

North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

April 2002



Greeting Commanders and Pastors,

The second quarter of the year is already here. We have a lot of activities coming up quickly. The first thing is our Commanders Conference that will be held at Christ Church in Fort Worth. There is a banquet Friday night for all Commanders and spouses. Hopefully you have sent in your award forms to the district because this will be a very good time to come and get the award that you deserve. Saturday we will be having many classes. There will be classes for all commanders and for sectional staff members. You will see a good selection of classes being offered in this newsletter. Come attend these good training classes. We can all learn something on a regular basis. Make sure you turn in the pre-registration form if you are planning to attend.

In May, we have our annual workday. If you are planning on attending Pow Wow, you need to attend this workday. We need your help at camp cleaning and preparing the campgrounds for this great event. Bring a group and let's get ready for Pow Wow.

If you would be interested in organizing the games for Pow Wow, please give me a call at the district office (817.589.0082) or send me an email at paul@royalrangers.net. I need to hear from you quickly. This job is important and I am looking for someone who has a desire to do his best for the boys at Pow Wow.

As soon as Pow Wow is over, get ready for this year's National Camporama at Eagle Rock Missouri. This is an event your outpost will not want to miss. Remember, the registration deadline is May 15.

As you can see we have a great year planed for you and your outpost.

In His Service,

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

2002 District Calendar

April	6	District Ranger of the Year testing, Sachse A/G
	26-27	Commanders Conference and Awards Ceremony Christ Church Assembly of God, Fort Worth
May	4	FCF Phase I Testing, Lakeview Campground
	18	Pow Wow Work Day, Lakeview Campground
	18	Regional Ranger of the Year Testing
May 31 June 2		District Pow Wow
July	15-19	National Camporama, Eagle Rock Missouri
August	16-17	Academy of Ranger Training LTA Campout, and 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, Lakeview Camp
November	15-16	District Winter Camp (5 different divisional locations)
December	7	District Staff Banquet
	14	FCF Family Banquet

2002 North Texas District Commanders Conference

This year's Commanders Conference will be held at Christ Church A/G in southwest Fort Worth. The church is located at 5301 Alta Mesa Blvd.

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 LMA Transitions module will be taught for those leaders who were not able to attend the South Central Region training this past January. Other new modules will also be taught. Included in our classes are: New Royal Rangers LMA Transition Class, Sectional Commander responsibilities, Area Commander responsibilities, Ranger Kids, Ranger Kids Meetings, GMA Ceremonies, FCF Sponsorship, Soul Winning, Fund Raisers, Fun and Successful Meetings, Your Outpost and the Internet, Conducting Successful Council of Achievements, Ranger of the Year, FCF—More than a Pin on your Chest, Pinewood Derbies.

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You will find a pre-registration form in this newsletter. If you plan to attend, you must send this to the district office. The ladies will have the opportunity of going to Granbury for a day of shopping and fellowship so men, bring your spouses with you.

There are lots of hotels within close driving distance to the church. Below are some of the recommended hotels:

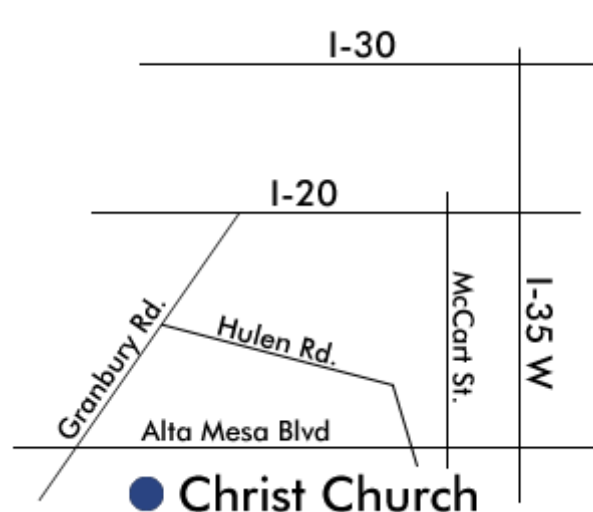
AmeriSuites Hotel	5900 Cityview Blvd	P: 817.361.9797 or 800.833.1516
Express Suites	4609 City Lake Blvd	P: 817.292.4900
Hampton Inn Southwest	4799 SW Loop 820	P: 817.346.7845 or 800.hampton
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	4609 City Lake Blvd	P: 817.292.4900 or 800.holiday
La Quinta Southwest	4900 Bryant Irving Rd.	P: 817.370.2700 or 800.NU.rooms

There will be a lot of information at this year's commanders conference. Register now and come ready to be renewed.

