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Royal Rangers

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

From Our District Commander

Commanders,

I hope you had a great Pow Wow with us. The Spirit was great and the lives changed were tremendous.

This year saw 78 salvations, 97 rededications, 10 filled with the Holy Spirit, 6 refilled, and 15 healings.

We are looking for a great year to follow.

As some of you know we are trying to replace the pavilion. We would like for each outpost to get 10 men in your church to donate \$ 50.00 each for the new building.

The district executives have committed to matching our funds up to \$65,000.00. This means that we could get this new building up by next year. Bro. Rick Dubose will write a letter to your pastor so he will help in your endeavors. I believe that this is very do-able for us.

Just call or e-mail my secretary your church name and outpost #.

As you have heard, next year will be something that has never been done before. We will be having the GREAT TEXAS POW WOW of 2007. We will be bringing together the West Texas and South Texas districts for something big and fantastic. This has never been done before, so make plans now! The dates will be May 31-June 3, 2007. This will be a 4 day camp with many things to do. We will be putting up a web site for this event. Be looking for more details.

In His service,
Commander Paul



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NTD TRAINING UPDATE

ROGER STEWART
NTD TRAINING COORDINATOR



Greetings Commanders, let's talk about instructor training. The date for ICS (Instructors Certification Seminar) will be September 9th, 2006, at Lakeview Camp. Commanders, I have been instructed to inform everyone that there will be no more four year certifications for instructors in the North Texas District. This means that those of you that did not go to ICS last year in Sept. 2005 must attend ICS in Sept. 2006 or your certification will expire that month.

Please commanders don't let this sneak up on you. Go to the district web site ntd.royalrangers.net and download the application, complete it, and return it to the district training coordinator as soon as possible so the information can be sent back to you. (District Training Coordinator: Roger Stewart 2931 Cripple Creek Trail, Grapevine, Texas 76051). The deadline for new instructors has come and gone, but if you are re-certifying you may still send in your applications.

I still am waiting on the sectional commanders to name a sectional training coordinator, and to let me know who that commander is so we can get some training going in the sections.

Instructors, please let me advise you once more that when you obtain a course number from the district office, and teach a class, it is very important that you submit a training class report form to the district office, and the district training coordinator or you students will not get credit for the class that they just attended. I reviewed the course numbers that have been issued a few weeks back, and there are several classes that I don't have reports on. If a class cancels or fails to make please submit a report anyway with no student names listed, and the words "class canceled" on the report. This will allow us to maintain the records correctly. If you have any questions, please call, or e-mail me, and we will work it out.

Commanders as of April 1st, 2006 the Leaders Medal of Achievement (LMA) must be approved through the district office before it can be purchased, or worn on your uniform. The way this will take place is as follows:

- 1st. Complete all the LMA requirements.
- 2nd. Obtain an LMA report form from a certified instructor, or download the form from the district Royal Rangers web site, under the forms link.
- 3rd. Complete the form and attach a copy (not the originals) of all your certificates from your modules that you have completed.
- 4th. Send the form and copies to the district training coordinator.
- 5th. After review, a letter of congratulations, and a certificate with your district LMA number will be sent to you.
- 6th. Purchase your medal and ribbon and wear them proudly.

For the Commanders who have already earned their LMA prior to April 1, 2006, I will be going back and checking the records of when you received the LMA. I will send you a letter of congratulations, and your certificate to you until I get everyone that has earn the LMA recognized. If you have any questions, please call, or e-mail me.

Thank you for what you do, and keep up the good work you are doing with the boys.

May God richly bless you.



Someone put the WOW into Pow-Wow!

Rick Beebe

What an awesome event. It began Friday with Brian Bryan and the Combat Team *WOW-ing* us with their kicks, punches, and destruction of boards and concrete. But more than that, a message that brought **78** down to **offer their hearts to Jesus Christ!!** (Can I get a big PRAISE GOD?) Brian ended with a promise to “set us on fire” the next night.

Saturday was met with a variety of events. The morning had outposts building archways, fishing, and trading. FCF was kept busy with scout and assistant scout elections, as well as our first-ever BUCKSKIN testing under the new national guidelines. (I’ll warn you Frontiersmen.....they ain’t givin’ Bucksin away. You gotta really earn it. Choose your sponsor well to be prepared properly.)



Saturday afternoon we saw activity in the FCF village, and of course Prospector was busy trading, which meant a lot of really big smiles and a lot of excitement as boys seemed to trade up from rocks and peanuts to some really cool FCF goods.

The store offered T-shirts, backpacks, cots, and a variety of really cool items at great prices. Additionally, Roddie was there trying to have us put him out of business as he unloaded goods from every FCF’s dream list. And under the pavilion, ice cream and snow cones made the heat a lot easier to take.



