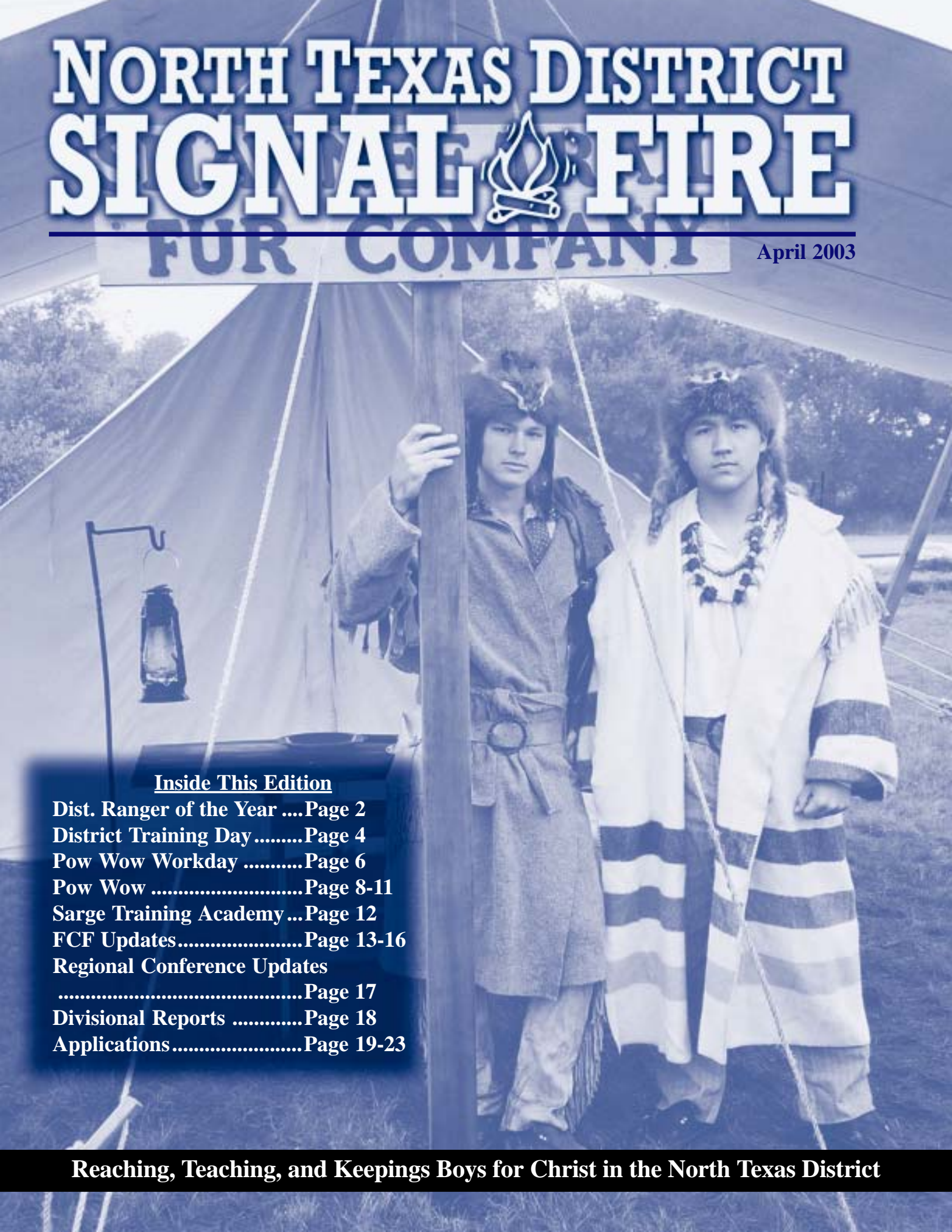


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Reaching, Teaching, and Keeping Boys for Christ in the North Texas District



From our District Commander

Greeting Commanders and Pastors,

This year has gotten off to a great start. We have had many exciting events that I hope your church has taken advantage of them.

I encourage your church to get a jump on the new Discovery and Adventure Rangers curriculum being released and plan on attending the Training Day on April 26. This will allow them to learn more about the new curriculum.

We are also holding an Advanced National Training camp in May for commanders who have attended National Training camp already.

Our biggest event of the year is just around the corner—Pow Wow. We have changed the format of this years Pow Wow in order to get everyone involved with the activities. You will not want to miss this. Pastors, if you get a chance, plan to come down for the weekend or at least for the day on Saturday, June 7th. You will see boys lives changed during our council fires.

Get your churches involved with our activities this year. There is a lot to choose from and something for everyone.

In His Service,

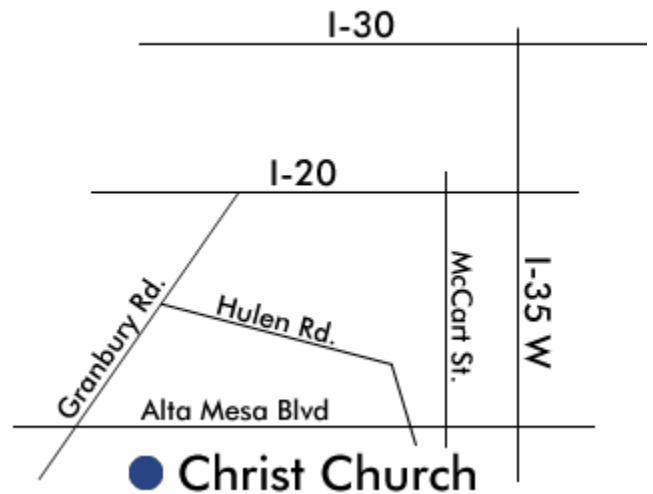
Paul Patterson, North Texas District Commander, paul@royalrangers.net

District Ranger of the Year Testing

Please remind your boys that have won the Sectional Ranger of the Year not to miss this year’s district testing. April 5 is just around the corner. The testing will be held at Christ Church A/G in South Fort Worth. Testing will begin at 9 am. Please be there by 8 am if you are planning on assisting with the testing. All boys should arrive by 8:30 am.

