



North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

July 2002



Greeting Commanders and Pastors,

Camporama 2002 is here. If you are not attending, make plans now to take your boys and leaders to the next Camporama in 2006. This is a once in a lifetime experience for most boys.

Are you ready to take your Royal Rangers training to the next level? If so, consider attending either the National Training Camp (NTC) or Ranger Kids Training Conference (RKTC) that are scheduled to be held later this year. NTC is designed to teach leaders of Pioneers, Trailblazers, or Challengers how to camp the Royal Rangers way -- by patrol. This four-day camp will both challenge and inspire you. It is scheduled to be held in Carlsbad, NM September 19-22. RKTC is designed for leaders of Ranger Kids (or Buckaroos/Straight Arrows), and is open to both men and women. This conference provides training in many different facets of the Ranger Kids ministry, including day camps, puppets, and crafts. In this conference the patrol method is also emphasized, since in the new Ranger Kids program the patrol method will be utilized. RKTC is scheduled for November 1-3 at Turner Falls, OK. Application forms for both of these camps can be found on the district web site: <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd>. If you are unable to attend one of these camps, both NTC and Advanced NTC will be held in the North Texas District in 2003.

The remaining events this year will be outstanding. Make it a point to get your outpost involved in sectional and district events. Chartering packets will be mailed to your church in August so you will want to make sure you get them returned before the October 1 deadline.

In His Service,

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

2002 District Calendar

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

2003 District Calendar

January	3-4	District Staff Meeting
	4	District Staff Meeting with ALL sectional staffs
	24-25	Regional Conference, San Antonio
February	7-8	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	21-22	Academy of Ranger Training LTA Campout, Basic Ranger Training Advanced Ranger Training
March	7-8	FCF Brush Poppin
	29	Sarge SIT Camp
April	5	District Ranger of the Year
	25-26	Commanders Conference and Awards Ceremony
May	1-4	Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC)
	24	Pow Wow Workday
	31	Sarge SIT Camp
June	6-8	District Pow Wow
	22-27	Sarge Training Academy
August	15-16	Academy of Ranger Training
September	5-6	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	26-27	Commanders Campout
October	9-12	National Training Camp (NTC)
	6-12	National Royal Rangers Week
	21	Light for the Lost Banquet, in each section
	24-26	FCF Family Days, Lakeview Camp
November	14-15	District Winter Camp (5 different divisional locations)
December	6	District Staff Banquet
	13	FCF Family Banquet

RANGER KIDS

by Brian Hendrickson, National Programs Coordinator

Wow, it is almost here! After more than three years of strategic planning and development the new program is becoming available. Many of you have seen and experienced the first look at the new program in the Ranger Basics training. New and experienced commanders are now in the midst of this training and we have received numerous letters about the new training and information. In fact, so many have taken the course that GPH is having to make a second printing already. You have shown us and GPH your commitment to working with our boys and it brings a great deal of joy to us here at the national office and the headquarters family.

The next adventure, after Camporama of course, we embark on is the release of the Ranger Kids materials, to be released this August. August 5th is the release date for this material and you will receive a pre-order form, available at Camporama, to begin making orders. Remember, the materials will be shipped after August 5th, but you will be able to get your orders filled out and ready to go for that release date.



J.B. Beaver is the mascot for Ranger Kids and he will be used extensively in the program to minister to the needs of our boys in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. He can be used for the opening ceremonies, Bible Studies, Devotions, and other activities. He will appear in the boy's handbook. This handbook is 128 pages of colorful information and should prove to be very appealing to boys and commanders. In addition, a workbook will be available for the boys to work in to complete all their advancement steps. This workbook is black and white and provides numerous activities including coloring pages, cut and paste, mazes, sign language, Braille ideas, and many other opportunities for boys.

Probably the most important piece is the Ranger Kids Leaders Guide. This reference provides all the concise and complete plans for every meeting for three years. That includes the review week, focusing upon BGMC, and the council of achievement. Probably the last item I would like for you to understand is the term we used for the curriculum. We have used the word guide. What we are trying to communicate is that we have provided a guide for you to use, but not a law that you must abide by. Of course, you can't change requirements for boys, but you certainly could use a different devotion if you have one that fits the meeting theme. You may want to use a different game that focuses upon the same skills, social and physical, as the game in the guide. Our goal is to empower you to become more proficient, require less preparation time, and yet give you the time you need to minister to the boys instead of spending so much time preparing a lesson plan. The more successful we can all become, the more boys that we can reach, teach, and keep for Jesus Christ.