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

If you need additional information about the church or Fort Worth, please contact Mark Oliver at mark@royalrangers.net.

Directions to Christ Church A/G (5301 Alta Mesa Blvd, Fort Worth)



From downtown Fort Worth: Drive south on I-35W, then head west on I-20/820. Exit Granbury Road and drive south 2 miles (past Hulen Rd). Turn left onto Alta Mesa Blvd/Dirks Rd. The church will be visible just ahead on the right at the top of the hill.

From the south: Drive north on I-35W, exit Alta Mesa Blvd. Drive 4 miles west (past Hulen Rd). The church will be visible on your left shortly before you reach Granbury Rd.

From Arlington/Dallas: Drive west on I-20/820. Exit Granbury Road and drive south 2 miles (past Hulen Rd). Turn left onto Alta Mesa Blvd/Dirks

Rd. The church will be visible just ahead on the right at the top of the hill.

From the west: Drive east on I-20/820. Exit Granbury Road and drive south 2 miles (past Hulen Rd). Turn left onto Alta Mesa Blvd/Dirks Rd. The church will be visible just ahead on the right at the top of the hill.

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 pm.

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.

District Ranger of the Year Testing

Commanders, plan now to attend this year's district Ranger of the Year testing. We need your help in order to make this event a success. If you have never assisted testing before, we challenge you to come and be a part. This year's testing will be on April 6, 2002 at First Assembly of God in Sachse, TX. Commanders are urged to arrive at 8:00 am and testing activities will begin at 9 am. This will give us a chance to show you where you will be testing the boys. We normally use around 80 commanders so we need your help.

The church will be offering a BBQ Brisket lunch for \$7.00 per person. If you are arriving on Friday evening, below are a few hotels in the area:

Sleep Inn	2458 N Central Expressway	Richardson, TX	(972) 470-9440
Bradford Home suites	2301 N Central Expressway	Richardson, TX	(972) 671-8080
Radisson Hotel	1981 N Central Expressway	Richardson, TX	(972) 644-4000
Holiday Inn	1655 N Central Expressway	Richardson, TX	(972) 238-1900
Harvey Hotel Plano	1600 N Central Expressway	Plano, TX	(972) 578-8555
Super 8 Motel	1704 N Central Expressway	Plano, TX	(972) 423-8300
La Quinta Inn	1820 N Central Expressway	Plano, TX	(972) 423-1300
Days Inn	2101 N Central Expressway	Plano, TX	(972) 633-8200
Motel 6	2550 N Central Expressway	Plano, TX	(972) 578-1626

Directions

Sachse Assembly of God is located at 2709 3rd Street in Sachse Texas. (The Northwest corner of Highway 78 and 3rd street). *Note:* Sachse has a stop light at 5th street (there is a Caboose on the West side of the highway). 3rd street is 1 street south of the stop light.

Most Direct Route approaching from North or South of Dallas traveling on US75:

From US75 (North Central Expressway) take George Bush Tollway (190) East to Highway 78. (toll of 75 cents). Take Highway 78 North to Sachse/Wylie. In Sachse turn left at 3rd Street. Church is immediately on the right.

From I20; I30 from the West; or I635:

Take I635 (LBJ Freeway) North to Highway 78. Follow highway 78 signs North to Sachse. In Sachse turn left at 3rd Street. Church is immediately on the right.

