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Left: Curtis Woods - South Central Region National Ranger of the Year

Above: North Texas Royal Rangers District Staff

Front Row - Randy Woods; First Row - Paul Patterson, Brian Philpott, Mark Woods, Dwain Klopfenstein, Marty Reese, Roger Stewart. Second Row - Sammy Kellum, Jeff Kersey, Gary Bierschwale, Mark Oliver, Art Sullivan, Wayne Word

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

District Commander Highlights

Greetings commanders, spouses and Rangers,

I hope each of you have a great Christmas and New Year's holiday.

We have had a good year for Rangers. Most of the new material is available and up and running. We have set a new record in the nation and in North Texas with the most Gold Medals of Achievement. We are very proud of you. Rangers in this district have stepped up and gone forward even with new changes in the Ranger materials and guidelines that have been provided to us.

I know that many of you were wondering about some of these mandates. They have proven to be very beneficial to us and many outposts that I have spoken with. The background checks have closed many doors of suspicion and have shown the world that we will go to great lengths to protect our ministry. It has shown that we are above reproach and want to make sure we protect our boys. I know that many of you were questioning this mandate. We have gone to great lengths to protect your

privacy and will keep doing so.

If you have any questions about this, you may call or e-mail me about it.

We have new training for leaders coming up and also the new tracking CD will be available to chartered churches by April. We will be holding a class on this at your module training in April.

All commanders please fill out your awards applications and get them into my office for processing. Remember, you must be from a chartered outpost from the year your award is being received. Don't forget you pastor's award!

Again, keep you outpost busy this winter and let me hear from you. I would like to know what you are doing. We would like to promote your outpost in an article in this newsletter.

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

In His service

Paul Patterson, NTX District Commander
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New Divisional Commander Appointed



Rick Beebe was recently appointed as Divisional Commander of the West Central Division. He is also serving as the South Fort Worth Section Treasurer and Public Relations Coordinator, and as an Outpost Councilman of Christ Church

in Fort Worth, Texas. Rick lives in Arlington with his wife, Conna, who is a teacher with Arlington Independent School District.

Rick has attended JLTC, LTC, NTC, ANTC, and is a Certified Instructor.

Rick has been involved with Royal Rangers since 1976. The first nine years as a boy, and the remainder as a leader. As a boy, Rick served as FCF Scout, earned the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold and Silver

Buffalos, and was the first boy in Northern Missouri to achieve FCF Wilderness. Twice he was the North Central Regional Ranger of the Year in 1984 and 1985.

Rick has been active in three districts - Southern Missouri, Northern Missouri, and North Texas. In Northern Missouri, he served as a Deputy Sectional Commander, Sectional Commander, FCF Scribe, Historian, Vice President, and Interim President, as well as Special Aide-de-Camp.

Between campouts, Rick runs his own financial planning firm in Arlington, Texas. Rick received his BSBA in Accounting from the University of Missouri- St. Louis. He is a Certified Estate Planner, Certified IRA Distribution Advisor, and a member of the National Society of Accountants' Institute for Business, Financial, and Estate Planning.

Is Your Outpost Chartered?

Chartering

Once your outpost is up and going, it should charter. Chartering is the annual process of registering your outpost with your district and the national office. Charter fees help support the Royal Rangers ministry in our district and they also help support the national Royal Rangers ministry. Each boy and leader in Royal Rangers should charter each year.

What are the benefits of chartering for you and your church?

In return for the charter fees that you pay, you will receive the following benefits:

- The quarterly publication *High Adventure* for each boy, and the *High Adventure Leader* for each leader. This magazine contains a combination of stories and news reports geared toward the boys. In addition, the *High Adventure Leader* contains information useful to you as a leader.
- Every boy and leader will receive a Royal Rangers membership card, identifying you as a chartered member.
- Each outpost will receive a Royal Rangers charter certificate that can be framed and displayed in your church.
- A tracking CD to chart advancements each boy has earned and to follow the progress of your leadership training (to be released March 2005).
- An outpost number will be assigned to your group that will uniquely identify you within your district.
- Only chartered leaders receive the North Texas quarterly *Signal Fire* newsletter.
- Opportunity to participate in the yearly Royal Rangers national championship events.
- Award program enrollment, making your group eligible to participate in the Outpost Commander's Award Program.
- Other benefits, such as participation in the Leadership Training Academy;

national training camps, sectional, district, and national camping activities, and the Royal Rangers of the Year program (which ranges from local to national competitions)

- You will experience satisfaction that you are financially supporting the overall Royal Rangers ministry. Charter fees are a primary means of supporting this vital ministry at the national level.

How do you charter?

If you have never chartered before, you will need to request a Charter Application from your sectional or district commander. The form can also be found at <http://www.royalrangers.net> under forms. This form must be sent to the North Texas district Royal Rangers office address on the form.

The following are the minimum requirements for chartering your outpost:

- *A minimum of five boys*
- *An Outpost Council that consists of at least three members*
- *A qualified commander for each age group, and if possible, one or more lieutenant commanders*
- *A registration fee for each boy and adult (including the outpost council members)*

Once you have chartered, you will automatically receive a renewal notice every year in August and a second mailing in September.

The North Texas chartering year goes from October 1 thru September 30. We encourage everyone to get their charters turned in before November 15th. This will help North Texas financially and will ensure that you do not miss any upcoming High Adventure or Signal Fire articles.

If you have specific questions, you can call Teresa, North Texas District Royal Rangers Secretary, at 817.284.4856.

2005 District Calendar

January	8	District Staff Meeting with all Sectional Staffs
	28-29	Regional Conference
February	18-19	Academy of Ranger Training
March	4-5	FCF Brush Poppin 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
April	2	Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	16	Commander Module Training & Awards Ceremony
May	12-14	RKTC in San Antonio, TX
	14	Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	21	Pow Wow Work Day
	26-29	NTC in Kansas
June	3-5	District Pow Wow
	26-1	Sarge Training Academy
July	14-16	Territorial Rendezvous
September	9-10	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	24	District Ranger of the Year
October	13-16	NTC in Oklahoma
	28-30	FCF Family Days
November	18-19	District Winter Camp
	19	Regional Ranger of the Year
December	10	FCF Banquet

Big things are in store for this year's Pow Wow. Our theme this year is "Each one, teach one" based on the scripture from Proverbs 22:6 ***Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*** Have you been doing your job? Watch for a Pow Wow packet with all the details in your outpost shortly after the new year.