Lastly, the national office would like to thank you for your support and participation in this demanding project. This effort has truly been a ground roots effort completed by men and women who weekly invest their time, money, and resources to minister to the boys of our nation.

FCF FRONTIER ADVENTURE

Pow Wow 2002

This year's FCF Phase two testing at Pow Wow was a great success. Twenty-seven men and boys were called out for service in the Shawnee Trail Fur Company at the flag poles prior to the first night's pageant. They all endured a rigorous time of testing which challenged them mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. At the final service in the FCF Village, all were challenged to take their ministry to a higher level of service to God as He poured out His presence and His grace in a very special way, touching and blessing everyone present.

As is often the case, there are a few who really stood out and shined, and there are a few who will want to sharpen their skills and come back next year; but one thing is for certain, they are all winners in our eyes and in God's eyes, and we congratulate everyone for doing their best! Accordingly, the Shawnee Trail Fur Company would like to welcome the following new members into the fellowship:

Austin Chambers III, Outpost 11
Chad McCord, Outpost 11
Alex Magmum, Outpost 77
Tom Reis, Outpost 77
Daniel Armentrout, Outpost 108
Martin Smith, Outpost 108
Leon Decco, Outpost 202
Ricky Boultinghouse, Outpost 211
Gerald Lones, Outpost 222
Ron Boshier, Outpost 232
Kiah Bennett, Outpost 362
Joshua McCracken, Outpost 561
Ryan Reneau, South Texas

Eugene Chambers Jr., Outpost 11
Ronald Church, Outpost 55
Tim Norman, Outpost 77
Justin Hill, Outpost 86
Alan Armentrout, Outpost 108
Brandon Strickland, Outpost 194
Tyler Vestal, Outpost 202
Lane Havel, Outpost 211
Nolan Boshier, Outpost 232
Alan Powell, Outpost 346
Ian Burns, Outpost 561
Robert McCracken, Outpost 561

National Royal Rangers Week

Commanders, make plans now for National Royal Ranger Week. First, charter **early** to receive your Charter Certificate and Membership Cards in order to have them to present to the boys and Outpost during Royal Ranger Week. Next, plan a special Awards Service and Reception to honor the boys and leaders for all their achievements and merits earned during the summer. Be sure to invite the boys' parents to this and celebrate ***“Royal Rangers 40th Year Anniversary – 1962-2002”*** – in a very special way!

Sammy Kellum, District Deputy Commander, longhorn@t-oe.com

FCF FAMILY DAYS 2002
"IN HIS PRESENCE"
PS. 16:11
OCTOBER 25-27, 2002
FORT VISION, CORSICANA, TX

Attention all FCF members and non-members; all old-timers and young bucks; all Royal Ranger wives and widows; all flatlanders and hivernants; all women folk and men folk; all children and grandparents; all saints and sinners; all enders and beginners: This coming Family Days camp is going to be a humdinger of a time and if it weren't I wouldn't say so!

This year's camp is being hosted by THAT CHURCH at Fort Vision, located at 3375 N. Business 45, Corsicana, TX. We will have a genuine family trace just like we did back in the old days! There will be gospel preachin' an singin'; food, fun and fellowship; contests and games; all in the presence of the Lord God Almighty! So grab yer family and let's all get together this coming October 25-27 and have ourselves a real shinin' time! And remember: you don't have to be an FCF member or even dress like one to take part in these doin's- we will have camping areas for both primitive and non-primitive shelters, so everybody's welcome! Cost is \$10 per person, \$25 per family.

Let's come really expecting the Lord to show up and do something special in our lives, we want this to be a time of refreshing and renewing, IN HIS PRESENCE!

If you have additional questions or need directions or a map to the camp, please contact Clint Grant at 972-772-8488 or clintwgrant@hotmail.com

2003 South Central Regional Conference

Plans are well underway for the 2003 South Central Regional Conference. It will be held January 24-25, 2003 at the San Antonio Airport Hilton (the same hotel that served as the host hotel in 2000). Rev. Freddie Espinoza will be the speaker at the service Friday night and for the devotion Saturday morning. A new feature this year will be several 4-hour optional training classes Friday afternoon. Saturday will be full of workshops and classes to provide every commander new ideas that can be used in the local outpost.

