



North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

January 2002

Greeting Commanders,

I want to thank all of you for your support this past year. As you have heard, the district office is moving forward in getting this position (district commander) as a full time position with pay. This will really benefit our district. We will be depending on you and your churches to help get the support needed.

We are moving forward with your camps and looking forward to Camporama this year. As you may know Camporama is just around the corner and the price has gone up considerably. You will need to start saving and doing fund raisers for your once in a lifetime trip for your Rangers. If you have never attended a national Camporama or have boys who have never attended, you will not want to miss it. It is only held every 4 years. If you are still needing Camporama applications, please contact the district office either by mail, email, or phone. All applications must be submitted to the national office and district office by May 15, 2002 along with the \$185 per person.

Inside you will find the district Royal Rangers calendar for 2002. Please look at it and add it to your outpost calendar. We would love to see you and your boys at as many events as possible. Commanders, these events are what keeps you from burning out. Everyone could always use additional ideas and training.

During the Academy of Ranger Training, we will be opening up the challenge course for the first 20 men who pre-register. Be one of the first commanders to participate in this new activity.

Thanks for your continued support with the Compass Program. If you are not signed up, please do so soon. This \$10 or more a month pledge helps keep our campground support going.

In His Service,

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

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
		LTA Campout
		Basic Ranger Training
March		Advanced Ranger Training
	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—Christ Church Assembly of God, Fort Worth
May	4	FCF Phase I Testing—Lakeview
	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
		LTA 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

2001 Service Awards

Have you earned an award for 2001? Enclosed are the forms for the awards that commanders are eligible to earn. THE DEADLINE FOR SENDING THE AWARD FORMS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS MARCH 15. Please note \$10.00 for the first year medals and \$2.00 for additional year pins is due when you send in the forms. After you send the forms in, plan to attend the Commanders Conference & Awards Ceremony on April 26-27 to receive your awards.

2002 North Texas District Commanders Conference

This years commanders conference will be held at Christ Church A/G in Fort Worth.

On Friday evening, we will be holding the annual commanders banquet where each commander who turns in their service awards forms will be presented with their medals / pins. This banquet will start at 8 p.m. If you are receiving any awards, you will not want to miss this special evening.

On Saturday, there will be many training classes available for each commander. The new transition module will be taught for those leaders who were not able to attend the South Central Region training scheduled for the end of January. Other new modules will also be taught.

Look for more details to come but don't miss the pre-registration for this event. You will find a pre-registration form in this newsletter.

Look for more information in the coming months.

If you would like additional information or there are particular classes you would like to see taught, please contact Marty Reese at 972-937-5529 or ntxdtc@hotmail.com.



LTA Training Camp-Out



The new LTA Training Camp-out is a training module in the Royal Ranger Leaders Training Academy (LTA). The purpose of this camp is to provide trainees with the outdoor skills necessary to safely and effectively take a group of boys on an overnight camping activity. The central emphasis of the camp is teaching basic outdoor skills – the fundamentals necessary to enable a leader to safely lead a camp-out. If you have finished an LTC under the old Leadership Training Course and have not completed your over night camp-out this camp is for you. Or if you have not completed your LTA campout, we encourage you to get a head start on the new Leaders Medal and attend this camp. Fill out the pre-registration form found in this mailing. The camp will start on February 15 at 6 pm so be prompt and arrive at 5 pm. The cost for this over night camp is \$20. If you have any questions about the new LTA camp-out you can email Marty Reese at ntxdtc@hotmail.com or call Marty Reese at 972-937-5529.

New FCF Buckskin Members

Congratulations!! To Daniel "Steady Mallet" Dillow and Todd "Fox Tale" Haddix for achieving the goal of Buckskin at Family Days. Steady Mallet has chosen wood carving as his trade and Fox Tale has chosen wood working as his trade.

I would like to encourage you to do the work that is required to achieve the goal of Buckskin . We shouldn't be satisfied with just making it into FCF but we should strive advance in FCF.

May God Bless You,
Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman, FCF Buckskin Rep.

