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

From Our District Commander

Greetings Commanders,

When you look at the calendar for this year you will notice that we have added a second Pow Wow work day. That day is April 1, 2006. As a district we need more work time at OUR camp. We need you to come and work at the camp on this date. You can go to the district web site and find out what the tasks are that need to be accomplished. We need this time with you to do more maintenance then we can do on just the one work day in May.

We are asking you to have a work party from your church on both dates. We have a lot to do. When your outpost has a work party for both dates, your outpost will receive one [1] Pow Wow registration worth \$20.00 at the Pow Wow in June.



This Pow Wow we have made up a special back pack for the first 800 people who pre-register. Each person will receive one back pack. This means that you would send in the total amount of your Pow Wow registration by the May work day. If you have 10 people register @ \$20.00 each, you would send in \$200.00. Each of these 10 would receive a back pack. If you have more men and boys that can come to Pow Wow after the pre-registration deadline, back packs will be available on a first come first served basis.

These back packs [see picture] were made especially for the North Texas Royal Rangers. The emblem is embroidered onto the pack. They are first class, one of a kind.

We need you at the work days. We will be looking for you.

In HIS service,
Commander Paul

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Pow Wow Work Days

April 1, 2006

By Jeff Kersey, District Productions Coordinator

Have you ever wanted to save money on Pow Wow registration? This year you'll have the chance. A special work day at the camp has been scheduled for April 1. This does not replace the May Pow Wow work day; it is an extra day. There is a lot of work to be done at the camp and it's too much to do on one work day. Here's how it saves you money. Every outpost that participates in both the April 1 and May 20 work day will receive 1 free Pow Wow registration. That's a \$20 registration fee that you can use to scholarship a boy to Pow Wow that might not be able to come otherwise. It will be possible to

come in Friday night and camp out to be there Saturday morning when work starts. Work day starts at 8:00 AM Saturday. It will not be spent cleaning campsites as that is saved for the May work day. We will be clearing new camp areas, working on the pavilion, the pageant area, the lakefront, and many other areas. So get your work crew together and come down for a day of work at the camp. Just in case you need an extra incentive, lunch that day is provided. What a deal: a great group of guys to work with, \$20 free registration, and free lunch. See you there.

Work Day Equipment Needs

By Dwain Klopfenstein, Deputy District Commander

We need your help!!

There are many areas of the district Royal Rangers camp that needs attention. All efforts and emphases will be directed toward the pageant area, pavilion, camp appearance and safety issues of the camp for this work day. We'll be doing a SPRING CAMP CLEANING. Several areas need attention.

Special Note: Their will be NO assigning of campsites at the April 1st work day.

You can bring your outpost and camp free Friday night and be available on Saturday for work day. Can't beat a deal like that.

The items on the following list are needed for this work day:

- Trailers (big or small) to move and haul with.
- Tractor mowers with brush-hog.
 - a. Bring extra gas for your tractor

- Lawn mowers
 - a. Bring extra gas for your mower
- Weed eaters
 - a. Safety goggles
- Extension ladders 12-20 ft.
- Painter tarps
- Paint brushes and rags
- Plumbing tools
- Plumbing clean out equipment
- Cordless drills with wood bits and metal bits
- Hammers
- Workers, Workers, Workers
- Branch shredder / stump grinder

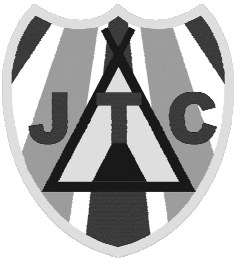
Just think you might get someone (grouch) to smile and make his day. That would be great. You will find this work day to be rewarding, fun and exciting.

Let's not disappoint the district commander on your attendance!

District Royal Rangers Secretary Needed

Commander Paul Patterson is looking for a secretary for the Royal Rangers ministry at the North Texas District office. He would like to fill the position by April 15th. Teresa, the present secretary, is expecting a baby and will be staying home after the baby is delivered. The district secretary's

position is a 24 hour a week job. This can be three days a week, just mornings (Mon-Friday), or another schedule worked out with Commander Paul. If you are interested, please give Paul a call at 817.247.2622.



