

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SIGNAL FIRE

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## 2007 District Ranger of the Year Participants



### ROYAL RANGERS

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

# 2007 District Royal Rangers Calendar

<b>October</b>	26-28	FCF Family Days, Old Fort Parker
<b>November</b>	9-11	District Winter Camp, Lakeview
<b>December</b>	8	FCF Christmas Banquet, Crossroads A/G, Duncanville

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

Mark your calendars now for the required staff meeting on January 5th, 2008.  
It will start **8:00 am** at the Ollie Henley Lodge at Maypearl.

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## 2008 District Royal Rangers Calendar

<b>January</b>	<b>5</b>	District and Sectional Staff Meeting-Lakeview
	<b>25</b>	Regional ROTY, San Antonio
	<b>25-26</b>	Regional Conference, San Antonio
<b>February</b>	<b>16</b>	ICS Seminar-Lakeview
	<b>29-Mar 1</b>	FCF Brush Poppin' & District 24 hour Prayer Vigil
<b>March</b>	<b>13-15</b>	National Council-Springfield
<b>April</b>	<b>11-12</b>	FCF Adventure-Lakeview
	<b>25-27</b>	Pow Wow
<b>May</b>	<b>17</b>	Commanders Conference
<b>June</b>	<b>21</b>	JLTA Staff
	<b>22-27</b>	JLTA-Lakeview
<b>July</b>	<b>14-18</b>	National FCF Rendezvous-Eagle Rock, MO
<b>September</b>	<b>5-6</b>	ART-Lakeview
	<b>13</b>	Sectional ROTY
<b>October</b>	<b>4</b>	District ROTY
	<b>5-11</b>	National Royal Rangers Week
	<b>17-19</b>	FCF Family Days
<b>November</b>	<b>14-15</b>	Winter Camp
<b>December</b>	<b>13</b>	FCF Banquet

# MEET THE NEW DISTRICT COMMANDER!

By Rick Beebe, deputy district commander



It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the new district commander of North Texas, Jonathan Trower. Many of you already know him as our regional coordinator, a position he has held for the past three years.

Jonathan Trower has been in Royal Rangers since 1969; nine of those years as a boy and the remainder as a leader. While a boy, he earned his Gold Medal of Achievement. Prior to his appointment as the regional coordinator, he served in various positions in Royal Rangers: regional training coordinator, district training coordinator, divisional commander, sectional commander, and sectional training coordinator. He has also been an active leader in his local church as senior commander, outpost councilman, outpost commander, and lieutenant commander. He was involved with an urban Rangers group in Waco, Texas where he resides with his wife Debbie (a licensed A/G minister who has been involved with Missionettes and Youth over the years) and three children: David, Christopher and Marie. Both sons have received their GMA during their years in Royal Rangers, and his daughter completed the Missionettes Gold Medal. Christopher was named the 2005-06 National Ranger of the Year for our region last January.

Outside of Royal Rangers Jonathan is an associate professor of information systems at Baylor University and coordinator of graduate programs for his department

We wanted to get his perspective on his plan to lead the North Texas District Royal Rangers.

**Rick:** What is your top priority?

**Jonathan:** The spiritual condition of boys in North Texas needs to be our top priority. Royal Rangers was created to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ. Even though the program has changed in recent years, that mission of Royal Rangers remains the same. I want to see everything in the North Texas Royal Rangers to focus on boys. If we are doing something that doesn't impact boys, we need to reassess what we are doing.

**Rick:** What one thing needs the most improvement?

**Jonathan:** Leadership training. The statistics on training across the nation are not good, and I'm afraid that we are not doing a good enough job in North Texas either. Historically about 50% of leaders in North Texas are new each year. That means we need to do a lot of training for these new leaders. A huge benefit of this training is that those leaders will stick around longer, and will be more effective in their ministry to boys. We need to see leaders throughout the district earning their Leaders Medal of Achievement. This would indicate that we are effectively training leaders for this ministry.