By now, all of us in the North Texas District Royal Rangers are winding down from the busy schedule of going to training camps, attending sectional and district events. As we look back this past year many lives have been touched due to the efforts and involvement in the Royal Ranger ministry. How do we measure this? Some may look at how many activities they attended, others by their involvement. Certainly all these are important in our ministry, but let us all be aware of that famous quotation from our District Commander, Paul Patterson, “Lead By Example”. I would like to say we are doing this through our initiative using this approach to foster our self-improvement as a Royal Ranger Commander. We work with one another, taking bits and pieces of the best practices from throughout our District Royal Rangers using these tidbits (skills) as a tool and fashion them to reach out to a boy. As we all continue to work in unity and be the example Jesus Christ our Lord was, we’ll see great success in this ministry. I would like to challenge each Royal Ranger commander to reach out and minister to all those boys you have in your outpost. During this transition period of the new program, you can make this experience inviting and exciting for your boys. I see new avenues of excitement for commanders too. Let’s except the challenge and move forward in getting more boys involved in Royal Rangers.

REGIONAL SEMINAR! Don’t miss it!

The New Royal Ranger Program: Many have heard about it, some have attended meetings about it, others don’t know about it and others need to know about it (YOU). Attend the Regional Seminar and you’ll get it first hand from the Regional and National offices. This will be the final presentation before going to print. Please attend this conference, if it’s at all possible. You can get the information off the web site about attending this conference.

NATIONAL CAMPORAMA!!!! Begin to make plans NOW! I would like to see 500 boys and commanders attend from our District. It can be a life changing experience for you and your boys. Start saving your pennies and dollars for this exciting event. Meet me at camporama.

We need 4 people to help out at camporama, (2 experienced drivers and 2 assistants). This will be for 4 hours. You will be driving a tractor pulling a tram and hauling people from one location to another while your assistant is riding on the tram taking care of the safety issues. If your outpost has any commanders available, please let us know.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the District event this year. I appreciate all your efforts and time spent to make it all happen.

Wishing everyone a special Season’s Greeting for the holidays.

Dwain Klopfenstein, Deputy District Commander

Dwain.Klopfenstein@tccd.net

I would like to say, “We are getting better together”. We are doing it through our initiative using a collaborative approach to foster our self-improvement as a Royal Ranger Commanders. We work with one another, taking bits and pieces of the best practices from throughout the District use these tidbits as a tool and fashion them to reach out to a boy.

2002 Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil

The North Texas District has conducted 24 Hours prayer vigils for several years. It has given glory to God and helped reach men and boys during that time. During the vigils, prayer is given for our district council, the RR leadership, events for the year such as Pow Wow, Roundups, FCF outings, training camps, families and personal cleansing. Prayer is given for the safety of the camps and salvation to those attending. We have seen many boys and men come to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit. The injuries during camps have dropped to mostly chiggers. To God be the glory.

Many who have participated in the vigil have reported a new closeness to God, new blessings and new visions. One outpost brought their entire group for their one-hour segment. What a way to train up a boy!!

Another opportunity to participate in a vigil is coming on March 8 and 9, 2002. Starting at 6:00 PM Friday until 6:00 PM Saturday, continual prayer will be offered during this time to bring our district before God. Each division and section commander will receive a schedule of times. The area commanders should contact each individual church or Senior Commander to assure no time is left open.

This year the West Texas and South Texas Districts will be invited to participate with the North Texas District. Can you imagine the impact on the state if all RR leaders pray at the same time?! We can impact the state government as well as reaching more boys for Christ. Pray for these districts also that their leadership will catch the vision that our own district has seen.

Don't miss this opportunity to impact the district, the state and your own personal relationship with God. Join in the State of Texas 24-Hour Prayer Vigil.

Randy Woods, Harvest Task Force Coordinator

New Leaders Training Available in February

A new approach is being taken during the ART coming up this February 15-16, new schedule, new classes, new design. Commanders are going to have an opportunity to get training on some things that have never been offered before, along with some good ol' classes that everyone should take. The black powder shooter's class will begin Friday night at 6 pm and run until Saturday afternoon. Attendees will be able to obtain their black powder shooter's card which will make them eligible to shoot at any of the District black powder events, especially FCF events.

On Saturday there will be 2 class sessions, 9-12 AM and 1-4 PM. Offered during the AM time classes are: Blacksmithing, FCF Accoutrements making, Low Ropes challenge course, High Ropes challenge course, and the Standard First Aid class. The PM class session will include: Pioneering, Council Fires, Low Ropes challenge course, High Ropes challenge course, and CPR. Those familiar with the First Aid classes in the past will notice that they are now part of the regular sessions. This will allow for more time in the morning and afternoon sessions for the new classes.