Sarge Training Academy

By Jeff Kersey, District Productions Coordinator



June 25-30 are the dates for the 2006 Sarge Training Academy. It will include 3 camps this year: Junior Training Camp

(JTC), Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE), and Junior Training Trails (JTT). The other camps that are usually a part of Sarge Training Academy will not be offered this year due to the National Camporama. Cost will be \$125 for any of the 3 camps this year.

JTC is a 5 day camp for all Royal Rangers who have completed the 7th grade, and have completed the Camping Merit. The boy must be a member of an up-to-date chartered outpost. JTC is designed to give boys training in camping and leadership in their local outpost. JTC offers training in these specific areas: The Patrol Method, Rope Craft, Lashing, Nature Study, Tool Craft, Fire Craft, First Aid, Compass, Safety, Camp Layout, Cooking, Sanitation, Soul Winning, Junior Leaders in an Outpost, Council Fires, Model Outpost Meeting, The Advancement Trail, Camp Recreation, Backpacking, and Overnight Backpacking Trips.

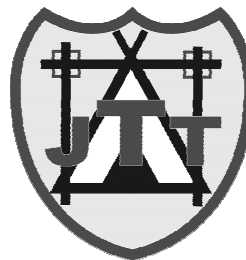
JCE is a 5 day camp for Royal Rangers having completed 8th grade and successfully completed JTC. This course is designed to provide basic instruction in canoeing skills and water safety while traveling and camping on the river. Those participating in JCE will assemble on Sunday at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, TX, and will travel for the expedition. Once there, you will enjoy four full days of canoeing down the river, finding campsites,

and experiencing the power of God during nightly services. While on this trip, campers have the opportunity to work on such merits as the Wildlife, Astronomy, Nature Study, and others. Graduation from JCE will be held Friday evening at Lakeview Camp.

JTT is a 5 day camp for Royal Rangers having completed 8th grade and successfully completed JTC. This course is designed to provide basic instruction in backpacking skills. Those participating in JTT will assemble on Sunday at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, TX, and will travel for the backpack trip. Once there, you will enjoy four full days of trail packing before the return trip. Graduation from JTT will be held with the rest of the camps Friday evening at Lakeview Camp.

All participants in JCE and JTT must be pre-approved to attend these camps, and will be personally interviewed by the Camp Commander and Sarge Training Academy Program Director.

An application for Sarge is available on the district website under forms (<http://ntd.royalrangers.net>). In order for any single camp to not be canceled, we need applications to be turned in by June 1. Minimum numbers for these camps will be JTC – 16, JTT – 4, JCE – 4.



Camporama Fund Raising Ideas

Need some last minute Camporama Fund Raising Ideas? Check out the following websites:

1. <http://www.huffgalleries.com/index.htm>
2. <http://www.digitalpraise.com>

North Texas District Pow Wow

By Jeff Kersey, District Productions Coordinator



This year's Pow Wow is scheduled for June 2-4 with a theme of "Pour In," taken from 2 Kings 4:1-7. Commanders

will be challenged to pour in to their ministry and the boys in their outpost all that God has given them to use.

Our speaker this year will be Brian Bryan of the Combat Team. Brian and his team of martial arts experts travel the world bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a hurting world through school programs, mission trips, and camps like ours.

This year we are looking for some skits. Your outpost will have the opportunity to present your skit at the council fire service Friday evening. We're looking for 3-5 really good skits from outposts around the district. The skit could be funny, serious, 2 people or more. All skits will have to be reviewed by Jeff Kersey before they are presented. Some skits may not be used due to number of total entrants or the content. No skit should make fun of any commander, even if he consents. Let's see some new funny skits and show our comedic side to the camp.

We will once again have Patrol flag judging. Judging will be immediately after the Saturday morning flag raising ceremony. Rules for the competition will be listed in the Pow Wow packet. We will also have the entry way competition. There were many nice and inventive campsite entry ways last year and we look for bigger and better ones this year. Rules for entry way judging can also be found in the Pow Wow packet that will be mailed to your church.