**Rick:** There has been a lot of discussion about SARGE camps being changed. Why did we change SARGE to J.L.T.A.?

**Jonathan:** The Sarge Training Academy has a long history of training boys to be leaders. It started out as just a merits camp and over time expanded to include many of the junior leadership training camps that exist today. Over the past few years the national office has developed the Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA) concept that ultimately leads to the Expedition Rangers Leadership Medal and the JLTA saber. What we are doing in North Texas is adopting the entire Academy concept. There will be a variety of camps for all boys. **We will continue** to have a merits camp, and our Frontier Brigade Camp. The Academy camps include Junior Training Camp (JTC), Advanced Junior Training Camp (AJTC), Elite Junior Leadership Camp (EJLC), Junior Survival Camp (JSC), Junior Missions Camp (JMC), Junior Training Trails (JTT), Junior Canoe Expedition (JCE), Discovery Training Camp (DTC), and others. The Academy will continue to be a week-long camp during the summer each year.



**Rick:** Is it true Pow-wow will be in April next year?

**Jonathan:** Yes, it is true that Pow Wow will be moving next year. The primary reason is the new public school schedule in the State of Texas. We did a survey of graduation dates for the 2007-08 school year and found that the vast majority of schools would be holding their graduation on the first weekend of June, which has been our Pow Wow date for the past several years. Since that would be a horrible conflict with Pow Wow, the district staff looked for an alternative date. The date in April is best alternative date that we could find. One additional plus is that it will be **cooler in April** than in June!

Pow Wow isn't the only date that has changed for next year. During our staff meeting when we discussed the 2008 calendar many different options were discussed concerning various calendar dates. So be sure to look at the 2008 calendar that is published elsewhere in this Signal Fire, and on our web site, to find the new dates for events like Ranger of the Year, Instructor Certification Seminar, Academy of Ranger Training, and others.

## **NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS TRAINING CORNER**

We have a number of excellent training opportunities currently scheduled for 2008 and others in planning. I encourage every Commander to continue to build on your skills and experiences with additional training each year. If you have not earned your Leader's Medal of Achievement (LMA) I encourage you to set this as a goal for the coming year.

### **REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The South Central Regional conference is for all commanders. It is a great time of spiritual renewal, training, and fellowship. A wide variety of classes are planned, and many vendors and exhibitors will be present with ideas for your outpost. San Antonio will be an ideal place to bring your spouse and make a weekend out of the conference. 2008's conference will be January 25-26<sup>th</sup> at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio. Check the regional website for detail updates: <http://scr-royalrangers.org/>

### **ATTENTION CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS and those interested in BECOMING ONE.**

The 2008 Instructor Certification Seminar (ICS) will be FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeview Campgrounds. If your certification expires before October 2008 or you are interested in certifying to teach LTA modules then you need to attend this ICS. Follow the detailed instructions on the district web site under Training: Instructors: Forms. Download the ICS Application, fill it out completely, and mail it to the district training coordinator:

**Dick Harris**  
**18966 FM 2755**  
**Royse City, Texas 75189**

Have your applications to the training coordinator by the hard DEADLINE of **November 20<sup>th</sup> 2007**.

### **ACADEMY of RANGER TRAINING (ART)**

ART is moving to September! Current target dates are September 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2008. This is an excellent leader's training camp to help make you a better Royal Rangers commander through the LTA Camp-out, Ranger Kids Skills module, and other classes which will be announced later. Mark your calendars now for this event.

### **LEADERS MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Completed the requirements for your LMA or need to track your progress?

On the district website under: Training: Leaders Training: Forms you will find;

an **LMA Tracking Form** to help you track your progress, and an **LMA Application** form.

Once you have completed the requirements mail the completed form and required documentation to the district training coordinator.