As afternoon weather got a little toasty, the Jet Ski team came in and showed us tricks to defy imagination. But honestly, I don’t think anyone cared as much about the acrobatics going on as they did about getting soaked by the jet-wash. Giant waves shot across the crowd during two shows! Sure, loops are cool, but a hundred gallons of wave splashing you is much more fun when the temps are in the 90s. Towards the end, the team just planted their jet skis down into the water to turn the jet-wash into the biggest, baddest super-soaker squirt gun you ever saw!

Evening rolled around with high expectations for Brian Bryan and the Combat Team. And they DID NOT disappoint! This time, the theme was to set everything on fire- and they did! They set boards on fire! They set concrete on fire!



And in a massive martial arts demonstration of demolition, they conquered every obstacle. At one point, 16 boards set on fire at once were chopped in half, in the middle of a blaze that had Commander Paul wondering if his stage would go up as kindling. After the boards were halved, the crew ran to soak the blaze with buckets of water. (Did they know Roger Stewart was under the stage with a fire extinguisher? Nope. Commander Roger got a surprise soaking of VERY cold water.) But as they set the stage on fire, the Holy Spirit came to set US on fire. An incredible altar-call left us refilled with the Holy Spirit. Many rededicated themselves to the Lord, more were saved, and miracles



abounded. It was incredible. Praise God! And a few lucky guys got to take home souvenir scrap kindling left over from the chops and kicks.

The evening ended in the FCF village with Gary Bierschwale and the Wilderness tribunal conducting a Buckskin ceremony. Rodney Briggs, after a day of testing, was dubbed “Bow Breaker” and promoted to Buckskin. It was an amazing time of prayer and fellowship for members. As Jeff Kersey and his troops tore down the stage, the night finished up around 2:30 Sunday morning with a very tired camp. Cool evening temps refreshed us for morning activities.

Sunday we got to see in the daylight



the true numbers of those affected by the evening service. God is so good to us, and we saw numbers that show WHY we work so hard to get boys and men to Pow-Wow!

We had a number of great Sunday school classes, as well as a training class presented by FCF on how to be a good sponsor. When it was all done, we headed for church under the pavilion, where Brian and his team put on one final demonstration. Commander Paul learned a little bit about faith as he was volunteered to be used as a cutting board for a watermelon to be chopped in half! He survived. However, rather than risk another sword attack, Commander Paul dismissed us in prayer.

The 36-hour prayer vigil organized by Randy Woods reaped a lot of rewards. We had a huge number saved and refilled with the Holy Spirit. Safety Officer Scott Stamps also announced this was one of his slowest years ever, with very few medical incidents to report.

Special thanks to all of the staff that helped make this such a great camp! We’ll see you next year as we combine forces with all of the districts in Texas for the GREAT TEXAS POW-WOW! Be there!





Great Texas PowWow May 31—June 3, 2007 Lakeview Campgrounds



Pow-Wow 2007 will be like nothing ever seen before. That's because North Texas, South Texas, and West Texas districts will all come together for one big Pow-Wow.

Lakeview Campgrounds will be the scene of this never before held event. It will be a 4 day camp beginning on Thursday May 31st and carry into Sunday June 3rd.

Council Fires are being planned along with activities and all things worthy of this anticipated event.

Start making your plans now to set aside an extra day next year for this event. Many more details will follow.



NTD Shooting Team

Zach Atchison—266	Austin Jay—201
Lucas Clinton—266	Trevor Cahill—211
Nathan Lewis—346	Kale Kersey—55
Brantley Johnson—266	Josiah Mace—318
Robert Johnson—318	

Results of competitions at Pow-Wow 2006

FCF Elections

Gary Bierschwale—President
 Art Sullivan—Vice President
 Harlan Dixon—District Scout
 Josiah Bennett—Assistant Scout
 Ethan Groce—Assistant Scout

Pinewood Derby Results

Discovery Rangers

Noah Morning
 Alex Smargiasso
 Dustin Galley

Expedition Rangers

Daniel Ayers

Leaders

Keith Smith
 David Kohn
 Darby Martin

Adventure Rangers

Nathan Davis
 Bryce Nielson
 Brenton Galley

“God’s Plans Go Beyond Our Expectations” Outpost 505

What is Royal Rangers? - Reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ.

Last fall I didn’t know what the Royal Rangers were. The church where I belong was approached about starting a Royal Rangers program, which was unusual because we are Baptist. In the mean time I was invited to attend the NTD Winter Camp with the Tyler section, by Ken



Johnson who is a commander with two sons, Peter and Joshua, who are in Royal Rangers. Everything about the camp was organized and well-managed. The boys were kept active and disciplined. I was most impressed by the devotions, and also by the participation of the experienced boys and the willingness of the new participants to join in. Placing responsibility upon the young men in leadership with tasks to be carried out through leadership of the commanders was accomplished in a positive manner. I have nothing but praise for the program and its teachings.

