

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

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Preparing For Family Days



From our FCF President

Trappers Brigade. I have heard from many commanders all the “reasons” for not turning in the hours of service we do that could count toward Trappers Brigade. The thing is we want our boys to work hard get their advancements, don’t we? We want our boys to do more than just enough to get by. We want to set them on fire for God so they will continue in the Royal Rangers ministry, right? Are we not here to “Evangelize, Equip, and Empower” boys and young men to become the next generation of “Christlike servant leaders”? We all know that as leaders we need to go through the training and get that recognition so the boys see us doing what we have been asking them to do. This way it sets an example for the boys of how important it is to get their advancements!

Your Trappers Brigade points are another extension of the same idea. It is the part of the servant leadership where you are leading by example and showing how important that is. You should turn in hours for every event you are volunteering at. It does not matter if it is Royal Rangers or church related or community related. Volunteer work is volunteer work. David Wilson is our current rep for Trappers Brigade. He has actually made it very easy for you to get these hours to him through the Presidential Volunteer Service Award site (www.presidentialserviceawards.gov; our record of service key is KZF-45700). I encourage you to log hours on this site as soon as you finish an event; you can even log future hours for reoccurring events. Just make sure to keep it honest. David can set you up in the system and you may be surprised at how many hours a year you really are volunteering. David can also give you the more specific guidelines as to what is Trappers Brigade and what is not, but you will be very surprised at how much is. Also do not forget your boys in this also; their points are important too!

The national Royal Rangers office monitors the volunteer hours submitted through the Trappers Brigade for FCF chapters through the chapter president’s report. Each year I have to let them know how many hours our members turn in, how many members are getting an advancement in Trappers Brigade, and how far they are advancing. This goes towards points to our 5 star rating as a chapter.

Here’s the reason I am bringing this to everyone’s attention. At this point in time we have 148 active members in our FCF chapter, but only about 20 have turned in any hours at all for this past year. Those 20 people have produced near 5000 hours of Trappers Brigade points! But what if we all turned in our hours? Would it not mean more points for our chapter? Why not give the national office an accurate picture of the great heart for helping others that we have here in NTX Shawnee Trail? Even more incredible would be for you to log your hours as you get them and you might be surprised at how much time you and your boys spend volunteering! That would be very good to build support from your pastor for your outpost, Missions trips, Pathfinders trips and ... dare I say National Rendezvous?

Just some thoughts on Trappers Brigade points and our advancements. Thank you for those who read to the end and who do something about it. Blessings to all.

Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow, Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter President
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NTX Shawnee Trail
Family Days 2013

"Not About Me"
Philippians 2:3-4

FCF Members,

The 2013 FCF Family Days camp will soon be here. The staff of the Shawnee Trail Chapter invites all members – active or inactive – to attend with their families. Also, non-members who are interested in the FCF ministry are also welcome to attend.

Camp starts Friday, October 18. You can come in anytime on Friday to set up. The first scheduled event is the missions auction Friday night. Donations of deserts and homemade FCF style craft items are encouraged. If you purchase a desert during the auction we encourage you to share it Friday night after the auction with another family; use this as an opportunity to get to know another family at camp.

Saturday morning we will open with a devotion after breakfast, and then the day's events start. There will be a Seneca Run competition, and craft demonstrations at individual lodges. All camp participants are encouraged to bring their frontier-related crafts and enter the Frontier Craft Competition (more info on this later in this packet). During the afternoon there will be a special historical food preservation demonstration and a frontier cooking class.

Our special speaker for the camp is Pastor Mike Howell from That Church in Corsicana. He will be speaking Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday night.

Saturday evening's meal is a pot luck dinner. Each family is encouraged to cook their meal and bring it to the pavilion to share with everyone. You will need your own plates and utensils for this meal. After the meal we will have another service with our speaker.

Sunday morning after breakfast we will again join together for our Sunday morning service. Camp will adjourn after this service, but you are welcome to take your time breaking camp. We do ask that all shelters be down and camp cleared by 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

During camp the Ollie Henley Lodge is open for ladies and girls only. For those who do not want to camp out, ladies and girls may sleep on one of the bunks in the lodge (first come, first served).

BACKGROUND CHECKS are required for all adults (anyone 18 years of age and older) who spend the night at camp. If you have already submitted a pastor's approval form with documentation on your background check for 2013 we have that on file. You can confirm that yours is on file by checking the list at http://ntxrr.org/events_pastor_approval.htm. If you do not have a pastor approval form on file, or you do not submit one with your pre-registration, you will not be able to spend the night at camp. No exceptions.

We hope that everyone will make plans to attend the 2013 Family Days!