ART 2005

- ART will be held only one time during the year.
- Our next ART will be held February 18-19, 2005.
- Only Certified Instructors will be teaching this time.
- All Certified Instructors who need or want to teach, please contact Samuel Kellum, ASAP.
- NO MODULE TRAINING will be taught at ART; Attend the NTD Module Training April 16, 2005.
- Only LTA Camp-Out and Advanced Training Classes will be taught at this 2005 ART.
- Go to the NTD RR web-site for LTA Camp-Out Equipment List, Registration Form, and Deadline Date to send Registration monies to the District Office.
- All Advanced Classes will be held ONLY on Saturday, 02/19/05 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Check the NTD web-site for periodic updates for Advanced Class information.

God bless each of you and I hope to see a whole lot of you Royal Rangers commanders at ART.
Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander and ART Coordinator

The North Texas District Training Corner

By Roger Stewart, District Training Coordinator

Well commanders, we have started a new year, and I feel that the Lord has many good things for us. First I would like to say, thank you for your support, and patience during my learning process this last quarter. I would like to say a big thanks to Marty Reese for his help in this transition period.

One of the first things that I will be doing is setting up a new database for all Certified Instructors. This will allow me the ability to correspond with each of you, and keep you informed on what is happening in the area of training in the district. If you are a Certified Instructor, or Certified IT, please send me your name, address, telephone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, and your expiration date on your certification card, so I may update the records.

I need all of the Sectional Commanders if you would help me recruit more Commanders to take the ICS and become Certified Instructors. One of the big problems that I hear is that we are short on Commanders. We need to step up, and train more men to teach our boys, but we can't do this without CI's. There are some sections that have no CI's at all that are currently certified to teach. With your help we can change this. (Remember that the deadline for ICS applications is May 2005 for the September 2005 ICS.)

Mark your calendars for the following events:

January 8th 2005: District, and Sectional Staff meeting at Lakeview Camp, we will be discussing training issues, and the need for each section to have a Sectional Training Coordinator.

February 18th & 19th 2005: ART (Advanced Ranger Training) at Lakeview Camp. Commanders, this is the only time this year you can get your LTA Campout Module completed for your LMA. Please make sure you get your applications in ASAP. For more information contact Sammy Kellum.

April 2nd 2005: SIT (Staff in Training) camp for Sarge Sellers Training Academy at Lakeview Camp. This is for the Commanders that wish to be on staff at Sarge Training Academy. For more information contact Jeff Kersey (jeff@royalrangers.net).

April 16th 2005: District Module Training & Commanders Award Service in Ft. Worth TX. at Bethesda Community Church. Remember commanders, please have your award forms turned in to the District Office by March 15th 2005, and make sure to attend the Award Ceremony April 16th 2005.

Well, it has finally been completed; the first phase of the new Royal Ranger Data Management System CD will be mailed from the National Office to all Chartered Outposts on April 1st 2005. This is the one we all have been waiting for, the program that you will be able to keep up with all your Royal Rangers outpost data up to date. Commanders this is not a hard program to use, but you must be trained in how the program works.

There will be several classes taught on the program at the District Module Training. Please pass the word around, that every Commander should be at this training event, to learn how to set-up and use this program.

The registration forms for the events can be found on the NTDRR web site.

In closing, if anyone has an idea on types of training that you would like to see, please let me know, and we will see if we can make it happen.

May God richly bless each one of you.

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Royal Rangers Alumni

By Dwain Klopfenstein, District RRA President

The Royal Rangers ministry is over 40 years old and many leaders have reached retirement age or have medical issues, commitments or other situations that keep them from serving as a Royal Rangers commander.

Our objective for the RRA program is to provide a method by which Royal Rangers leaders (age 55 plus) may continue to serve as a vital part of the Royal Rangers ministry. The RRA program provides this opportunity for leaders to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with boys and local commanders.

Many times we have made the statement that the mission of Royal Rangers is: "To Reach, Teach and Keep Boys for Jesus Christ." There are still many boys that need to be reached for Jesus Christ and you can be a vital part of reaching boys for Christ.

Many districts have already started the RRA program and RRA members are assisting their district commander with Pow-Wow and other district activities. You do not have to retire from Royal Rangers to become a RRA member. You can have dual membership by continuing to be a member of an active outpost, section or district staff and

joining the RRA. We encourage dual membership whenever possible, but it is not a requirement.

You can still be a member of the RRA even though you're not currently working in an outpost. We are asking you to be involved with Royal Rangers by joining this important organization. You can check out the district website for more information and download the application from the district website.

If you know of someone that's not currently involved in Royal Rangers and meets the RRA membership requirements please notify them about this ministry. We have many men that would love to help out in this ministry but not on a weekly basis.

The RRA logo has been designed by the national office. Shirts and matching caps are available from the national office. The RRA emblem is not to be worn on the Royal Rangers uniform.

Currently, there are RRA programs in the following districts: North Texas, South Texas, Gulf Latin, Central Latin, and Oklahoma.

For more information on the RRA program contact the district office or Dwain Klopfenstein for more information.

Brush Poppin 2005

By Gary Bierschwale, FCF President

Greetings all!

This year's Brush Poppin (March 4-5, 2005) will be a working weekend. The district commander has asked for our help in getting the campgrounds in order for next years' activities. After the flood, we had this past August, the council fire area by the lake and several other areas were destroyed or badly damaged. Since FCF is a service organization, it will be a great opportunity for us to put our name into action and get things in order for our district.

There will be a blanket/candle shoot Friday night for all who want to participate. The item for the blanket should be worth around \$10. Also, we

will do the youngbuck blanket after the blanket shoot... so old-timers, let's bless our youngbucks again and bring a gift that will make them proud!

We will need for you to bring carpentry tools and clean-up tools like weed eaters and chain saws. Take a look at the website in a few weeks and the district commander will list any other tools you may need to bring under the Brush Poppin advertisement.

Mark Woods will be on hand to log down your Trapper Brigade points for this worthy cause.

So come on out and help us do what FCF is known for... SERVICE!!

Gary Bierschwale

2004 FCF Family Days—A Big Success

By Art Sullivan, District FCF Vice President

Hello! All you Oldtimers and Youngbucks!!!!

I just wanted to let all of you know that if you missed Family Days 2004, **YOU MISSED IT!** We had a wonderful attendance this year with more than 230 **Registered** campers! Wow! Isn't God great! We started check-in at noon on Friday, and by dark we had completely filled up the circle around the parade grounds. We had over 40 "Primitive" camps. We also had a record "Pilgrim" attendance this year as well! We had encouraged all of you to get your friends and FCF age Rangers out to Family Days, and you came through! Our theme was "Fellowship" and we wanted to learn how to better fellowship with our Pilgrims as well as with our members.