As always there will be a 36-hour prayer vigil during Pow Wow. You and your outpost will have the chance to spend time in prayer for your outpost, the district, the camp, and many other things as we lift up to God all things for His protection and direction. The schedule is divided by sections so that the entire time will be covered with prayer. Your sectional commander should contact you with times for your section and outpost.

Cost for the camp this year will be \$20 per person for chartered churches, \$30 per person for non-chartered, and will include a Royal Ranger backpack for the first 800 who pre-register. We will have Pinewood Derby races, games and activities for the afternoon, shooting ranges, entry way competition for your campsite, patrol standard judging, a concession stand, and many other activities and fun. One of the special events this year will be the creation of the North Texas District BB-gun team. This team will represent the district and compete at the National Camporama in July.

A Pow Wow packet will be coming to your church soon with all of the details for Pow Wow 2006.



North Texas Training Update

By Roger Stewart, District Training Coordinator

Commanders, it is now spring time and many training opportunities are ahead of us. In February we completed Advanced Ranger Training (ART), and Leadership Training Academy (LTA) Campout. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and



trainees for their efforts that made this camp a great success. The weather was not the greatest,

but the trainees made the best of it, and had a great learning experience. Thanks again to everyone for a job well done.

Now let's move on to April, and the North Texas District Module Training Day and Commanders Award Service. These activities will be held on April 22nd from 8AM until 5PM at The Oaks Fellowship Red Oak, 777 South I-35E in Red Oak Texas 75154.

The modules and classes that will be offered that day are:

- Discipleship 1 (LTA module) – 3hrs.
- Ranger Kids Activities (LTA module) – 3hrs.
- Discovery/Adventure Activities (LTA module) – 3 hrs
- Safety and the Church (LTA module) – 3 hrs
- Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (LTA module) – 2hrs
- FCF Sponsorship – 1hr
- Preventing Child & Substance Abuse (LTA module) – 3 hrs
- Presentation Skills (LTA module) – 3 hrs
- Sectional Commander's Overview-1hr
- Area Commander's Overview – 1hr
- New Commander's Orientation – 1hr
- District Leadership Training Course (LTA module) – 5 hrs
- Ranger Basics (LTA module) – 6 hrs
- Ranger of the Year Overview

Please go to the North Texas District Royal Rangers web site, <http://ntd.royalrangers.net>, and download the

registration form. This form should be completed and sent to the district office by April 15th, the deadline for pre-registration. The cost for the Module Training Day is \$25.00, or \$20.00 if you are chartered. Commanders if you have earned enough points for your annual leadership award, please download the correct award forms from the district's web site, complete them and send the form and your fees to the district office no later than April 15th, the deadline for award applications. Your boys like to see your uniform change as you earn your awards and add them to your uniform. Remember WE TEACH BY EXAMPLE.

At this time I would like to talk to all commanders that want to become Certified Instructors (CI's) for the Leadership Training Academy, and all current Certified Instructors who need to renew their certifications. The Instructors Certification Seminar (ICS) will be on September 9th from 8AM until 4PM at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl TX. All the above-mentioned commanders need to go to the district Royal Rangers web site and download and print off the application form. After completing this form mail it to the district office.

This seminar will teach you how to become an effective instructor, and it will provide to you some of the most up to date teaching methods used in the Leadership Training Academy today. Just a reminder you must be invited to attend the ICS, so make sure you get your application in by the dead line of May 31st.

If you have any questions about any training event, or some type of training that you



want to see take place, please feel free to contact me and we will see if we can make it happen.

Camporama 2006—The Adventure

Exploring God's Plan for Our Lives

During the week of July 17-21, 2006, an estimated 7,500 boys and men from the US and many foreign countries will travel to Eagle Rock, Missouri for this once-in-a-lifetime event. All participants will enjoy a magnificent view: 1,500 acres of beautiful Ozarks scenery.

