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**Kiah Bennett  
National Ranger  
Of the Year**

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

# Ranger of the Year

The North Texas District was well-represented at the regional Ranger of the Year competition last November. Four Rangers from the district qualified to represent us at the next level of competition: two Adventure Rangers and two Expedition Rangers. At the Ranger of the Year competition, boys are recognized as either Excellent (with cumulative scores below 85%) or Outstanding (cumulative scores at or above 85%). In addition, the Expedition Ranger with the highest overall score is recognized as the region's National Ranger of the Year.

After a full day of evaluations and presentations, the following results were announced:

## Adventure Rangers

Stephen Warne -- Excellent  
Spencer Phinney -- Excellent

## Expedition Rangers

Kiah Bennett -- Outstanding  
Chris Trower -- Outstanding

In the Expedition Rangers, Kiah Bennett had the highest overall score, and he was named the South Central Region's National Ranger of the Year for 2004-2005. He is the recipient of, among other things, a college scholarship, free trip to the 2006 National Camporama, and special activities with the national Royal Rangers staff. A photo of Kiah is on the cover of this issue of the Signal Fire.

In a very close competition, Chris Trower had the second highest overall score and was named the 1st Runner-Up in the Expedition Rangers competition.

Congratulations to all of these Rangers on their accomplishments. We encourage every commander to begin NOW to prepare your Rangers for the 2005-2006 Ranger of the Year evaluation process. Information can be found at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/roty/>. Who knows? One of your Rangers could be named the National Ranger of the Year for 2005-2006!

## **ATTENTION ALL SECTIONAL STAFF, FCF STAFF, DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS, DISTRICT AIDES**

Mark your calendars now for the required staff meeting on January 7th.  
It will start 8 am at the lodge.

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## 2006 District Royal Rangers Calendar

<b>January</b>	7	District Staff Meeting with all Sectional Staffs
	27-28	Regional Conference, Houston, TX
<b>February</b>	4	GMA Association Banquet and Business Meeting
	17-18	Academy of Ranger Training
<b>March</b>	3-4	FCF Brush Poppin 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
<b>April</b>	1	Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	21-22	Commander Conference & Awards Ceremony
<b>May</b>	6	Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	20	Pow Wow Work Day
<b>June</b>	2-4	District Pow Wow
	25-30	Sarge Training Academy
<b>July</b>	17-21	National Camporama
<b>August</b>	18-19	FCF Frontier Adventure
<b>September</b>	9	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	23	District Ranger of the Year
<b>October</b>	27-29	FCF Family Days
<b>November</b>	10-11	District Winter Camp
<b>December</b>	9	FCF Banquet

## FCF Family Days 2005

By Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, FCF Vice President

Well Old Timers and Young Bucks, another Family Days has come and gone. Wasn't it wonderful to be able to get all our families together and fellowship the FCF way? Every time I think back to all the fun we had, I can't help but grin. I got such a kick from watching some of those young kids try to toss that old canon ball. But I think the event I enjoyed most was the skillet toss. I'm pretty sure some of those ladies were making some bad tosses on purpose, since their husbands had to be the marker for where the skillet landed. I'm sure glad my wife had a decent score. I was glad to be standing in the middle rather than up front like some guys I could name!

I want to say a special thanks to Pastor Mike Eddy for coming out and being our

guest speaker. He sure did bless our hearts. I know of at least 3 people who gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time that weekend. And it was great to see Mike and his family having such a good time going through the Family Trace! Good fun was had by all.

I just have to mention the FCF Christmas Banquet while I'm thinking about it. It was a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship. And I want to extend a special thanks to the Oaks Fellowship for hosting the event this time. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. God bless you!

Well, until next time,  
Keep your powder dry!

Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, FCF Vice President



# 2005 FCF Family Days Highlights

By Mark Woods, District FCF Scribe

Greetings!

When Paul asked me to write an article from my perspective about Family Days, it was a real hard decision as to what to say! It was **ALL** good... from the beautiful weather and fun games to the great services and outstanding fellowship. Let me tell you about a few things in particular:

As badly as we need the rain, was I ever glad it held off and allowed us to enjoy our wood burning stove at night and my 18<sup>th</sup> century sunglasses during the day.