Here are some highlights from the weekend. On Friday evening, we had our annual pie, dessert, and trade goods auction. We raised over \$1,200 for our Shawnee Trail chapter. On Saturday morning, Ken Harris taught a class on the longbow, and brought enough material for everyone who wanted to make their very own longbow. That was the biggest event of the whole weekend, I think. The FCF staff and I just couldn't believe what a hit that class was. After the bows were made, everyone used their new bow in an archery contest, shooting at pumpkins. We had three top notch novice archers who won our archery contest, Stephen Schlipp, Laura Hindman, and Christy Haddix. I want to stop and take this time to give a special thanks to Ken Harris who did so much and gave so much of his time to make our archery activity such a huge success!

We also had a knife and hawk throwing contest Saturday morning. The winner of the knife throw was Rodney Briggs, and the winner of the hawk throw was Dick Harris. Congratulations to both men! Our overall camp winner was the Todd Haddix family! Way to go guys!

Saturday evening was our annual Campfire Cooking Contest! There were dozens of excellent entries this year! It was hard picking a winner, but the judges finally decided on Judy

Harris for the best main dish, and Tom Schlipp for best dessert. Congratulations to our winners and to all our participants. It was a great pot luck meal and wonderful time of fellowship.

Our guest speaker this year was Jeff Hunter, and he did a great job of challenging us about fellowship. On Saturday morning, he challenged us to fellowship with our friends in order to build each other up in the Lord. Saturday evening, Jeff challenged us to fellowship more with our family. When we make time for our family, the devil has a harder time disrupting our home life. And, on Sunday morning, Jeff challenged us to fellowship more with God. This is the greatest time of fellowship that we can have. This is when the Lord can speak into our lives what he wants for us and what he has for us. Not only that, but we can get to know Him better! Thanks, Jeff, for your great message to us about fellowship.

I want to thank everyone who helped me and my wife with the camp this year. Deborah sends a special thanks to Carol and Mark W. for ALL their help. And, thank you to everyone who came, camped, and participated. We had a great time and look forward to seeing all of you at next year's Family Days! So don't miss it!

Sincerely,
Art Sullivan, FCF Vice President





2005 NTX Twenty Four Hour Prayer Vigil

By Randy Woods, Deputy District Commander



The 2005 Prayer Vigil will be held on March 4-5, 2005. The divisional commanders or his designate will be contacting the sectional commanders who need to contact the area commanders to get as many commanders and churches involved as possible.

The idea is to have a full 24 hour day completely covered in prayer over our district officials, district RR staff, event staff and all the boys who will be participating in RR events in

2005. You will pray for them but you will receive the blessing. Sections are encouraged to have more than one team active at a time.

We will not be meeting in a particular place. You are free to find your quiet place and pray one hour, more if you would like.

The details will be available to the divisional and sectional commanders on January 8 at the district/section staff meeting.

March 4, 2005

East Central Division

- 6—7 pm South Dallas Section
- 7—8 pm Waxahachie Section
- 8—9 pm North Dallas Section

North East Division

- 9—10 pm..... Texarkana Section
- 10—11 pm..... Tyler Section
- 11—12 am..... Longview Section

March 5, 2005

Southeast Division

- 12—1 am Trinity Valley Section
- 1—2 am Lufkin Section
- 2—3 am Brazos Valley Section

North Texas District Staff

- 3—4 am District Commander /
..... Dep. District Cmdr
- 4—5 am FCF Staff
- 5—6 am Other District Staff

Southwest Division

- 6—7 am Waco Section
- 7—8 am Austin Section
- 8—9 am San Angelo Section

Northwest Division

- 9—10 am..... Texarkana Section
- 10—11 am..... Tyler Section
- 11—12 pm..... Longview Section

North Division

- 12—1 pm..... Denton Section
- 1—2 pm..... Plano Section
- 2—3 pm..... Greenville Section

West Central Division

- 3—4 pm..... N. Fort Worth Section
- 4—5 pm..... S. Fort Worth Section
- 5—6 pm..... Mid-Cities Section

All registration forms, award forms, and applications can be found at <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd> under forms. If you do not have access to the web, please contact your sectional commander or the district office.

The deadline for commander award forms submittal is March 15, 2005.

The district office must receive your forms before this time in order to have time to order and receive them from GPH. If you have questions, please contact Teresa at 817.589.0082. Your form should be accompanied with \$15 for each 1st year award (medal, ribbon, and shipping) and \$3.00 (ribbon or year pin and shipping) for awards past the first year. If you need additional ribbons, they are \$3.00 each.

2005 Pow Wow Archway Judging and Construction Guidelines

PURPOSE: To recognize those outposts which demonstrate exceptional camp craft skills and imagination in creating campsite entry archways.

I. General

- a. Judging will be based on originality, quality, stability, safety and eye-appeal.
- b. Judging will begin at 1:00PM on Saturday.
- c. Only three ribbons will be awarded: First, second and third place.
- d. Members of the District Staff and appointed assistants will conduct the judging. District decision is final.

II. Specifications

- a. The archway must be constructed of natural material but wooden landscaping timbers and fence pickets may be used.
- b. The minimum size is ten (10) feet in width and five (5) feet in height.
- c. The maximum size is twenty (20) feet in width and ten (10) feet in height.

III. Guidelines

- a. To assure all outposts attend the evening pageant, archway assembly time is from 7:00am Saturday until 12:00 Noon only. Earlier construction is grounds for disqualification.
- b. The archway must be assembled using a minimum of two (2) lashing techniques in accordance with the Royal Rangers handbooks.
- c. Archways must not be attached to trees or utility poles.
- d. Construction must be done in a manner to ensure the safety of the campers.

IV. Unallowable Items

- a. Plywood, particle board or fiber board is not allowed.
- b. No preprinted banners or similar items are to be attached.
- c. No concrete or electrical items are to be used.
- d. No cutting of live trees or utility poles is permitted.

2005 Ranger of the Year Forms

Have you reviewed the 2005 Ranger of the year requirements? Now is the time to start preparing your boys for the 2005 Ranger of the Year testing. All forms, applications, and study guides can be found at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/roty/04-applications.cfm>

Everywhere But the Perforations

By Randy Woods, Deputy District Commander

The paper towel ripped down the middle!
The last check in my check book just tore in half!
The corner is missing from my water bill!

Sound familiar? Everyday we deal with paper products with perforations. These are designed as a labor saving tool to help us separate certain items such as checks and bills from another without damaging either piece and with less effort. This keeps everything under control.

Often, it seems that when we tear the perforated pages, we get a triangular paper towel with the perforations intact or half a check. Occasionally, it doesn't matter. Sometimes, we must tape the pieces back together. In others, we must rewrite the check. There is a cost to this: time, effort and money. It seems to happen more frequently when we get in a hurry or a little impatient. That leads to frustration and anger.