Make your plans now to attend this ART and take part in some new classes and enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship, and training with your fellow commanders. If you plan to come, you must pre-register because some of the classes will have limited space available. For example, the low/high ropes course classes will be limited to 10 people for each class. The pre-registration form is included with this newsletter.

Jeff Kersey, FCF Vice President, jeff@royalrangers.net

2002 Ranger of the Year Testing

This year's District Ranger of the Year testing will be April 6, 2002. Each sectional commander will get detail information about location, cost, etc in the mail soon. We will be testing all 5 age groups so make sure you prepare your boys and send them to their sectional testing. One boy from each age group will then come to district testing. I would like to see one boy from each age group from every section. Commanders, we need you too. If you are interested in assisting us with district testing, please contact me so I can get you signed up. We will be sending all 5 age groups to Regional testing this year. I would like to see North Texas well prepresented and the only way we can do that is for you to have your sectiona send your boys. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact me. Robert Johnson, rwjohnson3@msn.com, 1511 Speedway, Wichita Falls, TX 76301, or at 940-723-6210

FCF Family Days with No Rain

“Watch out!!!” Those were the words heard several times during the recent FCF Family Days at Camp Lakeview. The weather was as perfect as it could have been, and we had one of the largest turnouts ever with a large village and a large number of pilgrims that setup their nylon teepees in the modern camping area. Brother Edward Dittfurth from Stephenville brought us some excellent words for the weekend and challenged all of us to “look up” to heaven in praise to the Father. We spent Saturday watching young bucks and old timers get their faces, beards, eyes, etc all messed up during the pie eating contests. Kendall Kersey won the young buck pie eating and Clayton Kerr for the old timers. Ken “COAL” Harris won the scavenger hunt as he was the only who came back with a copperhead in tow. And all that “ducking” took place when the women folk showed their hands at tossing the rolling pin. Some of them looked like maybe they had some practice at throwing things, while some of them tossed some misguided pins into the crowd and tents nearby. When all was said and done, Linda Oliver showed the form that Mark has warned us all about in having the longest throw to win. Of course, one of the biggest events was the dessert cook off. The Hyatt's, Steve and Chad, won out over many wonderfully tasty desserts with their Indian Bread. All in all, everyone had a great time of fellowship, fun, and worship during a wonderful weekend.

Camporama 2002

If you plan on attending the National Camporama in 2002 and still need an application, please contact one of the following:

817.589.0082

NTD Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst TX 76053-1188

Rangers@northtexas.org

The FCF Wilderness Member

"...even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Heb. 5:14 (KJV)

He has his skills sharpened by reason of practice, and he has what it takes to survive; but he knows that the moment he depends on those skills, and not on God, he's lost the battle.

He's been there- done that, but he knows he hasn't yet arrived. He is a stranger and a pilgrim on this earth. (Heb. 11:13)

He moves like the wind. He is driven by a power that is not seen, but is felt. And that power moves things. (John 3:8)

He points the way, sets the stage, determines the climate. When there is a task or a battle ahead, he's the first man in and the last man out. He knows that it's better to lose sleep than to lose prayer, better to feed his spirit than his belly, better to give than to receive. He knows that if he would save his life, he must lose it. (Mat. 10:39)

This year, two men in the Shawnee Trail Chapter made the journey, endured the vigil, and came out the other side different than they were when they went in. Please welcome two new Wilderness members to our district:

Dean "Sharp Tack" Huffman

Dean made his vigil at the Territorial Rendezvous in the Jemez mountains of New Mexico. His sponsor was David "White Owl" Elliott.

Roddie "Tejas Peddler" McEntire

Roddie made his vigil in Chandler, Ok. at the Oklahoma District RR campgrounds last month. His sponsor was Clint "Tinker" Grant.

If you are a Buckskin member, and this sounds like something you'd like to have a go at, get in touch with me. I'd like to see us get at least 5 candidates so that we can have a vigil here in our district this year.

Keep yer powder dry, yer nose to the wind, and yer eye on yer backtrail.

Clint "Tinker" Grant - Wilderness Rep.