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 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.



2003 District Calendar

April	5	District Ranger of the Year and Commanders Awards Ceremony, Christ Church A/G, Fort Worth
	26	District Modules Training Day First A/G, Lufkin
May	1-4	Advanced National Training Camp (ANTC)
	24	Pow Wow Workday, Lakeview
	31	Sarge SIT Camp, Lakeview
June	6-8	District Pow Wow, Lakeview
	22-27	Sarge Training Academy, Lakeview
July	7-11	Territorial Rendezvous
August	15-16	Academy of Ranger Training, Lakeview LTA Campout Basic Ranger Training Advanced Ranger Training
September	5-6	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	26-27	Commanders Campout (contact divisional cmdr)
October	9-12	National Training Camp (NTC)
	6-12	National Royal Rangers Week (your church)
	21	Light for the Lost Banquet, in each section
	24-26	FCF Family Days, Lakeview Camp
October 31—Nov. 2		RKTC, Turner Falls, Oklahoma
November	14-15	District Winter Camp (contact divisional cmdr)
December	6	District Staff Banquet
	13	FCF Family Banquet

Commanders Awards Ceremony

This years commander awards ceremony will be held the same day as the district Ranger of the Year testing. The awards ceremony will start at 1 pm. During this awards ceremony, we will be recognizing our Ranger of the Year boys as well as the commanders who have earned awards for 2002. Plan to come help test with Ranger of the year and then stay for the Awards ceremony. Let your boys see you receive your awards this year.

District Module Training April 26th

Location: Lufkin 1st A/G 2021 S. John
Redditt Dr. (SW Loop 287)

Cost: \$15 (pre-registration) includes
lunch (Brisket, Potato Salad,
Beans), \$20 at the door

Starts at 8 am and will end at 4 pm.

The list of modules that will be taught
are:

- # (3 hr module) Ranger Kids Activities
- # (3 hr module) Discovery/Adventure
Rangers Activities
- # (3 hr module) Expedition Activities
- # (2 hr module) Safety and the Church
- # (3 hr module) Discipleship I
- # (3 hr module) Discipleship II
- # (2 hr module) Outpost Council
- # (2 hr module) FCF
- # (4 hr module) Successful Outposts
- # (3 hr module) Teaching Techniques
- # (2 hr module) How to Start an Outpost



Men only are able to stay overnight at the church call Jason Dickerson at 936-637-1595 or
Jimmy Sills at 936-829-0840 to verify you will be staying Friday night.

FCF Adventure

The Weekend of February 21-22 was a real adventure for the boys and men looking to become members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. They had to endure a steady rain throughout the evening on Friday and into the wee hours of Saturday morning. But they woke up on Saturday to a beautiful sunny day.

There were a total of 28 men and boys who were able to withstand the Adventure and enter into the proven rolls of the FCF. I would like to present to the North Texas District these wonderful Guys. Next time you run into one of them at a camp or otherwise, give them a hearty congratulations. They are....

Dan Bell	Joey Brenem	Rodney Briggs	Barry Coburn
Dillon Dickerson	Timothy Fauss	Joshua Horner	Dewayne Ivy
Michael Lambert	Allen Land	Patrick Malany	Zach Mathena
Adam McCracken	Zach Nickel	Nick Patton	Jim Shank
Matthew Shank	Raymond Stoltzfus	Dan Syrcle	Zach Taylor
Scott Terry	Christopher Trower	Mitch Ward	Daniel Weeks
Stan Weeks	Steven Weeks	Nathan Williams	Jared Wilson

Please join the FCF staff in welcoming these fine gentlemen.

Terry 'Sky Hawk' Gibbs, District FCF Scribe

2003 North Texas District Modules Training Day

This year we will have a day of training for the new modules that are being released by the national office. The training will be held at First Assembly of God in Lufkin, Texas on April 26, 2003. The church is located at 2021 S. John Redditt Dr. (SW Loop 287), Lufkin Texas. You must pre-register for a discounted price.

Saturday Training Day	\$20	_____
Pre-registration discount		\$5

The day will begin at 8 am end by 5 p.m.

Please submit a separate registration form for each leader. Pre-registration for the conference must be postmarked by April 16, 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

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO: NTD Royal Rangers, P.O. Box 1188, Hurst TX 76053-1188.

Make checks payable to NTD Royal Rangers.

Pow Wow Workday

Begins at 8:00 am on May 24, 2003

Theme for the POW WOW Workday is "BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR".

It's that time of year when every outpost should begin thinking about 2003 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 2003 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 campgrounds 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. **MAN POWER** - 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 cleanup 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 efforts... Continue to prayer for the 2003 Pow Wow that many souls will be saved and lives will be changed.