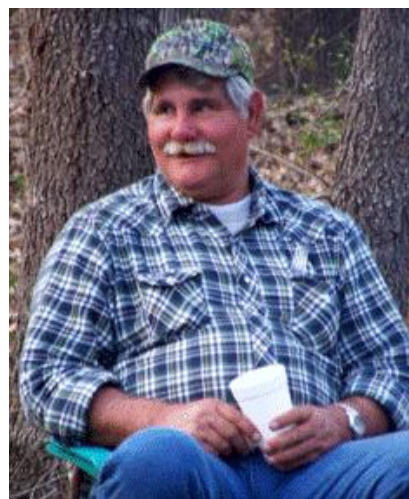
Thanks to the Lord, we were chartered as Outpost # 505 in January, and we’re backed by our church and pastor. We have grown from just a few boys to fourteen or more, with many possibilities for the future. Some of the boys have no positive home life, father figure, or devoted church service. Since starting the program, I have seen these young men learn about and receive the Lord as their personal savior. They can’t wait for service on Wednesday night and participating in the Royal Rangers activities. We participated in the Tyler Section Camp-out and Winter Pinewood

Derby and, I am happy to say Outpost # 505 was well represented. We took home our fair share of ribbons from the Pinewood Derby. The boys were so proud. At the Tyler Section Camp-out we carried a group of experienced campers and some “first timers.” All were well-behaved and followed through with their assigned task. On the weekend of May 5-6 we had an outpost campout and fishing trip. Despite the weather, all had a good time. The church members are still hearing fish stories from the younger ones. We as a church are continually being blessed. The Royal Rangers program has brought so much to the young men in the church and is an outreach program for the community.

I teach Sunday school for the youth and am about to start using the Bible merit program. It is taking us time to get organized, but it has been a learning experience for those of us that had not been familiar with the program. As a new outpost we are fortunate to have a veteran outpost Sr. Commander with two sons who are leaders within the program. To serve the Lord in such a manner as the Royal Rangers program has brought more than many blessings for me. There is no greater experience than to see the rewards of a boy’s growth in Christ and the leadership and responsibilities he takes on, and to see him carry them out with a smile of accomplishment, and to feel the blessings of the church family around him. I am sixty years old; at this stage of my life, I would never have thought I would be a commander in the Royal Rangers. It just goes to show that the Lord has plans for your life until the day you die, and most times those plans will go beyond your wildest expectations.

Your brother in
Christ,

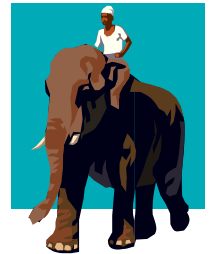
Commander
Tommy Michael
Outpost # 505





Ropes And Strings

(Or the tiny thread that binds)



Ahhh, the elephant! No animal on earth now is as large or as powerful. For 4,000 years, this animal has caused economies to grow, has been objects of worship, and thrilled children around the world.

The elephant can easily pull down large trees, rip up brush and forge trails for others to follow. The elephant can be fierce if challenged, is capable of running twenty five miles per hour and yet is nurturing to its calves.

So how is this powerful creature trained to do work from carrying kings, carrying soldiers and war materials, pulling the plow or to just do the bidding of his trainer?

Training must begin when the calf is very young. A large chain or rope is tied to the elephant's foot and is attached to a piling to prevent the elephant from pulling it out. As time goes by and the elephant grows, he becomes accustomed to the rope and realizes he cannot pull out the stake or break the rope or chain. Soon the large binding is replaced by a smaller one, then one smaller and smaller. Soon, the elephant is tied by a small rope with a stake in the ground.

After the elephant has accepted his weakness, he is easily led by a small prick on his skin. In spite of their enormous size, an elephant has very tender skin. Any prick is painful. The trainer uses a sharp stick to persuade the elephant to do what he wants done. If the elephant disobeys, he gets a harder prick. This continues until the conditioning is complete. The elephant will do any thing

his trainer demands.

Is the elephant no longer strong enough to pull the stake? Yes, he is still powerful enough but he believes he cannot. People and children in particular are very similar to the young elephant. When a parent tells a child he is not good enough, he begins to believe it. He has lost his self image, the image God has made for him.

Satan will tell Christians that they cannot do the things God has called them to do. It is too much work, too difficult, takes too much time, takes a more talented person, etc. It too starts with training and continues until the Christian has lost his strength in God. If the Christian realizes something is wrong and tries to return to God, Satan will give him a prick until he relents.

Many mission trips in foreign nations result in the salvation of many. Satan has bound people for many years. He has convinced them that they are not worthy to be saved. So, why do we see revivals and miracles there that we don't see at home? God can set us and them free and return us to the place He has created for us. These people believe what God has said.

The elephant could easily pull free from his stake but does not believe he can. The ungodly could be set free but don't believe that they can. They don't understand Satan's feeble attempt to hold them. God can free them but they must be told. It is up to us to tell them they really can be free.