From the dawn of the early morning through the dark star-filled night, many exciting events will capture the attention of the campers. Some will require talent and patience such as the national championship events including the Archery Competition, the Daisy Team BB Gun National Championship, and the National Pinewood Derby Championship. Other events require coordination and a strong grip like racing on the BMX or Mountain Bike course, climbing on the Rappelling Tower or the Bouldering Wall. Other events only require that you show up and have fun-like cooling off in one of our swimming pools, riding one of the hot air balloons, racing in push carts, trading patches and pins at trading posts and encampments, meeting new friends from around the US and foreign countries, visiting special displays like Light for the Lost (LFTL) and Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade (BGMC) booths and many other incredible events. Campers will enjoy an abundance of daytime activities.

Campers will again be treated to three conveniently located full-service food stations. In addition, several snack bars will be set up throughout the encampment to encourage campers to drink plenty of liquids and prevent dehydration.

A camp hospital will be available for medical emergencies and will utilize doctors, nurses, and EMTs. Professional, full time security personnel will be on site to assist in medical and personal safety. These men represent law enforcement officers from the



Missouri State Highway Patrol, the US Marshall's office, and members of county or local law enforcement teams.

To help make this the best Camporama ever, fifteen trams will take campers to and from daily events and activities, and several large swimming pools will be available each day to cool off and have

some fun. Nearly 120,000 gallons of water fill up the four swimming pools!

Special services will be held each evening in the Amphitheater that can accommodate up to 10,000 campers for each service. The state-of-the-art stage complex houses a large, elevated projection screen at center stage to highlight the evening speaker or a special part of the service.

The Holy Spirit directs each of the evening services in a different way. The following dynamic speakers will be used of the Lord during this special event. Rev. Dave Roeber, Vietnam veteran, purple heart recipient, and renowned evangelist; Rev. Randy Ruiz, renowned evangelist; Rev. Tom Green, National Director, Light for the Lost and HonorBound Ministries; and Rev. Terry Raburn, PenFlorida District Superintendent. Also, on Thursday evening, Bob Kilpatrick will minister a full concert of his inspirational and fun music. You don't want to miss a single evening service and miss out on what God will do through His Holy Spirit.

To sum it all up, begin making your plans to be at Camporama 2006 where you will experience great fun and fellowship and be personally challenged to a higher level of love and commitment to our Lord and Master Ranger, Jesus Christ!

For more information, applications, and directions, please visit the national Royal Rangers website at <http://royalrangers.ag.org/camporama/>

An Evening of Prayer

by Rodney Briggs, S. Fort Worth Sectional Commander

Five men walked into the room. They spoke briefly to each other then spread themselves out in a flanking maneuver. At first glance, these men looked like ordinary soldiers. They looked a bit tired and worn yet you could see determination in their eyes. Upon closer inspection, glimpses of armor and weaponry showed through uniforms and gleamed from the lights in the room. These men were seasoned warriors. They knew what to expect from the enemy and were

ready for battle. They had come prepared to fight. You could see it on their faces; a steadiness that past victories had brought them and knowledge that victory would again be theirs if they didn't waiver.

They chose their spots of battle carefully throughout the room and then, as one, bent their knees, bowed to their King and began battle. The struggle continued for an hour and half as blow after blow rained on the enemy. Shields were raised to ward off enemy attacks as swords moved in and out of the enemy's

flanks like lightning. The enemy kept hammering from all sides, trying and testing different areas, desperately seeking a weakness to exploit. When one of the soldiers became surrounded, immediately a companion was at his side, slashing the enemy with great strokes of his mighty sword. The two combined their strength and made giant swathes through the enemy's ranks.

Finally as they sensed victory, the five began to sing their victory song to their King as the last

of the enemy were thrust through. With banners waving high they reassembled in the middle of the room to check for wounds and recount the victories each had won that night. They filed out of the room knowing that there would be other battles soon to come, but with a grim determination to fight to the end.

This is a description of the South Fort Worth Section Commander's Prayer Rally held Jan. 31 as seen through spiritual eyes.