Shawnee Trail Chapter Staff

Family Days 2013 Schedule

Friday, October 18

- 5:00 pm Registration opens
- 8:00 pm Missions auction at pavilion

Saturday, October 19

- 9:00 am Morning devotion
- 10:00 am-noon Seneca Run, Craft Item Demonstrations at individual lodges
- Noon-1:00 pm Events closed for lunch
- 1:00-5:00 pm Seneca Run, Craft Item Demonstrations, and Trade Item Judging
- 2:00 Food Preservation Class
- 3:00 Frontier-style Cooking Class
- 6:00 pm Pot luck dinner
- 8:00 pm Evening service

After the evening service there will be a Round Robin trade blanket (see details later in packet)

Sunday, October 20

- 10:00 am Morning service
- 5:00 pm Camp secured (closed) – Everyone should be out of camp

Schedule is subject to change prior to start of Family Days.

Activities on Saturday will include:

- Seneca Run – consists of knife and tomahawk throwing, and archery and black powder shooting. The Seneca Run will take place in the small valley west of the barn, and contrary to the name, it does not involve running. Teams of four will compete in the Seneca run, and scores for females will count double that of the scores for males. Available 10-12 and 1-5 on Saturday.
- Necklace making (using your Family Days medallion; there will be a prize for the best necklace that is made at camp)
- Frontier Craft Competition (see more information later in this info packet)
- Round Robin trade blanket – approximately 15 minutes after the evening services ends on Saturday night. Everyone has the opportunity to bring their trade items and one by one you place an item or items you would like to trade on the blanket. Everyone else has the opportunity to inspect your item (without touching it, and by candle lantern light only) and if they would like to trade for it, they place their offered items on the blanket. You then get to inspect what is offered for your item and if you find something you like, you complete the trade. If nothing is offered that you want to trade for, you can withdraw your item from the blanket. Either way, after your turn the person next to you gets to put their item(s) on the blanket and the process repeats itself.

There will also be:

- Frontier-style cooking demonstrations
- Food preserving demonstrations
- Craft demonstrations at individual lodges

Shawnee Trail Camp Pre-Registration

2013 Family Days, October 18-20, 2013

(Complete one form for each family unit¹)

Name _____ Outpost # _____

Address _____

Email (if updated needed) _____

Please enter information below for each person registering (form must be submitted if N)

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>FCF Dues Status</u> <small>(Act, Inact, Arch)</small>	<u>Age</u> <small>(OT, YB, AD, CH)</small>	<u>Adv</u> <small>(F, B, W)</small>	<u>Pastor</u> <small>(Y/N)</small>	<u>Background</u> <small>(Y/N)</small>
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Registration Fees

	Pre-registered (postmarked by October 5)	Registration at Camp
Family (2 – 6 campers)	\$35 (active member) \$45 (inactive member or non-member) \$5 each additional over 6 campers <i>(use second registration form for additional names for same family)</i>	\$55 (active member) \$65 (inactive member or non-member) \$5 each additional over 6 campers
The family rate is for members of your immediate family (husband, wife, and minor children). Extended family members, or non-family members, need to register separately.		
Individual	\$20 / \$30 (OT active/inactive) \$15 / \$25 (YB active/inactive)	\$30 / \$40 (OT active/inactive) \$20 / \$30 (YB active/inactive)
Day Visitor (Non-FCF member)		\$5, no medallion and may not win any competitions <i>“Individual FCF members visiting during the day will pay the full camp rate”</i>

Camp Fee Paid: _____

FCF Dues Paid: _____ Names: _____

Total Paid: _____

Mail registration forms to: NTX Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838

¹ A family unit consists of the parents and minor children; extended family members need to register as their own family unit.

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Knife and Black Powder Permission Form



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 his 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.

Signature of Parent or guardian

Date

If you do not want your son, _____ participating in any of the above activities 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 Trace and/or Rendezvous.

Parents please complete:

Name of Minor: _____

Name of Parent completing form: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone and work phone: Home _____ Work _____

Age _____ Birth date of minor: _____

Any information we should know about:

**2013 North Texas District
Adult Registration Form (For EVERYONE 18 years old or older)**

Complete one of these forms for each adult who is registering for a district Royal Rangers event during 2013. The pastor's signature is required. The form may be signed by the senior pastor or a staff pastor who is familiar with the adult who is attending the event. Complete contact information, church information, and background check information is required.

If a copy of this form has already been submitted at a previous 2013 district Royal Rangers camp then the pastor's signature is not required for this camp. If you need to verify that a form has been submitted previously, e-mail jonathan.trower@hot.rr.com to confirm, or check the list at http://ntxrr.org/events_pastor_approval.htm

Form must be completely filled out and signed by your pastor to be valid.

Name (only one person per form) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Outpost Number _____

Church Name _____ Church City _____

Pastor's Certification for Church Worker/Adult: I am personally acquainted with the adult applicant for the North Texas District Royal Rangers camps, and in my opinion he is a competent and qualified youth worker. I know of no facts or allegations that raise any questions concerning his suitability for working with minors in any Royal Rangers activity. The church has on file the applicant's youth workers screening form. I acknowledge that my certification of this church worker/adult is good from now through the end of 2013.