If you have questions about these or other training opportunities or needs please contact me at:

Email: [dickharris@dptexas.net](mailto:dickharris@dptexas.net) phone: 214-934-7825

**Karla's Koncepts -  
An idea, a thought, a plan...**

**SEIZE THE MOMENT!**

I took the Ranger Kids out to run off some of the excess energy on the playground before class started. I was hoping for a nice, calm, productive class. The boys started playing a game based on a popular cartoon. I, being the more traditional type, felt it was a little much with all the superpower, space weapon type theme of play. I waited for the right time to seize the moment and stop this nonsense to begin class.

But as I waited, I became more intrigued with the unified way they were playing together, weaving this imaginary battle with secret weapons and force fields. The Holy Spirit began to guide my thoughts and I started to see the correlations to what they were playing and the spiritual battles we fight. That's normally pretty heavy material for Ranger Kids, but I sensed I should seize the moment.

I called for their attention and didn't even move them into the classroom. We gathered right there at their "command station" and I began to ask them strategic questions about their "enemy" and "weapons." Then I began to ask the same questions

about our spiritual enemy and weapons. They knew the answers! They immediately associated the game strategy to the spiritual strategy in a way I could have never done in an ordinary classroom sitting. The one thing that stumped and amazed them was when I revealed that they actually had a force field – the Holy Spirit!

Lesson plans are a necessity for a nice, calm, productive class – but sometimes you just have to **SEIZE THE MOMENT!**

2 Timothy 4:1-2

I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ,...preach the Word; **be instant in season and out of season**; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Karla Aaron  
SFW Ranger Kids Coordinator

Let me know about your Seize the Moment experiences – [karla@royalrangers.net](mailto:karla@royalrangers.net)

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FRONTIERSMEN  
From Around  
the Nation!**  
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**JULY 14-18, 2008**

**Hey Pilgrim, Come Join Us At Rendezvous!**

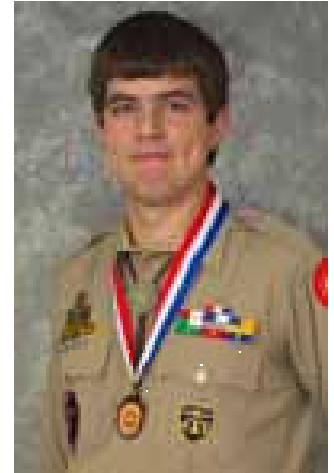
For more information visit the National Rendezvous web site at [nationalrendezvous.org](http://nationalrendezvous.org).

## 2006-07 District Ranger of the Year

The 2006-07 North Texas Ranger of the Year evaluations were held in September at Christ Church in Ft. Worth. Thirteen of the top boys from across the district came to see if they could become an Excellent or Outstanding District Ranger of the Year. The results from the evaluation are below. Based on these results, three of these Rangers — Spencer Phinney, Stephen Warne, and Steven Outland — qualify to participate in the Regional Ranger of the Year evaluations in January in San Antonio.

Congratulations to all of these boys for a job well done!

Name	Age Group	Rating
<b>James Albritton</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Cody Arn</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Matthew Baker</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Participant</b>
<b>Caleb Follis</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Kyle Foster</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Participant</b>
<b>Heath Marshall</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Caleb Saucedo</b>	<b>Discovery Ranger</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Jeremy Caldwell</b>	<b>Adventure Ranger</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Greg Nieman</b>	<b>Adventure Ranger</b>	<b>Participant</b>
<b>Spencer Phinney</b>	<b>Adventure Ranger</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Caleb Schneebeli</b>	<b>Adventure Ranger</b>	<b>Participant</b>
<b>Stephen Warne</b>	<b>Adventure Ranger</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Steven Outland</b>	<b>Expedition Ranger</b>	<b>Participant</b>



**Chris Trower of North Texas Outpost 377 was named National Ranger of the Year last January**

Discovery Rangers (right) who participated in the District Ranger of the Year Evaluation



Adventure Rangers (below) who participated in the District Ranger of the Year Evaluations



Steven Outland (right) — Expedition Ranger of the Year for North Texas





## North Texas District Royal Rangers *Compass Program*

The North Texas District Royal Rangers has a program to help support the Royal Rangers campground called the *Compass Program*. In this program, leaders support the Lakeview campground by contributing \$10 or more per month. This money is used for the upkeep of our campgrounds and to help fund future improvements.