On-line registration and further details about the 2003 SCR Conference will be available later this year on the regional web site at www.royalrangers.net/scr -- and additional details about the Conference will be available in this publication later this year.

We hope to see you in San Antonio next January!

LTA Campout

Are you currently working towards completing your Leaders Medal of Achievement? If so, have you completed your LTA Overnight campout? Why wait? On August 16-17, 2002, you will have an opportunity to attend. The first thing you must do is pre-register. This form can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. Next, you must plan on arriving at 5 pm for registration. All classes will begin shortly after that time. Some of the classes that will be covered include: Camp Layout, Camp Safety and Sanitation, Fire Craft, Rope Craft, Camp Cooking and Sanitation, Tool Craft, and Camp Recreation/Activities. You will be dismissed at 4 pm Saturday afternoon.

Equipment List for the LTA Campout

Clothing:

- 1 Complete "Class B" Royal Rangers uniform
- 1 Royal Rangers T-shirt
- 1 pair blue jeans or fatigues
- 1 pair camp-type shoes or hiking boots
- 1 rain poncho or other rain clothing
- Socks and underclothes
- Light jacket if needed
- Extra clothing as desired

Personal Items:

- Sleeping bag or blanket with pillow or cot or sleeping pad
- Personal hygiene kit (soap, shampoo, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, razor, etc.)
- Towels and washcloth
- Watch (or small portable alarm clock)
- Small personal mess kit (including plate, cup, bowl, and silverware)
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Pocketknife
- Adventures in Camping* handbook
- Small Bible or New Testament
- Paper and pen
- Canteen or water bottle

Camping Gear:

- Cooking equipment (utensils, pots & pans, cook stove, dish washing equipment & etc...)
- Tent or tents (enough for you or your group which you came with)
- Lantern, tools (shovel, ax, saw & hammer)

Requirements of the Certified Instructor

It is important that each student experience the same high quality of training, whether the class is held at a regional training conference, district training event, or on the sectional or local level. To help ensure this consistent training experience for commanders, any candidate interested in teaching must attend *and pass* an Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS).

Required Modules

NTC if teaching Adventure, Discovery, or Expedition Rangers activity modules
RKTC or BSTC if teaching Ranger Kids activity modules
Attend and complete every module you want to teach
Pass the Instructor Certification Seminar

By Invitation Only

Only those individuals meeting the requirements to teach will be invited to attend an ICS. Attendance at an ICS will not guarantee certification to teach. In order to pass the ICS, a candidate must:

- Have his/her uniform inspected.
- Demonstrate above average teaching ability with an average score of 40 on the Instructor Assessment form.
- Score 85 or above on the closed book ICS exam that will cover all aspects of the Royal Rangers program and the LTA training process.

District approval required. The first step is for the applicant to obtain approval from his district. Contact either your district commander or district training coordinator to see if you are eligible for ICS. If you meet your district's criteria for instructors, an application will be mailed to you. Instructions will be included on the application; fill it out completely and return it to the proper district official. Submission of an application for ICS *does not guarantee acceptance* to attend ICS. Each application is evaluated on an individual basis to assure the proposed candidate meets minimum requirements.

Instructors there is a new renewal form and a new training class report on the NTD web page at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/forms.htm>

Instructors don't forget to get a course number from the district training coordinator when setting up a module to teach. If you don't have a course number then your module will not be accepted as an official class. The district does not keep records for un-approved classes. Instructors if you fail to get a course number then you will be put back under the apprenticeship and have to have two evaluations before being recertified.

Ranger Kids Skills

If you are needing a Ranger Kids Skills module be taught, please contact your Sectional Commander. This class can now be taught at a sectional level as long as the instructor has received a course number. Every Ranger Kids commander that will be taking their boys on day outings and activities need to attend this class. This class will open any commanders eyes on what should be thought about before and during the outing.