My wife was so blessed by the impromptu "Ladies Tea." There were 30+ ladies enjoying each other's company, getting to know one another, sharing goodies and creating new friendships. Each lady took a turn talking about their experiences with Rangers and FCF. It was interesting to hear how others have "survived" and be encouraged. She said that many ladies talked to her throughout the weekend expressing their enjoyment in the teatime. I guess this will be an event for years to come.

Speaking of getting to know one another, we sure enjoyed having Paul "Large Mouth Bass" Serb and his family from Kansas. When we talked about our Family Days at Territorial Rendezvous in New Mexico this last summer, he decided they needed to visit and see how it's done! Well folks, I think we showed him! Large Mouth Bass taught us how they trade up his way. The "round robin" trade blanket was a lot of fun.

Brother Mike Eddy was a real blessing as he shared his heart and the message during our Friday and Saturday services. Thank you for coming and bringing your family.

Our first-ever fashion show turned out to be a huge success. Thank you so much to those who participated. You really put a lot of effort into your outfit and interview/personae. We all learned something.

Did you enjoy the group of musicians that Ken "Coal" Harris brought? They were incredible! From fiddlin' to pickin' and grinnin' to playing the piano and singing, you sure have some talented friends!

Speaking of Coal, the communion that we shared Sunday morning was awesome. Thank you for this special time and for obeying the Lord in your message. The presence of the Lord was very precious.

A very special thanks to Mark "Bladesman" Horner for bringing his guest and her store. As always, thank you to Roddy and the Tejas Trading Post for providing prizes and an outlet for our members to buy goods.

We had a really good showing in the modern camp. Thank you for coming and bringing your families. We loved having the Johnson family win the Family Frontier Walk! My wife discovered the joy we experience all the time when she gave a young buck from the modern camp our son's first frontier coat. His eyes were shining as he wore that coat, even when the sun was blazing! It's a blessing to bless others....

Our attendance this year was 170 people. We raised \$850.00 at the Friday Night Auction. If you donated something or had the winning bid, thank you. Without participation both ways, we wouldn't be successful. I don't know about everyone else, but our pie was out of this world! I think my wife hid the rest after our guests left.

If you have any ideas to enhance next year's Family Days, please let me hear from you. We're always open to suggestions. If you didn't get to come this year, make plans for next! It's a great way to spend time with your family.

Mark "Brave Beaver" Woods  
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# North and West Central Divisional Winter Camp Highlights

By Rick Beebe, West Central Divisional Commander

## WINTER CAMP HAS 207!

The North Division and West Central Division had 140 boys and 67 leaders in attendance this year! Boys got to earn a special MISSIONS SPECIALIST patch by competing in a race posing as missions teams traveling through several countries. Teams had to overcome a variety of challenges. Teams had to: find their country, get passports, make necklaces, make trade items, bring water to locals, itinerate, crack secret codes, drive remote control trucks, traverse a guided rope course, cross a rope bridge, build tents, lash crosses, build council fires, witness to locals, and even hunt game with a blow gun. If it sounds like a lot to do....it was. Being a missionary isn't easy. But these guys were tough and up to the challenge!

All those completing the race were awarded the MISSIONS SPECIALIST patch, and those placing received special stars to be

placed on their patch. If you see someone with one of these patches with a few stars... you're looking at one tough competitor.

Teams were awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> on speed, most money raised, and most souls won. Team Sierra (the Eagles) took first place overall for the fastest!

Everyone enjoyed a great time in praise and worship. Boys got to pray for their commanders at the council fire, and several raised their hands to seek out God in calls for salvation and seeking the Holy Spirit.

Next year promises to be even more of a challenge! Maybe we will retrace a trek through the vast wilderness of Alaska! We're already working on it!

On behalf of Martin Smith (North Division Commander) and myself, I would like to thank all of the commanders who helped make this such an exciting and spectacular event! See you next year!