With your faithful support to the *Compass Program* we can continue to maintain and develop a great campground for all Royal Rangers to enjoy.

If you would like to join this program, please complete the *Compass Program* application below and submit it with your first monthly donation of at least \$10.

Please send your payment and application to:  
North Texas District Royal Rangers  
P.O. Box 1188  
Hurst, TX 76053-1188

Every person who joins the *Compass Program* will receive a North Texas District Compass Program pin that can be used as a hat pin, lapel pin, tie tac, etc.

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### North Texas District Royal Rangers *Compass Program*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Outpost Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to give at least \$10 per month in order to support the North Texas District Royal Rangers campgrounds.

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(Signature)

Return this completed application along with your first monthly check to:  
North Texas District Royal Rangers  
P.O. Box 1188  
Hurst, TX 76053-1188



# Why I Do Ranger of the Year (ROTY)

by Martin Smith, District Programs Coordinator

Have you ever worked until you feel like dropping to the ground from being dog-tired? But then deep inside there's that feeling like you've accomplished some very monumental things in the lives of boys. Of course, if you've been part of Royal Rangers, then I know the answer to that question. **YES!**



There's nothing like seeing these soon-to-be men dressed out in their sharp Class B's, holding a certificate of achievement, and sporting a mile-wide smile. It's then that you know you've had a special hand in our corner of God's Kingdom with tomorrow's men of the Body of Christ. Truly, it's nothing short of that.

Of all the opportunities for camps and activities we have within Royal Rangers, the Ranger of the Year program is one of the few times where these boys get to let their lights shine in front of their parents, commanders and peers alike. See if just the following few reasons are not enough to make every effort to prep and support the boys for ROTY at each opportunity.

**REASON #39 – RECOGNITION.** Royal Rangers is an organization for boys to be recognized for their efforts in Bible learning and merit performance. ROTY is a very public way of displaying their knowledge and be recognized for what they know and can use. Much of what they retain will make a

positive and permanent different in their lives; some of it can even save their lives or the lives of others. These boys need to be applauded every chance we get for their efforts in Royal Rangers.

**REASON #43 – ACCOUNTABILITY.** Let's face it – we commanders spend a lot of time and effort in Royal Rangers. As a result, we have effectively made quite an investment in these boys and their futures. What better way to know if we're doing our job right and making progress with the boys than to evaluate what they know and how they can use their knowledge and developing skills through ROTY.

Not only do commanders have an investment here, but the Ranger boys as well. They are the ones learning and using what they gain from the weekly meetings. They are the ones who leave their homes and families for whatever adventure awaits them while studying, camping, hiking or any number of other challenging frontiers. And so they place their trust in us to train and mentor them in their growth experience. They want to know how well they are doing as much as we want to know ourselves. ROTY is the perfect vehicle to show their progress.

**REASON #51 – LEADERSHIP.** We as commanders can teach boys what to do and how to do it, but having the strongest influence over how a boy responds will come from the boys themselves. We all look for someone to model our lives after.

I trust each of us has Jesus as our model for spiritual growth and how we conduct ourselves in every relationship. There's also a need for someone to be our mentor, and for these boys, they look up to the role models provided by the older boys. The ROTY events are perfect for helping to formulate those personal goals. Let's make ROTY something we put our hearts into...for the boys' sake.

## Why Take Your Family Camping?

**FCF FAMILY DAYS**

**October 26 – 28, 2007**

She just doesn't get to go camping often and when she does, the question is for: "For what reason?" She sees no reason to get sweaty, hot, bug bit, do all the work, and nothing to do.

