

North Texas District Royal Rangers “Signal Fire”

Special Edition

February 2003



Greeting Commanders and Pastors,

There have been some important changes since our newsletter was sent out last month. In this special edition, we hope to highlight only the events that were changed. If you still have any questions after you have read this, please feel free to contact my secretary, Teresa Arra, on Mondays through Wednesday at the district office 817.589.0082

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming events

In His Service,

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

FCF Update

Men, next month the new program will be kicked off, and I want to encourage you to begin leading boys down the Trail of the Grizzly if you have not already done so. All the Pioneers in my church have already had the opportunity to complete the first leg of the trail, with the exception of the Compass merit. As soon as your boys have completed the first leg and you feel that they are ready for FCF, turn in the application for FCF membership to me. What I would like to see happen is for us to have to go back to doing two Frontier Adventures a year in order to accommodate the growth that we experience. Commanders, you too can complete the Trail of the Grizzly by teaching the eight required RED MERITS to the boys, and taking the Ranger Basics LTA module.

This year at Brush Poppin' the First FCF Congress will convene. ALL FCF members need to attend. This will become our annual business meeting, and will be patterned after the First Continental Congress, loosely following the Manual for Parliamentary Procedure written by Thomas Jefferson in 1812. At this annual meeting we will discuss and vote on policy making issues for our chapter. This will also become the official time for paying annual FCF dues. The FCF staff will at this time present to you a two-year plan for growth in our chapter consisting of six-month, one-year, and two-year goals. Later this spring, the staff will meet to develop a three and five-year plan, goals, and mission statement. If you have any ideas, suggestions, etc. towards this end, please contact us- we will not only listen but we will act!

Clint Grant, FCF President, clintwgrant@hotmail.com

Want to Join FCF? Phase I February 21

Phase I is happening again for all those who missed it at the Winter Camps and for those who did not pass. Phase I will be offered again February 21. Sponsors, have your candidate READY; you are the key for them to qualify for Phase II. Cost will be \$15 for Phase I and be READY with \$35 for Phase II. The location is at NTD Royal Rangers Camp at Maypearl.

Class "B" uniform is required for Phase I. Weather appropriate clothes will be needed for Phase II. Phase I will be from 3 to 5 pm on Friday. Sponsors are asked to stay through Phase I testing and be there when your candidate finishes at 5 pm. If the candidate passes Phase I he will move on to Phase II which will begin at 7 pm Friday. However, if he does not pass Phase I, arrangements must be made for the trip home at this time. He will not be able to stay through Phase II. Sponsors, pray for the best, prepare for the worst, capitalize on what comes.

Phase II—Greenhorns who made it through Phase I will have a Phase II with NO DISTRACTIONS, as it will be at ART camp this year instead of Pow Wow. The cost will be \$35.

This adventure will take you to the next step of servitude. To go beyond your imagination and humble yourself as the Master ranger, Jesus Christ, did. You will learn these skills: hawk and knife throwing; starting fires with flint and steel; trapping; living in the frontier; the dress and reason outfits look the way they do. You will also learn how to use your outfit to draw boys and men to Christ.

We will spend time in prayer! We will learn about the power of prayer and the importance of spiritual battle. Be ready to be impacted for 24 hours by wilderness masters, physical and spiritual battles, but most of all by the Holy Spirit himself.

It is up to you to cross the bridge from Greenhorn to Frontiersman. Are you up to the challenge? Come and meet the challenge.

Lee "Prospector" Fogelman, FCF Vice-President

FCF Brush Poppin March 7-8

The 2003 Brush Poppin' kicks off at 9 pm Friday with the Council Fire service and winds up at 4:30 pm Saturday. It will be held Fort Courage at That Church in Corsicana TX.

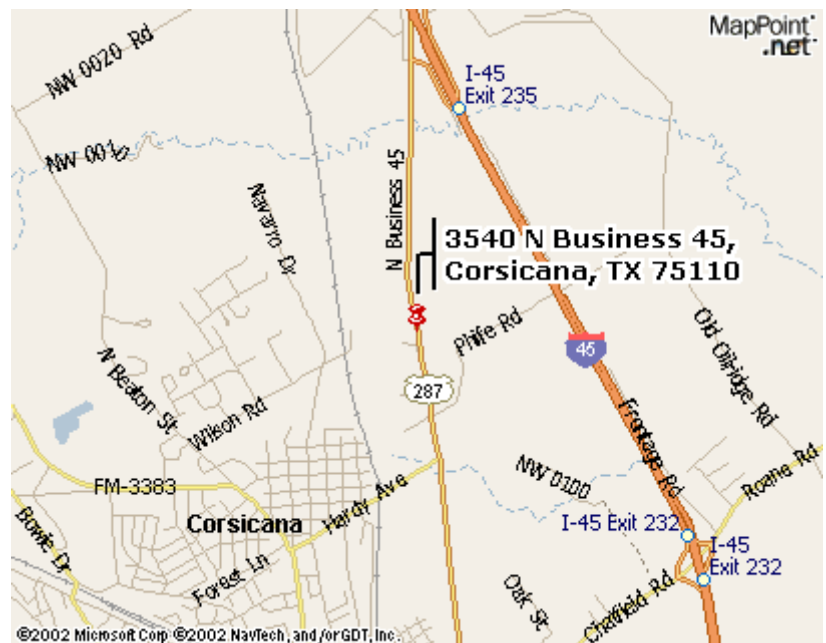
Buckskin News: Have you been in FCF for at least one year? Do you have a desire to advance and become Buckskin? You have an opportunity at Brush Poppin'. We will have a Buckskin ceremony on Friday night.