## My Favorite Time of Year

By Danielle Syrcle, Age 9

Every year, as the end of October comes, I begin to look forward to one special weekend, FCF Family Days! This is the only time of year; I can go camp with my dad and the Royal Rangers. Everyone at the camp wears old looking clothes called an outfit. I even have my own outfit, a long green skirt and a white chemise that I wear.

Each year, this camp is held at the Maypearl camp ground. It is like living in the past. There is no electricity, and everyone stays in big white tents. The time period is in the 1700's and 1800's. I like this camp because you get to do things like they did in the past. I have made candles, thrown a tomahawk, and shot a black powder rifle.

I love Family Days. I wish today was like the past, but I enjoy the big schools we

have today. I think Family Days could be called Family Times. One of my favorite things to do is trade with a man named "Prospector." Prospector will trade really neat things for things that seem like junk. I have traded rocks for beads and beads for a necklace. Prospector could not be there this year and I missed him! Maybe he will be back next year.

There is one more event I can go to this year with the FCF, it is the Christmas party. It is exciting too since I will get to see my FCF friends and do a gift exchange. Last year I got a foxtail and my brother got marbles.

I think that Family Days is the most fun I have each year. I cannot wait for next year!

# What is your vision in regards to your Ministry?

By Tom Schlipp, Waco Sectional Commander

Is the Royal Rangers Ministry at your church growing?

Are boys coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior?

John 3:15-17

*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

What are you doing to help reap the harvest in your city?

Luke 10:2-3

*Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send laborers into his harvest.*

*Go your ways: behold I send you forth as*

*lamb among wolves.*

Are you willing to accept the number of leaders you have in your outpost as God's will, knowing that God has called and ordained you to Reach, Teach, and Keep boys for Christ?

Just as God has called you to this ministry, He has called others also. We need to realize that we can't do it alone. It is time that we stop searching for leaders and get on our knees and pray that God will stir the hearts of men to realize the importance of a boy's need for Christian men to teach, mentor, and develop them into the future leaders in our churches, schools, businesses, and government.

It is time that we, the men of the church, get up and fight harder than we ever have for the hearts and souls of the boys of the world, and they would come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as savior, for without Christ they are lost.

Who is it responsible to lead the boys to manhood? The world or Christian men?

Tom Schlipp  
Waco Sectional Commander

## Wilderness Vigil

February 10-12, 2006

*And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, **your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.** Acts 2:17*

If you are a Buckskin member and are ready to advance... you need to attend the upcoming Wilderness Vigil. This will be the most life-changing experience you will ever be a part of. Mark this date on your calendars and be prepared to become a new man of God with a new direction and purpose. If you want to step out and make a difference, contact me as soon as possible so we can put you on the roster. Attendance is limited, so call quickly and

reserve your position on this life-changing camp.

In order to attend this vigil, you should already have submitted your Wilderness application and have carried your Wilderness pouch for three months prior to attending this camp. You should be ready mentally, physically, and most importantly – spiritually – before attending this camp. In order to make preparations, I will need to know you are coming by January 27, 2006. After this date, you will have to wait for the next Wilderness Vigil. If you have not already completed an application, contact me for one and we will start the process to get you ready for our next Vigil.

Gary 'Wild Wind' Bierschwale  
972.442.1325

# East Central Divisional Winter Camp

By Wayne Word, Divisional Commander

East Central Division Winter Camp was very successful. We had the Master's Commission from Crossroads A/G for Friday night and Saturday morning. They did a great job of keeping the boys' attention and speaking to their heart. As a result there were 6 who gave their hearts to God, and 6

who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 8 who rededicate their lives. The games stayed busy which meant boys were having fun. We did something different for lunch. Every outpost brought their meal to the pavilion and we had pot luck and everyone ate together.



## 1st Annual GMA Association Banquet and Business Meeting

February 4, 2006

The North Texas District GMA Association is proud to announce its first annual banquet and business meeting to be held February 4th, 2006. The \$10 annual membership fee for 2006 will

also be due the day of the banquet from all members *except* those who joined the GMAA *after* February 4, 2005. Make checks out to: N.T.D. Royal Rangers and send to P.O. Box 1188 Hurst, TX 76053-1188 by January 25th or bring them with you to the banquet. Put *2006 GMAA Dues* in the memo space.