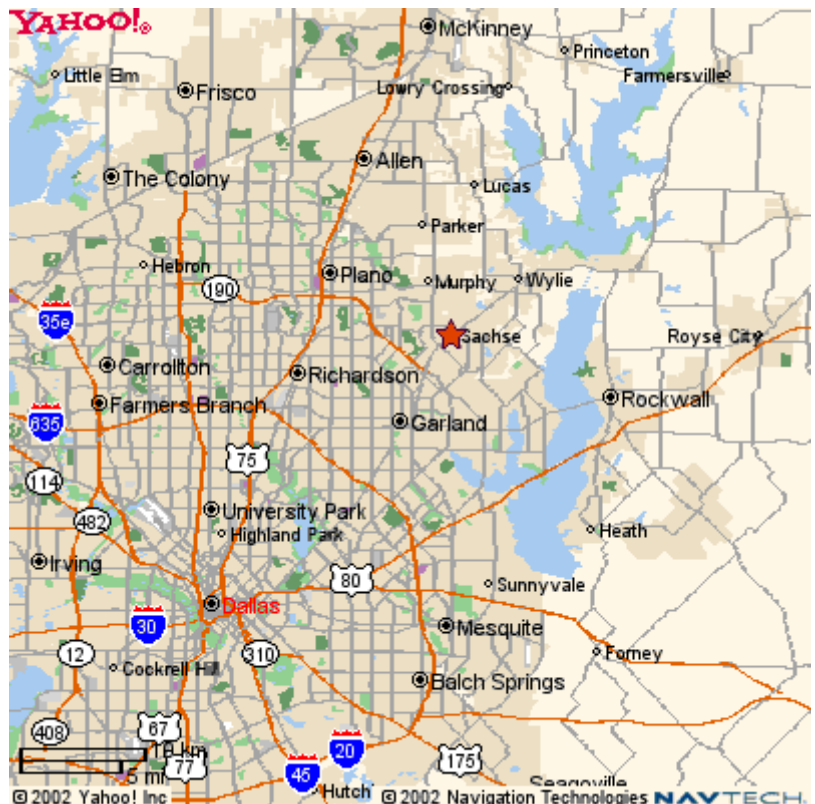
From I30 from the East:

Take 205 North to Highway 78. Turn left onto Highway 78, proceed through Wylie to Sachse. Go through the stoplight in Sachse (5th street) and turn right at 3rd Street. Church is immediately on the right.

We look forward to another successful year.

Sectional Commanders need to mail Robert Johnson all Ranger of the Year applications immediately along with their registration fee. If you have any additional questions or need my address.

Thanks,
Robert Johnson, rwjohnson3@msn.com



Pow Wow Workday

Workday begins at 8:00 am

on May 18, 2002

It's that time of year when every outpost should begin thinking about 2002 Pow-Wow.

Questions each commander should ask!

1. How many boys will be going?
2. Where will our camping spot be?
3. Is the campsite reasonably clean for my boys?
4. Will I need a spot for 3 tents or 6 tents?
5. How far from water?
6. How far from the rest room?
7. Do we need a dinning fly?
8. Will we have to clean a spot after we show up at 2002 Pow Wow with the boys?

Most of these question can be resolved if each outpost will bring a group of boys down for work day. Commanders! We ask for you to come and spend the day helping to clean the camp grounds to make it inviting for POW-WOW. Much has to be done in preparation for all the activities.

Tools you can bring (needed) to camp for clean up.

1. M A N P O W E R MEN AND BOYS AND MORE BOYS
2. Weed eaters, gloves, goggles, etc.
3. Riding mowers, Tractor mowers
4. Trailers to haul STUFF on.

Your divisional commander will be at the camp ground to give you instructions. After clean-up he will assign you 2 campsites to clean for the Pow Wow. One will be for your neighbor and one for your outpost. That's the good neighbor policy at the camp. Please bring a piece of plywood with your outpost number on it to stake out your campsite for Pow Wow. It might be a good idea to bring a can of bright spray paint to spray the boundaries of your camp. Please, no rope around your camp. Commanders! In order for you to get a good campsite for Pow Wow you must come to work day. Last year we ran out of campsites and many had to camp far away from all the activities. So show up early on Saturday. **REMEMBER THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM...**

You are certainly welcome to bring your group down on Friday. Each outpost is responsible for their food.

PRE-REGISTRATION of \$25.00 is required for all outposts to get an assigned campsite. This can be paid when you arrive at camp for workday.

We are estimating 1200-1500 men and boys at the camp.

Lets' work as a team and have fun doing God's work. God will reward you for all your

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efforts... Continue to prayer for the 2002 Pow Wow that many souls will be saved and lives will be changed.