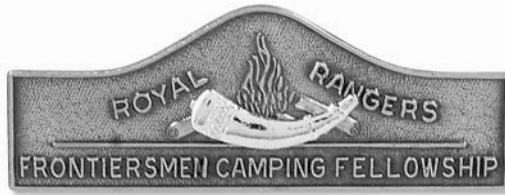
2006 District Royal Rangers Calendar

April	1	Pow Wow Work Day Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	21-22	Modules Training Day & Awards Ceremony
May	6	Sarge Staff In Training (SIT)
	20	Pow Wow Work Day Pow Wow pre-registration deadline for back packs
June	2-4	District Pow Wow
	25-30	Sarge Training Academy
July	17-21	National Camporama
August	18-19	FCF Frontier Adventure
September	9	Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS)
	23	District Ranger of the Year
October	27-29	FCF Family Days
November	10-11	District Winter Camp

Four Make Wilderness

By Rick Beebe

It's the highest award in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, and it doesn't come easily. This year, four members from the North Texas District earned their Wilderness pin: Todd "Fox Tale" Haddix, Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, Dan "Metalbender" Syrcle, and Mark "Bladesman"



the Holy Spirit. EVERYTHING else is secondary. Yes, skills are tested, but that is just the beginning. Not everyone who begins testing will pass. Not everyone is even allowed to



Horner. In the weeks leading up to their test and vigil, the weather was unseasonably warm, bordering on almost tropical. But the weather seemed to know this award doesn't come easily, so an arctic front came in with a nice mix of rain and very cold winds. Chapter President Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale set the tone, letting everyone know that "the least the wilderness members

continue to the vigil. And not everyone who begins the vigil will complete it. But I can tell you that the vigil has a dramatic impact on those attending, and even those running the vigil.

Upon completion of the vigil, the new Wilderness members were invited back for feast and fellowship, ending with a special communion service.

Sammy "Longhorn" Kellum, Lee "Prospector" Fogleman, and Rick "Moving Waters" Beebe assisted Wild Wind in running the vigil. Mark Chapman blessed us with the use of his property and facilities.



do will be the best others would do." That attitude isn't just one of outfits and crafts, but one of a spiritual commitment and leadership.

I can't tell you what goes on at the vigil, but I can tell you the emphasis is on prayer and seeking



District Ranger of the Year Evaluations

By Pat Reilly, District ROTY Coordinator

Commanders, it is time to begin getting your boys ready for this year's Ranger of the Year (ROTY) evaluation process. The actual ROTY evaluations are months away but now is when the boys earn their points and complete merits. This will be our third year of the new ROTY evaluations. We expect this year to operate even better than last year, with your help, of course. You can obtain the Ranger of the Year Packet off of the National Royal Ranger website – <http://www.royalrangers.ag.org/applications/roty-packet.pdf>.

This packet contains some valuable information for preparing your boys for the annual evaluations. You will find:

- Suggested schedule for outpost through national evaluations,
- qualification chart,
- general information,
- Bible requirements,
- recommended study for your boys' evaluation.

The application forms you need for your

boys evaluation are also on the national website. If you click on the Applications & Forms tab at the top of the web site most Royal Rangers forms are listed including Ranger of the Year for each age group.

I suggest you get these forms and begin reviewing them with your boys. Between now and your outpost ROTY date your boys can earn a large number of points. The application form helps them determine the areas they can and need to work on.

ROTY will operate so smoothly with your help. This evaluation system is still rather new and various parts seem confusing. However, to the boys the requirements to earn a Ranger of the Year medal are quite straight forward. Not all boys who are Royal Rangers are interested in Ranger of the Year. There are those special Royal Rangers in your outpost that deserve the opportunity for all the Royal Rangers recognition they can achieve.

Comments, questions, email me at reilly1@airmail.net.

New GMA Association Officers Elected

by Kevin Sluder, GMA Association Coordinator



Four new GMA Association officers were elected at the 1st annual GMAA business meeting/banquet. Jordan Chapman was elected as President; Joshua Horner as Vice-President/Historian; Josiah Coburn as Secretary/Treasurer; and Shannon Quinn as Activities Officer. Shannon Quinn was elected to a one-year term and the other officers were elected to two-year terms. Congratulations to these outstanding young men!