We will be electing officers this year, however, you must have your dues paid in

order to vote or be elected to office. (Qualifications for officers will be announced at the banquet.) Any **GMA**

**Recipients** (*who are chartered in North Texas*) who want to join the GMAA, NOW is the time to send in your application (found at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net> under GMAA) along with your \$25 first time dues and **come join us! If you are interested in attending the banquet, please contact Kevin Sluder for location, time, cost. He can be reached at [Kevindeena3@aol.com](mailto:Kevindeena3@aol.com) or call him at 903-839-2384**



## NRA Black Powder Muzzle Loading Shooter's Card Course

(class to be taught at 2006 ART) By Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, FCF Vice President

Hey Old Timers and Young Bucks! If you want to be able to participate in the shooting at Brush Poppin's and look like a pro, and you haven't taken this course, now is the time. This course is for ANY man or boy who is at least 12 years of age and interested in learning about black powder firearms.

The course provides general knowledge and rifle safety. You will receive hands-on experience in loading and shooting at the range. You don't have to be an FCF member to participate, but if you are considering joining FCF, I highly recommend this course. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. on Friday,

Feb.17 and the course ends at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The cost is \$35 and will include meals and books. We will provide the rifles and accessories for the shooting range, so you will not need to bring you own firearm. You will need to bring your own tent, sleeping bag, clothes, etc.

Please pre-register for this course using the ART registration form on the NTD Royal Rangers web site so that we can be sure to have enough training materials. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [art@royalrangers.net](mailto:art@royalrangers.net).

# Enthusiasm or Hype

By Randy Woods, Deputy District Commander

We see it every day on television, newspapers and magazines: products that promise the perfect results: car dealers shouting at the top of their voices to sell their items, football players and cheerleaders jumping and shouting over trivial games, even Christians playing a holier than thou attitude. We can quickly lose sight of what is real and what is not.

We, as Christians and Royal Rangers leaders, must love and believe in our product, the gospel, and be excited about it before we can sell our product to others. If we aren't, no one will want it. We sell by words and we sell by our actions.

God commands us to do everything with all our might. This is a departure from the routine of every day life. Excitement is infectious. It is easily passed from one to another. It will make the most dull and mundane chore or activity less tiresome.

But excitement by itself can create over confidence. We have faith in our own abilities, not in God's. Overconfident football teams are usually easily defeated by an opponent who has abilities as well as confidence. Through hype alone, we become hypocrites, insincere and showing ourselves to be something we never intend to become. Through enthusiasm, we pass on excitement for what God is doing and will do in our lives. We live through His enthusiasm.

This even creeps into our churches. I have heard ministers tell the congregation how they must act to be enthused: jumping, clapping and shouting. Many do this to draw attention to themselves so other people can see "how much they love God." But God has given examples of how to praise Him: by laying prostrate, praying silently, sitting still, standing with head bowed down or standing with arms raised as well as dancing. It is not the position but the heart that makes the difference.

I have heard at least one pastor mention that some of the people who show the least emotions are the most stable, sincere and successful in accomplishing tasks for the church. Consistent steady emotions will accomplish more than the spark of insincere temporary hype.

Below are the definitions of enthusiasm and hype:

**Enthusiasm:** To be possessed by a god.

**Hype:** Derivative of hypocrisy; to play a part or pretend to be something you are not.

Praise God with all He gives you but make sure it is not just for others to see you. Two people may use the same methods of praise but have different motives. God judges the heart not the outward appearance. Make sure your enthusiasm does not become hype.

## Sarge Training Academy June 25-30, 2006

By Jeff Kersey

Due to the National Camporama in July, the 2006 Sarge Training Academy will be a smaller camp. The camp this year will not include DAC, AMC, or FBC. The schedule for camps is being put together and we are excited about the camps that will be offered. This is the first time we have held a Sarge Training Academy during the same year as a Camporama. We hope that your younger boys

will enjoy their time at Camporama, and that some of the older boys who may have attended a Camporama in the past will have the opportunity to continue their Sarge Training with one of the Junior Training camps. Contact [jeff@royalrangers.net](mailto:jeff@royalrangers.net) for more information.





