

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

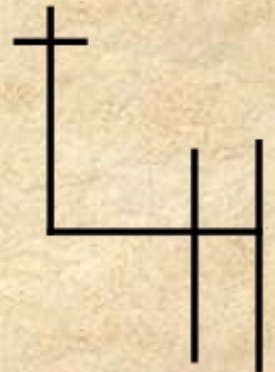
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Lou 'Lighthouse' Bryan earned his buckskin at the 2013 NTX Brush Poppin'. Lighthouse was sponsored by Bigfoot and his trade will be Candle Making. Congratulations Lighthouse!!

If you are a Frontiersman and would like to earn your Buckskin, please contact David 'Spotted Bull' Shook at fcfbuckskinrep@outlook.com





Letter from our FCF President

Well it started out misting and blowing and looking like what we all know to be a Royal Rangers camp-out. You can't camp or put up canvas without rain. Funny thing about that.....every commander starts praying for great weather. It is amazing to me even now that God is so gracious and good to us to hear our prayers over such things. I am glad. It never rained hard Friday, just enough to keep some people away. Saturday was awesome weather. We ate and competed and had a great time.

The competition was hot. We had 3 way ties in archery for young buck and old timer. We had a 6 way tie in black powder in young bucks. We had a 3 way tie in the Kohn family for hawk in the young bucks. We had a two way tie in the hawk and knife for old timers. The cool thing is we all got to watch them shoot and throw off against one another. Strange how a crowd and some pressure cause some of those great competitors to fall away. It was a lot of fun. Great time for all. Well flint and steel was a blow out on the young buck side with Weston 'Fracture' Weitner taking first with an amazing time of 6 seconds!! Good job. He wiped the floor with even the old timers winning time of 8 seconds! I'll get ya next year Fracture!!!

We had an awesome young buck blanket. Some very nice love offerings to the boys. Then there was that Buckskin ceremony. Now you know how the Devil is. He does not like it when he plans to ruin something and it doesn't work out. So he whipped up another storm Saturday night so we took the appropriate precautions and held our Buckskin ceremony in the lodge. It was a great time in the Lord as David 'Spotted Bull' Shook, our Buckskin rep, presented Lou 'Lighthouse' Bryan as our newest Buckskin member!! Great job sir; let's not let it take 21 more years to get your Wilderness!! We then went into a continued message from Prospector on 'Are you ready?'

The power of God was very strong throughout the camp and everybody loved the laid back atmosphere of the camp; fellowshiping and competing and doing their trades. There was even a medallion necklace contest for bragging rights. Our judges were able to whittle this field down to three and then we let all our members decide. In the end my little boy Timothy Goodnow won.....He now has a swelled head and a bigger chest. Now if I was as cute as he was I might have had a chance! Actually he had a very nice necklace as well!



I would like to request photos be sent to Mark Oliver or myself so we may post them for everyone's enjoyment. If you would like to upload them via FTP, please contact Mark at oliverkmark@aim.com and he will send you the information. Wanting to take care of those who might not have gotten the word we did provide a stew; the staff chipped in and the young bucks cooked it up. We wish some of our members could have been there but they were still sick. Please lift up those in prayer who are sick in our chapter.

It was an honor and a privilege to have such an awesome staff who put together a great Brush Poppin'. Thank you one and all for your support and input and hard work. I also want to thank their wives for giving them the time to pull off this awesome camp.

Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow
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FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

OUTSTANDING FCF SERVICE AWARD

Frontiersmen
Camping Fellowship



In December 2012, Art 'Flintlock' Sullivan was awarded the National Outstanding FCF Service Award. He is the 8th person in the United States receiving this award. It was presented by District Director Jonathan 'Big Foot' Trower and at the time incoming Shawnee Trail Chapter President Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow.

PLAINSMEN TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS

July 10-12, 2013 - The Range, New Mexico
Opening Ceremony - Wednesday morning
Event closes after the Friday evening service
Oldtimers, \$50 - Youngbucks, \$35

As the Rendezvoov quickly approaches, the Plainsmen Territorial Staff invites you to be apart of this great event. Adventure awaits all members of the Plainsmen Territory. It has been two long years since the frontiersmen of our great territory have gathered in a time of competition, fellowship, praise and worship. Get your buckskins out and your smokepoles seasoned as we take the opportunity to share the warmth of our fellowship.

As we prepare for fun and foofaraw at the Rendezvoov, be reminded of why we get together. It will be a time for grizzled Oldtimers to mentor young men in Christian principles. It will be a time of spiritual renewal for those who are coming to the event operating on an empty tank. It will be a time to encourage each other in true friendship and Christian fellowship. At the very least, take time to view God's wonderful creation. See you fellers at Rendezvoov.

Art 'Flintlock' Sullivan

SPEAKERS

Fred 'Hawkeye' Deaver
National FCF President Emeritus

Paul 'Grey Owl' Walters
National FCF President

EVENTS

National Scout Competition

A competition will be held to determine the National Scout representing the Plainsman Territory and the Territorial Scout to serve the territory for a two year term.

Trail Events

An age-old timed trail walk testing the ability of the trapping company's best frontiersmen. Events will include different spins on the timeless Mountainman standards - shooting, throwing, firestarting, etc. Expect some surprises. Some nice smokepoles will be up for grabs for the top Old Timer and Young Buck.

Missions Auction

To Give and Serve - support the Territorial Missions Project by bidding on some very nice frontier wares. Many items available in the auction will have been made by Wilderness members from throughout the Territory. Hand-crafted knives, hats, clothing, accoutrements will all be available.

Chapter Competition

The Buffalo Award will be awarded to the top performing chapter at Rendezvoov. Previous winners include the Indian Nation and Shawnee Trail chapters.