RANGER OF THE YEAR

Commanders, the District Ranger of the Year evaluation will be held September 23. That may seem a long way off, however you need to begin gathering the information to complete your Ranger's Ranger of the Year application.

Our National Royal Rangers website, www.royalrangers.ag.org/roty, has the application forms for each age group. The application includes the information to measure the number of points necessary to reach Ranger of the Year for Outpost, Section, District, and Region.

Some of your boys will need to do a little extra work the next couple of months in order to qualify. The sooner you obtain the application forms and begin completing them the sooner your Royal Rangers will know how to prepare for Ranger of the Year.

On the national web site, under applications and

documentation, is most all of the information you will need. There are study guides for each age group. Again, the sooner you retrieve this information and get it into the hands of your Rangers the more success they will have in representing your outpost at Ranger of the Year.

Your section will have a Ranger of the Year evaluation to identify those Rangers moving forward to the District Ranger of the Year evaluation. As the District evaluation is September 23, watch for your section to have its evaluation completed some time before the end of August.

As you have questions or need some help, check with your sectional commander or you can contact me at reilly1@airmail.net.

Your boys work hard all year. Our District Ranger of the Year Competition is designed to acknowledge their success.



NTD- WINTER CAMP

West Central Division

November 10-11, 2006

Camp Burnett

Cost: \$10.00



GAMES CHALLENGE

POUR OUT!

Sure, it's hot now. But get ready to cool off at our Winter Camp! Our theme is POUR OUT, and will we ever! After an exciting council fire Friday night, get ready to TOUR ALASKA! We've based our games on different cities and experiences you might find in Alaska. Start planning now!

The first 120 boys will receive a **FREE Alaska hat**. And to make it more exciting, boys will be able to receive a different hat pin at several of the activities. Even more exciting, there will be a chance to collect some Alaska camp patches, and even some rare first day issue postcards from Alaska.

AND- as a special bonus, the first 120 boys to finish all activities will receive a special ALASKA TOUR patch!

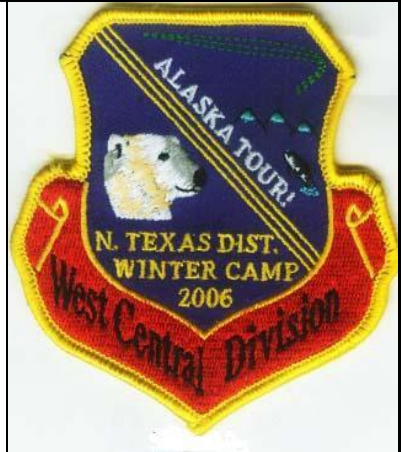
I expect this to be our best camp ever!

- Rick Beebe, Division Commander



FREE ALASKA HAT FOR FIRST 120 Boys!

* Be among the first 120 to finish all activities, and earn this special patch!



EARN THESE AND OTHER HAT PINS AS YOU TOUR EACH AREA!



Learn about salmon fishing!



Protect your group from coyotes!

LEARN HOW TO HUNT ORCAS LIKE AN ESKIMO!



Discover the vast wildlife of Alaska!



ACADEMY OF RANGER TRAINING (ART)

By Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander

Commanders, start making plans now to attend our next "ART" training event. February **2007** represents the next time we will offer all **NEW** Commanders, the **LTA CAMP-OUT Module** at ART. Remember, this is a required Module in order to achieve the LMA award and is held only **ONE TIME** during the year now. Offered as an alternative camp to attend instead of 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.

LTA CAMP-OUT PURPOSE – SKILLS – 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
- All Trainees must wear the "Class B" Royal Ranger uniform during the Trainee 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)





RANGER KIDS SKILLS MODULE:

PLANS are being made to offer the **Ranger Kids Skills Module** to all Ranger Kids Commanders at the 2007 **ART** training event.



- **PURPOSE** of this Module is to provide Commanders with the hands-on skills needed to safely take a group of Ranger Kids on a fun and exciting outing. *This Module can be taken in lieu of a Ranger Kids National Training Conference (RKTC).*
- **RECOMMENDED** for any Commander who works with Ranger Kids before planning any type of extra activity.
- **ITEMS** to bring to this training are: Ranger Kids Leaders Guide, Leaders Manual, and LTA Binder.
- **TIME SCHEDULE** is 8:00 AM Saturday Morning until 2:45 PM Saturday Afternoon.
- **EVERY CLASS SESSION** must be attended – complete Workbook and any hands-on work.
- **PRE-REGISTRATION OR AT-CAMP REGISTRATION** covers the cost of the Workbook and Lunch. (Remember to keep checking the NTD web-site for this information as it becomes available.)