Pow Wow Highlights

By Dwain Klopfenstein
Deputy District Commander

What a great POW WOW! Not enough good things can be said about how successful the camp was. Certainly a lot of the staff came from many outposts that were in attendance help to make it a success. The highlight of any POW WOW is the response received when men and boys respond to the Holy Spirit. We had 34 saved, 131 rededications; 27 filled with the Holy Spirit; and 65 refilled with the Holy Spirit. It is exciting to see young boys' lives being changed as they tarried around the alters.

The speaker, Buddy Calzada, really did a bang up job in connecting with the boys. The number saved and rededications indicated the Holy Spirit was working through him. He can communicate with the boys.

What did you think about the remote control airplanes? They were exciting. The combat was awesome!! The display of aerial stunts was something else. Those guys did a great job entertaining everyone. We want to say thanks to Mr. Steve French, Kevin French, and Gaylon Klopfenstein for coming out and doing their stuff. Steve said he never flew an airplane with so many people around. A little nervous at first but soon got control. I couldn't tell he was nervous. He said he would like to bring a big group out and put on a big show of aerial stunts and combat. What do you say guys? Would you like to see big planes and helicopters? Let us hear from you on this idea.

The Games Coordinator, Ernie Statuto, did a superb job. A Special thanks to Aaron Harris for getting all the games to the game field. You guys are great. Thanks for all the help (Outpost Commanders) we had at the game field. **Did you know that everyone who worked in the game field got a special hat from the District Commander! HMMMM!**

What about that high ropes course? Didn't that look exciting? Commander Paul really made it a thrill for all those guys to roll down the wire. I wonder what he has in store for next year?

The Patch auction was a big highlight Saturday morning at Flag Raising. This year \$1250.00 for each patch. That is a total of \$2500.00. WOW! WOW! WOW! A big thanks to Wes Burns of Dallas and Mark Chapman of Austin getting the 2 patches. The monies from the patch go to help out for camp expenses. Again thanks!

District commander's camp. Some have question about whether to have the commander's camp this fall. Some camps have a large turnout. Please contact your Division Commander and let him know if you are still interested in continuing this camp. It's a very relaxing camp and not a whole lot for you to do. Just come and relax with other commanders and enjoy the fellowship. Some Divisions combine their camp with other divisions. That is a consideration too. Need some feed back from you?

I would love to hear any comments you may have. Send them to me at dklopfenstein@tccd.net

Pow Wow Prayer Vigil

I want to thank each of you who participated in the prayer vigil during the Pow Wow this year. As you know, many boys and men are strengthened by your dedicated prayer support. Eternity will tell the enormity of the impact this has had on the boys.

You, too, will receive a blessing:. Cars will run longer, children will not get ill as often, things will go better at work, etc. All God's blessings are not monetary. Try Him. He will not fail.

Randy Woods, Task Force Coordinator

Upcoming Divisional Winter Camps

November 15-16. What is that you say, that date sounds familiar, must be deer season or something. You're right. The date should be familiar and it is hunting season. Our Winter Divisional Camps are on the horizon, and we're hunting for lost souls to bring into the kingdom. Our theme this year is "Gatekeepers" and your Divisional Commanders are working up a powerful time for you and your outpost to come experience the Lord's work. More information will be coming at future dates from your Divisional Commanders so keep your eyes open for further details.

Well, Camporama is here, you're getting ready to take your outpost on the camp of a lifetime. While that's a great camp, the best camp though happens right here in North Texas District, Sarge Sellars Training Academy. We have a break this year but don't forget about the camp that has impacted so many boys, and commanders, lives. The weeklong camp has something for every camping age group. We want to add more camps next year, and the format of some will see some alterations because of the new program. It's not too early to start getting your boys, or yourself, geared up for a life changing camp. Sarge Sellars Training Academy 2003, Teaching by Example. Get READY!

If you would like further information, please contact Jeff Kersey at jeff@royalrangers.net

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GOD WON'T ASK.....

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many others you clothed.

God won't ask about your social class, but He'll ask what kind of class you displayed.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your principles to obtain it.

God won't ask how much money you spent on yourself, but He'll ask how much you gave back to Him.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but He'll ask if your overtime was for yourself or for your family.

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but He'll ask how many times they didn't.

God won't ask if His Son loved you, but He'll ask if you loved His Son.

God won't ask how many people you forwarded this to, but He'll ask to how many people you didn't because you were too ashamed.

- Author Unknown -

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

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