Is this the result of poor design, poor quality or imperfect perforations? Or is it really the result of our impatience in a rush to do things our way?

This is similar to our daily walk. There are many conveniences that we use to make our lives easier. We set goals, make plans and have our perfect life laid out. Suddenly without warning, the routine is disrupted. The goals are no longer attainable. The plans fall through. There seems nothing but chaos ahead. What went wrong? What evil was done? Is God angry?

Probably, none of those apply. We make our plans but God had our life laid out before we were born. God may have said "I will send a

trial to **prove you** can live for Me in trials or unpleasant times just as you do in the good times." God **knows** He can depend on you.

But we frequently try to go our way instead of His Way. He provides breakaway points (perforations) along the way that allow us to separate from sinful activities without damage or injury to ourselves. We think "God's Way is not as good as mine." Results can be frustration, anger and life threatening events. If we continue to delve into areas we should not go, the separation may be painful and leave permanent scars or marks.

But God is faithful. He is there to patch us even if the marks remain.

SO WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THINGS GO WRONG?

First: If you have sinned, repent. God already knows what you've done so admit it. He is never caught off guard.

Next: Submit to God and recognize He is in control. If this is a proof test, just stay on God's path which will lead the right way. If you're on the wrong path, He has an alternate path (a detour) that will lead you back to His perfect plan.

Then: Allow God to have His Way. Practice patience. Following His Will reduces stress and other problems.

So, next time you feel your life is out of control, just turn it over to God. His Ways are higher than our ways. He will keep the pieces together, separate what needs to be separated and leave everything proper and in order.

West Central Divisional Winter Camp

By Roger Stewart, District Training Coordinator

The West Central Division held this year's winter camp at Camp Burnett in Southlake. There were 63 people in attendance and heard messages from Larry Thomas, pastor at Southlake A/G as he spoke on making decisions (good and bad). We were able to auction our patch for \$300. Thanks for the

continued support of our campgrounds by purchasing these large patches.

During the day Saturday, the boys enjoyed themselves while they attended several classes on many different merits. They went away with some very good classes

2005 Sarge Training Academy

Every year there is something about Sarge Training Academy that sets it apart from every other. Last year you could say that we had a camp like never seen before, we had rain, rain, and when we thought it was over, more rain. The presence of the Lord and the moving of the Holy Spirit rained down on the camp every evening as the boys came together



for the council fire services. Yes, the devil tried to rain us out and dampen our spirits, but every evening the Lord refreshed the camp with a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. Those who were there witnessed amazing events as boys, commanders, and visitors fell under God's amazing power.

Were you there? I hope so. If not, make plans to join us this year as part of the staff of Sarge Training Academy. This year our camp runs from June 26 – July 1. We will once again be having 5 camps, Discovery Adventure Camp (DAC), Advanced Merit Camp (AMC), Junior Training Camp (JTC), Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC) and this year Junior Training

Trails (JTT) will return. These camps continue to be near or at capacity every year. Our DAC camp has done nothing but get bigger every year. AMC, with the new program focused on merits, grows with the number of merits being taught and the boys attending. JTT comes back this year after being gone for 3 years, so we expect a big trip this year. Watch for a packet sent to your outpost.

The staff is already starting to come together, are you part of it? It takes nearly 100 staff to facilitate these camps at the appropriate levels. We have never been able to have proper staff levels. We are always short on the staff and some end up doing more than one duty. Will you help us out this year? If you have never been to one of these camps, make your plans to join us this year. There is no better way to have a positive effect on the lives of boys. One week of sacrifice and vacation, a life time of memories and friends.

Jeff Kersey, STA Program Coordinator
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Sarge SIT Camps, April 2

You may be asking what is a SIT Camp? If you don't know, perhaps you've not been a part of Sarge Training Academy. SIT stands for Staff in Training, and it is what we use to get our staff together for Sarge Training Academy. We get together and go over changes in the camps, the schedule for the camp, the different job responsibilities for the camp, and many other things regarding our camp. If you've never been, come join us on April 2 and see where

you can fit in. If you know someone who's been before, talk to them about their experience and why you should be involved this year. This camp depends on commanders like you to make a difference in the lives of young men and boys. Come and join us on the first SIT to see where you can fit in.

Jeff Kersey, STA Program Coordinator
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Full Time District Commander

By Pat Reilly

We have been talking about this for some time now. We have made two attempts at identifying a “method” to raise the funds. Our success is at the 10% level.

I have talked with various commanders, some on district staff, most not. I have talked with our district commander. Every one says they want a full time district commander.

The one comment I get more than any other is “What’s in it for me, for my outpost?” Not selfish, let me assure you. A genuine question. Most commanders have difficulty funding their own outpost let alone a district commander’s salary. If we are to be successful at this venture it has to be about something besides the costs. What are the benefits to your outpost generated by supporting a full time district commander.

I have had the benefit of working closely with our district commander. For those that have not it could be

difficult visualizing the advantage of a full time district commander. One man can not, of course, make our district a success. And how is that success measured, by leading boys to Christ.

Our district commander’s time invested in me helped build a better DAC camp, to raise up a staff at DAC camp that allowed the Holy Spirit to minister to 75% of the boys as evidenced by being slain in the Spirit, to encourage and lift up four sectional commanders, and to lead training classes for numerous commanders.

Each of these activities helped create commanders better able to go back to their outpost and Reach Teach and Keep boys for Christ.

I was blessed our district commander had time for me. Under his current part time working structure he does not have enough time to raise up the number of leaders we need to reach the boys in our North Texas District. You might not ever see a direct benefit in your outpost from supporting a full time district commander. However, I can assure you that the leadership in your area, section and division will be better trained and supported and more able to aid you in our goal of Reaching Teaching and Keeping boys for Christ. Your pastor will be more aware and supportive of your effort because our district commander will have the time necessary to better educate your sectional presbyter who in turn raises up better trained pastors that bring back to your church knowledge they pass on to your youth and children’s pastors.

Assuming your outpost is successful in obtaining the \$100 contribution from your church and community that we talked about last month, you most likely will not see \$100 worth of benefit each month, but your boys will. Pat Reilly, Discovery Commander, Outpost 11

2004 National Ranger of the Year

Congratulations to Curtis Woods for earning the honor of 2004 National Ranger of the Year for the South Central Region at the regional ROTY evaluation in November. Curtis competed with six other Expedition Rangers from across the region for this honor. He had the top percentage score on the evaluation, and was one of only two Rangers to earn Outstanding rating in the evaluation. Curtis also serves as the Territorial FCF Scout for the South Central Region.