Dwain Klopfenstein, Deputy District Commander

POW WOW

June 6-8, 2003

FCF will be having a Battle reenactment. We will also be having an FCF Callout, Trade demonstrations, Special Trappers Brigade, Frontier Cafe, and more. If you want to stay in the village, plan now on participating in at least one of these activities and let me know which, because it will be your ticket to get in! By this time we should have two wall tents, and be able to accommodate thirty or so FCFers (OT and YB) who would like to stay in the Village but don't own a shelter. You must register for this! It costs \$5.00 to stay in one of the tents. First come first served.

FCF's motto is "To Give and To Serve". If your a lazy camper, you can take advantage of this by staying in one of our new tents and getting all of your meals cooked to order at our Frontier cafe, where you can get an 18th century meal at a 21st century price! But keep in mind that we will put you to work doing something else!

Transition Module End December 31st

Current LTC leaders who have not taken the Transition Module and would like to earn the new LMA medal only have till December 31st to complete the Transition Module. After December a current LTC leader will have to take all the modules that are required for the new LMA if they want to earn it. If you are interested in taking a Transition Module then contact your Sectional Commander, Sectional Training Coordinator, Divisional Commander or the District Training Coordinator – Marty Reese at 972-937-5529 for more information.

Instructors Certification Seminar

Interested in becoming a certified instructor and training other leaders then contact the District Training Coordinator to start the process. There is a pre-certification form that will need to be filled out and sign. Once this form is received then a ICS packet will be sent to you to complete and return. You will be put with an instructor that will mentor and evaluate you as an instructor. Then you will be invited to the ICS in September. If you pass the ICS then you will become a Certified Instructor.

Challenge Course Facilitators Needed

Would you like to become a Facilitator for the Challenge Course at the campground? If so, there are currently openings for those interested. Raise your standards and get involved with running this course for our Royal Rangers boys as well as outside organizations.

We are planning a training course for those who are ready. The cost for the training and the equipment you will own is \$550 per person. If you are interested, please contact Paul Patterson at 817.589.0082 or paul@royalrangers.net. A \$300 deposit will be required when you register.

Don't miss out on this opportunity because this will be the only team that will be accepted for the next couple of years.

Powwow 2003

June 6-8

Are you getting “READY” for the biggest event of the year? Plans have been underway for a year now to bring the Pow Wow together, a Pow Wow that will offer new and exciting things for you to see and do. A Pow Wow where the Word of God will be brought in a most interesting manner.



Eric Reamer is the Children's Pastor of Grace Community Church in Denver, Colorado, and a professional Christian Illusionist. He has toured all around the world, presenting the Gospel through the use of modern stage illusion and object lessons. Eric is the author of several books on the topic of creatively illustrating the Word of God, and has made several television appearances. He served 3 consecutive terms as the President of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians, Rocky Mountain Chapter, and is a featured speaker/performer on the mainstream Christian conference circuit.

Eric lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado with his wife, MeLinda and two sons, Steven and Sterling. When not performing or working at his church, Eric enjoys golfing, skiing and coaching his boys in their athletic endeavors. He is also the sole developer of his very popular website, www.illustratedillusions.com.

During the day on Saturday we will have several activities throughout the day for you to enjoy. You'll find articles describing the Christian Car Club of Fort Worth and the Tail Spinner Greater Southwest Aero Modelers. They'll be bringing there special shows to us. Along with those will be professional jet skiers from TLT Entertainment in Arlington. These men have traveled the world, performing in France, Philippines, and many other places. They will be bringing their skills and stunts to our lake for 2 shows. We are also privileged to have Buddy Calzada, our speaker from last year, coming out with his Metro Ministries truck. He will be conducting a sidewalk Sunday School type ministry with his puppets, games, songs, and the Word. Also joining us for the day will be Christian bands from the area for some day time concerts. The day will also include a



battle reenactment from our FCF Regiment, I'm told complete with cannon fire. Watch your heads and livestock on that one. There will also be clowns and other events during the day for a full day of fun in the name of the Lord. Should be greatly entertaining for the boys throughout the day, and you men as well. This should also free up you men to enjoy the camp more. We always ask many of you to help with the games during the day and you graciously and willingly do. This time come and enjoy the day with your boys.

And of course the council fire services. No where does God pour out His Spirit more than at the altar of a council fire. Our council fire services will be lead by the band Altered Life. They bring a message through their songs that are life altering, and they spend time at the altar for the lives of those that hear.



Every year we see boys and men touched by God during this most awesome time. Bro. Eric will be bringing the message in a unique way, and the Holy Spirit is already preparing hearts for the experience that God has in store for each one there. Come expecting great things to happen in the lives in your boys, and in your life.

Pow Wow registration opens Friday at noon. For those coming from a long way out, make sure you sign up for FCF help if you need assistance getting camp setup. They will be helping those outposts that come in late and don't get setup before dark. That will be a big help to some of you I'm sure. There will be a packet coming to your church that has registration forms, schedules, and important information. It is mailed to the church so make sure you pick it up from your secretary or pastor. With your help this will be the biggest and best Pow Wow ever. A Pow Wow packet will be mailed to your church very soon.

Jeff "SkyWatcher" Kersey
NTD Productions Coordinator
jeff@royalrangers.net, 817.249.7790

Advanced National Training Camp

Have you attended NTC? If so, sign up now for ANTC while it is in our district. Instead of traveling out of state, just drive to Maypearl in May. Send in the application form in this newsletter so you can make your reservation.