# Change is in the Wind

By Dan "Metalbender" Syrcle

As we start the new year, I feel I have an obligation to inform the FCF membership of changes in the future of the Buckskin advancement. The national Royal Rangers office has put out new guidelines, and I have been directed by our president to implement them starting in 2006. It is important to each Frontiersman that you fully understand the new procedures as they are going to greatly limit the number of Buckskin ceremonies we do in a given year. This year we had 3, next year we may only have one so you will need to plan accordingly.

So, what are the changes that you can expect to see? For starters, there will be ½ day of performance-based testing that will need to be accomplished along with the workbook. Previously, you were required to have your sponsor sign off that you had accomplished the work. It was the discretion of the FCF staff to check your work prior to the ceremony. I have always taken the approach that no FCF member will willingly lie to me. I checked with sponsors and if I was assured the work had been done, that was the end of it. However, the new program will require some testing. The following items will be evaluated by the staff.

- Proficiency with knife
- Proficiency with hawk
- Proficiency with black powder or archery
- Trade item

- Memorization
- Outfit
- Flint and steel
- ID Staff
- Buckskin workbook
- Primitive cooking

Each of these areas will have a possible 10 points to earn. You must score at least 70 points in order to pass. This is not an insurmountable obstacle, but you will have to practice and become proficient in the things that you need to know to be successful in FCF.

Now, what does this mean to us as a group? First I think we will see more highly qualified members advancing to Buckskin. Second, I think that our sponsors will be much more diligent since they know for a fact the candidate will be tested. Third, I think it will encourage our members to practice their skills on a regular basis. The one disadvantage I see is this will cut down on the number of buckskin ceremonies we can offer in a given year. It becomes immediately apparent that you the Frontiersman will have to plan ahead. Will you have sponsored enough boys, done enough Adventures, etc. before the testing date? The date for the 2006 Buckskin Ceremony will be announced after the district staff meeting in January.

Please pray for the staff as we meet together to determine which direction God is leading us in the process.

## Pow Wow 2006

Plans are under way for the 2006 Pow-Wow. You may remember Brian Bryan from the 2004 Pow-Wow. He was the leader of the Martial Arts ministry team known as the Combat Team. The team will be back this year as the speakers for our council fires and morning devotionals. We are excited to have them coming back to be with us this year. Much, much more about Pow-Wow to come.



# 2006 Academy of Ranger Training (ART)

By Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander

For all **NEW** Commanders, we offer you the **LTA CAMP-OUT** at the upcoming Academy of Ranger Training (ART) **February 17-18, 2006**. This is a required Module in order to achieve the Leaders Medal of Achievement (LMA) award and is held only **ONE TIME** during the year now. This is offered as an alternative to the LMA requirement to attend a National Training Camp. ART is held annually at Lakeview Camp located in Maypearl, Texas. So remember to mark your calendar for this important date coming up soon!

## **LTA CAMP-OUT PURPOSE – SKILLS – COST - UNIFORM:**

- The purpose of this camp is to provide trainees with the basic outdoor skills necessary to safely and effectively take a group of boys on an overnight camping activity
- All classes and activities will only focus on introducing and developing basic camping skills and will not include any material relating to more advanced outdoor skills or the use of the Patrol System
- Camp cooking, fire craft, tool craft, and other interesting skills will be taught
- LTA Camp-Out **pre-registration** is **\$20.00** each; **at-camp registration** is **\$30.00** each
- All commanders must check in at the Commanders Lodge for registration at **5:00 PM** Friday, 2/17/06
- All trainees must wear the "Class B" Royal Rangers uniform during the Orientation at 6:00 PM, at the 8:00 AM Morning Assembly, and at the 4:00 PM Afternoon Final Assembly