Royal Rangers Outpost 33 NRA Air Rifle Shooting Sports Camp

By Stan Lewis, South Dallas Area Commander



In conjunction with the National Rifle Association, Outpost 33 put on a Shooting Sports camp at

the N. Texas District Royal Ranger campgrounds, from June 11th to June 13th. Commander Paul Patterson asked me to write a story for the Signal Fire that would tell how Outpost 33's Shooting Camp came about, would tell what happened during the Shooting Camp, and would tell what Outpost 33 plans for the future.

In the fall of 2003, I came across a National Rifle Association (NRA) booklet that outlined

several types of NRA Shooting Sports camps. I contacted Rosemary Herr, director of NRA Shooting Sports camps. I spoke with her about the various types of shooting sports camps. I told her that we wanted to have something that would be special, attract older young men, and assist us in retaining them in Royal Rangers. Ms. Herr talked to me about training young men how to competitively shoot air rifles. Ms. Herr told me that then teams could then be formed and various Royal Rangers outposts could hold competitions between each other. The NRA walked me through the Shooting Sports Application and assisted our outpost in

obtaining 12 competition/trainer Avanti air rifles, targets, range equipment, and ammunition. The NRA also provided T-shirts and plastic goody bags for the campers. The set up for the camp required a lot of work for my staff, but the NRA was there for us every step of the way.

The theme of the camp was "On Target." The camp provided tents, food, guns and ammo for the campers. The campers merely had to bring their own gear and bedding. The staff served the boys/young men at each meal. We had



devotion Friday night and a council fire service on Saturday. During the council fire service, boys/young men voiced the problems /





concerns they were having at home and at school. The senior commanders from Trinity A/G in Cedar Hill, TX. and Mountain Creek Community Church in Dallas, TX were very gracious. Each sent a commander to assist with the camp. Together we used the Royal Rangers curriculum to teach gun safety and marksmanship to our campers. Our campers rotated between the range and the classroom. On Saturday, for most of the day, the campers spent time on the range, in the classroom, or in the chow hall. Each camper earned several Royal Ranger merits. They also earned a NRA Qualification Position Air Rifle patch. Once during the school, some of the boys complained that the rifles were no good. Commander Ray Martinez took a rifle from one of the campers, shot from four different standing positions, and then shot once on the move. He made a diamond pattern around the bull's-eye and put one directly into the bull's-eye. Commander Ray did this all from double the range [10 meters] the campers were shooting from. Commander Ray returned the rifle and told the boys it was not the rifle, but their arms. As you can imagine, the campers' motivation increased. After that, four young men earned the NRA Pro-Marksmanship medal and a rocker patch to go beneath the NRA Qualification Position Air Rifle patch.

Outpost 33 and the NRA plan on holding another camp April 29th – May 1st, 2005. The total cost will be \$35 per person and we will again provide all meals, lodging, and equipment. We also are planning an air rifle competition at our church on February 12th, 2005. Outpost 33 has filed for a \$5700.00 grant from the NRA to provide more rifles and

equipment. Please join us as prayer partners that God will deliver this blessing. If we are successful, we will be able to loan out air rifles for use by other outpost that are working on Air Rifle merits or who might like to host an air rifle competition themselves. Outposts will be able to give us a call and we can drop or arrange to drop a trailer with the equipment they need. We also want to be able to add to the number of Air Rifle and related equipment that is used for Sarge Sellers.

As you can see, the NRA was instrumental in helping plan and establish our Shooting Camp, great things happened during the camp, and God has blessings a plenty for us in the future. Outpost 33 in turn will allow God to bless others through us for his glory. If any commander is interested in starting a shooting club, hosting/participating in an air rifle competition or wishes to borrow equipment – please let us know. We'll have our Expedition Ranger - Quartermaster David Newsome and his quartermaster staff set you up. If you have any questions about our upcoming Shooting Camp or our February competition, e-mail me at slewis@realcoach.org or call me at 214-629-7217.

Stan "3-Claw" Lewis
Senior Commander – Outpost 33 and Area
Commander – South Dallas Section



To the citizens of the Texas Republic

By Mark Horner

Your territory is now a lot more secure thanks to brave patriots and courageous officers of the Texas Volunteer Regiment. Ever since our commissioning two years ago we have participated in various campaigns, many very successful. In others we took heavy losses, but we never gave up. We held to our motto "overcome and adapt."



Some campaigns to note were the Pow Wow of last year when a newly formed regiment was given orders to take out an enemy artillery unit who was also reinforced by infantry. After heavy bombardment and unsustainable losses we had to retreat and regroup. By that year's Family Days we had reorganized, and selected a new corps of officers and non-commissioned officers as well as the creation our own artillery battery.

We would now return the favor to our worthy opponents.

By Pow Wow this year we were trained, and ready. We had two long range mortars with trained gun crews as well as heavy and light infantry companies with a signal corps. The outcome would be far different than last year. So, on a hot June day the antagonists met on the field of honor preparing for the battle ahead. Within the hour after a heavy artillery duel, and overwhelming firepower from the regiment, the commander of the enemy force knew he was out gunned (and out numbered) and raised his

hat with sword as a sign for parley. I accepted his parley to discuss terms, in honor of his brave resistance, and the gallantry of his troops. While we were discussing terms (which I should add were generous) he had armed insurgents dressed as civilians mixed into the civilian spectators; a most resourceful act. By the rules of land warfare I could not fire into noncombatants, but I could not let the opposition retake the field after they had already yielded. So with sword in hand and with the backing of my brave infantry, I charged the cunning commander knowing his gunmen would not shoot into the force who would be paying them for their nefarious service. The opposing commander realized sword play was not a smart thing to do in front of the watching boys, so he threw down his sword. The field belonged to the Texas Volunteer Regiment by default; huzzah for Texas.

On the heels of that campaign we marched into Missouri for the national rendezvous to show our comrades that the Texas republic is doing well. While there who should we see? Our opponents from Pow Wow with a distraught commander who found a large contingent of his force had deserted him. Since this time we were on the same side we united for the common cause to man the national cannon. The cannon crew with the help of the Texas Volunteer Regiment completed the mission with honor, and success. Huzzah



N.T.X. The regiment also competed in the outfit competition to which we did the republic (as well district and territory proud). We placed second in military outfit old timer and first place military young buck, huzzah Jonathan Simpson.



Our next campaign we marched north and to the west to assist a United States garrison (Fort Griffin) in dealing with bandit raids by large bands of warriors. As well as let the settlers know they are protected and not forgotten the U.S. forces were so impressed with our skill they gave us command of their mortar section. Even though their cannons were bigger, and faster the regiment mortars under the command of Capt. Scott "Thundersteale" Terry answered shot for shot. When we completed the campaign, and returned to Texas Army headquarters the bands of hostiles were no longer a threat. The area was again secure for more settlement, thanks to the gallant troops of the Texas Volunteer Regiment.