This is why this year you need to take her camping to the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship Family Days the last weekend of October. It will be mild weather, bugs are usually gone, lots to do, and people to visit with. Plus she can play dress up, too. Most likely she already wishes there was a colonial/pioneer time for women when you go camping FCF style. Then make it happen for her this year.



This year we will be staying at the Old Fort Parker in Groesbeck, TX, a traditional wooden fort with lots of history and plenty to see. Many ladies will be in period correct outfits and there will be activities for the whole family, plus history classes or talks, demonstrations of period correct trades, and goods for sale and trade. Maybe your wife never shot a rifle, never threw a hawk or knife, or never had a chance to throw a skillet at you. Well this maybe the most unstressful time of the year for her. Make it special and you do all the cooking and cleaning. Women like an adventure and want to go places and do different things, too. Bring her to Family Days this year and we will make sure that she enjoys the gathering.

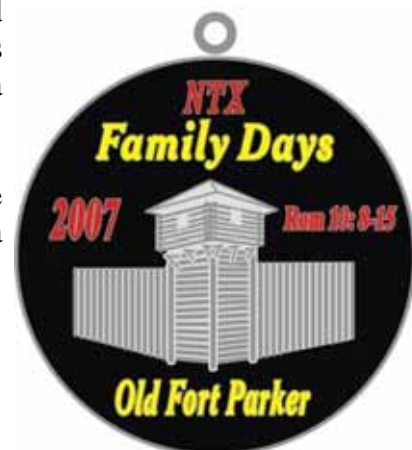


This brings me to my wife and why she enjoys coming to Family Days. First, it's the visiting time with other Ranger leader's wives and moms. They have much in common, and can share stories and get to release some steam about us men. Next, is the dress up time, 'cause my wife loves to get into pioneer clothing and act the part. It's an adventure to her and a way of forgetting about life's everyday troubles. She enjoys the games and competition, special ladies time, and the food shared with new and old friends. But most of all, she really likes the chance to come and

be with Christian folks and worship together under the stars. She considers this as one of our annual family vacations, and makes sure she is off work a year ahead of time so she can come and be apart of this special Family Days.

So FCF men, grab your gear, and load up your wife and round up the young'uns and make it to Family Days, cause this year it's gonna be a SHINNING TIMES at the Old Fort Parker. Don't miss it!

Jeff 'Bullmoose' Ortner



# FCF FAMILY DAYS

## Registration Details

### CAMP FEES

Old Timers, \$20  
Young Bucks, \$15  
Families, \$35\*  
All non-FCF visitors:  
    Day, \$5 per person  
    Overnight, \$10 per person

### ROOMS FOR RENT

If you aren't setting up a shelter, and you want to reserve a room, you must call Fort Parker. Call 254-729-5253 and ask for Sarah. \*If you rent a room, your registration is only \$20.

## *The Frontier Adventure Calendar Change*

Greetings!

This letter is to inform everyone that the calendar date for *The Frontier Adventure* has changed from August to April 11-12 of 2008. Until further notice this is the permanent date of this camp.

If you or some of your boys would like to apply for membership in Frontiersman Camping Fellowship, then fill out a registration form (available on the NTDRR web site under FCF, Forms) and turn it in to me as soon as possible. If you or any of your boys have not quite completed all the required merits, please come talk to me about it.