Background Check Information (must have been completed within the past two years)

Date criminal background check was completed: _____

Name of company used for background check: _____

Results of background check: _____

If the background check revealed issues relevant to working with children, provide a detailed explanation on the back of this form.

Pastor's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Position _____ Date _____

Reproduce this form as needed; one copy is needed for each adult attending an overnight event

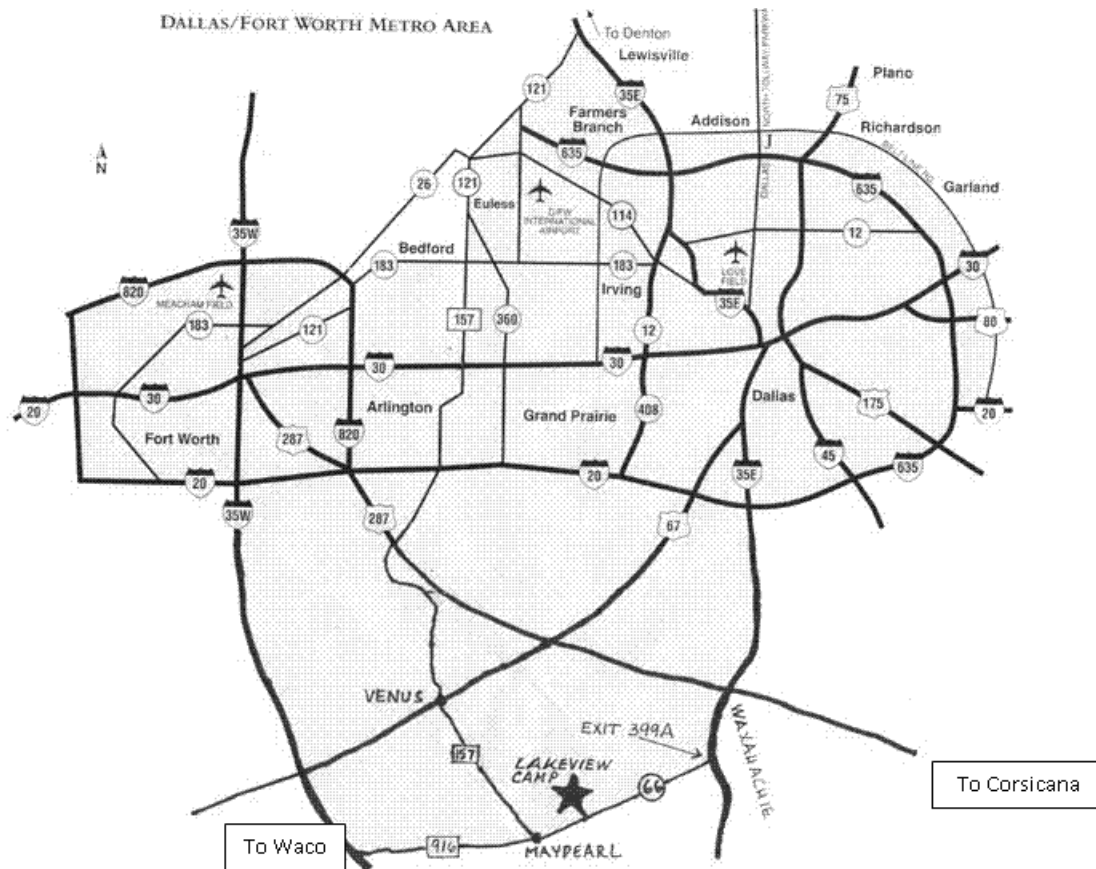
Camp Rules and Information

- Registration will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday; you must register before you can spend the night at camp
- You may set up anytime on Friday.
- No dogs or other animals allowed.
- All guns must be unloaded and in cases when in camp.
- Vehicles are only allowed in camp for the purposes of off-loading or loading camping gear for one hour only. All vehicles must be parked in the parking area after off-loading. Permission to move a vehicle from the parking area must be obtained from the FCF President.
- All fires must be small and contained in a barrel. DO NOT dig holes in fields. All fire wood must be removed from the field.
- No digging in the parade field for any reason. We have winter camp within a very few weeks of Family Days and we want our parade field, and especially the altar area, to look nice and to be free of holes.
- All trash must be placed in trash containers or hauled out with you when leaving. ALL TRASH must be hauled away. DO NOT LEAVE IT AT CAMP.
- Attendance at all assemblies and services is required of all campers. You should be on time. Attendance at services is not optional. You must stay until the service is over.
- NO HANDGUNS allowed in camp.

I have read and agree to cooperate with the camp rules. I will see to it that my group is aware of and abides by the rules.

Signature _____

Directions to Lakeview



Coming from Dallas

Take I-35E south to the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Camp and Conference entrance).

Coming from Fort Worth

Take I-35W south exiting onto Highway 67 in Alvarado. Turn left on Highway 67. In Venus, turn right on 157. In Maypearl, turn left on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 2.5 miles ahead on the left.

Coming from Waco

Take I-35W north as you leave Hillsboro. Exit on FM 66 at Itasca. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 2.5 miles past Maypearl on the left side of the road.