## **LTA CAMP-OUT EQUIPMENT LIST:**

- All Commanders need to utilize this equipment list to prepare for the camp-out

## **CLOTHING:**



- 1 Complete "Class B" Royal Rangers uniform
- 1 Royal Rangers T-shirt (traditional style, white with large emblem centered on front)
- 1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt (for cold weather camps only)
- 1 pair blue jeans or fatigues
- 1 pair camp-type shoes or hiking boots
- 1 rain poncho or other rain clothing
- Socks and underclothes
- Light jacket if needed
- Extra clothing as desired

## **PERSONAL ITEMS:**

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

## **CAMPING GEAR:**

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



- Other interesting advanced class information may be revealed on the NTD RR web-site or elsewhere in the newsletter
- No over-night camping for all other Advanced Class participants

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:**

- Only, LTA Camp-Out module and advanced training classes will be taught at ART 2006
- Visit the NTD RR web-site at [ntd.royalrangers.net](http://ntd.royalrangers.net) to obtain the Registration Form. The form and payment must be sent to the district office before February 10, 2006
- Only Certified Instructors will be teaching at ART

All interested Certified Instructors interested in teaching, please contact Samuel Kellum at [samuel.kellum@royalrangers.net](mailto:samuel.kellum@royalrangers.net), ASAP.

NO OTHER MODULE TRAINING will be taught at ART. For other modules, attend the North Texas District Commanders Conference on April 21-22, 2006.

To receive all this beneficial once-a-year training, start making preparations now to attend. God bless you and I hope to see all you commanders at **ART 2006**.

Ready in His service,

Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander



#### **POPULAR ART ADVANCED CLASS**

Black Powder Shooters Card is the only Advanced Black Powder Class to be held at ART 2006. The age requirement is 13 years or older; and only boys and men are allowed to participate in this class at ART. The pre-registration cost is \$ 35.00 each; at-camp registration is \$ 45.00 each

Black Powder Shooters Card participants must also check-in with registration at the Commanders Lodge at 5:00 PM; class starts at 6:00 PM.

Black Powder Shooters Card participants need to bring the same equipment, i.e., tents for sleeping, etc. as the LTA Camp-Out trainees, except for the cooking equipment (utensils, pots, pans, cook stove, dishwashing equipment, etc.)

Black Powder Shooters Card participants will be eating with the LTA ART Staff at the Commanders Lodge

#### **OTHER ADVANCED CLASSES:**

- At-camp registration for all other Advanced Class participants begins Saturday morning, 2/18/06, at 8:00 AM; Classes begin at 9:00 AM

## WildWind Reflections of 2005 FCF Family Days Camp

If you didn't attend the 2005 Family Days Camp, then you do not have any memories of it, and that is a shame. You see, we had so much fun; it will be hard to tell all the details.

One of the best things about the camp was seeing some old and dear faces that had been gone so long and being able to sit around a campfire and get caught up.

Another wonderful thing about the camp was the great time we had Friday night at the pie and goods auction. There were some grand pies and sweets auctioned off along with some really nice plunder! It was fun cutting-up and enjoying each other's company and jokes! Afterwards it was interesting sharing the sweets bought with someone you didn't know in order to get to know them and make new acquaintances.

Saturday morning was rather interesting as some folks played Hot-Potato in the wee hours of the morning with an uppity roster in a cage. I guess it was sort of the traveling early morning wake-up call. I'm not sure who put the fowl alarm clock in front of my tent fly, but I have a sneaky suspicion her initials are Carol...

If you were hungry Saturday morning, and most folks were, there were plenty of victuals at the Woods Country Café. There were very few leftovers and everyone was more than satisfied with the food, service, and fellowship.

Saturday was a great time playing games with the wee ones, shooting down at the gun range, playing handles with hawks, and attending the Family Trace with the family. All the activities were simple old-time fun with families and friends.

Saturday evening was a special time as some brought their campfire best to the pavilion for the cook-off. There were so many fine specimens, it was hard to choose the best! Afterwards we all came together with

our food and shared with one another and talked about the days events, and also laughed one more time at the fun shared by all.