FCF Elections

It is time to vote for the District Scout. Nominations were taken at the Family Days Camp and the voting will take place at Brush Poppin' in March. Be there to cast your vote.

Also, it will be time to vote for FCF President and Vice President at the next Pow-Wow. Nominations will be turned in at the Brush Poppin'.

February 2002
Academy of Ranger Training
Pre-Registration Form

<http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm>

2001 Leaders Service Award

<http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm>

2001
Buckaroos / Straights Arrows
Commanders Award

<http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm>

2001 Outpost Commanders Award

<http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm>

2002 North Texas District Commanders Conference and Awards Banquet

The conference is going to be held at the Christ Church Assembly of God in Fort Worth on April 26 & 27, 2002. The church is located at 5301 Alta Mesa Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76123.

Friday Night Banquet / Saturday Conference / Lunch	\$30	_____
Friday Night Banquet Only	\$15	_____
Saturday Conference / Lunch	\$20	_____
Saturday Conference Only	\$15	_____
Currently chartered commanders, SUBTRACT	\$5	_____
Total Amount Enclosed		_____

Conference Price at the door (banquet / lunch will not be included) \$20 (\$15 if chartered)

The Awards Banquet will begin at 8 pm Friday night.

The Conference on Saturday will begin at 8 am ending by 5 p.m.

The ladies will have an outing so bring your spouse with you. Please submit a separate registration form for each leader. Pre-registration for the conference must be postmarked by April 15, 2002. 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: (____) _____ Outpost Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

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: NTD Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst TX 76053-1188.

Make checks payable to NTD Royal Rangers.

2002 Outpost Ranger of the Year Information Form

Date _____

Circle One - S/A BU PI TB CH

Name _____ Age _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Name _____ Telephone _____

Outpost Number _____ Is the Boy Currently Chartered? Y N

District _____ Is the Outpost Currently Chartered? Y N

Section _____ Chartered for the Year Being Tested? Y N

(Circle highest rank achieved in the group being evaluated)

SA - BRAVE TRIBESMAN WARRIOR HUNTER SCOUT

BU - GREENHORN WRANGLER RANGER RIDER TOP HAND

PI - RECRUIT POWDER HORN BOWIE KNIFE TOMAHAWK LONG RIFLE
MOUNTAIN MAN SILVER HAWK

TB - RECRUIT SECOND CLASS FIRST CLASS ADVANCED MASTER EXPLORER GOLD HAWK

CHALLENGER TRAIL RANGER _____ (Name of Highest Rank Earned)

(Circle best answers to the questions below)

Number of merit awards earned? _____ (List each of them on the back of this form)

Number of Red Cross type cards currently held? _____ (List each of them on the back of this form)

Earned GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT? Y N

Earned GOLD BUFFALO? Y N Earned SILVER BUFFALO? Y N

Outpost Attendance: Number of meetings held _____ Number attended _____

Wearing Uniform: Number of events held _____ Number attended in uniform _____ (includes regular meetings)

(List extra outpost campouts or activities on the back of this form)

F.C.F. AND TRAINING ACHIEVEMENTS (Circle only those items that apply)

F.C.F. membership dues current? Y N

FRONTIERSMAN BUCKSKIN WILDERNES TRAPPERS BRIGADE

PATHFINDER AWARD JLTC JTT AQUATIC CAMP LIGHT FOR THE LOST JUNIOR COUNCILMAN

NTC LTC JCE GOD AND COUNTRY PROGRAM

JUNIOR LEADERS SERVICE AWARD

OUTPOST INVOLVEMENT

Outpost conduct and cooperation, was itEXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR

Living by the Ranger Code, was itEXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR

Church and Sunday School attendance: Number of services held _____ Number of services attended _____

Participation in local Church, He is active in YOUTH CHOIR ORCHESTRA DRAMA BIBLE QUIZ

(List other activities on the back of this form) MISSIONS AIMS TRIPS VISITATION

Number of men and/or boys won to Christ this year as a result of the Rangers witness? _____

OUTPOST ENLARGEMENT

List the names of boys who have paid charter dues as a result of this Rangers work. (List them on the back of this form)

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate.