Coming from Corsicana

Take 287 to Waxahachie, exiting onto I-35E south. From I-35E south take the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Camp and Conference entrance).

FCF Family Days Craft and Trade Contest

There's going to be something new this year at FCF Family Days! And it is a new contest! Want to know what kind of contest?

Yeah, I bet you do!!

Well, almost every member of FCF likes to make things that they can and will use in their outfit, or that they can trade with other members to get things that you need! Plus you need a trade to advance to Buckskin (and we ALL want to advance, don't we?) So this year we have come up with a Craft and Trade Contest!!

Yep, you can enter whatever kind of item you want to enter. Each item will be judged on its own merits, not in comparison to the other items entered. It's kind of hard to compare a Pure Heart wood box to a Spotted Bull shooting pouch! But the items will be judged according to period correctness in construction, materials and authenticity. Points will also be awarded for how well your item is made. And, there will also be points awarded for your documentation!

What's documentation?

Documentation is the history, often written, of who used it, where they used it and how they used. Yes, there will be a form that you fill out to give the judges that information. And yes, there will be some neat and interesting prizes, that will vary by who and how many enter.

And YES, this is open to ladies of all ages!! So, ladies, make up something really cool and enter it in the contest. But, you need to make up your OWN maker's mark...like a totem... and put it on the item. That will get you bonus points!!

So EVERYONE dig out your leather or wood or beads or fur or metal or whatever you want to make something from and make it into your best item EVER! Because all of the items entered into the contest MUST be donated to the FCF store...so we can have some TOP quality items for sale in the store!

Let's make this a huge success and something we can do every year!

Thanks,

Spotted Bull

Family Days Craft Judging Documentation Information

(Submit this form with your item)

Item: _____

Your Name: _____ Your Maker's Mark: _____

Period Correctness: Describe the materials used, the construction techniques, and whether the materials and techniques would be considered authentic to the time period for which it was intended.

Historic Information: Describe the people that would have used this item, what time period (within 5 years) would this item have been used and how and why this item would have been used. Be as specific as possible.

Craft/Trade Item Judging Criteria

Here are the judging criteria the judges will use in this competition.

- ❖ Each item is to be judged on its OWN merits. Do not compare apples to oranges. Don't try to compare a wooden box to a leather bag.
- ❖ Judge only the item and the documentation provided, not the maker or what they might have inferred with the documentation or item.
- ❖ Period Correctness
 - Were the materials used in the construction of the item materials that would have been readily available during the time period represented?
 - Were the construction techniques used in making the item like those that were used to construct similar items during the period represented?
 - Is the item correct for the time period represented?
- ❖ Visual or Aesthetic Appeal
 - How well is the item made? What is the quality of the craftsmanship?
 - Is the design of the item balanced? Everything straight and/or centered that needs to be? Decoration evenly distributed?
 - Is the item functional or is it an artistic item? If functional, score how functional you think the item is. If Artistic, how artistic is the item?
- ❖ Documentation Provided
 - Examine the paper attached to the item, and decide for yourself how the documentation explains the item by answering the three items on the score sheet.
- ❖ Maker's Mark and Judges Choice Points
 - Add 1 point for the inclusion of a maker's mark, or totem on the item.
 - Add 1 point for no other reason that you want to!

Most importantly, be honest and have fun! There is a space provided for judge's comments. Please use this section to add comments on how to improve the item, or whatever else you want to add, but make sure that the comments are positive in nature! We want to lift up, not tear down!

FCF Asst. Scout Appointed

Matthew 20:16

Young men, never give up. God has his eyes on you! I want to tell you a true story about a young man. His name is Mark Robert Oliver. He is well known among the Rangers as a leader and a young man full of adventure and fun. I had the honor and privilege to be part of the team with our FCF president "Pure Heart" to talk with this man for assistant scout for the Shawnee Trail Chapter. I saw the score cards from the original selection of our Scout and Assistant Scout from last year's competition. The scores of these candidates were so close it was unbelievable. It would be so easy to throw in the towel and give up and have a bitter taste in one's mouth. Pure Heart and the "Ole" Prospector prayed before meeting with Mark, praying the Holy Spirit would guide this young man before he gave an answer to the call. Would he step up to this place of honor or turn it down? (God only knew) We looked into Mark's eyes to try and read his mind before he answered this call to duty. We believe all positions on staff are called by the power of God, from president to chaplain, to scout, to assistant scout these are all called by the Holy Spirit. It seemed like forever before Mark said yes. I was on the side porch of the lodge so I was able to reach my arms around this big young man and celebrate gaining him on our staff. Matthew 20:16 says "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen." Mark I believe you were chosen. So stand up and serve as you never have before.