ADVANCED CLASSES:

- **At-Camp Registration** for **Advanced Class** participants begins Saturday morning at 8:00 AM; Classes begin at 9:00 AM
- Check future update issues for interesting Advanced Class information
- No over-night camping for Advanced Class participants

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:

- Only, LTA Camp-Out Module, Ranger Kids Skills Module, and Advanced Training Classes will be taught at ART 2007
- Visit the NTD RR web-site <http://www.royalrangers.net/ntd/> to obtain the Registration Form, and to get the Deadline Date to send the Registration monies to the District Office
- Only Certified Instructors will be teaching at ART
- All interested Certified Instructors in teaching, please contact Samuel Kellum, at samuel.kellum@royalrangers.net, ASAP
- NO OTHER MODULE TRAINING will be taught at ART. For other modules, attend the NTD Module Training 2007

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 2007**.

Ready in His service,

Samuel Kellum, Deputy District Commander and ART Coordinator



2007 South Central Regional Conference



January 26-27, 2007
Fort Worth, Texas

WHAT IS IT? The South Central Regional Conference 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. Your wife is welcome at the worship service Friday night, and Saturday she can join the other wives as they have a fellowship time, and then spend the day in Fort Worth.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND? For training, learning about updates to the new program, for fellowship with commanders from across the region who have a common desire to reach boys for Christ, and for your own personal spiritual renewal. You will also get to see and experience at this conference activities in which you can involve your boys and which will hold their interest for a lifetime. We will have a representative from the national Royal Rangers office on site with whom you can speak personally. In addition, vendors representing a wide variety of products and services that you need for your Royal Rangers ministry will be present at the conference. Come join us as we share the joy of this great ministry together.

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.

WHERE IS IT HELD? For 2007, the conference will be held at Christ Church A/G in Fort Worth, Texas. Details are currently being work for local hotels and room rates that will be comparable to previous years.

WHEN WILL IT BE? January 26-27, 2007. Our conference is always the last full weekend of January. Feel free to come early, or stay later; the hotel will honor the special rate on rooms for several days before and after the conference.

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP? Registration information and class schedules will be posted to the regional web site (<http://scr.royalrangers.net>) no later than September. Take advantage of our pre-registration discount by registering early for the conference. And then join us in Fort Worth for another great regional conference.

To be added to the South Central Region email distribution list, please send your name, district, and address to Jonathan Trower at Jonathan@royalrangers.net

South Central Region Royal Rangers
scr.royalrangers.net

Pinewood Recipe

By Dick Harris, North Dallas Sectional Commander

- Step 1 Start with a small block of wood.
- Step 2 Cut away anything that does not look like a car
- Step 3 Add wheels
- Step 4 Splash on some paint
- Step 5 Set up track and let the fun begin



If you are looking for a recipe for excitement, try this one. It is a winner every time it's tried. The North Dallas Section recently stirred up this recipe and had a blast. Congratulations to the race winners:

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Best of Show
Ranger Kids	Jacob Ginnings	Gavynn Norris	Chandler Burch	Gavynn Norris
Discovery Rangers	Barrett Norris	Martin Ahlgrim	Jordan Smalley	Jordan Smalley
Adventure Rangers	Jerry Caldwell			
Powder Puff	Ashley Beattie	Katheryn Smalley	Lynna Chapman	Ashley Beattie
Commanders	Jerry Caldwell	Jerry Caldwell	Justin Chapman	Jerry Caldwell
Outlaw	Eric Smalley	Jason Burch	Jerry Caldwell	



North Texas District has staff changes

The District Office and staff have undergone some staff changes in the last several months. Teresa Arra has been the district secretary for several years now and has left the office on maternity leave. Teresa has served Paul and the district faithfully and wonderfully and she will be missed. Please welcome the new secretary Elizabeth Tiam-Fook to the staff. She will be working in the Ranger office at the North Texas District Headquarters. Feel free to drop her a line in email or if you call the office tell her welcome aboard.

The last few months have seen some resignations from the District staff. Brian

Philpott and Mark Oliver have resigned their positions with the District office. They both served many years and gave much to the ministry of Royal Rangers.

A new Deputy District Commander has been approved and he is Dick Harris. Commander Harris has served as the North Dallas Sectional Commander and has been the Senior Commander for Outpost 182 in Sachse. His new duties will be many and challenging. Welcome Commander Dick Harris as the new Deputy District Commander.

Waco Spring Round-up was a blast... Literally!

We met Friday afternoon at the fort behind the First Assembly of Lampasas and started setting up a small FCF village on the trail leading up to the gate. Flintlock, Coal, and myself (Wild Wind), wanted to let ourselves be known, so we lashed a flagpole to the gate of the fort and hoisted our colors for the Shawnee Trail Chapter.

We got camp looking fairly good and decided to unload the district cannon to clean and polish it. We made 6 rounds for the doins and called the local sheriff to let him know of the coming BOOMS for the weekend.