Come prepared to help clean 2 new areas for camping, the pageant area, the game area, a spot for your neighboring outpost, and a spot for your outpost.

If you should have any questions please contact your divisional commander or Dwain Klopfenstein.

District Pow Wow May 31—June 2 Lakeview Camp

Pow Wow packets will be arriving at your church office shortly. Every church office will receive a packet so talk to your church secretary now so she can start watching for it. Plan now on bringing your outpost for a weekend of adventure and fun. You can start arriving at camp at 12 noon. Registration cost will be \$15 per person. You will also be able to get the Pow Wow packet online at www.royalrangers.net/ntd once it has been mailed.

Academy of Rangers Training (ART) August 2002

There will be many exciting activities and classes planned for the ART in August. Mark your calendars now for August 16-17. There will be some new advanced training classes offered on Saturday.

The Leadership Training Academy camp-out will be Friday and Saturday. You will learn new camping skills and be able to practice what you have learned. Commanders, you need this in order to earn your LMA.

An NRA instructors course is currently scheduled to begin on Friday and run late Saturday. This class is only offered once in a while so if you need it, plan to attend.

New FCF Scout and Assistant Scouts elected

Brush Poppin this year was held on March 8-9. The weather was fantastic and the wind managed to blow down a few of our shelters. But the highlight of the weekend was the election of the new district FCF scout and assistant scouts. Our new scout is Daniel Dillow. The new assistant scouts are Grant Permenter and Curtis Woods. Please congratulate these young bucks on their new positions the next time you see them.

Training Opportunities

Current Royal Rangers Leaders

Leaders, are you wondering how you are going to earn that new LMA? Well look no further because you can earn that new LMA by taking the LMA Transitions module at the Commanders Conference. It is a 6-hour module that will bring you up to date with the new Royal Rangers program. Here are just a few of the things that will be covered: What the new names are of each of the groups and the time frame that you have to transition your current program over to the new program. The Commander's Conference is April 26th and 27th. This Transitions module will also be offered at the Academy of Ranger Training on August 17th at Lakeview Camp. Look for the Commanders Conference application in this newsletter and fill it out and mail in.

Leadership Training Academy

The next LTA module will be taught August 16th and 17th. This module is for men that need to know how to take a group of boys on a camp-out and enjoy that camp-out. You will learn the basic needs of how to set a camp up and what you need to bring for that over night camp. This module will begin on a Friday evening and end on Saturday evening. So if your new to Royal Rangers and never have been on an over night camp this module is for you. This module is just one more step in completing your LMA. Look for the ART-LTA application in this newsletter and fill it out and mail in.

Instructors Certification Seminar

For leaders that have been invited to an ICS the next one is September 6th and 7th at Lakeview Camp. If your current certification has expired and you have been invited back to get recertified then you will need to be there on September 7th from 8 am to 3 pm.

For leaders that would like to become an instructor you can contact either the District Commander or the Training Coordinator to see if you are eligible for ICS.

Certified Instructors

Instructors you will now be on a point system. In order to retain your CI status you must earn at least 10 points during the two-year certification period. Points are earned as follows:

- Points must be earned in at least 2 of the 3 categories:
 - ❑ **Teaching** – teach any LTA module or other Royal Rangers training event (e.g., Regional workshops or expos). 1 point awarded for each hour taught (if instructor “tag-teamed” with other CI's, only count those hours you personally taught the class – ½ points are allowed)
 - ❑ **Updating** – attend a district, regional or national training event. 1 point awarded for each event attended. These events would include a District Commanders Conference, Regional Conference or Seminar
 - ❑ **Attending** – attend and complete any LTA module to increase your knowledge of Royal Rangers. 1 point awarded per module completed.
- A minimum of 5 points must be earned through teaching during the 2 year certification period
- Report points earned to your District Training Coordinator

CI's who meet these requirements qualify for the recertification ICS, which involves registering for and attending an ICS, getting the updates, and taking the exam.

Renewing your ICS certification provides you with an opportunity to receive LTA updates, learn new training methods, and validate your knowledge as a Royal Rangers commander and instructor. If the renewal process is not complete upon the expiration of the certification status (e.g. at the end of two years), an individual may no

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longer wear the training chief pins on the uniform. A list of valid instructors and their expiration dates can be found at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/certinst.htm>

Please notify Marty Reese when you are teaching a module so that I can get the information out to everyone else that may need that module. You can email me at ntxdtc@hotmail.com.