L to R Jordan Chapman, Joshua Horner, Josiah Coburn, and Shannon Quinn

Spring Round-up time – “Take the Plunge”

by Martin Smith, North Divisional Commander



Do you enjoy the thrill of building or crossing a rope bridge? How about flying your own model airplane? It's time again for an awesome Spring Round-up camp. This year Denton, North Dallas and Plano Sections are joining forces under the theme “Take the Plunge.” With Hebrews 11 as the scripture reference, the main focus will



be on the importance of exercising our faith. The camp will be a fun-filled weekend of games, competition and camping fun. And for the Adventure and Expedition Ranger boys, they will be challenged with another High Adventure, a unique camping experience, led by Commander Dick Harris.

Camp dates: April 28-30

Camp location: Maypearl RR Camp Grounds

Camp activities: Games, Camp Skills, High Adventure

Get ready for a time of praise & worship, fun, devotions, and life-changing adventure when you “Take the Plunge.”

Pow Wow 2006

Thirty Five Hour Prayer Vigil

by Randy Woods, Deputy District Commander

Friday	07:00 to 08:40 PM	South Dallas
	08:40 to 10:20 PM	Waxahachie
	10:20 to 12:00 AM	North Dallas
Saturday	12:00 to 01:40 AM	Texarkana
	01:40 to 03:20 AM	Tyler
	03:20 to 05:00 AM	Longview
	05:00 to 06:40 AM	Trinity Valley
	06:40 to 08:20 AM	Lufkin
	08:20 to 10:00 AM	Brazos Valley
	10:00 to 11:40 AM	Waco
	11:40 AM to 01:20 PM	Austin
	01:20 to 03:00 PM	San Angelo
	03:00 to 04:40 PM	Wichita Falls
	04:40 to 06:20 PM	Cross Timbers
	06:20 to 08:00 PM	Abilene
08:00 to 09:40 PM	Denton	
09:40 to 11:20 PM	Plano	
11:20 PM to 01:00 AM	Greenville	
Sunday	01:00 to 02:40 AM	North Ft Worth
	02:40 to 04:20 AM	South Ft Worth
	04:20 to 06:00 AM	Mid Cities

Buckskin Testing Coming!

By Dan "Metalbender" Syrcle



Frontiersman! It is time! Time to announce the first FCF Buckskin Advancement test and ceremony for 2006! As I mentioned in the last issue of the *Signal Fire*, things will be changing this year. After much prayer, and discussion among the FCF staff, it has been decided to conduct the first ever Buckskin test and advancement ceremony at Pow Wow this year. Testing will start promptly at 9 am on Saturday, June 3rd. I expect the testing phase to end between 12-1 pm on Saturday. For those of you who are successful, the Buckskin ceremony will be held Saturday night after the council fire service.

This is your time to shine! But you must be Ready! What do you need to do to get ready for Buckskin? Several things are needed from you.

1. You must have a completed application, signed by both your sponsor and your pastor, and submitted with your \$15.00 fee no later than 15 April 2006. This application must be mailed to the district office. This will allow me time to make sure that not only are you ready, but that the staff and I are ready for you at Pow Wow. The application can be found at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net/documents/forms.htm> and select 2006 FCF Advancement form.
2. Request the most recent copy of the Buckskin Workbook that I have available.

You may either e-mail Art at art@royalrangers.net or call him at 972.617..7111

3. Practice! There will be skills testing introduced with this year's Buckskin Advancement. You must obtain a score of at least 70% in order to pass; this is a reachable goal! You will be tested on the following areas; each has 10 possible points:

- Flint and Steel
- Black Powder or Primitive Bow Shoot
- Tomahawk
- Knife
- Outfit
- FCF memorization
- Trade Item
- ID Staff
- Workbook
- Primitive meal cooking

I understand the task seems hard, but having just completed my Wilderness Vigil, I know it can be accomplished! Be warned, you must plan ahead, I will not accept any applications postmarked after 15 April for this Buckskin testing; if your application is late, you will have to wait until the next testing. Gone are the days of the "walk on candidate;" we want you to show us your best! One word of advice, you will be asked to not only submit your trade item for evaluation, but you will be asked to present it to the Wilderness Tribunal at the Buckskin Ceremony. Be prepared to explain your trade and we would like you to donate your item or items to the chapter or to members of the Tribunal you wish to honor.