Pow Wow Prayer Vigil

Every year our Pow Wow's are a success because of the ongoing Prayer Vigils we hold during Pow Wow. I encourage each of you to get involved during your time frame and pray. You will see a detailed list of items to pray about in your Pow Wow packets. They will be mailed to your church soon.

Each section is responsible for two 55-minutes prayer times.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Abilene.....	Friday.....	10:20 pm to 12:00 am
Austin.....	Sunday	2:40 am to 4:20 am
Brazos Valley.....	Saturday	11:20 pm to 1:00 am
Cross Timbers	Friday.....	8:40 pm to 10:20 pm
Denton.....	Saturday	12:00 am to 1:40 am
Greenville.....	Saturday	3:20 am to 5:00 am
Longview	Saturday.....	6:20 pm to 8:00 pm
Lufkin.....	Saturday	9:40 pm to 11:20 pm
Mid-Cities	Saturday	8:20 am to 10:00 am
North Dallas	Saturday.....	1:20 pm to 3:00 pm
North Ft Worth.....	Saturday	5:00 am to 6:40 am
Plano	Saturday	1:40 am to 3:20 am
San Angelo.....	Sunday	4:20 am to 6:00 am
South Dallas	Saturday	10:00 am to 11:40 am
South Ft Worth.....	Saturday	6:40 am to 8:20 am
Texarkana.....	Saturday	3:00 pm to 4:40 pm
Trinity Valley.....	Saturday	8:00 pm to 9:40 pm
Tyler.....	Saturday	4:40 pm to 6:20 pm
Waco	Sunday	1:00 am to 2:40 am
Waxahachie.....	Saturday	11:40 am to 1:20 pm
Wichita Falls	Friday.....	7:00 pm to 8:40 pm

2003 Prayer Vigil Agenda

Meditation.....	5 minutes
Prayer Focus	10 minutes
Personal Prayer Time.....	10 minutes
Prayer for the Boys	15 minutes
Prayer Requests	5 minutes
Praise	10 minutes

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me/

Randy Woods, Deputy District Commander, randy.woods@lmco.com

Pow Wow Features

The Tail Spinner Greater Southwest Aero Modelers will be flying there planes at the Pow Wow. They will do acrobatics and also combat. There could be as many as 10 to 12 planes in the air at one time. Saturday a fly by with all the planes over the parade ground. Soon after the fly by there will be demonstration of acrobatics. After the acrobatics show there will be a combat show. This is where the planes do dog fights in the air. You'll not want to miss this exciting event. Time will be provided for you to meet the pilots and ask questions.

The Christian Car Club of Fort Worth will be displaying there cars on Saturday at the POW WOW. This will be a time for many of the boys to get close enough to see these fine automobiles up close. Some of these are worth upwards of \$75,000. There will be cars from the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's. These guys like to talk about there cars. Bring your questions. There will also be a specialty car that will be lighting up the parking lot with some smoke. Come and join us for this event. You can find out more about them at <http://christian-c-cruisers.com/photo.html>



Sarge Training Academy

June 22 – 27 is the date that the Lord above is preparing hearts and souls of young men and boys to have their lives altered by the experience of Sarge Training Academy. Sarge Training Academy (STA) is not just a place where boys come to have fun and learn new skills and merits, it is a place where the prepared hearts of those attending are met by the Holy Spirit and their spiritual needs are met by the Glorious Father.

STA has 6 camps that the Lord uses for His Glory. Discovery Adventure Camp (DAC) is for Discovery Rangers that have completed the 3rd grade. It is camp where a boy begins to learn the basics about camping and safety. Advanced Merits Camp (AMC) is a camp for boys who are working toward their gold medal of achievement. The camp will offer over 40 merits for all age boys working on their advancement trail. Junior Training Camp (JTC) is for Adventure Rangers that have completed the 7th grade, and offers the opportunity for learning leadership skills through the patrol method and leadership challenges. Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC) offers those boys who have completed JTC an opportunity for advanced training and learning such things as soul winning and the 16 Fundamental Truths and many others. Junior Training Trails (JTT) is a backpacking trip for those boys who have completed JTC. While on this trip the boys will work as a patrol and work on some advanced merits, all from the comfort of their backpack. Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE) is another option for those boys who have completed JTC. The boys will work as a patrol and canoe down a river while working on advanced merits.

All of these camps offer fun and excitement, and offer a chance for every one in attendance to experience that something special that God has in store for them. And Sarge isn't just for the boys. There are many opportunities for commanders to assist in the camp. Camp Advisors, Cooks, Instructors, are all needed to run this camp. The camp has grown to the point that 100 commanders are needed to staff this week. If you haven't committed already, please contact me so we can find the spot to plug you in. God has something in store for you, as you bless the boys that attend this camp, God will bless you.

Jeff Kersey, STA Asst. Program Coordinator, jeff@royalrangers.net

New Program Release

These books will be available at the end of March: Discovery Ranger and Adventure Ranger handbooks, Discovery Rangers and Adventure Rangers leader guides, Red merit reference book (for Discovery Rangers), Gold merit reference book (for Adventure Rangers), patches, pins, uniform items for Adventure Rangers and Discovery Ranger groups.