## Wilderness Vigil

Greetings Brothers in Christ,

We will be having a Wilderness Vigil early next year (February or March time frame). If you qualify and have a sponsor please get in contact with me as soon as possible. One of the requirements is to carry the wilderness pouch with you for three months. If you do not qualify or cannot make it join with me in prayer to start preparing our spirits to meet the Holy Spirit one on One. Wilderness is a very special group called by God to make a difference in this world. (Starting with God to make a difference in ourselves!) A night of prayer makes all the difference in the world! I know what the vigil did for me and many others have a testimony. If you dare? Seek God and come out for this challenge and rebirth into another depth of serving God and your fellow man. Brothers join with me in prayer for this Vigil! I will also need a staff of Wilderness members to help during the vigil to include the sponsors of the Wilderness candidates. Remember this is a life changing experience that not everyone has the opportunity to take. You can download the Wilderness application at the North Texas District Royal Rangers website. Please fill it out, but send it to me the NTD Wilderness Rep. I will send it on to the territorial representative as a package with the other candidates. My address is Lee Fogelman, 104 Patti J Greenville TX 75402. The cost is \$35, \$20 goes to the region for the pouches, pins, and your course and \$15 will pay for the food and supplies we will need to support you. Any questions give me a call my cell is (903) 217-4411 or e-mail me at [leefogleman@tx.rr.com](mailto:leefogleman@tx.rr.com)

Pray with me!  
Prospector

### YOUNG BUCKS

Do you need a place to roll out your bedroll? There are two shelters that sleep four available on a first-come first-served basis. Make your reservations right away by e-mailing Flintlock at [art@royalrangers.net](mailto:art@royalrangers.net) and pay when you register at Family Days.

For more info contact any FCF staff member.

### DUES

If you have not paid your 2007 dues or would like to pay 2008's, see our scribe at registration.

I may want you to go ahead and complete an application since you/they will have until April to complete the requirements. Remember, you must have a sponsor before you turn in your application to me.

I'm really looking forward to this new time of year for The Frontier Adventure and I will not miss the heat of August!

Until then, keep your powder dry!  
Art "Flintlock" Sullivan  
FCF Vice President

# Thoughts on the 2007 Frontier Adventure

To all my fellow Rangers, Frontiersmen, and adventurers in general, greetings.

This is Bladesman who has just had the privilege of witnessing a great event. I saw twenty one fine greenhorns take on a challenge to join the ranks of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. I admit sometimes I kind of wondered, I mean some of those Greenhorns were long in the tooth (old for those in Rio Linda Ca.), and some were still spring peepers (very young for those North of the Mason Dixon line). Yet these twenty one stood together heel-and-toe to meet whatever they faced in order to reach their goal (how's that for poetry). Between taking classes in what a frontiersman should know to survive in the wilderness as well as demonstrating what they had been taught. They also had to handle losing their supplies to renegades and then attempt the fine art of bartering for breakfast. They also had to set traps to try and get some pelts for pay, then try to shoot at something with a smoke pole and hit it. They didn't do too bad if I do say so myself. Then they started cooking fires without a match so meals would not resemble sushi (I believe that's fish bait), as well as trying to stick a hawk and knife for more pay.



In the end they climbed the mountain top (not literally) together and met the standard. Twenty one started, and twenty one finished, earning the privilege of holding the title and rank of frontiersman (greenhorns no more) and were given a great feast in their honor (many a pig gave much for the dinner!).

I wish to give a hearty "hooza" to the new members as well as their Bourgeois Rodney "Bow Breaker" Briggs, and Martin "Higher Plain" Smith who helped get them through the challenge (as well as the staff and members who helped make the adventure a great success).

The new members are:

## **Bow Breaker Brigade**

Ethan Chambers  
Tony Chambers  
Austin Davis  
Evan Duke  
Matthew Goodnow  
Brennan Harrup  
Benjamin Mayorga  
David Nail  
Greg Nieman  
Stephen T. Warne

Assistant Bourgeois Shane Fore

## **Higher Plain Brigade**

Sebastian Allen  
Steven Armentrout  
John Briggs  
Jerry Caldwell  
Aaron Dove  
Timothy Foster  
Tobias Garner  
Ron Goodnow  
Ian Harrup  
Aaron Nail  
Stuart Slayton

Assistant Bourgeois Gene Chambers

## Why Charter?

Chartering is the annual process of registering your outpost with the district and national offices, and of financially supporting these two areas. The charter year in North Texas runs from October 2007 to September 2008. Every church should recharter during the month of October. Benefits of chartering include: discounts at district Royal Rangers events; subscription to the High Adventure magazine for every boy; and the High Adventure Leader magazine for every leader, resources from the national office like Basic JTC and Basic DTC training courses for your boys, promotional materials and DVDs, etc.