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Buckskin Update

What a right shinin' time the 2013 Brush Poppin' turned out be! Course there weren't much sun a shinin' but it did poke out once or twice! But it seemed like a fine time was had by all that braved the 100 mph wind and the 50" of rain... Well maybe it wasn't that bad!

One person that will forever remember the 2013 Brush Poppin' is Louis Bryan! After a whopping 21 years in FCF, ole Louis finally toed the mark and got himself tested for Buckskin! And wouldn't ya know it, but Louis did right fine at his testing and was awarded his Buckskin pin and patch. He shall henceforth and forever be known as Lighthouse! When you see him at upcoming events, take a moment to sit down with him and ask him about his name and his scripture verse! It's a great testimony!

Oh! There was a small mandate made by the tribunal over-seeing the Buckskin ceremony... "Don't wait another 21 years to test for Wilderness!" I don't think we will have to worry about that one! Ain't that right Lighthouse?

So if you want to be a Buckskin member, get yourself a sponsor and download the application. Once that application is sent to me, I will look it over and make sure that all is in order. Make sure the application has an email address for you or your sponsor. This will be how you get your workbook...This will also make sure that you get the CORRECT workbook. Sponsors DO NOT need to download or make copies of an old one. I will get you the one I want you to have. This also helps me keep track of who has one!

Work with me guys! It looks like we have at least 67 active young bucks in Frontiersman and only 3 in Buckskin...and I think those are testing for Wilderness! And don't think you OOOOLD Timers are gonna get off the hook! Ya'll can test too! We need ya to step up to the challenge.

Your Humble Servant,

David 'Spotted Bull' Shook, Shawnee Trail Buckskin Rep

Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 2013 paid dues as of 3/23/2013)

	Active YB (current)	Inactive YB (1-3 yrs)	Archived YB (> 3 yrs)	Active OT (current)	Inactive OT (1-3 yrs)	Archived OT (> 3 yrs & > 1985)	Historical before 1985	Total
Frontiersmen	63	0	20	13	37	308	267	708
Buckskin	3	0	1	11	11	51	7	84
Wilderness	1	0	0	21	7	37	15	81
Total	67	0	21	45	55	396	289	873

For additional information about anything you found in this newsletter or for additional FCF answers, please contact the FCF President, Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow (rgoodnow@napgladu.com), or the FCF Vice President, David 'Little Beaver' Kohn (djkohn92@yahoo.com).

Prospector's Gold Nugget

Joshua 1:9(NIV)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

What better promise could you ask for? The Lord our God takes it out of question and makes it a command! That we must be strong and courageous, so whatever is bothering you get over it, our God has commanded you to be stronger and bolder than anything that is coming against you. The Almighty says “Do not be afraid or discouraged”, He his right with us to bring us through any challenges. So when you have doubts overcome them with a prayer for God's help. He is there watching and listening all we need to do; is ask and believe. God as even gone one step further by sending his son to be the Way the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). So, take the Way the Truth and the Life into your everyday life and overcome the world.

Be of Good Cheer,

The Lord is with you!

Prospector



Brush Poppin' 2013 Highlights

Brush Poppin' was held the weekend of March 8-10. The photos from this event are currently at http://www.ntxrr.org/fcf/photo_gallery.htm.

There were a total of 53 FCF members who attended this years Brush Poppin'. Even with the rain, we had some very good competitions. There were five different competitions held this year with two different categories. One for Young Bucks and the other for Old Timers. The winning results of these competitions were:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Young Buck</u>	<u>Old Timer</u>
Knife Throw	Matthew 'Kind Heart' Kohn	Frank 'Jawbone' Super
Hawk Throw	Daniel Kohn	David 'Little Beaver' Kohn
Archery	Jeremy Harris	Rodney 'Bow Breaker' Briggs
Flint & Steel	Weston 'Fracture' Weitner	Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow
Black Powder	Matthew 'Kind Heart' Kohn	Jeff Peterson

This year the competitions almost all ended in ties. After the final competition, each of the above members won their event. The event winners all received necklaces made by Jonathan "BigFoot" Trower and Rick 'Moving Waters' Beebe.



North Texas FCF Facebook Page



The North Texas District FCF will soon have their Facebook page up and running. If you are current a Facebook user, search for fcf-facebook@ntxrr.org and add us to your friends list. Over time, our page will contain upcoming information about events and highlights about recent events. This is the official North Texas FCF Facebook email account tied to our page.

Currently, the FCF historian, Matthew Kohn, is working on getting the account populated with lots of interesting and good information. Feel free to send your requests, questions, concerns, and ideas about the Shawnee Trail to fcf-facebook@ntxrr.org. They will be answered promptly.



Friend us today and look for information about upcoming events soon!!



Frontier Brigade Camp



This camp will be held June 20-23, 2013.

This camp will be targeting those boys who need to earn the FCF merits so they can become FCF members. Upon completion of the merits at this camp, an FCF Adventure will be conducted for those boys who attend the camp and pass the requirements.

If you have any questions please contact David Kohn (djkhohn92@yahoo.com) or David Wilson (davofamily4@hotmail.com) for any questions or details needed for your outpost.

Buckskin and Wilderness Testing

There are currently NO plans for any upcoming Buckskin or Wilderness Testing. If you would like to advance to one of these advancement levels, please contact David 'Spotted Bull' Shook (fcfbuckskinrep@outlook.com) for Buckskin and Eli 'Blazing Heart' Harris (samhoustonplumbing@gmail.com) for Wilderness.

September Frontier Adventure

Even though the deadline has pasted for our upcoming Frontier Adventure, we will be having another one on September 13-15. It is not too early to start preparing your candidates for this opportunity. The deadline for all applications to be submitted for this Adventure is August 26th. If you need more information, please contact David 'Little Beaver' Kohn at djkhohn92@yahoo.com.