These will be out by April 30: Leaders Manual, Blue merit reference book, Green merit reference book, Discovery Ranger and Adventure Ranger workbooks

The Expedition Rangers material is still on track for the August/Sept 2003 release

Congratulations to the following FCF Members

To the following who advanced to FCF Buckskin and Wilderness levels at Brush Poppin' on March 7th and 8th.

BUCKSKIN MEMBERS

Allen "Dr. Moses" ArmentroutTrade: Apothecary
Daniel "Smiley" Armentrout.....Trade: Silversmith
Tim "Straight Stitch" Avrit.....Trade: Leathercraft
Dick "Rope Walker" Harris.....Trade: Rope Making
Allen "Flaky" LandTrade: Music Teacher
Martin "Higher Plane" SmithTrade: Woodworking

WILDERNESS MEMBERS

Jody "Redwing" Fauss
John "Pepperspark" Permenter

Please give these men a pat on the back when you see them. They have earned it.

Notice of Amnesty

by order of the **PRESIDENT**
of the Shawnee Trail Chapter

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship

DECLARED at the First Annual FCF Congress, which convened at **FORT VISION** on the 8th day of March, the Two Thousand and Third year of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, that all FCF members who have been inactive for a period of **THREE** or more years shall be granted **AMNESTY** at the **POW WOW** on June 6th-8th, 2003. Our terms are that those who seek amnesty shall pay in person the current years dues and present sufficient proof of being active in a **Local Outpost**. Those who have been inactive for such a period and do not take advantage of this opportunity shall have their name stricken from the **ROLLS** of the **Shawnee Trail Chapter FCF** until such a time as they re-activate their membership as per the requirements as set forth by the current **By-laws**. Those who have been in-active for a lesser period shall simply pay the last and current years dues to remain on the rolls, or risk being dropped from the membership roll as their status becomes inactive for a period of Three Years.

Clint "Tinker" Grant
FCF Chapter President
Clintwgrant@hotmail.com

WHAT'S AROUND THE BEND...

ON THE SHAWNEE TRAIL

Well folks, things are really cooking now with FCF. We've got a new staff together; a new tent; new by-laws; a go ahead on the Fort and Store; big plans and the vision to carry them out; our hands on the plow and our eyes on the horizon. So sit right back and let Ol' Tinker tell ya all about it.

NEW FCF STAFF

Please allow me to make a few introductions:

President—Clint "Tinker" Grant
Vice President—Lee "Prospector" Fogleman
Scribe—Terry "Skyhawk" Gibbs
Company Clerk—Daniel "Steady Mallet" Dillow
Historian—Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods
Buckskin Rep—Allen "Tahlequah" Bennett
Quartermaster / Supply Officer—Steve & Chad Hyatt
Scout—Curtis "Shining Spark" Woods
Assistant Scout—Grant "Wolverine" Permenter
Assistant Scout—Caleb "Pine Tree" Bennett

When you see these folks, please take a moment to tell them how much you appreciate all their hard work, because these men will be working hard to make FCF the best that it can be for you.

FCF TENT, DRUM & FIFE CORPS, ETC.

Back in December we voted to purchase a new tent for FCF at the Christmas Banquet. Well, now we have it. It is a 16x20 wall tent. Should hold about 15 Young bucks and all their gear. By Pow Wow we should have another one. Until then, the tent will be available for Young bucks to stay in only. The cost is \$5.00 per camper, per camp. When we do have another tent, we may make this available for Old timers as well. We found a great deal on these tents and give God all the glory!

Speaking of great deal, I ran across another one the other day and took advantage of it. We have been planning since December to start a Young buck Drum and Fife Corps to accentuate our War of 1812 Cannon Crew. Well I found a War of 1812 reproduction Drum and Fife for less than half the usual price! So if you know of a Young buck who would be interested in being a part of this regiment, contact Daniel "Steady Mallet" Dillow to find out more.

Something new we will be trying is the "Frontier Cafe" where you can get an 18th century meal at a 21st century price. We will have this at Pow Wow so if you don't have time to do your own cooking or just don't have the belly fer it, come see us and we'll fill ya up! Even wash yer dishes! Proceeds will benefit FCF sponsored missions projects.

Brave Beaver has been workin' hard I hear on designing a new Shawnee Trail Chapter FCF T-Shirt. We should have these available by R.O.Y. We'll have some at Pow Wow, as well. Sounds like they're gonna turn out pert nigh high upp'in'. (That means pretty good!)

Ad Dare Sevire. That's Latin for "To Give and To Serve", and it is the FCF motto. Wanna do it? We're gonna make it easier for you. Feel like you would like to get more involved in FCF on the frontlines of the battle but don't know where to start? Here's the place: Serve on an FCF Committee. You will get your name on the website, get to be important at FCF Congress and other events, and get to work a lot. Now that's a deal! Contact me for more info.

Territorial Rendezvous: Grab yer plunder an yer gun and head fer th' hills! We're a settin' our sight on New Mexico once agin come July 7-11. This time th' doin's is at the new District Campground there. For more info contact John "Pepperspark" Permenter.

Biddin' a Fond Farewell... To Jeff "Angus the Bard" and wife Stephanie (formerly Bierschwale) Hunter as they set their sights on a new frontier. They have accepted a Children's Pastorate in Illinois, and will be greatly missed in these parts. We will especially miss Gabe, who has been one of the most inspirational praise and worship leaders at some of our FCF camps that I have ever seen.