Right around sundown the fort was active with hustle and bustle of folks getting settled in and registering with David Trower. Everyone was getting ready for the cold night in store that evening. Flintlock and I went around shaking hands and letting people know of the council fire that night starting at 9:00, as Coal was trying to get his teepee looking right... the thing never did quite look right though...

As 9:00 came around, the FCF gang was hanging around the council fire as I shared with them what FCF is all about and how Friendship worked into the symbol. With the help of the FCF staff behind me and the Lord beside me, we got everyone really worked up! When the alter call was given several youngbucks and oldtimers came up for prayer and salvation! Wow, isn't God Good!!

On Saturday, we had several things going on for the boys and men to do. We had the gun range open for all the fellows to shoot a blackpowder rifle, the wood targets set up for knife

and hawk throwing, a stalking contest, and even little wood critters to throw sticks and rocks at. Later that afternoon, we had a cannon shooting demonstration. Everyone had a blast!

On Saturday evening at the council fire, Flintlock shared his heart with everyone and handed out some special rabbit furs. At the alter call, several men and boys came down for prayer, salvation, and the Holy Spirit! God was there again!!

After the Saturday night council fire, we had a special night cannon firing. Wow, that thing throws out some flame!!

Sunday morning we had breakfast and then went to Sunday School. At the different age group Sunday school groups, we had several more boys come forward for prayer and salvation! Prayer works!!

After Sunday school, Coal shared his heart with everyone during the church session. When the alters were opened, several more boys and men came down for prayer and salvation! God was at this camp!!

Well, if you weren't there you missed it... and that's a fact 'little mister'! As we were breaking camp we were given the stats on the camp. There were 75 total (47 boys and 28 leaders), with 14 salvations, 16 rededications, and 13 filled with the Holy Spirit! A covering of prayer and being sensitive to the Lords leading paid off!!

My hat is off to the Section Commander Tom, to the Camp Commander Del, and the man that held it all together, Production Coordinator Kim. And a special thanks to my staff of Art Sullivan (Flintlock) and Ken Harris (Coal).

Till we meet again down the trail... Adios!

Gary Bierschwale (Wild Wind)

Fun at the Station

The Adventure Rangers from Outpost 55, Christ Church Fort Worth, spent one Saturday morning at Fire Station 39. They performed many acts of service to complete some community service requirements for merits. The



firefighters had them help with washing windows, cleaning the floors and bathrooms, even helping clean some of the equipment that is used in fires. While there they got some treats along the way. The fire fighters hooked up to



a hydrant outside the station and every boy got to shoot the water out of the hose. They learned you have to hold on or the pressure can knock you down. One boy got the opportunity to try on the

entire gear that a firefighter wears when fighting a fire.

By the time he had it all on, he had that darth vader sounding breathing. The boys finished the time by preparing lunch for the firefighters to thank them for the job they do in protecting our neighborhoods and homes.



Steps of Faith

by Commanders Dick Harris and Martin Smith

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” - Hebrews 11:6

The skies darkened, thunder rumbled in the distance, rain was guaranteed. Months of planning, speakers scheduled, money spent....and now this. Some were discouraged, some remained hopeful, most just wanted to stay dry. Our Spring Roundup and High Adventure were off to a tough start due to the weather. But many took our theme to heart and took that Step of Faith to go camping in spite of the weatherman’s prediction. North Dallas,

bridge Saturday morning they left the bridge in place for the Discovery Rangers to try later in the day. After the boys again exercised their Steps of Faith across the rope bridge, their faith was rewarded with coins of gold.

Friday and Saturday night council fires were highlighted with very striking words from Commander Ken Harris about real life Steps of Faith and the rewards of stepping out under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Everyone present witnessed God’s faithfulness when one Ranger boy gave the interpretation of a spiritual dream of a commander, another was filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time, and two others rededicated their lives to the



Denton, and Plano sections gathered at the May-pearl Royal Rangers campgrounds for 3 days of fun, fellowship, and faith. Some 20 Discovery Rangers built their bolo ties by earning its parts at one of four different challenges – first aid skills, rope craft, hawk throw and lashing. Upon completion of each challenge, these brave boys had to navigate to their next challenge by compass – true Steps of Faith.

The Adventure and Expedition Rangers participated in the High Adventure camp, building a 50ft rope bridge across the creek. After “testing” the

Lord Jesus Christ. We even got to sing a new song, *“I Love to Be a Royal Ranger.”*

Commander David Nail led Sunday morning devotions. Everyone in the camp demonstrated their commitment to Steps of Faith by launching their very own glider airplane.

Oh yeah, it did rain a little very late Friday night but Saturday and Sunday were just about as perfect weather days as you could ask for. Our faith was rewarded.