In His service

Prospector, FCF Chaplain

It is difficult to know how a young man will respond to what seems like a failure at the time. One never knows how he will CHOOSE to respond to adversity and the things life brings, and that the devil brings to him. God knows though. He knows what will work best to mold and shape us all into the men of God he wants us to be. He has called us all to do for him. Truthfully it is God who does these things through all of us if we will submit to Him and yield our heart and choices to what we know to be His will. It is not always easy... the tasks get harder for as we get stronger in the Lord he is always challenging us. My son Matthew lifts weights and I've never seen a dedicated weight lifter say "that's enough, 300lb bench press is all I want." No, instead he pushes to 301 then 305 then 310. In the same way God pushes us to grow but He does give us choices to make. If we choose to be offended that can hinder our spiritual growth as well as breed bitterness in our heart and shut down our desire for the good things of God. Being a scout or assistant scout is not always easy but doing God's will and being willing to allow God to lead others though you (though at times a challenge) will help you and others grow in Christ. Congratulations, Mark, on your choice and we are all here to help please ask and let us hear some feedback from you and the boys. Be in prayer for these boys you are leading and remember be careful where you go because as a leader there is always someone following. Blessings to you, Mark Robert Oliver, on accepting the assistant scout position; it is a position you earned.

Ron Goodnow, FCF President

The Medicine Pouch

By Prospector

I have been asked many times how I came up with this idea of a medicine pouch. An old gentleman (Sunny Michel) from our church used to give away round red glass drops to people and said it was a reminder of the saving and healing blood of Jesus. He would say there is no greater power than that! Since I was in FCF, I thought I should put this together with what the Indians did. They had a medicine bag (pouch). It was a traditional North American Indian container for various items of supernatural power. While anyone may have one, usually it would be the medicine man, or shaman, of a tribe who would carry one. As something that holds supernatural items, the medicine bag must also have some power of its own. They most often held things such as animal furs, special stones, or anything that meant something to the owner. No person, apart from the owner, was allowed to look inside this bag. When the owner died, they were buried with it. This information was found on Wikipedia.

The Holy Spirit put this in my mind: This necklace I made with my symbol on it is to bless you (in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ). I am a member of Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, a part of Royal Rangers, a ministry to evangelize, equip, and empower men and boys for Christ. The symbol is my totem. In the mid-1700s men



often could not read or write so they came up with a mark to represent them. My mark (totem is a cross and a pick) stands for mining souls for Christ. I am known as the Prospector. The Indians made necklaces and put a medicine pouch on them to keep away evil spirits and to perform healing. They would put in different herbs or stones to protect one's body and soul. I have put in a red glass drop to represent the blood of Jesus. There is no greater protection or healing medicine than the blood of Christ! Please keep this and remember there is no greater power than the blood of Jesus Christ.

Love in His Service,
Prospector (Lee Fogleman)



2013 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous



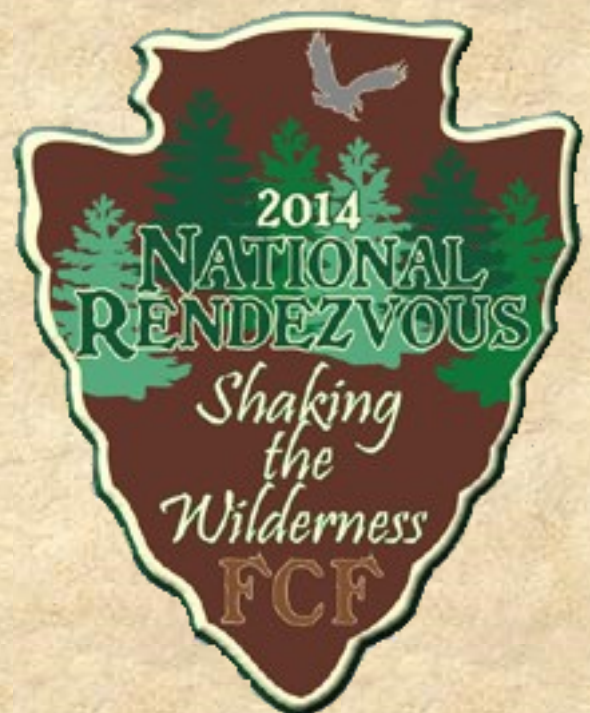
The 2013 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous was a HUGE success! We had AWESOME weather! We had AWESOME sunsets and sunrises! We had AWESOME scenery! We had AWESOME competitions between chapters! We had AWESOME events to participate in!

But most importantly, we had AWESOME moves of God happen to darn near everybody from Shawnee Trail! Yup, hearts were touched and lives were changed! There was AWESOME praise and worship led by Warren Weitner and company. The AWESOME National FCF President Paul “Grey Owl” Walters challenged us each night to be Warriors for Christ! The altars were filled with men and young men wanting to make a change in themselves in order to make a change in the world around them!