Brush Poppin' 2013 Photos



Thoughts from our President

I first want everyone to know I think we have the finest FCF chapter in the country. We recently were recognized as a "5 star chapter" by the national FCF staff, the highest rating a chapter can receive. I am a little bit biased and maybe even under-educated in terms of what other chapters are doing. Yet the true heart of the NTX Shawnee Trail Chapter has been about the boys: "To Give and To Serve" and giving our best to God no matter where we are or what we are asked to do. In this letter I thought I would pass on some information about our FCF camps. I do not want to start a panic or overly criticize the members of the FCF but... I want everyone to know we need to be careful about the message we are communicating by our attendance at chapter events.

Brush Poppin' was awesome! We had a very strong sense that God was in the camp the whole time. His Holy Spirit was felt very strongly. We did raise some money and we did break even financially on the camp. The problem is this: a member of our own chapter has questioned "is it worth the expense and man power to put on a Brush Poppin' for 50 people?" I have shortened the statement but it is the question that was asked. The reason for the question is that we have a lot of camps and training events throughout the year, and we also need to schedule our events around other ministry events to allow maximum participation by any and all that can be there. We need to be effective with what we do so we get the most out of our busy schedules. It was a hard question for someone to ask but it needed to be asked. I know it rained the weekend of Brush Poppin', but as FCF members we know how to camp in good weather and bad. We always will make adjustments for the protection of everyone so that we can have a great camp also.

So here is the question. Do we as Shawnee Trail FCF members no longer find Brush Poppin' valuable??? For those who have not participated lately that is the message you sent. I do not mean this as harsh as it sounds but we need a wakeup call as a chapter. There are chapters less than half our size producing 2 and 3 times the number of new members. I recently met with the national president and he was talking about a small little chapter that had 150 at their spring trace!

It was not that long ago that our district Ranger Kids day camp was potentially on the chopping block for low attendance. Since then attendance has turned around and the day camp will continue, as long as leaders/outposts support it. I hope that for the next FCF camps we let the district (and regional and national) leadership know that we, the members of the Shawnee Trail Chapter, do find these camps valuable.

Thank you for listening. I hope to see you at Pow Wow and at the Territorial Rendezvous. Let's do a great job and get at least 50 to Territorial this July!!!

Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow
Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter President
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Frontier Brigade Camp

Frontier Brigade Camp (FBC) is a JLTA camp for boys who are at least 11 years old, or have completed 5th grade. FBC is a camp designed to generate a learning environment that challenges boys to learn, excites boys about the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF), and brings a spiritual emphasis of personal growth. Classes will be taught in an FCF village setting by instructors in FCF outfits, creating a unique atmosphere and learning experience for the boys. The FBC camp will present each boy with a fun and exciting atmosphere.

There are some exciting changes in FBC this year. Boys who attend will earn the merits that are required for membership in the FCF, and then they will go through the FCF Adventure at the end of the camp, thus becoming a member of the FCF. To successfully complete this camp and the Adventure will require that the Ranger have a few prerequisites completed before coming through camp if they intend to go through the Adventure at camp.

The needed pre-requisites are (for boys and men):

1. Six days and nights of camping prior to camp.
2. Explain the plan of salvation.
3. Explain the points of the Royal Rangers Emblem.

(There will be a form in the application packet that the Ranger's leader will need to sign stating these pre-requisites have been met)

Boys who attend FBC but who do not meet the requirements for participating in the Adventure can still use the camp as part of the 'Trail to the Tomahawk.' However, they will not be able to go through the Adventure. They will work on other merits for the remainder of the camp.

Leaders who want to join the FCF are also welcome at this camp. We need you to teach the merits during the camp as instructors. This will fill the requirement of having taught the merit. You will then be put into a brigade for the Adventure. Leaders will also need to complete the additional pre-requisites. They are:

1. Complete the Ready Leader of the Outpost Leader Advancement Level
2. Complete the Safety Leader Ticket Requirement #2

As part of the registration process, you will be completing the Adventure Application where pastor signatures are also required.

The camp will be limited to two patrols (16 total), so signup early for camp. We are looking for a great camp this year.

If you have any questions please contact David Kohn at djkohn92@yahoo.com or cell 512-619-1970.

David Kohn
512-619-1970



Totems and Trades

The FCF staff is currently trying to update their records for Buckskin and Wilderness members. We need your Totems and Trades. When was the last time you saw a totem and wondered who it was? The first area that is being addressed is the identification and submission of the members Totems and Trades. We would like to ask each member submit their information so it can be recorded. If you currently have it recorded electronically, please forward it to [Frank 'Jawbone' Super](#).

The two lists below show the information that is currently submitted. If your information is shown, thank you, however, if you are not listed in either category below or it is incorrect, please take the time to submit your information to [Frank 'Jawbone' Super](#) or you can mail it to Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burleson, TX 76028.