Charter Update

Chartering season 2007 is almost upon us. Charter packets will be mailed to your church in August. Fill them out and mail back to the District Office with all charter information. One important note, when filling out the commander address line, please use the home addresses. Those addresses are used for mailings and often times the churches address is used and all mail goes to the church office instead of the home.

FAMILY DAYS 2006

Greetings all you Skinners and Skinettes!

Put October 27-29 on your calendar and make plans to be at the best Family Days yet at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl!

Friday night we will start out with our traditional get-together and dessert auction. We always have awesome pies and other goodies, along with a little pickin' and grinin'.

Get your gear together for the family trace on Saturday morning! The trace will be especially for you and your family to walk through and attempt to make points for prizes! You will need the stuff you would normally go on a trace with... including a shootin' iron.

We'll be having old-time fun and games for the whole family on Saturday afternoon along with fellowship, member demonstrations, and lots of trading, selling, and buying.

Saturday evening we will all come together for the pot-luck meal, praising the Lord with music and singing, and hear a message from our speaker.

Sunday we will have Sunday service, pack-up, and leave.

The cost for this wonderful weekend of family fun



and bonding is \$15 for Old-timer's, \$10 for Young-bucks, or \$25 for the whole family. If you are not an FCF member and would like to come anyway, you are more than welcome! The cost for visitors is \$5 each or \$25 for the whole family.

Gary 'WildWind' Bierschwale

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Frontier Adventure August 18-19, 2006

Hey! I just wanted to let you know about our Frontier Adventure coming up here real quick. So far, it looks like we're going to have the biggest group so far coming out for the FCF Adventure. Sponsors, mentor your candidates. Have



them sharp and ready. Make sure they know everything that they need to know for this Adventure. Candidates, practice, practice, practice. And don't forget

about the 8 merits for the FCF Trail of the Grizzly. These merits are very important.

For everyone who turned in their application for the Adventure on or before the due date of Pow Wow, a packet will be in the mail to you shortly. Anyone needing to work an Adventure needs to contact me as soon as possible. You can reach me at 972-617-7111.

To everyone reading this article, please take time to pray for each of those men and boys who will be going through the Adventure. We want this to be a life changing experience so please hold them up in prayer, for they are our future.

**Good luck Candidates,
and keep your powder dry!**

Art "Flintlock" Sullivan—FCF VP

FCF Family Days *From The Perspective Of An FCF Wife*

I remember attending my very first FCF Family Days as if it were yesterday. I had been involved with a local community theater whose performances were always the same weekend as Family Days. But that year I let my husband talk me into going with him to Family Days. “You can wear an outfit, and we’ll create a persona for you! It’ll be just like acting,” he said. I admit I was intrigued. To dress up in period clothes and pretend to be someone else did sound like fun, so I agreed to go.

We didn’t have any time to get a real woman’s outfit so we decided that I would go as a fur trapper like my husband. He bought me a pair of canvas pants and loaned me one of his shirts. I even had a coonskin cap. Now, I will stop here and admit that I did feel a little weird dressing up in what was considered a male profession. But since my husband was so thrilled that I was going, I kept these thoughts to myself. He talked all the way to the camp about how much fun I was going to have and all the really cool people that I was going to meet. I’m not sure if he was trying to convince me or himself.

Well, looking back now I can honestly say



that he was right. (Hey, there’s always a first time for everything, right?) I had a blast. I am not an outdoors kind of person, but I have fallen in love with FCF. I did meet a lot a really cool people, and everyone was friendly to me. I didn’t mind roughing it at all. There was, and is, something about camp-

ing out in a canvas tent and cooking in cast iron pots over an open fire that just got to me. I found myself planning a whole new wardrobe for future Family Camps. (I have all female clothing now.) I even had



a good time playing the games, and cooking for the auction and campfire cooking contest.

FCF Family Days has evolved since I first started going. This past year we had a Tea for all the Ladies who attended whether their husbands or children were involved in FCF or not. (That is one of the great things about Family Days. You don’t have to be a member of FCF to attend.) We sat together and had a time of good fellowship. The ladies who had been involved with Family Days for many years spoke about their experiences and past camps. It was a wonderful time of insight into FCF from a woman’s perspective. I’m looking forward to this year’s camp with a sense of great expectation.

I want to encourage all of you, male and female, young and old, to attend FCF Family Days this year. You don’t have to be a member of FCF to attend. It is going to be held on October 27 – 29th on the Royal Rangers side of Lakeview Camp. Come and experience life in the late 18th century and a sense of family that we share in FCF. I’m hoping we’ll have another Ladies Tea so I can visit with all the ladies again. I’m really looking forward to camp. I hope you are too!