Charter packages were sent to every church in the district, and to every senior commander in our database, in mid-August 2007. You should have received yours by now. If you did not receive your charter packet, you can request one from our **district commander (jonathan@royalrangers.net** or on the **Chartering page** of the North Texas District web site. If you need forms, or if you prefer to fill them out electronically, you will find links to the forms on this page also.

Completed charter applications are due by October 31. If your form is mailed after that date, it is subject to a \$25 late fee.

You may ask "**why charter?**" Here are five reasons given in the cover letter that went out in the charter renewal package this year:

- 1. Discounts.** Every district-level Royal Rangers event will provide a discount to chartered leaders and boys. For example, chartered outposts that attend the District Winter Camp this November will receive a \$5 per person discount on their registration fee. Many sections will begin offering similar discounts for sectional events.
- 2. Participation.** In order for your boys to participate in the Ranger of the Year program and for the leaders to receive their annual leaders service awards your outpost must be chartered.
- 3. Participation, part two.** This is one of those intangible benefits to most outposts. Chartering is a main source of financial support for both the district and national Royal Rangers offices. Often commanders wonder why the district or national office can't do more. The answer is frequently because it takes money to do more, and if outposts don't charter, or don't charter everyone, there are limited financial resources available to help further this ministry throughout the North Texas District and across the country.
- 4. Signal Fire magazine.** This is a district publication for each leader who charters. Because of the transition in our district we have not published a copy of this magazine yet this calendar year, but we are on track to get a new issue out in September. This district Royal Rangers magazine contains information about forthcoming district Royal Rangers events. If you have ever wondered what is happening, or what an event on the calendar is, the Signal Fire should have the answers for you.
- 5. High Adventure and High Adventure Leader.** Every boy who charters receives the quarterly High Adventure magazine, and every chartered leader receives a copy of the quarterly High Adventure Leader magazine. Both magazines are produced by Royal Rangers for Royal Rangers.

# North Texas Winter Camp

## November 9-11, 2007 (Friday – Sunday)

### Lakeview Camp

**Theme: Chosen**

**1 Peter 2:9 – But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

**Winter Camp Packet is available at <http://ntd.royalrangers.net>**



At Winter Camp your boys will have a chance to meet boys from across the district, participate in fun activities like the challenge course and paintball, share fellowship after the Saturday evening council fire service drinking hot chocolate and having refreshments in the FCF village, and experience camping in the cooler weather we have in Texas in November.

Speakers for the camp include our District Superintendent Rick Dubose and our District Children's Ministries Director Duane Swanson. Both of these district leaders are excited about coming to our Winter Camp and sharing God's Word with the boys.

The cost for Winter Camp is \$20 per person. If your outpost is chartered for the 2007-08 charter year, you will receive a discount of \$5 per person, resulting in a fee of \$15 per person for chartered outposts. If you wish, you may turn in your charter at Winter Camp and pay the discounted fee. This camp fee covers camp patch, supper on Friday night, fellowship time Saturday night after the council fire service (hot chocolate and refreshments), insurance, activity expenses, and more.

**Please note a new requirement for this camp.** A separate registration form must be completed for each adult (anyone 18 years old or older) who is registering for Winter Camp. A pastor's signature is **required** on this form. The district Royal Rangers are implementing this change to better protect the boys in our care at our camps.

Camp activities begin Friday night with supper (included in registration fee), and end Sunday morning after Sunday School and church. You and your boys will have a fun time filled with activities, fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

### Winter Camp Activities

**FCF Village:** The FCF village will be open Saturday for your boys to explore. They will be hosting several different activities for boys to participate in. Hawk throwing is always a favorite, but there will be other activities as well.