Commanders do you have a constant turnover of leaders? *Training will help keep your leaders.*

Do you wonder why the boys lose interest? *Training will help keep your boys interest.*

Are you giving your Rangers the best experience possible? *Training will help give the best experience possible.*

Are you involved in the Sectional or District events? *Training will help get you involved in the Sectional or District events.*

TRAINING IS AN ON-GOING EVENT
IT JUST KEEPS GOING AND GOING

Why you should be a part of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship From a Young Buck's Point of View

Do you know why you should join the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship? You should join because of all of its fun and exciting aspects. You should join for the skills, for the fellowship, and to be a part of the servant hood.

When you join FCF, you will be surrounded in the atmosphere of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. The smells, the sights, and the sounds will make you feel as if you were going to meet Daniel Boone himself. You will learn how to throw a tomahawk and a knife, how to start a fire from scratch with flint and steel, and how to shoot a flintlock or a percussion cap muzzle loading rifle. You will learn about the history of the frontiersman. And you will learn how to develop authentic period outfits. These skills will help you adapt into the world of the frontiersman.

When you join FCF, you will be surrounded by fellow frontiersmen. You will be a part of a brotherhood. You will earn their friendship. Your brothers will be there for you whenever you need them. You will be able to talk and pray with them. They will be there to support and help you in any way they can.

When you join FCF, you will learn how to live by our motto: "To give and to serve." Service is a major part of the FCF spirit. We work as a team to get the job done. We do it because we want to. Service becomes a part of you. You will soon start to react instantly when you are called upon. It will become a standard that will be with you in your everyday life.

FCF will bring you confidence, responsibility, and determination. It will bring out the best in you. You can be a part of a brotherhood, a servant hood, and a team.

But first, you must sign up for and pass a series of tests on May 4 called Phase One testing. These tests are required to evaluate your potential in FCF. We want only the best, top-notch boys and men to be a part of the fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

Chris "Strong Bear" Philpott, Plainsman Territorial Scout

ARE YOU READY?

Members of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship would like to invite you to be part of the elite. On May 4, 2002, we will conduct PHASE 1 Testing. This test will be held at the Royal Rangers district property. It will start at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Don't be late. The uniform for the day will be Class B.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!

Minimum Requirements for Application

- Men must have completed their LTC.
- Boys must be at least 12 years old. He must have completed his Trailblazer First Class and the Camping merit.
- A servant's heart.
- A love and hunger for adventure and fellowship.
- A completed Phase 1 Application plus a \$10.00 Application Fee.
- A mentor or sponsor to prepare you for the test.

***Note:** Deadline for Phase One Applications is April 15, 2002*

MAIL THE APPLICATION AND FEE TO:

Brian "ONEWAY" Philpott
District FCF President

PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NTD FCF CHAPTER

These are some of the areas you may be tested on.

Tool Craft
Compass
Rope Craft

Lashing
First Aid
Miscellaneous

Bible
Fire Craft
Outpost Organization

Uniforms
Cooking

January 2002 Regional Conference Update

Thanks to everyone from the North Texas District for their fantastic support of the 2002 South Central Regional Conference in Oklahoma City. With a total registration of almost 900, this was by far the largest Regional Conference ever.

During the Friday training day we were able to pilot test both the LMA Transitions module and the new ICS, both modules in the new Leadership Training Academy. We are now working out the final wrinkles on these modules, and they will be released in March at National Council.

From the special training day Friday to the anointed message Friday night on "frogs, snails, and puppy dog tails" to the workshops during the day Saturday, this was a special regional conference. North Texas was there in force. Thanks to everyone for their help teaching, doing behind-the-scenes work, and supporting the conference.

Video and audio tapes of the Friday evening service will be available soon from the regional web site at <http://www.royalrangers.net/scr>
Jonathan Trower, jonathan@royalrangers.net

Academy of Ranger Training (ART) Pre-Registration Form

In the printed version,
you will have the actual
pre-registration form
for ART classes,
training camps, and
certification courses.

You can get the form
online at

www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm

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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 May 21, 2002. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver at mark@royalrangers.net.

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