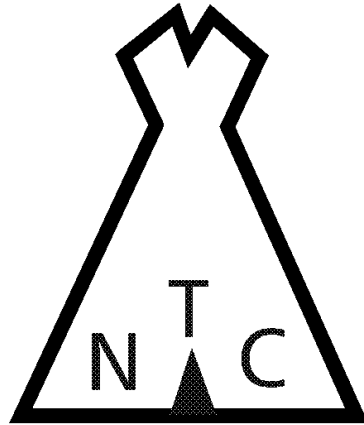
*Please pray for the Lord to have His way
during the camp meeting!!!*

Gather round all ye flatlanders and trappers. It's time for our family days git t'gether. 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. We'll be having several competitions again this year, including the cooking contests, rolling pin throwin' fer the missus, marble shootin' for the younguns, a scavenger hunt, pie eatin' contest, and many more. We are also gonna have us one of them thar auctions where you can buy thangs, we'll have the pie auction for shure, and we'll also have an auction for everyone that'll include the wares of our chapter. Members, bring something of yur trade or otherwise up and we'll auction 'em off. Course, all pies need to be taste tested by "Skywatcher" for a measure of their deliciousness before the pie auction. We also will have our honorable judge and prosecutor bring us another playing of the Kangaroo Court. So watch yourself or you may end up before the judge on charges, or the short end of a judgment. Our Saturday evening meal will be a potluck meal, we will be having the dessert cookoff but no chili cookoff this time. Cook whatever you want for the potluck, just make sure it includes desserts. If you are going to do a square for the quilt, contact Faye Spence for instructions and/or material. Remember, we do have a service Sunday morning, so make plans to attend the service and get a real blessing from the Lord. There will be more information coming. Check the website at www.royalrangers.net/ntd/fcf.htm

NTC Application can be found at:

http://royalrangers.ag.org/royal-rangers/application_ntc.pdf

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

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Camporama 2002

Are you planning on attending Camporama 2002? If so, and you are still in need for a Camporama packet, please contact the district office at 817.589.0082 and they will send you one. These applications are also available from the national Royal Rangers website at <http://royalrangers.ag.org> if you have

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North Division “Soaring Eagles”

(Denton, Greenville, North Fort Worth, & Wichita Falls Sections)

Greetings Commanders,

We have a lot coming up. September 28th -29th is Commander’s Camp, it will be at Camp Burnett again. Please come, let us talk and pray! I need each Section to provide what they did last year. Greenville brings supper Friday night, Denton Breakfast Saturday morning, N. Ft Worth Lunch and Wichita Falls snacks and drinks. It was great last year! Come again! Bring someone new. Last year we had 25. Can we can double that? I sure enjoyed Pastor Tom! How about you? May God bless and encourage each of you! We have a lot to talk about. **JUST A FEW ITEMS ARE:** The New Program and a Vision we to catch for Our District, hopefully your sectional Commander has talked to you about already, come and speak out.

Division 1 is planning another fantastic winter campout! Get ready to fight the enemy! In fact be prayed up ready to go! As always I am excited about the Winter Divisional Campout! Again I will ask the Sectional Commanders to help with running events, so if they ask for a hand please say yes. And if they don’t ask you and you want something to do please ask me. The boys need all the activities for earning advancements we can provide. Each Commander needs to bring a small gift for the boys as in the past campouts, (bolo slide, pocket knife, flashlight, something you made etc.) we give these prizes as awards for the boys who participate in the activities and work hard. We will have a time set aside for trading. No money allowed, just trading stuff, it went over great last year, it will even be better this year. Please get the word out about this divisional campout and invite an outpost who usually doesn’t come. You will bless them by doing this. 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!

Word has it someone from the FCF District staff will show us what FCF is all about at our camp. He will update us on the last Phase 1 testing before trail of the Grizzly starts.

Be Ready once again for Friday night service. Miracles happen, lives change and souls are added to the kingdom! We will have a guest speaker Friday night (to be announced).

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
lfogleman@pulse.net



Southwest Division Winter Camp

November 9-10, 2001

(Abilene, Austin, South Fort Worth, & Waco Sections)

This years Southwest division Winter Camp will be held in Lampasses, TX. This division is known as the roughrider division because the name was taken from a group of soldiers made partly up of cowboys from the southwest. Also, our campground is in cowboy country. Lets bring our cowboy duds to camp and dress the part for council fire and after flag raising Saturday Morning. Prepare now for camping in any kind of weather. You never know what this time of year will give us.

There will be a divisional campsite workday on October 13. Come on down to Lampasas and pick a site. Then you will be able to get your site into shape before camp starts.

There will be no southwest divisional commanders camp this year.

See ya at camp pardner. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Ken Farley, kfarley2@aol.com,

Central Division Winter Camp

November 9-10, 2001

(Athens, North Dallas, & South Dallas Sections)

The Central Division campout will be held at Lakeview Camp. If you need more information, please contact Ken Harris for more information.