Totems



Trades

3 Claws	?????	Long Horn	Leather
Bald Eagle	Beading	Long Shot	?????
Big Foot	Beadwork/Leather Craft	Many Hills	Sash Making
Big Horn	Horn Craft	Moving Waters	Box Making
Bladesman	Sword Maker	Pathlighter	Wood Wright
Blazing Heart	?????	Prospector	Polishing Rocks
Bow Breaker	Wood Turning	Pure Heart	Wood Working
Cast Iron	Cooking	Red Wing	Flute Making and Playing
Chipmunk	?????	Red Wood	Wood Working
Coal	Gunsmith	Running Turtle	Tanning and Beading
Five Buckets	Cooper	Shinning Spark	Blacksmith
Flintlock	Tinker	Shofar	Wood Carving
Fracture	Blacksmith	Skimmer Horn	?????
Gofer	?????	Sky Watcher	Canteens
Gospel Tailor	Tailoring	Smooth Stone	Tinker
Holy Foot	Quill and Ink Making	Spotted Bull	Leather Monger
Jawbone	Tinker	Straight Stitch	Leather Work
Kind Heart	?????	String Bean	Blacksmith
Lawman	?????	Ta Tonka	Blacksmith
Light Wolf	Lantern Maker	Thunder Steel	Gunsmith
Lightfoot	?????	Wabbit	?????
Lighthouse	Candle Making	Watchman	Lantern Maker
Like Fire	Knife Making	Wild Wind	Wood Crafter
Little Beaver	Soap Maker	Wing Feather	Arrow Maker
Lone Eagle	?????	Wychialo	Gunsmith
		Yarn Spinner	Rug Making

2013 Regional Rendezvous

Are you planning on attending the 2013 South Central Regional FCF Rendezvous? If so, are you interested in carpooling or allowing others to ride with you?

Discussions are currently underway to determine the possible options for this year.

Please contact the FCF President, Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow (rgoodnow@napgladu.com), or the FCF Vice President, David 'Little Beaver' Kohn (djkohn92@yahoo.com) with your suggestions or ideas.

We are saddened to recently learn of the death of one of our FCF members from the past, Weldon Kirkland. Weldon was active in Royal Rangers for over 30 years at Outpost 1 and 18 in Waco. He attended the first National Urban Leaders Conference in 1997 and started an urban outreach in the projects of Waco. He passed away in January.

2013 FCF Calendar of Events

April 5-7	FCF Adventure
April 13	Workday at Camp
April 26-28	District Pow Wow
June 20-23	Junior Leadership Training Academy
July 8-12	Territorial Rendezvous, The Range, New Mexico
Sept 6-7	Commanders Conference / Academy of Ranger Training (ART)
Sept 13-15	FCF Adventure
Sept 21	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Oct 6-12	Royal Rangers Week at your local church
Oct 18-20	FCF Family Days
Nov 8-10	District Winter Camp
Dec 14	FCF Christmas Banquet
Dec 26-29	Junior Leadership Training Academy

NTX Royal Rangers Email Lists

Are you subscribed to the NTX Royal Rangers email lists? You can get updates on news, FCF information, and prayer requests. If not, visit http://www.ntxrr.org/email_lists.htm and sign up to be on our mailing list today.

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Asst. Scout—Kameron Kersey

2013 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous The Range, NM



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Art 'Flintlock' Sullivan

July 10-12, 2013 - The Range, New Mexico
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 Oldtimers, \$50 - Youngbucks, \$35



Rendezvous Speakers - Fred 'Hawkeye' Deaver & Paul 'Grey Owl' Walters

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Jedediah Strong Smith

Ted Schmidt

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Longhorn

Tom Jamison

Palo Duro

Ray Mizelle

Shawnee Trail

Ron Goodnow

Schedule

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Camp Setup

12:00 pm - Registration Opens

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Camp Setup Continues

8:30 am - Opening Ceremony, Chapter Games

10:00 am - Visiting Hours Opens

10:00 am - Torreon Trail Events

10:30 am - Registration Opens

10:30 am - Frontier Trade Class

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - First Clue Released - Two Feathers Treasure

2:00 pm - Torreon Trail Events Continue

3:00 pm - Stump Preaching Competition Begins

5:00 pm - Registration Closes, Visiting Hours Close

6:00 pm - Dinner

8:00 pm - Evening Service - Paul 'Grey Owl' Walters

11:00 pm - Lights Out

Thursday, July 11, 2013

8:30 am - Morning Devotion, Chapter Games

10:00 am - Visiting Hours Opens

10:00 am - Torreon Trail Events

10:00 am - Clue Released - Two Feathers Treasure

10:30 am - Frontier Trade Class

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - Clue Released - Two Feathers Treasure

2:00 pm - Torreon Trail Events Continue

3:00 pm - Frontier Trade Class

5:00 pm - Visiting Hours Close

6:00 pm - Dinner

Colonial Night

8:00 pm - Evening Service - Paul 'Grey Owl' Walters

10:00 pm - Trader's Row & Fellowship

11:00 pm - Lights Out

Friday, July 12, 2013

8:30 am - Morning Devotion, Chapter Games

10:00 am - Visiting Hours Opens

10:00 am - Clue Released - Two Feathers Treasure

10:00 am - Torreon Trail Events

10:00 am - Scout Competition - Big Tree

10:30 am - Frontier Trade Class

12:00 pm - Lunch

12:00 pm - Submit Torreon Trail Scorecards

2:00 pm - Mission's Auction

4:00 pm - Award's Ceremony

6:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Top Overall Events Award Announcement

7:00 pm - Buffalo Award Announcement

7:30 pm - National / Territorial Scout Announcement

8:00 pm - Evening Service - Fred 'Hawkeye' Deaver

10:30 pm - Visiting Hours Close

11:00 pm - Lights Out

Dismissal

Saturday, July 13, 2013 - Camp Cleanup

Chapter Games



The JS Blacksmith Shop



Scout Competition

The Plainsmen Territory has been represented by a number of top of the line Scouts. The current chapter scout from each chapter is eligible to compete for National and Territorial Scout honors.