If you do not have a Buckskin Pre-requisite Packet contact Allen "Tahlequah" Bennett at 972-296-8919 or mtcreekr@aol.com.

We will have a couple meetings at Brush Poppin' that all you FCFers need to know about. The young bucks will meet at 11:00 am on Saturday and there will be a FCF congress at 1 PM for all FCF members.

I would appreciate any of you Buckskins e-mailing me to let me know what your trade is. We are updating our records and this information is critical.

Keep your powder dry,
Allen "Tahlequah" Bennett



Academy of Ranger Training, February 21-22

If you are planning on attending either the LTA camp-out, the advanced training classes, the black powder classes, or Ranger Kids Skills, here is a list of equipment you will need to bring with you. For a detailed list of equipment, you may find one at www.royalrangers.net/ntd/training/art.htm.

LTA Campout—Class B uniform, Jeans/Shirt, Sleeping Gear, Personal Items, Cooking equipment (utensils, pots & pans, cook stove, dishwashing equipment, etc), Tent, Lantern, tools (shovel, axe, saw, etc), pen/pencil
Advanced Classes—Class B uniform, Jeans/Shirt, pen/pencil; **Black Powder Class**—Class B uniform, Jeans/ Shirt, Sleeping Gear, Personal Items, Tent, Lantern, tools (shovel, axe, saw, etc), pen/pencil ; **Ranger Kids Skills**—Ranger Kids Class B uniform or Ranger Kids T-Shirt/Blue Jeans, 2 inch notebook, pen/pencil

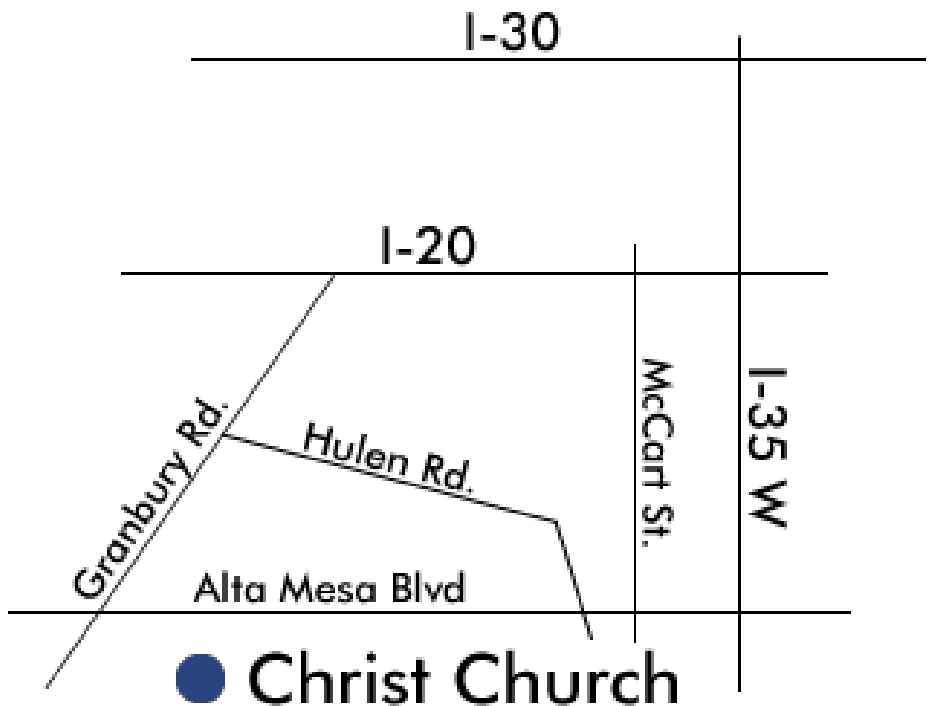
District Ranger of the Year / Commanders Awards Ceremony April 5

This years' Ranger of the Year testing will be at Christ Church A/G in South Fort Worth. Each section will be sending one boy from each age group after they have completed their sectional testing. All 5 age groups should still be tested (SA, BU, PI, TB, CH). The Ranger of the Year testing in 2004 will cover the new age groups.

We need all commanders who would like to assist with this years' district testing, to arrive at 8 am. This will give you time to prepare for your overview of how testing will occur. Activities will begin in the main sanctuary at 9 am. So please make sure your boys are there on time.

Also at this years' Ranger of the Year Awards Ceremony, we will also be holding our annual Commanders Awards Ceremony.

Make sure you turn in your applications in before March 15 in order to receive them in time. Let your boys see you earn your awards this year. Turn your forms in today. The latest forms can be found at www.royalrangers.net/ntd/documents/forms.htm



Directions to Christ Church

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.

District Module Training

April 26

Plans are currently being made for this years' training classes to be taught at the District Modules Training day. The location for this years' classes will be at Lufkin 1st Assembly of God. The cost will be \$15 per person and this will include lunch. All training will start at 8 am and the last class is scheduled to finish at 4 pm.

Men are able to stay overnight Friday night at the church. If you are interested in staying at the church, you will need to call Jason Dickerson at 936-637-1595 or Jimmy Sills at 936-829-0840 to let them know you are coming. There is a shower available.

Some of the current training to be taught includes: Ranger Kids Activities, Discovery / Adventure Rangers Activities, Expedition Rangers Activities, Trip Planning, Starting an Outpost, Outpost Council, FCF, and Teaching Techniques.

Look for final details towards the end of March when the Signal Fire will be mailed. However, mark this date on your calendar now and make plans to attend.

If you have questions before then or are interested in teaching, please contact Marty Reese at ntxdct@hotmail.com or 972-937-5529

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