Hope to see you there,
Deborah “20 Horses” Sullivan
wife of Art “Flintlock” Sullivan, FCF V. President



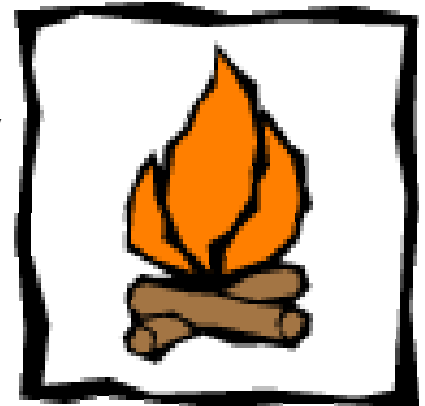
Helpful Hints



If you go camping more than once in your lifetime, you will inevitably have a campout where it rains. Consider some of these hints ahead of time to ensure that you will be able to light a fire for warmth, cooking, or drying out those wet clothes.

- Use pine cones covered with wax.
- Put a piece of charcoal in each section of a paper egg carton. Cover with melted wax. Tear apart and use as needed. You can also use sawdust, dryer lint or Pistachio shells instead of the charcoal.
- Take 100% cotton balls and thoroughly rub Vaseline into them. Keep in a ziplock bag.
- Newspaper cut into strips(3"-4" wide). Roll up and tie with string. Cover with melted wax.
- Use lint from your dryer as a fire starter.
- Bundle about 10-12 Diamond brand "strike-anywhere" wooden kitchen matches together with waxed dental floss. The heads of the matches should all be pointing in the same direction. Generously soak the bundle of matches (except heads) in melted paraffin wax to waterproof and to provide a long burn time. Dip heads lightly only to waterproof them. Simply strike on flat rock to ignite.
- Cut a cotton cord into 1" lengths and soak in melted wax. Let dry and store in empty film container or ziplock bag.

- These are called candy kisses. Use the small 6" emergency candles and wrap them up in waxed paper. Tie/twist both ends of the waxed paper to seal in the candle (looks like a salt water taffy candy). Light an end when you are ready to start your fire.
 - Cut waxed milk cartons into strips to be used as kindling for your campfire.
 - Stuff paper towel or toilet paper rolls with paper.
 - Use dried pine needles.
 - Use small condiment or "sample-size" cups. Add a long wick to each cup and fill with melted wax. You can also fill them with sawdust.
 - Waterproof your matches by dipping them in wax or coating them with clear nail polish.
- Use cotton string about 3-4" long, put in wax paper bathroom cup with about an inch hanging over the edge. Fill cup nearly to the top with saw dust and pour melted wax into the cup. The saw dust will compact and become waterproof. The extra string length is a wick to start burning the starter, but can also be tied to another starter string through a pack loop to carry outside your pack.





North Texas District Waterpark Extravaganza



Saturday August 5th, Bahama Beach water park in Dallas is having a Royal Rangers day. You and your outpost and families can join other Royal Rangers for a day of fun in the sun and water. Cost for this day at the park is \$7.00 per person. You can pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the shaded picnic area, or you can leave for lunch and come back. There are some height restric-

tions for some of the attractions. The park is located at 1895 Campfire Circle Dallas. Bahama Beach is 1/2 mile North of South Hampton and SH 67, in the Thurgood Marshall Regional Park. You can check out their website at www.bahamabeachwaterpark.com/dallas.htm to get more details about the park.

Reach, Teach, and Keep Boys for Jesus Christ

By Kevin Sluder, GMAA Coordinator

Reaching, Teaching, and Keeping Boys for Jesus Christ. That is the purpose of the Royal Rangers ministry. As commanders we know that reaching boys for Jesus Christ is leading them to the Savior so they can accept Him as *their Lord and Savior* (Salvation).

In this article I would like to concentrate on the second part of the purpose of Royal Rangers: **Teaching** boys for Jesus Christ. *I completely believe our success, or lack thereof, in doing so will affect the third part: Keeping boys for Jesus Christ!* Boys don't learn about Jesus through osmosis! We must teach them the *Word of God* and model His example to these boys.

Although pinewood derbies, rope craft, camp-outs, survival skills and the like are important in teaching the overall program of Royal Rangers, let us never forget it is the spiritual dynamic that makes this program into a ministry and sets us apart from other groups. Jesus said "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35, Mark 13:31, and Luke 21:33

In Matthew 28:19a. (NIV) the scripture says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." and in verse 20 it continues, "... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." You might be thinking, "I'm not qualified" or "I really don't know as much of the Bible as I should." If Jesus called you into this ministry, He will "qualify" you. However, you need to obey 2 Timothy 2:15 in studying His Word and strive to become a S.M.E. (subject matter expert) in the scriptures. I'm not saying you should have a doctorate of theology to teach these boys about Jesus, but the better you know your subject, the easier it is to teach it!

In Luke 12:42,43 (KJV) Jesus said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Let Jesus find us faithfully and wisely teaching these boys about Him and His Word when He comes back!

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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 August 21, 2006. Please send your information to Jeff Kersey at jeff@royalrangers.net.

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