Certified Lifeguards Needed

Lifeguards needed!
If you are a certified Lifeguard or WSI,
and can be available during Pow Wow
to work at the waterfront,
please contact Jeff Kersey at jeff@royalrangers.net

West Central Divisional Winter Camp

By Rick Beebe, West Central Divisional Commander

Get Ready to Pour Out!

It's not too early to start getting ready for Winter Camp. It will be held November 10th- 11th; we will again meet at Camp Burnett!

This year, West Central Division will be following the theme of "POUR OUT" using games based on the last frontier, Alaska!

NTD- WEST CENTRAL DIVISION



GAMES CHALLENGE

POUR OUT!

Imagine your team is in the Iditarod! You will visit various cities, and compete using your many Royal Rangers skills. Will you strike it rich panning for gold? Will your team be successful harpooning a whale? Make sure you keep an eye out for bears!

Your team's success depends on your knowledge of fire-craft, wilderness survival, rope-craft, and

Academy of Ranger Training Highlights

By Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander

Commanders, if you missed ART 2006, you really missed out on something great! We had 3 complete patrols for the LTA Camp-out module; approximately 15 attended the Black Powder Shooters Card course; and 2 commanders completed the FCF module and sponsorship class. Rumor has it that Commander Kellum is going "softer" as the years go by. (Ask around what this means.) "...man was it cold!!...was that ice – sleet – or snow?"



Moving right ahead, February 2007 represents the next time we will offer to all NEW commanders the LTA Camp-out module at ART. Remember, this is a required module in order to earn the LMA award and it is held only ONE TIME during the year. Offered as an alternative camp to attending a National Training Camp, it is held annually at Lakeview Camp located in Maypearl, Texas. So remember to keep checking the NTD web-site for the exact calendar date as it becomes available.

What Would You Ask of Me?

by Kevin Sluder, GMAA Coordinator

In Mark 10:51 and Luke 18:41 Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, this question: "What do you want me to do for you?" (NIV). Jesus asked the same question to James and John, the sons of Zebedee, when they came to Jesus desiring him to do whatever they asked (Mark 10:35, 36). Many people come to God with a "wish list," but do they really expect and believe God will give them what they ask?

Of course I'm not saying you can ask God to fulfill your worldly and lustful desires (James 4:3). Let's put things in proper perspective; if you are praying according to *the will of the Father*, why wouldn't He give you what you asked? Romans 8:32 says,

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (KJV). One example of this is when the early church was being persecuted, Acts 4:29 says the believers asked for boldness to speak the word of God. Just two verses later in verse 31 the scripture says they were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke the word of God with boldness.

John 15:7 says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (KJV) The word *abide* means to *stay* (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy). [*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*]. If we abide in Him and His words

are abiding (staying) in us, we will ask for those things which please God.

Matthew 7:9-11 (NIV) says, "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" James 1:17 (NIV) says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

You might be thinking, "I asked God for something and I didn't get it." Although I don't know your specific situation, God does and there could be several possible reasons why you

didn't receive that particular request. They might include God has something better and more complete for you; or that giving you that particular requests might not be good for you. A loving Father will not give his children something that is not in their best interest. We must remember that God is sovereign and knows what is best; both for us and in general. Don't let an answered prayer of "no" or "not now" keep you from asking of God. Did a parent or guardian telling you "no" when you were a child stop you from asking anything else? Remember if you are a Christian, then God is your Father and Provider. Ask of Him, and don't forget to give Him thanks.

Attn: FCF Members

Are you a current member of the Shawnee Chapter FCF? Are your dues current and up to date? If so, you will be receiving an FCF ballot before May 1st in order to vote for this year's election for FCF president and vice president. Only members with their dues paid in full will receive a ballot in the mail. If you are not current, you will not be able to vote. If you are

not sure of your standing with the chapter, you can go to <http://ntd.royalrangers.net/fcf/fcfmembers.htm>. Please make sure your dues are received by the district office before April 15th in order to receive a ballot. Current FCF bylaws and rules for voting can be found online in the FCF Bylaws at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net/fcf/ntdfcfbylaws.htm>.