COMMANDERS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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--- LIST THOSE ITEMS FROM PAGE 1 BELOW ---

MERIT AWARDS - _____

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RED CROSS CARDS - _____

OUTPOST ENLARGEMENT - _____

COMMANDERS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Ecuador Pathfinder Trip Update

As many of you know, our planned trip to Asaya de Urcuqui, Ecuador had to be cancelled due to the attack on America. We were, however, able to provide enough money in construction funds to buy the materials and hire the work to be done, and this church has been built through the efforts of the North Texas District Royal Rangers. Gerald Jackson, who runs the national MAPS office in Springfield, said that "Those boys in Texas should be proud of what they have accomplished." Thanks for your support, NTD!

Thank you for helping the people of Asaya de Urcuqui with the construction of a new church. The response of your Pathfinder group was an answer to their prayers, and they will always appreciate it.

Phillip Barber,
Missionary to
Ecuador



Brush Poppin' 2002

MARCH 8-9, 2002

This year's theme will be "STAND" Eph. 6:13 and we'll be puttin' on the Armor of God. We will camp down by the lake, just like we did for Family Days. There will be plenty of contests to try your skills, so be READY! Any yarnspinner's out there? We'll even let ya take a gander at that!

This year we elect our district scout and assistant, and take nominations for FCF pres. and vice pres. at this camp, so be in prayer about these, show up, and cast your ballot in the hat! There will also be a Wilderness member meeting Friday night. Among the planned topics of discussion: What it means to be a Wilderness member, what your chapter expects from it's Wilderness members, how we as wilderness members can enhance and influence our chapter, and Christian Service Projects. If you are a Wilderness member, please try to make it to this meeting and put in your two cents worth.

The cost of this camp is \$10 for FCF members and \$5 for non-members, age 12 and up. Lord willing and the creeks don't rise, we'll be a seein' ya there!
Clint "Tinker" Grant, clintwgrant@hotmail.com

FCF Phase 1 Testing

May 4, 2002

With all the changes of the new Royal Rangers program, there will be only one phase 1 testing conducted for the year 2002.

Make plans to attend now.

1. Complete the phase 1 application with your sponsor. Once you have your application completed, your sponsor will work with you to make sure you will be ready for phase 1.
2. Cost of phase 1 is \$10.00 make the check payable to:
North Texas District FCF Chapter.
3. Mail the application and the \$10.00 application fee to:
**Brian Philpott
District FCF President
518 North Holiday Drive
Grand Prairie, TX 75052**
4. Report to the District property on May 4, 2002 at 8:00 Am. sharp.
5. Uniform is Class B.
6. Bring a pocketknife with you.
7. Bring your FCF sponsor with you.
8. Be ready for anything.
9. Mail your application and fee to the address above only.

Don't Forget

Dead Line for turning in your applications is April 27, 2002.

Upcoming Pathfinder Missions Trip

This year, the South Central Region will be sponsoring a Pathfinder Missions trip to the Solomon Islands. We will leave on Thursday, Aug. 12, and return on Labor Day, Sept. 2. The costs will be approximately \$1800-2000. This is a new work in the Solomon Islands in the province of New Georgia. The jungle has not even been cleared yet! There will be a limited number of vacancies which will be filled from each district, so if you are interested, let me know soon. We already have our project number on this one and things are moving fast!

Clint "Tinker" Grant-Pathfinder Missions Coordinator

Divisional One—Soaring Eagles

News Update

Greetings Rangers!

The Eagles Soared once again. It was the biggest winter camp yet! I know next year will be even better if the Lord doesn't come first. We had 95 young Rangers and 40 Commanders. Better than the numbers-we had revival at our council fires. We had skits and applause to get us started. Pastor Jeff Hunter brought us from laughter with his character imitations to Praising God and giving Him the Glory and inviting Him into our mist. As the council fire burned, Pastor Kevin Claunch lit the fires in the boy's and men's hearts for Jesus! We began the journey in the New Frontier that God has prepared for us. Pastor Claunch ushered in the New Frontier challenging the boys and men to be released from the cages of Satan and fly free as Eagles. I am positive we won't know what the Holy Spirit did to boys and men until we reach Glory. Jesus surely delivered us and set us Free. Saturday was busy learning First Aid, Security awareness, Winter Camping, and Compass. We had trading days, no money allowed, the boys (and Men) had a great time and again this portion will grow for next year. Camp closed out and prizes were awarded to the Boys that earned the most beads. Those that stayed for one more night. Again reached the New Frontier. Council Fire started earlier and Pastor Hunter and Pastor Claunch took us once again to where the Holy Spirit visits and sets us Free! Thanks Pastor Jeff and Pastor Kevin your award awaits you in Glory along with all the boys and men that rededicated their lives to the Master Ranger Jesus Christ. God Bless All of you!