Did I mention that there were some AWESOME chapter games held each morning? Yup there were. And you wanna know who won the Golden Buffalo for 2013? Do you wanna know what the Golden Buffalo award is? The Golden Buffalo is awarded to the chapter that has the most points at the end of the week, garnered from the chapter games, participation in events and so forth. The Indian Nation Chapter from Oklahoma had won the last three times at Territorial. But that winning streak has come to an end! Shawnee Trail walked away with the victory! But Oklahoma has vowed to whip us at the next Territorial in 2015 in Oklahoma. So we have to bring a LOT, a BUNCH, a HUGE group of FCF members to Territorial in 2015. This means that we have until 2015 to TRIPLE our membership...at least!

There were lots of awards given out at Territorial for the black powder trail walk, archery trail walk, hawk and knife trail walk, and rock throwing trail walk. Several guys from Shawnee Trail walked away with prizes. Then there was the overall Old Timer and overall Young Buck award! While we didn't win the overall Old Timer, our very own Nick Kohn won an AWESOME new rifle as the overall Young Buck at the 2013 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous!! So everyone give Nick a handshake and a pat on the back!

Did I mention that everyone seemed to have an AWESOME time? Would you like to go to a rendezvous and have an AWESOME time too? Well there is one coming up in 2014. The 2014 National FCF Rendezvous will be held at Camp Eagle Rock in Missouri July 14-18, 2014. We took 50 people to Territorial this year. We have close to 150 active members on our FCF rolls. There is no reason why we can't take ALL the members of Shawnee Trail Chapter to National Rendezvous next year! Let's start making plans and raising money to get there. We are going to “Shake the Wilderness”!!



Another Thought

I was praying for our staff and it dawned on me how many of the staff members are under attack. I know that may seem strange but we are all struggling with things and feel as though we are constantly under attack. Some of these are physical, some are financial, some are things we fight everyday to be free of to be more like Jesus so we can be more effective for Jesus.

We have Family Days coming up and the theme is "Not About Me." How fitting for us to be reminded that our works, our focus, all we do really should be about Jesus and those he has placed on/in our path to mentor, teach, minister to, pray for, learn from. We are then to trust God to take care of our needs as he has entrusted us to take care of His work. All of us have been experiencing a strong push back from the enemy who wants to stop the forward progress of Royal Rangers, FCF and other ministries that focus on mentoring young boys and men to be "Lifelong Christlike servant leaders." I want to reach as many boys and men to this end as possible. We need to do this. We really do have the tools needed to equip the current and next generations to take this country back for God and to continue spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

I have been given a terrifying privilege to lead our FCF chapter to greater and higher places in Christ Jesus and I do so with my boots shaking and a humble heart. Our chapter staff is very much on board but has also come under attack. This is the enemy trying to stifle the work we have begun with such diligence and fervor.

I ask that we be ever mindful of the goal here and be praying for our leadership in our country, state, cities, counties, as well as Royal Rangers and FCF. Be ready to encourage one another and have a wonderful refreshing and soaking from God as we come together as a family. Be ready to give an encouraging word or minister to another in need however God leads you. Be ready to receive the word from pastor Mike Howell of That Church in Corsicana at Family Days. He is my pastor, but also a full supporter of Royal Rangers and FCF. He Loves God and only preaches the Word. I know that you will all be blessed. Be ready with a love offering and let's have a great Family Day Camp. Don't forget we have a craft fair going on with some great prizes as well as a cooking show and some guest coming so let's get prayed up and remember that it's "Not About Me" and we will have a great Family Days time together as a big family.

Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow, Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter President

Psalm 51:10 NIV "...Create in me a Pure Heart Oh God and a steadfast Spirit..."

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Buckskin Call

Calling ALL frontiersmen! Ya'll listening? Is there anybody out there? ~~cricket sounds~~

Well maybe somebody will hear me! Winter Camp is fast approaching! Ya'll know what that means? Well, besides the fact that it's getting cooler.

Yup, it's the last time this year that you will be able to test for Buckskin! And you know ya wanna test for Buckskin! Come on! Admit it! You know you do!

If you test for Buckskin in November, you can spend all of next year getting ready for Wilderness Vigil! No really you could!

So get all your merits finished, get a name and a verse and a trade and an ID staff and an outfit and a trade and trade items and practice STICKING the hawk and knife in the target and practice starting a fire and cooking a nice meal to feed the Bull and memorize the pledge and the logs in the Fire and fill out the paperwork and finish your workbook and...

Boys and Leaders

- Earn the following merit awards: Church, Knife and Hawk, Archery or Black Powder
- Participate in one additional Frontier Adventure (besides your own)
- Make, trade, or purchase a complete FCF outfit
- Recite from memory the FCF pledge
- Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol
- State the vision and purpose of FCF
- Make a FCF identification staff
- Select a frontier related craft or trade to develop
- Select a FCF name
- Complete the Buckskin Workbook (sent by the chapter after applying for this level)
- Be an active FCF member in good standing for one year



Boys Only

- Earn the Bronze Medal of Achievement or one Expedition Ranger Medal.