To Give and To Serve,
Tinker

FAMILY DAYS

October 24-26, 2003

Plans are already in the works for this year's FCF Family days. Our theme, "Bringing in the Sheaves" comes from Psalms 126:6.

This year's event is packed with more events including:

- €# More organized games for children and adults
- €# Campfire cooking competition - main dish and dessert
- €# Quilting Bee
- €# Much, much more!

We would like to encourage the young buck members to bring their families and invite friends. There will be a prize for each young buck who brings his family.

Men, if you haven't experienced Family days, you are really missing a great opportunity to spend quality time with your family while making new friendships with other Rangers. Be watching for more updates in coming issues.

Serving the King,
Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods

The Heart of a Scout

For several months now, I have been speaking of a vision that I believe the Lord has laid on my heart, for those of you who love new souls, here's a glimpse of the many things that I feel God is showing me.

1 Corinthians says, "...I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means, I might save some." For a few years now, I have seen a need. Not a mistake in the program, Not anything that WE are lacking, but a need in the hearts of many twenty-first century boys. These are not only clear pictures that I see every day, but the words of my leaders, friends, and many people I trust, and respect.

Visualize for a moment, a boy. He is trying to reach a bar above his head, but he simply cannot jump high enough. It would be unfair to him, and to other boys for us to lower the standard for him, but it would be inhuman to forbid him access to the bar simply because he doesn't fit the specs. That bar is the high standard of the Royal Rangers advancement system, and the little boy is every person that you and I have seen leave Royal Rangers because their peers tell them that they are not good enough.

Look to your bibles and your imaginations once more for the solution to the little boy's problem. In the beginning, God created man. Although he was created in God's image, he broke the laws given by God, and thus, lost his salvation. God then gave Israel the law, knowing that it would be impossible for any ordinary man to follow it. Thus as Paul said: The law was written to expose our sin. God sent this only son, Jesus, to die for our exposed sin, and bridge the gap between us, and our goal: Heaven. If God can bridge the gap of complete holiness and sin, then can we not put a bridge between the gap of the little boy and his bar?

The answer is Yes. There are three basic areas of attack in a person's life: Greed, Lust, and Pride. The devil uses these areas very hard on a young Christian. The key is to find out what will break down these three areas of attack. We don't need to re-invent the wheel to break these areas down early. We need to simply use it on a smaller scale in order to ease a boy from first gear into overdrive.

I know from experience, that the biggest barriers between me, and my continuation in Royal Rangers, were experience, cost, and my own pride. And I know that once I afforded the money, had some rainy camps under my belt to boot my confidence, and learned a little more humility, (as well as my brothers respecting my circumstance) things began working.

Coming in January, I will have a plan to provide our boys with the experience, equipment, and the spiritual guidance they need to reach a bar that will lead to a ladder, that will lead them to heaven. Join with me in prayer for this vision, and I invite your wisdom, for sometimes it takes seeing something at more than one angle to plan appropriately.

Your brother,
Daniel "Steady Mallet" Dillow
District Scout

Congratulations on a great year of ministry to boys in 2002 and for launching an even great year for 2003. Thank you for the privilege of speaking at the FCF Christmas dinner. The meal was delicious and the fellowship outstanding. I hope everyone there was blessed as much as we were. Thanks, too, for the generous honorarium. We are investing it in building North Texas men and boys for Christ.

Mel Surface
North Texas District Honorbound Men's Ministries Director

2003 South Central Regional Conference

The 2003 SCR Conference is now history. The regional staff would like to extend a great big thank you to the NTD folks who taught classes for us: J.C. and Faye Spence, Mark Woods, Phil and Tina Howe, and Randy Woods. We would also like to thank each of the commanders who took time to travel to San Antonio for the conference. Total conference registration was 590 – our second largest conference ever. If you missed this conference, you missed a great one – from the classes Friday afternoon, to the praise and worship and anointed ministry of Freddie Espinoza on Friday night, to the various LTA modules and other classes on Saturday. Begin now making plans to attend the 2004 regional conference January 30-31, 2004.

The following individuals from North Texas were presented the National Outstanding Service Award at the 2003 conference for their service to the national office and Camp Eagle Rock in preparation for the 2002 Camporama:

- Ø Gary Bierschwale
- Ø Ronnie Franklin
- Ø Clint Grant
- Ø Dewayne Ivey
- Ø Mark Oliver
- Ø John Permenter
- Ø Jonathan Trower

Jan Franklin was presented the Special Service Award for her service to the 2002 Camporama.

In addition, the following individuals were presented the Regional Outstanding Service Award for outstanding service to the SCR Royal Rangers:

- Ø Gary Bierschwale
- Ø Mark Oliver

East Central Divisional Report

Congratulations to the following boys who will represent our division at the district Ranger of the Year competition on April 5. They are:

Waxahachie Section

Straight Arrows—Johas Pollard, Outpost 346

Buckaroos—Matthew Goodnow, Outpost 561

Pioneers—Adam McCracken, Outpost 561

Trailblazers—Michael Avrit, Outpost 561

Challengers—Curtis Wood, Outpost 346

South Dallas Section

Straight Arrows—Zachary Hulbert, Outpost 72

Buckaroos—Bobby Robles Jr., Outpost 72

Pioneers—Thomas Lewis Jr., Outpost 39

Trailblazers—Wesley Flach, Outpost 72

Challengers—Caleb Bennett, Outpost 362

Again congratulations,

Wayne Word, waynew@templeelectric.com

East Central Divisional Commander

FCF Trace Results from Brush Poppin’