By Family Days this year the volunteers were formed into a professional and well drilled force. Demonstrating our skill with infantry tactics, and mortar drills the families were impressed and felt secure knowing the republic was well protected. Fortunately, the 1812 Cannon Crew did some drills and helped impress the crowds with their finesse and style. To all the troops who marched with us, well done.

In between the afore mentioned events, we have spoken in schools to talk about Texan history and the republic of Texas as well as

advertise Royal Rangers. We marched in the Texas Forts Muster Parade in the Fort Worth stock yards. We were also given the honor of raising the flags at spring and fall roundups in the South Fort Worth Section.

The legacy continues to grow as we march in the Christmas parade in Cleburne, and set up a regimental headquarters in Hulen Park in Cleburne that same weekend, 3-4 December. We also had the F.C.F. Christmas Banquet, in December, and then we will set up a regimental headquarters at the Texas Forts Muster next April in the Fort Worth Stock Yards.

To join our fine regiment you must be a boy or commander in F.C.F., and be in good standing with your outpost, be willing to get a basic regimental uniform talk with commanding officer concerning uniform regulations, and either have a black powder shooters' card or be willing to get one. Until you get one we have non-firearms positions that you can participate in. A desire to learn about the Republic of Texas history is also a good thing. Finally you need a desire to have fun and a desire to promote the Royal Rangers ministry in areas we have not gone into yet.



Dios Y Tejas
Mark "Bladesman" Horner
Lt. Col. Comdt.

FCF Wilderness Update

By Lee Fogleman

Fellow FCF Brothers,

It is time to step up to the challenge to answer the call! I think of our Master Ranger and his all night vigil in the Garden. I put the ultimate challenge to you. Are you up for it? Read page 120 in your FCF handbook, that my brother is only the start. Think of an all night vigil with the Almighty. Do you have doubts? Spend a night with God. In 1991 at a Royal Ranger's Pow Wow I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. At a Buckskin ceremony in Texas I received my FCF name of Prospector, mining men and boys for Christ. At a Wilderness vigil I wrestled as Jacob did with what was going on in my life, I

had been layed off and times were rough. I was at a low point in my life. But God was always there waiting for me to pour my heart out. This is a time to pour your heart out and have other Wilderness brothers pray and serve you communion. This is a time to commune with God! If you have never spent a whole night with God, this is your chance. Take the challenge, step up to the top of the mountain so you can be come a true servant of God!

Mining Boys and Men for Christ,

Prospector

Southeast Division Winter Camp

by Gary Bierschwale

Wow... what a weekend!

I was honored to be the special guest of the Southeast Division Winter Camp and was treated as a king! The camp took place on the beautiful shores of Lake Livingston in the Lake Livingston State Park. Our camp area was nestled in the midst of a dense pine forest and was the perfect place for a camp!

Friday night after all had set-up camp, cooked their meals, and eaten... the camp coordinator, Jimmy Sill (and his furry friend), lead every one down a heavily wooded trail with a torch to the council fire area next to the lake. The council fire was lit and we were lead in some wonderful camp praise songs. The special speaker, Larry Mask (pastor in San Antonio), was introduced and told us about throwing the life line out and getting saved. He had some real life stories about him and his cousins and how they actually saved a boy from drowning by throwing a life line to him. He tied these real life experiences into his devotion very nicely. An alter call was given and 7 boys were saved along with 3 getting filled with the Holy Spirit!! A Great Council Fire!!

The next day was filled with all sorts of activities as Fishing, Orienteering, Camp Site judging, and Games! There were some wonderful trophies given for the "Big Fish" and "Compass" contests. The biggest fish caught was a 4 pound catfish. James Kemp had some great washer games that everyone had a great time playing. I was challenged at this game by a camp participant and won hands down. It seems my challenger, Dwain Klopfenstein, threw his arm out after the 3rd game... oh well, he's not a spring chicken any more you know! Although Dwain could not throw a good game of washers... he was able to auction off the large camp patch for \$180. At least his "voice" is still in its prime!

We had 99 registered at this camp and the camp coordinator, Jimmy Sill (and his furry friend), and his staff did a great job in delivering a well planned and exciting camp!

Gary Bierschwale, Special Guest

FCF Trading Post

By Mark Woods, FCF Scribe

Dear FCF Members,

It is getting close to the end of the year and it is time to turn in your trappers brigade points. You can go to the North Texas Royal Rangers web site and get the form. You will need to fill it out and send it to Mark Woods at P.O. Box 2374 Terrell TX. 75160 or to NTXRR at P.O. Box 1188 Hurst, TX. 76053. You will also need to include \$7.00 for the brigade pin and \$2.00 for the number pin. If you have any questions about Trappers Brigade points please email me at mwoods444@yahoo.com.

It is also time to get up to date on your FCF dues. You can pay your dues a couple of ways. You can send them to the Royal Rangers district office or you can pay them at Brush Poppin or at Pow Wow. If you have not paid dues for 2004 you will need to pay for 2004 and 2005. Dues cost \$10 for young bucks and \$20 for old timers per year. You can also make a one-time payment of \$250 for lifetime dues.

FCF members we would like to start a trading post on the web site, but we need your help with items. If you are a buckskin or wilderness member you have a trade and we would like to help you sell your goods to other members. If you would like to sell some of you trade items please email me a list of items and a picture if possible. We will also need phone number or address so members can contact you. We as a staff think that this will be a great way to outfit new members and to help our other members to get back into making trade items. If you have any questions please contact Gary B. or Mark Woods.

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Northeast "Minute Men" Division

By Jody Fauss, Northeast Divisional Commander



Re: Winter Camp 2004

Deep in the woods of East Texas 96 boys and 43 men representing 12 churches met together for our Divisional Winter Camp. Excitement filled the air as the outposts began to arrive and set up for the weekend adventure. The Friday night council fire began with a video of a bow hunt for the big bucks. I'm sure it brought back memories for some of the commanders. The song service was a combination of humor and worship. Special thanks to Pastor Brian Nutt of Kilgore First Assembly of God as he brought a very special presentation of the Word of God. Many boys responded to the altar call.

On Saturday morning, we were greeted by cool temperatures and hot coffee. Our Tyler Section GMA recipients brought in the colors on horse back and lead in the pledges. The morning devotion was brought by Pastor Brian of Winnsboro Assembly of God. The patch auction was awarded to Trinity Assembly of God at \$200.00. Thank you Rangers for your contribution to our district camp ground. The day was filled with merit classes and activities. We want to say a special "thank you" to Ken Johnson for

bringing his horses to the camp and letting the Rangers ride.