The Scout is a special leadership position to provide leadership among young men in FCF. He is also tasked with providing a boys perspective of FCF to the adult leadership. His responsibilities include:

1. Assist in planning, organizing and conducting FCF events.
2. Learn from the Territorial leadership and accept responsibilities as assigned.
3. Serve as a role model for other young men.
4. Conduct periodic planning and information meetings consisting of the FCF boy membership within the Territory. The meetings will be known as the "Young Buck Council". This meeting will be chaired by the Scout under the supervision of a minimum of one adult FCF Executive Committee member.
5. Maintain an FCF outfit and wear his outfit (or outfits) at all events.
6. Attend the FCF sponsored events in his Chapter, Territory and strive and to attend National Rendezvous.
7. Attend Territory Staff and Committee meetings.
8. Responsible for building and lighting council fires at Territorial and special FCF events.

Start Preparing Now for the Scout Competition

Each Chapter Scout participating in the scout competition will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. Flint & Steel
2. Black Powder Shoot or Primitive Bow Shoot
3. Hawk Throwing
4. Knife Throwing
5. Outfit
6. FCF Advancement
7. Royal Ranger Advancement
8. Chapter Vote

Scout competition guidelines, scout application and scout reference forms can be found:

<http://scr.royalrangers.net>



**National Scout from the Plainsmen Territory
Matthew 'Redwood' Goodnow**

Events

Torreon Trail Events

An intensive event trail walk testing the ability of the territories best frontiersmen. Events will include different spins on the timeless Mountainman standards - shooting, throwing, firestarting, etc. Expect some surprises. Some nice smoke-poles will be up for grabs for the top Oldtimer and Youngbuck.

Frontier Trade Classes

Spend some time learning valuable frontier skills from some of the Territories grizzled old timers. Gain insight into black-smithing, hatsmithing, scrimming, leathercraft, etc.

Special Shooting Events

To be held Saturday afternoon, the special shooting events will involve your ability to shoot fast, straight and possibly in the dark, as you compete as a chapter team against other chapters. Expect some new twists on old shooting standards with some fantastic prizes awarded to those who shine.



Mission Auction

To Give and Serve - support the Territorial Missions Project by bidding on some very nice frontier wares. Many items available in the auction will have been made by Wilderness members from throughout the Territory. Hand-crafted knives, hats, clothing, accoutrements will all be available.

Traders Row

A lantern-lit event to be held after the evening service on Thursday. Trade for some of those much needed provisions - hats, beads, patches, knives and the such. Traders Row will be fine opportunity for Oldtimers to help outfit and equip a Youngbuck.

Two Feathers Treasure

Clues will be released throughout the event giving evidence to the location of Two Feathers' Treasure. Two Feathers, an infamous local Comanche warrior, was known to raid many wagon trains loaded with valuables. Little is known about Two Feathers' whereabouts and his cache of treasure.

Scout Competition

A competition will be held to determine the National Scout representing the Plainsman Territory and the Territorial Scout to serve the territory for a two year term. All chapter scouts are eligible to compete. The competition will include testing on hawk/knife throwing, blackpowder shooting/archery, firestarting, outfits, RR achievement and FCF achievement. Winner of the competition will be named National Scout and will earn a \$500 scholarship.



Name (First, FCF, Last): _____

Chapter: _____ Circle One: Oldtimer Youngbuck

Submit completed score sheet by 12:00 pm (noon)
On Friday, July 12, 2013 -To the Registration Lodge

The Torreon Trail

Participants will be required to complete all six events in order to qualify for the top overall score for both Old Timers and Youngbucks. There will be a total of 90 points possible with the top scoring Old Timer and Young Buck earning the right to take home a fine muzzleloading rifle.

Additional Notes:

1. Wearing a frontiersmen type outfit will be required to participate in each event.
2. All black powder rifles will be checked and approved by the range officer before they can be used. All black powder participants must have an approved shooter's card (NRA/NMRLA) or a temporary shooter's card. If you have a temporary shooter's card you must complete the black powder event with a shooter that has an approved shooter's card.
3. All Youngbucks must have a signed permission statement in order to participate in the Hawk and Knife events.
4. Some events will only be available at certain times of the week so that events can be effectively managed. Also, the events are designed to truly determine the title of most skilled mountain man. These events will require a commitment.

Black Powder Shoot

One shot per station. One point for a hit target. Place a '1' in the Score column if you hit the target.

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Score																

Archery

Scoring is based on 1 point per shooting station(2 shots). Earn 1 points for hitting and sticking a target (score best shot of two). Place an X next to the 1 in the Score box in the event your arrow hits the killzone.

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Score																

Hawk & Knife

1. 1 pts for shaded area and no points for any other stick.
2. 2 throws at each target for both hawk and knife.
3. Best out of two throws counts for points. Place a 1 in the score box if you stick in the shaded part of the target.
4. Oldtimers cannot count off steps. All participants must complete the Hawk & Knife trail with at least one other person.

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Hawk																
Knife																

Frontiersmen Outfit

Participant will be judged on a historical outfit based on a theme (Mountain man, Colonial, Riverman, Pioneer, Military etc). Points will vary based on completeness of outfit including accessories and accoutrements (Possibles pouch, powder horn, black powder rifle, beaded necklace, etc). More points will be given for items made by the competitor. 15 points possible.

Comments by Judge: _____

Total:

Start Time

End Time

Flint & Steel

Participants will be judged on their ball molding abilities. 30 minute event. 15 points possible.

Total:

Black Powder

Archery

Hawk & Knife

Outfits

Flint & Steel

totem

totem

totem

totem

totem

Overall Total:

Notes & Considerations

Those attending camp must be active FCF members.

Participants should strive to be in FCF attire soon after arrival and for the duration of the camp.

The era portrayed is the fur trade period - 1750 to 1840.

No hand guns are allowed at Royal Rangers events. No loaded firearms are allowed in camp (this includes percussion caps).

There are to be no modern shelters in the area designated as primitive.

Lighting is to be period as well. If you must have Coleman or electric lights these are to remain inside your shelter.