Leaders Only

- Sponsor a boy into FCF (must be in last 3 years).
- Earn the Safety Leader Outpost Advancement Level.
 - * Safety and the Church module
 - * First Aid / CPR Course
 - * Complete Safety Ticket
- Earn the Trained Leader Outpost Leader Advancement Level.
 - * Complete NTC or NRMC
 - * Complete the Trained ticket

Oh yeah...get a good sponsor! And he can help you get all of this ready! And he can pray for you...and with you!

Sponsors, if you agree to be a sponsor, work with your candidate! Pray with your candidate! Pray FOR your candidate! Make sure that your candidate succeeds!

And don't forget this! Your big ole mean buckskin rep is ALWAYS here to help you! My email and Facebook and texts are always checked! I'm easy to reach!!

If there is a guy out there that needs to sponsor someone, for Buckskin or Wilderness advancement, and you just can't find somebody, let us know and we can help you out!!

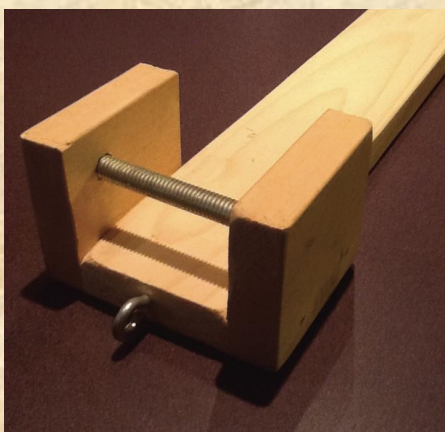
Keep You Powder Dry!

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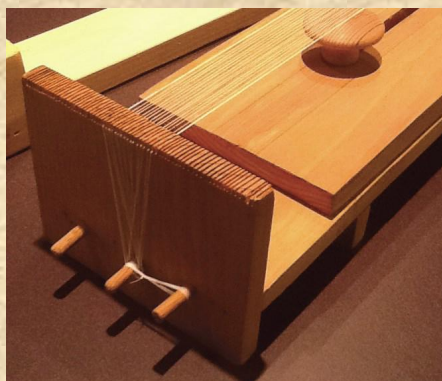
Native American Beadwork



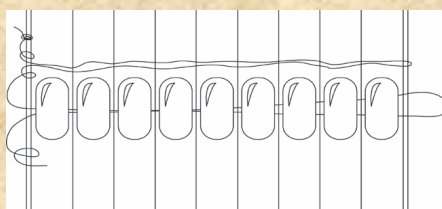
I had a unique upbringing, traveling full time with my family all across America. When I was about the age twelve, my father took us on the road in full time ministry. One of the places that still stands out in my memory is the times we ministered at the American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. Between services, I spent a lot of time getting to know the students and spending time with them in the cafeteria/ rec room. I had the opportunity to watch and learn how to do Native American beadwork. I'd like to pass on some of what I've learned and have enjoyed doing for several years by sharing with you how to create a strip of bead work on a loom.



A loom can be easily made with very little materials. A flat piece as the bottom a little longer than the finished project, and two uprights at each end. Notches, a hair comb, threaded rod, or anything that could help separate the threads will work well on the uprights. As your skill grows, your loom can get more refined to your needs.



Plan your design out on graph paper, or just "wing it" if you feel like it. I always use an odd count bead row. This gives me a center row for points or geometric shapes used in my designs. The design is completely up to you, just remember to add a one thread more than your bead row. The threads on each end should be doubled. This will make it stronger if you intend to sew your finished project onto something.

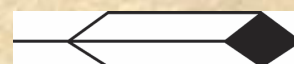


Start by tying a knot at the end of your beading thread to your outside edge double set of loom threads. Weave the beading thread over and under the loom threads until you reach the other side. Loop around the other set of end threads, bringing it back, weaving this time above the loom thread you just went under previously and vice versa. Then begin adding the beads. I find it easier to put onto the beading thread the full row of beads, then

from underneath the loom threads, push up so that each bead is between a loom thread. Loop over the outside end loom thread set, then while still pushing the beads up from the bottom, thread the needle back through the beads, this time going over the top of the loom threads. This locks the beads into place. Repeat the steps until you have reached the desired length of your project. Complete a couple of rows without beads just like at the beginning. Cut the loom threads off the loom, leaving enough to knot and sew onto your project and then you are done!

I hope you have lots of fun beading and creating your own designs. The next article we will take a look at rosettes. See ya then!

-Michael "Bald Eagle" Clay



next time: Rosettes!



New Buckskin Members

There was a time here recently that we did not have any young buck members who were Buckskin! All of the previous young bucks made Wilderness. At the 2013 Territorial Rendezvous in New Mexico, we remedied that situation! We now have four new Buckskin members, who just happen to be young bucks!

It was a beautiful night out there on The Range. Our FCF National President delivered a great message on being a Warrior! The altar call was fantastic, as usual in FCF events! Then we had the ceremony! From what I understand, there had never been a Buckskin ceremony at a Territorial Rendezvous for our territory. So we had the National FCF President, the National FCF Vice President, the Territorial Representative and the Territorial Scribe all in attendance! The Tribunal was made up of the Chapter Presidents from around the Territory! Needless to say, I was a little bit nervous!