The wilderness survival class did a great job of setting up their snares and shelters. Although they asked for pizza to be brought to them, we could not find the pizza tree. They had to settle for grasshoppers, grubs and a hen. Yes, they actually caught a hen. (We pitched a frozen hen to them and they caught it.) They were required to cook it on an open fire. No microwaves allowed. A special thanks to the GMA advisors. Great job, gentlemen!

At our Saturday night council fire, we were honored to have Yo Simani Sam? He was on the lookout for 2 bandits or was it, the two bandits were on the look out for Yo Simani Sam. Again, Pastor Brian Nutt brought the message and the boys responded. Thank you Pastor Brian.

A special thanks to all the instructors and outposts who participated. I know you were blessed.

Together, we are Reaching Boys for Christ,

Jody Fauss, northeast divisional commander

North Division Winter Camp

By Gene Chambers

North Division Winter Camp started out with a forecast of inclement weather. When AP Warne and I arrived at noon and began to walk the camp sites I realized that not only did Pat Reilly pick a wonderful location I also realized that God had different plans about the weather. I actually broke a sweat putting up my tent. Despite the overcast skies the afternoon was pleasant as Rangers began to arrive around 3:00. They continued to arrive until around 8:00 or so. They all set up camp and ate a little dinner. I sampled a lot of dinner; from outpost 11's chili to outpost 182's stew it was all good. What warmed my heart the most was watching boys from other outposts' help some of the late arriving outposts set up their camp so we could all go to council fire. There was no set time only suggestion as to when we would start. This made a very relaxing camp.

For council fire we had a short walk through the woods, in the DARK I might add, to the hill by the lake, so with guitars in hand skits, songs and some of the most outrageous applause I have ever seen began.

A GMA John Stanley, who is also on staff at Metro Ministries, delivered a phenomenal message; we prayed and off to bed we went to let it all soak in. As always outpost 11 and 175 were the loudest camps and up the latest! We are all good at something. The night was chilly but good for sleep.

Saturday morning was wonderful and full of promise. As Alan Philips took center stage

with song and guitars it was obvious God wasn't done. He also delivered a phenomenal message and when we were done Gods plan in both devotions was revealed: **4** boys saved for the first time and **34** boys rededicated and or filled with the Holy Spirit. **AWESOME!**

The day went off without a hitch with lots of classes and fun. Hawk targets, rope craft and fire craft are always hits with the boys. Lunch came around, the overcast lifted and the sun came through. What a wonderful afternoon God gave! Our relaxed afternoon gave way to commanders and boys playing Frisbee, football, and boys leading commanders on nature hikes. It was truly a wonderful site. 3:30 or so camp begun to break and all was well. No injury or incident was reported and everyone seemed to have a great time.

After all was over some boys and men from outpost 175 stayed for the fish weigh in at the bass tournament at the lake. Our Ranger boys got to release 128 bass weighing 292 lbs, get their picture taken and were recognized as Royal Rangers on the internet. **Cool!**

Thank you North Division for allowing me to act as your Camp Commander in the absence of Pat Reilly. It was an experience I will treasure. I enjoyed praying with each of you before you left on Saturday and was touched by your prayers. I am truly blessed to be associated with all of you!

Thanks again,

Commander Gene Chambers

Southeast Division Winter Camp

by Wayne Word, East Central Divisional Commander

The East Central Division camped at Maypearl camp grounds. Because of the theme of Rise and Shine, we had a Saturday morning Sun Rise service instead of the Friday night. We started at 6:00 AM and everyone was up and at them. The service was good with the speaker challenging us to get busy following God. Each boy that participated in a game received a collectable game card. These cards were donated to us and some were worth a lot.

The boys went through each game multiple times and received a lot of cards. Then later we drew types and number of cards and gave away the game balls.

The boys had their cards spread out all over the ground looking for the winner. Thanks to everyone who had a part in making this camp what it was, because the camp went well.

India

By Jim Shank

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus, It was nearly impossible to send email from India and Nepal. So here are a few of the highlights even though I am late getting them out.



We taught in three conferences - two in separate towns in Sikkim India and one for the underground church in Bhutan. All had their share of challenges, but the Bhutanese leadership risked imprisonment, torture, or worse by the Chinese communists. Humbling. Later, we were possibly within a mile or so of a four to five hour machine gun and artillery battle between the Nepal army and the communist Maoists. It was surreal listening to the firefight.



Needless to say, God is good - ALL the time! It certainly leaves you with an appreciation of the Grand old USA!



We had our share of fun as well. Matt did three days of computer repair for an orphanage 45 minutes outside of Katmandu. He and I, on two different planes, flew by Mount Everest. We took a jungle ride and swim on elephants, hit golf balls from Nepal across the border into India, delivered our Mannatech relief products to an AIDS orphanage in Nepal, rode bikes to the Tibet (communist) border to share Christ with those there and purchased an entire beef fillet minion meal (that would feed at least 6 or 7) in a restaurant for less than \$14.00 US dollars. I also took a tumble on two occasions from motorcycles and survived. To say the least, we had the adventure of a lifetime.



Thank you for your concerns and prayers. We are anxious to get back to the real world and the work that has piled up. The jet lag is making that interesting though.

Jim Shank



John Eller Transplant Fund
c/o First National Bank, acct. #01556893
P.O. Drawer F
Griffin, GA 30224

October 2004

Dear Family and Friends,

This letter is to give you current information on the status of a kidney transplant for Rev. John Eller.

As some of you know, Brother Eller was diagnosed in 2000 with End-Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD). Diabetes had reduced his kidney function to 31%.

In September 2003, his kidney function was gradually decreased to 12%. At this point, the doctors put him on dialysis three days per week at 3.5 hours per day, which continues to the present time.

Brother Eller has done well adjusting to dialysis. He still serves as interim pastor of Lakewood Fellowship A/G in Experiment, GA, and preaches every Sunday. Dialysis, however, is temporary. The doctors strongly recommend kidney transplant.

Tests conducted earlier this year at the Mason Transplant Clinic of Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta have cleared him for consideration. Insurance will cover all surgery and donor costs.

However, insurance will not cover the costs for his anti-rejection medications following surgery. These are vital.

The need is \$20,000.00. If we can raise half that amount, the Georgia Transplant Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar what is spent.

John's brother, Dave, has started the fund. When we reach \$4,000.00, John will go on the transplant list awaiting surgery. Since we anticipate a living donor (four have volunteered a kidney so far), transplant will be forth-coming when we reach \$10,000.00. The good news for both patient and donor is that you will probably live as long with one kidney as with two. We work for a "tissue match."