All modern items, such as water containers and coolers, should be covered. This will make photography much more authentic in appearance.

Non potable water will be available at the Range. Bring all the drinking and cooking water you anticipate needing.

Campfires will be permitted depending on the Forest Service fire danger assessments and local conditions. Campfires are permitted only in containers with bottoms so that ashes, charcoal, and unburned wood can be collected as waste. Use wood for the fire that is TWO inches or less in diameter since it tends to burn completely. Metal garbage cans are distributed around the area for fire waste. Use only water to put the fire out to minimize the waste. Stir it until it is dead out. Place the waste in the provided receptacles or pack it out. Fire extinguishing materials must be present. Use only down and dead wood, fuel from the wood yard or what you brought. Any unused fuel shall be packed out or returned to the wood yard. Stoves using propane are approved for cooking. Fires must be attended until dead out.

Ashes should be well soaked, dead out and placed in the site provided ash cans. Ash cans are not to be used for garbage and trash. See Range map.

Down dead wood may be collected and burned. Absolutely no cutting on live trees or bushes.

First aid will be available at the registration lodge.

Campers are responsible for all their actions.

Schedules, event results, news and notices will be posted at the registration area.

Absolutely no dogs or pets allowed in camp.

Commanders are responsible for the safety and well being of boys in their care. Be aware of the location and activities of all boys in your area of responsibility.

All persons must register before being allowed to setup camp. Registered campers should wear the event medallion whenever possible.

Quiet time is the hours of 11pm to daylight. Please be kind to those around you.

All vehicles will come in on the main road, unload, and then be driven back to parking lot. After camp is over and you have packed, have your camp completely ready to load prior to bringing in your vehicle, quickly load and take vehicle back to the parking lot.

Shooting will be supervised by an official NRA/NMLRA range officer. Bring your shooter's card.

All persons shooting a black powder firearm must have an approved NMLRA or NRA "black powder shooters card."

Place your trash and garbage in sturdy garbage bags and place on the road next to your camp each morning.

All persons under 18 must have the "permission slip" signed by parent or guardian authorizing them to shoot and handle a firearm - Black Powder/Knife Permission Slip.

Visitors are only allowed in camp from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Event registered campers are responsible for all their visitors on the Territorial site during the visiting hours. Please abide by these rules.

Notify the Event Staff and the Site Manager of any security issue. The Range gates will be closed between midnight and 6:00am.

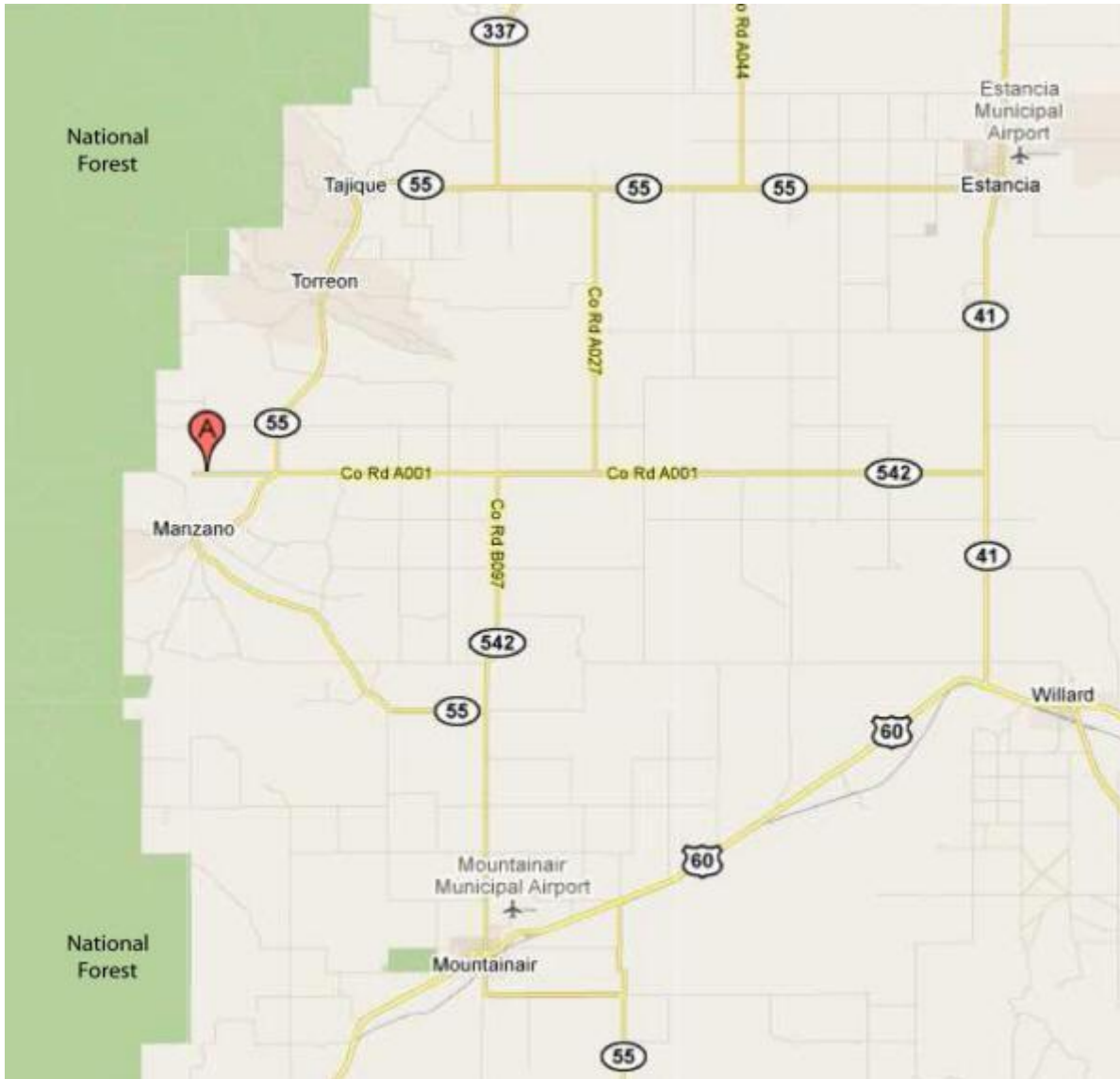
The Range, New Mexico

Driving Directions:

70 Absher Road (County Road A001),
Torreon, New Mexico

From Mountainair: Go North on State Road 55 through Punta de Agua and Manzano. Two miles North of Manzano, turn left (West) on Absher Road (County Road A001), and go 1 mile to the Range entrance.