The Trace is a Test of a Frontiersmen's skills, where speed and accuracy are essential. The Trace consisted of a trail of many skills that were used on the Frontier. The first is to be ready for what ever you might face in the wilderness. The contestants had to bring their own tools to complete the race. The skill of throwing the hawk and knife was measured. This skill was used to provide food and protection. After sticking each weapon once the person ran to the next test. They had to build a shelter to spend the night. Another test was to start a fire with flint and steel. They than ran to a hill to blow a horn to warn others of danger or just to greet one another. The next event was to go through a swamp. The contestant had to set a trap and shoot his Fire stick. The trace completed at the Fort where he had to produce an item to trade. More points were given if he made the item. The challengers did well. I congratulate all those who took part. You must learn to sharpen these skills! And use them to advance the Kingdom of God. It is time to launch the offensive Matt. 11:12!

Congratulations to those who finished. Our winners were:

Young Bucks

1st place—Justin Hill, 2nd place—Allen Lanp, 3rd place—Seth Bennett

Old Timers

1st place—Gene Chambers, 2nd Place—2nd Daniel Tatum, 3rd place—Joe "Soul Stalker" Watts

God Bless,

Lee “Prospector” Fogleman, FCF Vice President, lfogleman@pulse.net

2003 APPLICATION FOR SARGE TRAINING ACADEMY
North Texas District Royal Rangers
Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, Texas

All blanks must be properly filled in and this application mailed to the North Texas District Royal Rangers postmarked no later than June 2, 2003. Any applications received after this date will be considered late registrations and subjected to an additional charge of \$25/camper.

Because of the limited size and advance cost of setting up camp, a pre-registration fee must accompany this application. The fees will be \$60 for DAC, \$85 for JTC, AMC, AJTC, and \$100 for JTT, JCE.

The pre-registration fee will be applied toward the total cost of the camp. This fee is not refundable, but is transferable, if notification is given by telephone or mailed two weeks prior to camp.

Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Church Name _____ Outpost Number _____

Home Address _____
(Street or Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Pre-Registration Fee and Camp Attending:

\$60.00 DAC () \$85.00 JTC () \$85.00 AMC () \$85.00 AJTC ()

\$100.00 JTT () \$100.00 JCE ()

Remember: You will be expected to pay your remaining balance at the camp. It will be an additional \$25.00 for DAC, \$30.00 for JTC, AMC, AJTC and \$35.00 for JTT and JCE.

If you want to pay the entire amount before the camp, then it will be \$85.00 for DAC, \$115.00 for JTC, AMC, AJTC, and \$135.00 for JTT and JCE.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Sarge Training Academy and will follow the instructions of the Staff at all times.

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendations: I believe the above boy is mature enough spiritually, mentally and emotionally to successfully attend Sarge Training Academy.

PARENTAL RELEASE

My Son (or Legal Ward) _____ has my permission to attend the North Texas District Royal Ranger Sarge Training Academy at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, Texas.

I am aware that he will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of Sarge Training Academy and will be under the care of the Staff and will be expected to obey and follow instructions at all times. Serious, unresolved disciplinary problems could result in his early dismissal from camp.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness to Signature _____ Witness name (please print) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Other Emergency Number _____

Mail to: North Texas District Royal Rangers
P.O. Box 1188
Hurst, Texas 76053-1188

2003 AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT OF A MINOR
North Texas District Council Assemblies of God
Royal Rangers—Sarge Training Academy

Name of Minor _____

I, _____ (Parent, Legal Guardian of the above-named minor) give consent for and authorize Medical Treatment for the same, while participating in the activities of the North Texas District Royal Rangers Sarge Training Academy. Medical treatment is understood to be care by any licensed physician or emergency technician and includes without limitation, x-ray examination, anesthesia, medical, dental, or surgical examination or treatment, general hospital care or first aid. No prior determination of life-threatening emergency or danger of serious or permanent injury resulting from delay of treatment need be made under this AUTHORIZATION. The possession of this AUTHORIZATION by an Adult North Texas Royal Rangers Leader is evidence that the leader has care and control of the above named minor.

I indemnify and hold harmless from any expenses, claims, or liabilities any entity which provides or causes to provide examination, treatment, first aid, or hospital care pursuant to this AUTHORIZATION, and conditionally agree to make or cause to be made, by assignment of third party benefits or otherwise, full and complete payment for such examination, treatment, first aid, or hospital care. I hold harmless the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God and its leadership, both professional and volunteer for any treatment decision.

I am the person having the power to consent to this AUTHORIZATION. This AUTHORIZATION shall remain in effect for the week of Sarge Training Academy. I have no religious scruples against any standard medical treatment.

Address _____
(St. or Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone (if applicable) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

Family Physician _____ Phone # _____

Family Insurance and Policy # _____

Minor's Birth date, allergies, medical problems, and last tetanus shot: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____

Witness name (please print) _____

MEDICAL RECORD NATIONAL ROYAL RANGER TRAINING CAMPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

A physical examination by a physician is required for enrollment in a national training camp. Persons arriving at a camp without having had a physical examination will be required to have such an examination at personal expense by a local physician. This form is to be completed and mailed in with the application, or brought with you to the camp. The National Royal Rangers Office has the prerogative to accept or reject any person based upon his medical health.