Brother Eller is in good spirits, and good health otherwise. He maintains a strong faith in God regardless of the future.

Time is of the essence. Deadline for the \$4,000.00 is set for January 15, 2005. Deadline for the remainder is yet to be determined, but will be sometime next Summer.

Contributions may be made directly to the address above. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.

Sincerely,

Bonnie M. Eller

2005 Regional Conference

You are invited to attend the 2005 South Central Regional Conference. This year's conference promises to be one of the best we have had yet. It will be held January 28-29, 2005 at The Richardson Hotel in Richardson, Texas (same hotel as last year, just a new name). Commanders from all over the region will be at the conference for outstanding fellowship, training, and spiritual renewal. Make plans now to attend the conference, and to bring your pastor and the other commanders from your outpost. You will enjoy the ministry, fellowship, and training that you receive, and you will return to your church charged up for ministry to the boys in your outpost and community.

Conference Schedule.

Friday	10:00 a.m.	Registration opens in hotel foyer
	1:00 – 5:00	Afternoon class sessions (see next page for class list)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening service in the hotel ballroom (everyone welcome)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Registration opens
	8:00 – 9:15	General Session in hotel ballroom
	9:45 – 5:00	Class sessions (see next page)

Friday. We will again have classes Friday afternoon for those who want to attend. Each class will last from 1 to 5 p.m. The classes for this conference are listed on the application form. The evening service will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday night at the hotel; this service will feature a time of praise and worship, and the ministry in song and the preaching of the Word by our special speaker Randy Ruiz. This service is open to everyone. Come expecting an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during this anointed service.

Special Guests. Our special speakers for the conference include:

- Randy Ruiz, an evangelist who was called into the ministry while attending a Royal Rangers camp where Fred Deaver was the speaker. Randy was the keynote speaker at the 2003 National Royal Rangers Council, and has spoken at numerous district and national camps and conferences, including the National Honor Bound Conference and our regional conference in 2004
- Brian Hendrickson, national programs coordinator for Royal Rangers. Brian has been very instrumental in the development of the new curriculum for Royal Rangers, and he will be sharing in classes on the curriculum, and on the Ranger of the Year program
- Fred Deaver, National FCF President Emeritus. Fred will be sharing on Saturday morning during the general session, and again on Sunday morning during a brief Sunday service that will be held for those who

stay over an extra day. He will also have some of his artwork available for purchase in the exhibit area throughout the conference.

Hotel Information. The host hotel where all of the activities will be held is The Richardson Hotel, 701 E. Campbell Road (intersection of US 75 and Campbell Road) in Richardson, Texas. This was our host hotel last year, and is one of the nicest hotels we have had for our Regional Conference. We again have an exceptionally low rate for rooms for our conference. Rooms will be \$69 per night for 1-4 people per room. For a reservation, phone 1-866-593-6300 and be sure to mention "SCR Royal Rangers" for the special room rate. This rate will be honored before and after the conference if you want to come early and/or stay after the conference for shopping or sight seeing. This rate is only guaranteed until January 22, so make your reservation early! Additional information about the hotel can be obtained from their web site at <http://www.therichardsonhotel.com/>

We encourage everyone to stay at The Richardson Hotel during your time in Dallas. Each room booked at the Hotel helps offset the cost of the meeting rooms that we use for the Friday and Saturday sessions. Those in the Royal Rangers block of rooms at the Hotel will receive a gift of appreciation from the region during their stay.

Registration. The registration fee for the conference is \$35 at the door. There will be a \$2 discount per person if you pre-register by mail by January 19th. If you pre-register on the regional web site, there will be a \$5 per person discount, making the pre-registration fee \$30. Pre-registration fees may be paid by check or money order, or by credit card (credit card only if you register on the web). If you have at least four paid registrations from the same church, your pastor can register for FREE for the conference. Boys who have earned their Gold Medal of Achievement and who are willing to help out at the conference as a GMA Staff Aid will have their registration fee waived.

Ladies Activities: If your wife is not involved in the Royal Rangers ministry, we encourage you to bring her along anyway. Everyone is welcome for the Friday evening service, and Saturday morning there will be a time for our wives to get acquainted and to have a devotion presented by Angel Hendrickson. Following this, bus transportation will be available to several sites around the hotel, including the Allen Outlet Mall and the Northpark Mall, or the light rail connection to the Dallas West End.

Additional Information. Additional information about the conference will be posted on the regional web site at scr.royalrangers.net

2005 South Central Region Royal Rangers Conference

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church You Attend: _____

District: _____ Outpost #: _____

May we Email your confirmation? Yes No May we add you to the SCR Email list? Yes No

**In order to have sufficient space for all sessions you must pre-select those sessions that you wish to attend.
To offer more sessions there is no scheduled lunch time, please schedule lunch as needed.
Mark the box for the sessions that you will BE attending**

Friday Class Sessions—January 28, 2005

1:00—3:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RK Leaders Guide and Sample Meeting	DR/AR Leaders Guides and Sample Meeting	IT Seminar District Approval Required (LTA)	District Leadership Training Conference (LTA Module)	DR/AR Activities (LTA Module)
3:00—5:00					

Saturday Class Sessions—January 29, 2005

8:00—9:15	General Session				
9:45--10:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up With Ranger of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Method (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Chaplain (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> FCF (LTA Module)
11:00—12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up With Ranger of the Year		<input type="checkbox"/> How to Obtain Pastoral Involvement		
12:15—1:15	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Influences on Our Kids		<input type="checkbox"/> Motivating Your Boys with Ranger Bucks		<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Rangers Alumni
1:30—2:30	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Use of the Ranger Kids Curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Management (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety and the Church (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Missions Opportunities
2:45—3:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Use of the DR/AR Curriculum		<input type="checkbox"/> How to Obtain Pastoral Involvement		<input type="checkbox"/> Motivating Your Boys with Ranger Bucks

4:00—5:00 Yes, I will be attending the **Reception for Marvin and Carol Lemke**

Ladies Activities: Will your wife be attending the Ladies Activities? Yes No

**Register before midnight, January 23, 2005 ONLINE with credit card at scr.royalrangers.net for only \$30.00
Registration fee: \$33.00 IF POSTMARKED No Later Than January 19, 2005
Registration at the conference will be \$35.00**

Check Number: _____ (Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers)

MasterCard Visa Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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I Authorize SCR to charge my credit card: Yes Signature: _____

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Is there anything specific you would like to learn more about? If you have some ideas or articles to place in the Signal Fire, the next deadline to receive news is February 21, 2005. Please send your information to Mark Oliver at mark@royalrangers.net.

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