From Albuquerque: Go East on I-40 to State Road 337. Then go South on State Road 337 to State Road 55, turn right on State Road 55 and go through Tajique and Torreon. 4 miles South of Torreon turn right (West) on Absher Road (County Road A001) and go 1 mile to the Range entrance.



2013 Plainsmen Territorial Registration

Must be postmarked no later than June 28, 2013 to receive discounted price

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church You Attend _____

District: _____ Outpost #: _____

FCF Name: _____

FCF Level: Frontiersman Buckskin Wilderness

Age: Young Buck (be sure parent signs both pages of application) Old Timer



Knife and Black Powder Permission

I am the parent or guardian of _____ who is a member of the Royal Rangers program. I give him permission to sell, trade, give, receive, or barter and have in his possession during any FCF event, any knife or black powder firearm as is appropriate for this type of historical reenactment activity.

Please consider this document as written consent for my son to participate in any of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship activities which include black powder loading and shooting, knife and hawk throwing, flint and steel – fire starting, frontiersmen crafts and workshop classes, and any other activities conducted.

I will hold harmless any and all leaders or officers of any unforeseen accidents, even though great care for safety is always taken.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

If you do not want your son participating in any of the above activities please list:

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

If you are under the age of 18, you must have this form signed by your parent or guardian in order to participate in the above mentioned activities at the Rendezvous.

Pre-registration Fee: (pre-registration deadline postmarked by June 28, 2013)

Old Timer: \$50.00 (\$75.00 Onsite registration), Young Bucks: \$35.00 (\$45.00 Onsite registration)

Optional Rendezvous T-Shirt (pre-order to assure your size will be available): \$10 (\$12 for XXL, \$13 for 3XL, \$14 for 4XL)

Check your size if you want to order an optional Adult size t-shirt: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Art Sullivan

311 Josey Ln

Red Oak, TX 75154

972-921-1087 – art.fcf@gmail.com

Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers. Include registration fee and optional T-Shirt fee.

Personal Medical Record

Applicant's Full Name

In case of emergency please notify:

Full Name

Daytime phone number Evening phone number

Insurance Information

Health Insurance Company Name

Policy Number

Certificate Number

Effective date of coverage

Insurance phone number

Health History

To be completed by the applicant (if over age 18) or by a parent/guardian if applicant is a minor (under age 18)
Has the applicant experienced the following? Check "Yes" or "No". If "Yes" explain under "Remarks and medical facts"

Sinus condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Skin infection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Exposed to infectious:	
Ear problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hearing difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disease past 3 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Lung problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Bad eyesight	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hepatitis past 6 mo	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Heart trouble	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Wear contact lenses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any disorder preventing strenuous activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any medical care within past year	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Taking prescription medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Allergy-Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any surgery within past year	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any reaction to drugs or medicine of any type	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Fainting/dizzy spells	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Special diet required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Appendix removed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

Food or drug allergies _____

I am currently taking the following medications _____

Remarks and medical facts: _____

Special dietary needs: : _____

Additional remarks _____

Give latest date of inoculation or vaccination against the following:

Tetanus	___/___/___	Small Pox	___/___/___
Measles	___/___/___	Typhoid	___/___/___
Diphtheria	___/___/___	Polio	___/___/___

Birth Date

___/___/___

Height

Weight

Parent/Guardian's name (print)

Parent/Guardian phone number

Parent/Guardian address

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent & Model Release (Required for all applicants under 18 years of age) I, the undersigned, as parent or legal guardian of the above named minor do hereby consent to his participation in this event and authorize the use of emergency medical care at the discretion of the adult event leadership. I further acknowledge my understanding that media footage, including audio, video and photos, may be recorded at this event for future promotional use and hereby consent to the use of such items containing images of my child in any form and relinquish all rights or ownership or compensation. It is further understood that acceptance of these terms is a condition of my child's participation in this event.

Print Complete Name of Minor

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Pastor's Certification (Required for all applicants 18 year of age or older) I, the undersigned, as Pastor of the above named adult participant do hereby acknowledge that his individual has been properly screened and approved for children or youth work in our church and provide my unqualified endorsement to his participation in this event.

Pastor's signature

Date

Applicant's Signature (Required for all applicants) I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that to the best of my knowledge, I qualify for participation in this event and do hereby agree to abide by the rules and standards established for this event by its appointed leadership. I acknowledge that the information provided on my Personal Medical Record is true and correct and I consent to the administration of emergency medical treatment at the discretion of the event leadership. I further acknowledge my understanding that media footage, including audio, video and photos, may be recorded at this event for future promotional use and hereby consent to the use of such items containing images of me in any form and relinquish all rights or ownership or compensation

Signature of Applicant

Date

How to make Char Cloth

by Big Horn



Cut cotton cloth into squares approximately one to two inches wide. An old t-shirt works very well. You can also try blue jean material, gun patch material, or cotton rope strands. The key is the material should be 100% cotton.