After the meal we had an old-time fashion show. Several couples dressed up in their finest and put on their personas and told about who they were, where they came from, and why they were dressed as they were. This was very informative and interesting as we learned about how to dress appropriately with the persona they have chosen. There were some really really nice outfits shown along with some very interesting characters!

After the fashion show we sang and worshipped God and heard from Him through Mike Eddy.

Later on Saturday night, some of us participated in a Round Robin Trade Blanket. This was really fun and some folks were truly blessed, not only from receiving some outstanding plunder, but also from being the one giving the plunder.

Sunday morning we had a wonderful church meeting and then packed our camps and headed home after hugging one another.

Yep, if you were not there, you don't have any memories from it, and that is truly a shame.

### *Please note*

*Family Days is open to everyone, whether or not you are an FCF member. This is an excellent way to spend a weekend with your family, fellowshiping with other Royal Rangers leaders and their families, and being exposed to the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. Please put next year's Family Days on your calendar now!*



# 2006 South Central Regional Conference

January 27-28, 2006; Houston Hobby Airport Marriott

You are invited to attend the 2006 South Central Regional Conference. This is an annual conference for commanders throughout the region. This includes commanders from the following districts: Central Latin, Gulf Latin, Kansas, New Mexico, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas, and West Texas. This conference is a great time for training, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Many commanders will also bring their wife and make this a mini-vacation.

It will be held January 27-28, 2006 at Houston Hobby Airport Marriott in Houston, Texas. 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.

**Who should attend?** Everyone! If you are involved in Royal Rangers at any level — local outpost or some staff position — the regional conference is for you. Everyone will find a variety of classes that should be interest for you, and that will help you in your ministry to boys. Classes will include LTA modules, classes by our speaker Robert T. Schlipp (Bibleman) and Deputy National Commander Mike Laliberty, and others. There will be a wide variety of classes for every commander. There is also a wide variety of classes that would be of interest to Missionettes leaders if they want to attend. Everyone is welcome.

**Conference Schedule.** Friday 10:00 a.m. Registration opens in hotel foyer (be sure not to wait until just before class time to register; avoid the long line by registering early); 1:00 – 5:00 Afternoon class sessions (see registration form 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 registration form).

**Friday.** We have a variety of classes scheduled for Friday afternoon for those who want to attend. These classes start at 1:00. 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 of children's evangelist Robert T. Schlipp. This service is open to everyone. Come expecting an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during this anointed service.

**Special Guests.** Our special guests for the conference include:

Rev. Robert T. Schlipp, a children's evangelist who ministers across the country as Bibleman. Robert grew up in Royal Rangers. He earned his Gold Medal of Achievement and served a term as the assistant national FCF scout. He has a unique perspective on ministry to boys through the Royal Rangers ministry, and he will be sharing with us during the Friday evening service, Saturday morning general session, and he will be presenting two workshops on integrating God's word into object lessons.

Mike Laliberty, deputy national commander and national training coordinator, will be presenting the NTC Staff Update on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and then will be presenting a two-hour workshop on the effective use of the Discovery and Adventure Rangers curricula materials.

Fred Deaver, national FCF president emeritus, will be sharing with us on Saturday morning during the general session. He will also have some of his artwork available for purchase in the

exhibit area throughout the conference, and we will auction off one of his paintings during the Saturday morning general session.

**Hotel Information.** For 2006, the conference will be held at the Houston Hobby Airport Marriott in SE Houston. This location is very convenient to Galveston Island, NASA, and many of the attractions of the Houston area. The Marriott Hotel has been very nicely renovated and it is ready to host our conference. They have given us a special room rate of \$70 per room (1-4 people), or \$80 if you would like a junior suite. Staying at the host hotel will not only be convenient for you, but it helps the region offset the costs of holding the conference at this hotel. If you want to reserve your room by phone, call the Marriott at 800-228-9290 and mention the conference code "ROV" to get this special room rate. If you prefer, you can make your reservation on the Marriott web site ([www.marriott.com/HOUHH](http://www.marriott.com/HOUHH)) and in the group code field enter "ROVROVA." 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 20, so make your reservation early!