Wilderness Vigil 2006 through the eyes of a candidate.

by Dan "Metalbender" Syrcle, FCF Buckskin Rep

I thought I would take a few lines to write about the Wilderness Vigil and getting ready for the Vigil from a candidate's perspective. Let me first say that this is an individual experience that only you can experience, therefore, I will not be giving any details of this experience. The Wilderness Vigil and preparation beforehand will be some of the most rewarding time you spend in Rangers. So, how do you get ready?

First, you must select a Wilderness member to be your sponsor. Choose wisely as your sponsor needs to almost make you a member of his family when it comes to where you fall on his list of priorities. This Wilderness member should be there not only to pray for you, counsel you and advise you as you prepare, he needs to be there when you go through your Vigil. Pick a member who is willing to commit to you and pour into your life.

Second, practice! You can not practice



enough for the Vigil. Find out who else is wearing a Wilderness pouch and planning on attending the Vigil and work with them. Pray for each other and help each other sharpen your skills. If you try to be the "Lone Ranger" you will not be nearly as prepared as you will be if you partner with friends.

Third, come to the Vigil with an open and receptive spirit. You will be tested, but just as a knife is tested in a fire to

harden it, it is also placed back into the fire to temper it and make it a usable tool. You will be able to overcome.

So, if you are a Buckskin member, but have not applied for Wilderness, what's stopping you? Fear of the unknown? Lacking faith in your skills and abilities? No sponsor? Set your fear aside and contact Lee "Prospector" Fogelman and step out on a life changing journey! I hope to see you over the next Vigil fire.

1st GMA Association Banquet Held

by Kevin Sluder, GMA Association Coordinator

The North Texas District GMA Association held its first annual business meeting/banquet on Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. The new, revised GMAA bylaws were released and ideas for a future trip were discussed. Former GMAA President, now GMAA President Emeritus, David Trower was honored for his contributions to the GMAA. Speakers at the banquet included Regional Coordinator Jonathan Trower, District Commander Paul Patterson, and Deputy District Commander Dwain Klopfenstein. Lastly, four officers were elected to lead the GMAA under the supervision of the GMAA Coordinator Kevin Sluder and District Commander Paul Patterson.



(Note: other banquet pictures can be found on the NTD website under "Photos" at the "GMA Association" link.)

Frontier Adventure, Aug. 18-19

by Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, FCF Vice President

Calling all commanders and Rangers who would like to join the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF)! Go to the North Texas District Royal Rangers website, click on the FCF



link, and print out the Trail of the Grizzly information and a FCF application. To join in on the Adventure just do the following:

- Complete the Frontiersman portion of the Trail of the Grizzly for men and boys.
- Fill out the application with your sponsor or commander and mail it to

the address on the application. Once your application is approved, more information and instructions will be sent to you.

Applications must be received at or before Pow Wow (June 2-4, 2006).

- The Adventure begins on August 18th!
- Registration will begin at 5 pm
- Scheduled completion is 6 pm Saturday the 19th.

The Frontier Adventure is a memorable experience designed to challenge and test the skills learned from the Trail of the Grizzly, and to teach candidates the way of the frontiersman.



Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship FCF Scout and Assistant Scouts Selections

by Art "Flintlock" Sullivan, FCF Vice President

Commander, please pass this article to your youngbucks in your outpost.

Hey Youngbucks, if you are 16 ½ years of age or younger and would be interested in competing for the position of FCF Scout or Assistant Scout, we will be holding the skills evaluation and election at Pow Wow this year. If you are interested in representing our Chapter, you must contact Art "Flintlock" Sullivan at art@royalrangers.net. I will let you know everything that you will need to

know. Then, come to Pow Wow in full outfit and be ready. We need you! A special thanks to Kiah Bennett, Chris Trower, and Michael Avrit for doing an awesome job representing our Chapter this last term.

See you at Pow Wow,

Art "Flintlock" Sullivan



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

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