**Shooting Sports:** Ken Harris will again open up the shooting ranges for all boys. Activities will range from paintball (shooting at targets) to small bore rifles to shot guns. The ranges will be open all day Saturday.

**Field Games:** We have a wide variety of field games planned for this Winter Camp, including:

- Marshmallow gun competition (you get to keep the gun!)
- Frisbee golf
- Ultimate dodge ball
- 3-way tug of war
- Chariot races
- Others

**Challenge Course:** The challenge course will be opened up for **Adventure Rangers** at this camp. It won't be the entire high ropes course, as we want to make sure that every Adventure Ranger who wants to participate will have an opportunity. But take this chance to experience some of the adventure that the challenge course offers. Any Adventure Ranger who wants to participate in this event will need to have the "2007 Challenge Course Release Form" filled out and signed by a parent (forms available in the Winter Camp Packet on the District web site.) These forms need to be turned in at registration so that your time on the challenge course can be scheduled.

**Paintball Course:** Lakeview Camp now has a paintball course, and we are making that available to Expedition Rangers (boys currently in grades nine through twelve) only on Saturday. This course will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 and again from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. There is an extra charge of \$15 to participate in this course, which covers all equipment and ammo. Participants must also have the attached "Paintball Waiver and Release of Liability" form signed by a parent before they will be allowed to participate in this activity. Only 10 Rangers will be allowed to participate at a time in this course, so space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. You can reserve your space prior to camp by e-mailing the district commander (jonathan@royalrangers.net) with the number of boys from your outpost and your preferred time. Payment for the course will be due at registration.

**Volunteers Needed:** Of course, to offer all of these activities we will need some volunteers. If your outpost has an extra commander or two who would be willing to help staff one of these events, let us know. Volunteers will receive a special Winter Camp ball cap, but more importantly they will get to experience the excitement of the boys as they participate in the events of the day. You may volunteer at the camp or in advance (e-mail jonathan@royalrangers.net).

**This is Winter Camp. It is often cold, and sometimes damp, at the North Texas Winter Camp. Please make sure your boys are prepared with adequate jackets, rain gear, and sleeping bags, so that their time at camp will be enjoyable. Winter Camping can be lots of fun, if you and your boys are prepared for the weather.**

## 2008 South Central Regional Conference

The 2008 South Central Regional Conference will be held January 25-26, 2008, at the beautiful Omni Hotel in San Antonio. The region is planning a great set of classes for this conference, including many hands-on classes and workshops that will give you information that you can immediately apply in your outpost.

Join with commanders from across the region for this annual conference. Every year commanders comment on the training, fellowship, and spiritual renewal that have become hallmarks of the SCR Conference.

The application form, pricing, and list of classes will be posted on the regional website later this month. You can find this information at <http://www.scr-royalrangers.org>

## North Texas E-mail List

The district staff uses e-mail frequently to send out information about upcoming events. While the information is also in the Signal Fire magazine and on the web site, many commanders find it useful to get this information and reminders sent directly to their e-mail box. If you are not currently receiving these e-mails, you may sign up for the North Texas Royal Rangers e-mail list by sending a message to [NTD-Request@RoyalRangers.net](mailto:NTD-Request@RoyalRangers.net) with the following words in the body of the message: subscribe NTD

Your inbox will not be filled up with junk (promise!) but you will receive timely updates and notices on events and training throughout the district. Subscribe today!

## 2007 FCF Christmas Banquet

**Location:** Crossroads of Life Assembly of God, 123 West Highway 67 in Duncanville.

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** One item for the auction per family (to cover our cost).

**Food:** Everyone is to bring a side dish and a desert, the FCF staff will bring the meats.

**Activities:** Bring a FCF gift to exchange.

**Who:** All FCF members and their family.

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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 November 20, 2007. Please send your information to Lindsay N. Lang at lindsay.lang@att.net.

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