Place a few cotton squares or material loosely in a tin can. An old tin shoe polish can works great, Or you can purchase a quart paint can from the hardware store. Make sure the lid has a hole to allow the gases and fumes to escape.



Place the tin can on a fire source. A charcoal fire works well when at home. A good fire with a lot of coals works well when camping.

A flame will come from the hole on the top of the tin can. Let the flame burn until it goes out. The cotton cloth in the can should be charred. You may need to experiment with how long to leave the can in the fire. The smoke is the best indicator and you should not leave it long. Char that is left too long on the fire will not catch the spark well. Also if you do not leave it long enough it will not work. Brown spots on the cloth is not what you want to see.



Keep your char cloth in a tin can for safe keeping.

Cast Iron Basics

Article Author: Unknown

Cast Iron cookware has been a part of everyday life since man first learned how to melt metal and form it into useful items. Although heavy and not very practicable for individual trekking, properly seasoned cast iron pots and skillets add to the outdoor cooking experience. Historical accounts show cast iron cookware being a common item from the smallest homestead to the largest estate. Even the military used it the field, many times discarding it on the side of the path during a hasty retreat. Three-legged bean pots were a staple in the military. These were used to cook boiled meat over an open fire. Larger pots and cauldrons were used in the home. Skillets are used for frying, flat pans and Dutch ovens for baking.

The age of our cookware is usually not questioned during re-enactments. There are ways to date cookware. Gate marks, formed during the casting process, may be found on the bottom. These resemble welders beads, being $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and up to several inches long. If you have a piece of cast iron with these marks it was manufactured prior to 1890. Modern day, from 1890 till now, cast iron can be dated using the manufacturer's logo (found on the bottom) or the size number cast into the handle. Collecting cast iron could be the subject of a future article.

Several factors determine the worth and usefulness of cast iron cookware. Found at auctions, flea markets, and garage sales, used pieces are an excellent and inexpensive source of cookware. When buying used check carefully for pitting, excessive rust and the manufacturer. Excessive pitting and rust make the piece harder to season and cause food to stick in the crevices. Poor quality pieces, especially those manufactured in Asia, will not season properly and not heat evenly. Names like Griswold and Wagner derive quality but can be expensive. New cast iron, if properly cared for, will last a lifetime. Lodge, for example, is one of the popular, common brands. Do not neglect the importance of size. The number of people cooking for determines the size pot or pan needed. Small 3" skillets and one-pint bean pots are perfect for individuals with small appetites. Larger groups require skillets in the 12 to 25" range and 15-30 gallon cauldrons.

You have purchased a used piece of cast iron but you do not like the seasoned finish. What to do? Find yourself a large (5 gallon or larger) plastic container and mix 12 ounces of lye (Lewis is one brand name) for every 2 gallons water. Place the cast iron in the solution and soak for several days. The lye causes the oil/grease, the seasoning, to degrade. Check by scratching with your fingernail. When the seasoning flakes off the piece is done. Scour with a plastic brush or pad, then air dry in the sun. Lightly oil when dry. Do not put aluminum cookware in this solution, it will destroy it. To keep the solution fresh, skim off the old seasoning and add more lye and/or water. Cover and keep for your next piece.

Piece is rusty; mix one-gallon vinegar with four gallons water in a plastic container. Do not use a metal container. Submerge the cast iron and check it every day. Failure to check will cause the vinegar to eat the cast iron. Left long enough, the piece will disappear. Clean using a 10 thousands wire brush. Dry and lightly oil. Side notes, before discarding either solution, mix them together. This neutralizes each solution and makes it safe to discard in the sewer.

According to Lodge Mfg. "Seasoning is the process of allowing oil to be absorbed into the iron, creating a non-stick, rustproof finish." First, wash the cast iron completely with soap and water. Use a stiff brush

if necessary. It is best to use Crisco or Lard (melted) or Peanut Oil spread evenly over the entire surface. Do not use butter or margarine due to its salt content. For a used piece, follow these directions. Pre-heat your oven to 350 degrees. Place the piece on the rack, cooking side down, and use aluminum foil underneath to catch excess oil. Include the lid, also cooking side down. Bake for one hour and cool slowly in the oven.

New pieces use the same procedure as above but are baked in an oven at 250-300 degrees. Drain off excess oil after 15 minutes (remember the iron will be hot, use a good oven mitt to hold). Bake for one hour and cool in the oven to room temperature. For you married old timers or young bucks still living at home I recommend you season outside or when the better half / mom is out of town. The baking process causes a mighty fine smell to linger in your cabin.

Some do's and don'ts:

- Do use oven mitts, heavy gloves or fire irons when moving hot cast iron. It will burn you quickly (the voice of experience speaking).
- Do store pots with lids ajar or place a piece of paper towel inside to absorb moisture.
- Do season properly, failure to do so will cause food to turn black.
- Do cook foods with high fat content the first few times in newly seasoned cookware; this improves the seasoning.
- Do lightly oil and pre-heat bake ware prior to placing batter in it.
- Do use a trivet under hot pots to protect tables, etc. from burning.
- Do simmer food until ready to serve.
- Do keep the pot covered, keeps food hot.
- Do re-season whenever necessary.
- Do not place hot cast iron in cool water, it may crack.
- Do not use metal items to clean, causes seasoning to rub off.
- Do not cook soups, stews, etc. (high moisture and acid content) in newly seasoned cookware. These foods have a tendency to remove seasoning. Be aware you may need to re-season after cooking these types of foods.
- Do not store food in cast iron, it will cause the food to turn black and may ruin the seasoning.
- Do not burn out old food or grease as it also burns off the seasoning.

Ok partners, it's time to eat! Who's the cook?