Commander Lee Fogleman



Northeast “Minute Men” Division

Commanders,

Our Northeast “Minute Men” Divisional Winter Camp was a great success. We were blessed to have outpost from the Tyler, Longview, and Texarkana Sections. The camp began with a fellowship stew and council fire.

The boys and commanders enjoyed the third act of our winter camp southwest cowboy trilogy. Ma Johnson, Leigh Modisette, wife of Kevin Modisette, was not a happy camper when she received the news that her boy had been killed by the Marshall and Deputies. The entire cast had a great time with the drama and Ma Johnson realized her need for a savior. (Copies of the drama are available for a suggested donation of 5.00)

Pastor Brian Elliott brought a powerful message on forgiveness. We asked the boys to come around the council fire for prayer. As we prayed, the commanders joined hands forming a ring around these special young men. I believe the power of the Holy Spirit brought down strongholds in the lives of those young men. After a time of prayer, the Rangers enjoyed an awesome firework show.

Saturday was filled with excitement as several outposts brought “challenges” to the camp. Some of the “challenges” included the lashing tower, the rope bridge, the FCF challenge, the blood trail. Sounds like some commanders have been to Advanced National Training Camp.

In anticipation of next year, many outposts have requested the winter camp to be extended to a three-day camp. Hey, you don't have to ask me twice.

Thanks to all the men who helped with the divisional camp. May God pour out His richest blessings to you and meet your every need.

Reaching Boys for Christ, Jody Fauss, Northeast Divisional Commander, 903-882-1040

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 on the regional website at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>. At this conference we will preview the new Royal Rangers program materials to be released starting in March 2002. Special guests for this conference will include:

- National Commander Richard Marriott
- National Training Coordinator Rick Dostal
- National FCF President Fred Deaver
- Rev. Franklin Cargill, Oklahoma District Superintendent; Brother Cargill will be speaking Friday night
- Rev. Eugene Hunt, Royal Rangers missionary to Latin America and the Caribbean; Brother Hunt will be speaking Saturday morning

Pastors : 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 Marriott will teach a special class Saturday morning for all pastors. Commander Marriott will answer questions about the new program.

LMA Transition Module and ICS Training : The LMA Transitions module is a 6-hour class that will explain in detail the new Royal Rangers program that is to be released in March of 2002. This class is open only to those leaders who have completed the B/SA or Standard LTC. Upon completion of this class you will be eligible to wear the new LMA ribbon that will be available sometime after March 2002. You will, however, be given a certificate to show your completion of the training. Pre-registration is required for this class as we will need to make sure we have enough training booklets and lunch for all the attendees. You must pre-register by January 4, 2002 (postmark deadline) **NO WALK-INS ALLOWED**. The cost is \$20.00 for this session and will include all training materials, ribbon (when available), and lunch served at the church.

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 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. The ICS is by invitation only through your District Commander or District Training Coordinator.

Due to the anticipated large number of participants this class will be held at Crossroads Cathedral located at 8901 S. Shields Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK. We will be meeting in the Prayer Chapel located on the west side of the main church. The class will start at 8:00 am and finish by 2:30 PM. The Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS) will start at 2:30 PM and finish by 4:00 PM.

NOTE: All Friday evening sessions and Saturday sessions will be held at the Meridian Convention Center adjacent to the hotel on Meridian and I-40.

Registration: 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** for the Special Training Day. 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-tack as an added bonus. Online registration is available this year on the web: <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>

Lodging information: There are two hotels serving 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; their rates 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 suites are \$65.00.

Ladies Activities: We will have special activities planned for the ladies who do not attend the conference activities. More information about these activities will be available on our web site.

Royal Rangers South Central Regional 2002 Conference

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** 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 for this training. 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 _____

The ICS portion of the Friday training day is only open to Instructors and requires District Commanders approval. Are you a Certified Instructor? ____ Yes ____ No

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

Payment by: Check #: _____ (Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers)

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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 February 21, 2002. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglenn Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or mark.oliver@royalrangers.net.

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