Southeast Division Winter Camp

November 9-10, 2001

(Bryan, Corsicana, Lufkin, Palestine Sections)

For camp location and information, please contact James Kemp for more information.

Northeast Division Winter Camp

November 9-10, 2001

(Longview, Texarkana, Tyler Sections)

For camp location and information, please contact Jody Fauss for more information.

South Central Regional Conference

The 2002 South Central Regional Conference will be held at the Meridian Conference Center in Oklahoma City, OK January 25 and 26, 2002. The Hotel and Conference Center is located at 737 S. Meridian Ave. (I-40 and Meridian). Directions will be sent to everyone who pre-registers, and will also be posted to the regional web site at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>

Regional Conference: At this conference we will preview the new Royal Rangers program materials to be released in March 2002. Special guests for this conference will include: National Commander Richard Mariott, National Training Coordinator Rick Dostal and National FCF President Fred Deaver. Our guests will be presenting several class sessions introducing the new program and providing information about the 2002 Camporama.

We want you to bring your pastor to the 2002 Conference. Therefore we are offering free registration to all pastors who have at least two paid registrations from their church. Commanders, this is an opportunity for you to bring your pastor. Richard Mariott will teach a special class for all pastors. Commander Mariott will answer questions about the new program.

The special speaker for Friday night will be the Oklahoma District Superintendent Rev. Franklin Cargill. Rev Cargill is a strong supporter of the Royal Rangers ministry, and his ministry will bless you.

The cost for the Regional Conference is \$20 per person if you pre-register by January 15, 2002. Otherwise, it is \$22 at the door. Those who pre-register will receive a free tie-tac as an added bonus.

Special Training Day: We will also be having a special training day on Friday January 25 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This class will be very important to all Certified Instructors, Instructor Trainers and all leaders who have completed the Standard or B/SA LTC in the past. We will be going through the LMA Transitions module that commanders will need to take to bring them up-to-date on the new program. Once you complete this training module, you will qualify for the new LMA if you already have either the Standard or B/SA LMA. We will also be introducing the new ICS. All current ICS certifications are scheduled to expire at the end of 2002. This will be a way to get your ICS certification updated.

You must pre-register for this special training day by January 4, 2002. This will give us time to send you the new ICS notebook that you will need to work through prior to the training day. In addition, attendance at the ICS will require your district commander's approval. By registering by the deadline, that will allow us the time needed to acquire your district commander's approval prior to the training day.

Those without their district commander's approval will still be able to attend the LMA Transitions module training.

The cost for the Training Day will be \$20 per person, and must be paid in advance when you pre-register by January 4, 2002. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

Lodging information: We have secured two hotels to serve as host hotels for this conference: the Hilton Garden Inn and the Clarion. Both hotels are located 50 feet from the convention center. When making reservations please call the hotel direct (not the national reservation center). The Hilton Garden Inn's phone number is: 405.942.1400. The rates at the Hilton are \$79.00 (1-4 people), \$99.00 for a suite. The Clarion's phone number is 405.942.8511, and their rates are \$59.00 (1-4 people) and a suite is \$65.00.

Vendors: Vendors wishing to set up a booth should contact Marvin Lemke for details. Each vendor must be registered prior to the conference to ensure adequate booth space and compliance with the convention center requirements.

Restaurants: There are many good eating establishments, including fast food restaurants, within walking distance of either hotel. Several are located in the same parking lot.

Ladies Activities: We will have special activities planned for the ladies who do not attend the conference activities. We will publish more on these later.

Royal Rangers

South Central Regional Conference

The conference is going to be held at the Meridian Conference Center in Oklahoma City, OK on January 25-26, 2002.

Special Training Day: Friday will be a special day of training on the new Royal Rangers program. This will include the LMA Transitions module and the new ICS. The cost of this training will be \$20. You **MUST PRE-REGISTER** for this training by **JANUARY 4, 2002** (postmark date) so that we can send you the new ICS notebook for you to work through prior to the training day. No walk-ins will be permitted at this training on Friday. You will need your district commander's approval to receive ICS certification. We will contact your district commander for that approval prior to this training day. Those without their district commander's approval for the ICS will still be able to attend the LMA Transitions module.

Regional Conference: The cost for the Regional Conference Friday night and Saturday 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 for the conference must be postmarked by January 15, 2002 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: _____

E-mail address: _____

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

Please indicate the sessions you will be attending:

Friday: LMA Transitions module and ICS (\$20) _____

Friday night and Saturday: Regional Conference (\$20) _____

Total amount enclosed _____

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: John Permenter, 601 Jealous Way, Ste. 2, Cedar Hill, TX 75104.

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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, 2001. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, mark.oliver@royalrangers.net

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