HEALTH HISTORY	To be completed by the applicant and/or the physician. Answer YES or NO to the following and briefly explain all yes answers under "REMARKS".				
Sinus Condition		Shortness of Breath		Exposed to Infections	
Ear Problem		Skin Infection		A) Disease Past Three Weeks	
Lung Problem		Hearing Difficulty		B) Hepatitis Past Six Months	
High Blood Pressure		Bad Eyesight		Any disorder Preventing	
Allergy - Asthma		Do you wear contacts		Strenuous Activities	
Fainting or Dizzy Spells		Any Medical Care		Taking Prescription Medicine	
		Within the Past Year		Any Reaction to Drugs or	
		Any Surgery Within Past Year		Medication of Any Type	

REMARKS AND MEDICAL FACTS WE SHOULD KNOW IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Give Latest Date of Inoculation or Vaccination Against the Following	Tetanus	Small Pox	Measles	Typhoid	Diphtheria	Polio
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I know of no physical reason that would restrict me from participation in camp activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Physician Please Note: Trainees enrolled in outdoor activities are exposed to strenuous physical activity. Therefore, the applicant must be physically sound and strong enough to engage in such activity.

Print Applicant's Name:	Examination Date	Birth Date	Height	Weight	Occupation
BRIEFLY INDICATE CONDITION	HEART	LUNGS	THROAT	EARS	
	EYES	SKIN	HERNIA	BLOOD PRESSURE	

In your opinion is the applicant physically capable to take training? YES _____ NO _____

REMARKS:

Physician's Name	Physician's Signature
Physician' Address	Physician's Business Phone Number with Area Code

FOR OFFICE USE
 REC:
 DUE:
 SNT:

2003 ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____
 EMAIL _____
 OCCUPATION _____
 DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____
 RELATIONSHIP _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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|------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 01 [] FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | FEBRUARY 6-9 |
| 02 [] TEXAS | MAYPEARL | (LAKEVIEW CAMP) | MAY 1-4 |
| 03 [] MINNESOTA | PILLAGER | (LAKE PLACID) | MAY 15-18 |
| 04 [] MISSOURI | EAGLE ROCK | (CAMP EAGLE ROCK) | SEPTEMBER 11-14 |

You must be **male, 18 years old or older, have attended a National Training Camp, and in good health** in order to participate in the strenuous activities of this training camp. Therefore, you must have a physical examination. ****A medical record of the exam must accompany this application****. After the examination, please sign the following statement: **"After consulting with my physician, I know of no physical limitation that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities."**

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Any medical facts we should know: _____

Date and Location of the National Training Camp you attended: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a **\$50** pre-registration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee of **\$200**. You will receive a **\$25 discount** if you pre-register no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Please submit your application as early as possible. **Low enrollment of these camps will be determined at 4 weeks prior to camp start date. At such time these camps will be cancelled with a total refund.** Should you need to cancel you must notify the National RR office no later than **4 weeks** prior to the camp start date. Your pre-registration fee or total camp fee if paid in advance, will be refunded **minus a \$20** administration fee. Cancellation after this date is nonrefundable! Or should you choose, your fees may be applied toward another camp of your choice. Postmark will determine such dates. A map and additional information will be sent after your registration is approved by the National RR office.

WALK-INS will not be authorized/permitted unless permission is granted by the National RR office.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Royal Rangers, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802-1894

FOR OFFICE USE
REC: _____
DUE: _____
SNT: _____

2003 NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP APPLICATION



PLEASE PRINT

PERSONAL GPH ACCOUNT NO. _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (_____) _____
 EMAIL _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE (_____) _____
 RELATIONSHIP _____

OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

DISTRICT _____ OUTPOST # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ APPLICANT'S RR POSITION _____

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

- | | | | | |
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| 1 [] | FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | JAN. 30 – FEB. 2 |
| 2 [] | WISCONSIN | WAUPACA | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | MAY 1-4 |
| 3 [] | ARIZONA | MENARD | (PARADISE BOYS CAMP) | MAY 1-4 CANCELLED |
| 4 [] | MONTANA | HUNGRY HORSE | (GLACIER BIBLE CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 5 [] | N. CALIFORNIA | MINERAL | (MT. LASSEN CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 6 [] | MARYLAND | WHITFORD | (BOY SCOUTS CAMP) | MAY 15-18 |
| 7 [] | TENNESSEE | GOODLETSVILLE | (CAMP AMBASSADOR) | MAY 22-25 |
| 8 [] | S. CALIFORNIA | TWIN PEAKS | (PINE CREST CHRISTIAN CONF. CENTER) | SEPTEMBER 4-7 |
| 9 [] | NEW JERSEY | WOODSTOWN | (CAMP ROOSEVELT) | SEPTEMBER 4-7 |
| 10 [] | GEORGIA | FORSYTH | (FAMILY LIFE CENTER) | SEPTEMBER 25-28 |
| 11 [] | TEXAS | MAYPEARL | (LAKEVIEW CAMP) | OCTOBER 9-12 |
| 12 [] | FLORIDA | FORT MEADE | (CAMP WILDERNESS) | JAN. 29 – FEB. 1, 2004 |

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
 Any _____ medical _____ facts _____ we _____ should _____ know:

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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 May 21, 2003. Please send your information to: Mark Oliver, 8117 Cloverglan Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123-2018 or mark@royalrangers.net.

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