**Registration.** The registration fee for the conference is \$35 if you register online or \$40 if you register through the mail by the deadline. Registration at the conference will be \$45. Pre-registration fees may be paid by check or money order, or by credit card (credit card only if you register on the web). Two classes will require additional registration because of additional materials that must be purchased by the region for each attendee: the first aid course will cost an additional \$20, and the NTC Staff Update will cost an additional \$10.

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. Boys must apply to Tony Garcia ([tony@copydocs.net](mailto:tony@copydocs.net)) in order to be considered

a Staff Aid and to 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 Anay Schlipp, wife of our speaker who served as Biblewoman for at least one season with her husband. Following this, bus transportation will be available to Galveston Island for shopping on the historic Strand, or sightseeing on the island.

**Class Schedule.** On the class schedule is a wide variety of classes – some are LTA modules, while others are sessions for any commander. Certificates of Completion will be issued for each LTA module completed. All sessions are open to any leader with the exception of the IT Seminar (your district commander must approve your attendance) and the NTC Staff Update (you must have previously attended NTC Staff School or National Academy). There are additional charges for the First Aid/CPR class and the NTC Staff Update classes because of the additional materials that must be purchased for attendees.

Missionettes leaders would find the following classes helpful in their ministry to girls: Impressive Awards Ceremonies, Presentation Skills, Keep Records Get Refunds!, Preventing Child and Substance Abuse, Ranger Kids Activities, Integrating the Word into Object Lessons, and Story of the Bible.

**Additional Information.** Additional information about the conference, and the online registration form, will be posted on the regional web site at [scr.royalrangers.net](http://scr.royalrangers.net)

# 2006 South Central Region Royal Rangers Conference

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you want on Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Outpost #: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to have sufficient space for all sessions you must pre-select those sessions that you wish to attend.  
Please mark the box for the sessions that you will BE attending**

### Friday Class Sessions—January 27

1:00—3:00	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Impressive Awards Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship I (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Seminar District Approval Required (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Skills (LTA Module)	NTC Staff Update (part 1 of 2) must have completed Staff School or National Academy \$10.00 additional for Part 1 and Part 2
3:00—4:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Successful Outposts (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedition Rangers A Necessity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting Ready for Camporama	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired? Now what?		
4:00—5:00	<input type="checkbox"/>						

**To offer more sessions there is no scheduled lunch time; please schedule your lunch either at 11:00 or 12:15.**

### Saturday Class Sessions—January 28

8:00—9:15	<b>General Session</b>						
9:45--10:45	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Impressive Awards Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship II (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preventing Child and Substance Abuse (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Getting Ready for Camporama	NTC Staff Update (part 2 of 2) \$10.00 additional for Part 1 and Part 2
11:00—12:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid/CPR	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Records Get Refunds!	<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger of the Year Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Kids Activities (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrating the Word into Object Lessons	
12:15—1:15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance is Limited You MUST pre-register in order to attend this class. \$20.00 additional	<input type="checkbox"/> Creating a FCF Persona	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Records Get Refunds!	<input type="checkbox"/> Story of the Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrating the Word into Object Lessons	
1:30—2:30	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> How to Use the DR/AR Curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger of the Year Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Creating a FCF Persona		
2:45—3:45	<input type="checkbox"/>						
4:00—5:00	<input type="checkbox"/>						

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

**Registration fee: \$35.00 if you register ONLINE before midnight, January 22, 2006 with credit card at [scr.royalrangers.net](http://scr.royalrangers.net)  
Registration fee: \$40.00 IF POSTMARKED No Later Than January 17, 2006 (check, money order, or credit card)  
Registration fee: \$45.00 at the conference or if you miss the above deadlines.**

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

MasterCard  Visa  Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEWS NEEDED**

Is there anything specific you would like to learn more about? If you have some ideas or articles to place in the Signal Fire, the next deadline to receive news is February 21, 2006. Please send your information to Mark Oliver at mark@royalrangers.net.

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