But our new Buckskin members made me proud. Their sponsors spoke very highly of them. They all spoke well about their names and the verses that inspired that name and how that name and verse will help them make an impact for Christ on people that are interested in FCF.

These new members are:

Daniel "Brave Heart" Kohn is a soap maker

Tanner "River Runner" Farley is a necklace maker

Austin "Burning Bush" Marshall is a carpenter/ box maker

Heath "Big Fish" Marshall is a necklace maker

I would like to personally thank all the guys for the awesome gifts that were given to the mean old Buckskin rep! You guys are excellent examples of what a Buckskin member should be. Now you have to watch how you lead, because others are going to want to follow you.

Watch Your Top Knot, Spotted Bull



August Black Powder Shooters Course

August 23-24, eleven guys got together with us at the Ollie Henley Lodge to earn their Black Powder Safety merit. Spotted Bull and Lawman were the instructors Friday evening. They taught the guys about the origins and history of muzzle loading firearms as well as types of black powder and black powder substitutes. The 9 young bucks and 2 old timers also learned about shooting positions and some tips on sighting and shooting at the range.

Saturday morning, Spotted Bull's wife Grey Dove joined him to instruct. She helped by instructing on the proper care and loading of a muzzle loader. After lunch, the group went to the range to put into action what they had learned in the classroom. While the flintlock rifle was a bit temperamental and needed a new flint, the cap lock rifles went off reliably. All the students had to shoot both a cap lock and a flintlock as part of the class. Most of them even shot both more than once.

After the range time, the real fun began. Rifles were cleaned and polished out on the porch of the lodge. Everybody got their hands wet and the job was finished quickly. After the cleaning, everyone went back into the classroom, where it was MUCH cooler! Spotted Bull passed out the final exams.

Yep, there is a test.

Everyone passed and received their patches and certificates and shooters cards! Overall, I would say...it was a blast!

Congratulations to the following guys for completing the course:

FCF Members

Joshua Carson
Samuel Carson
Tanner Farley
Austin Marshall
Brian Marshall (OT)
Ben Nelon
Matthew Reagan

Non-FCF Members

Tyler Mize
Rick Reagan (OT)
Jacob Sanders
Weston Smith





Assistance Needed for John Eller's Wife

Attention all Shawnee Trail Members...

It has recently come to my attention that the widow of our first National FCF President, John Eller, is in desperate need of assistance in paying off the bill to the hospital that treated John before he passed away. The debt is substantial. I would like to dedicate our Friday night Family Days auction to Mrs. Eller. This will help towards the remaining debt. I hope you will all come with open and giving hearts. I personally know how generous our FCF Chapter is and how generous we can be. I know there are many of us hurting as well, yet the promises of God are yes and Amen. God promises to bless the giver and rebuke the devil for His name sake. We have an opportunity to trust God to take care of our needs while we do His work and help a sister in need. It must be very hard to lose a spouse but even harder to have the debts from your spouse haunting you. I ask you all be ready to give to this worthy cause for the sake of a fellow servant in Christ. As men we are often the one visibly making the sacrifice of time, money, and efforts. Yet, the unsung heroes are the wives who support us in our ministry. Our wives also go without so we can spend money and time (that I am sure most wives could put to good use) in this vital ministry. Let's prayerfully consider what God would have us do and bring our best most generous offering to the auction. I ask that North Texas FCF brothers be faithful to Mrs. Eller, and help the wife of a faithful FCF brother who has gone home to be with our Jesus.....

Thank you all,

Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow
Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter President

Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 2013 paid dues as of 9/22/2013)

	Active YB (2013)	Inactive YB (2012, 2011, 2010)	Archived YB (before 2010 / after 2000)	Active OT (2013)	Inactive OT (2012, 2011, 2010)	Archived OT (before 2010 / after 2000)	Historical YB & OT (before 2000)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	85	0	14	18	35	166	457	775
Buckskin	4	0	1	10	10	33	48	106
Wilderness	2	0	0	29	3	28	25	87
Total	91	0	15	57	48	227	530	968

Shawnee Trail History

Do you know when the North Texas District Royal Rangers FCF Chapter received its name? Here is an excerpt from the Jan-Feb-Mar 1972 issue of the Long Tom (North Texas FCF Newsletter).

“The North Texas Chapter F.C.F. now has a name. The “SHAWNEE TRAIL”. The National office gave us the “OK on this name and the members said it was “OK” with you. The SHAWNEE TRAIL started somewhere around Waco Texas, came north thru the Dallas Fort Worth area and on north into Oklahoma.

This trail may not be as well known as the Chisholm trail, but this one went right through the North Texas District. What can be more representative of our area than that. The LONG TOM will still be the name of our changer paper however.

More information about the SHAWNEE TRAIL will be printed in future papers. It may be that you have something about the SHAWNEE TRAIL and you want to pass it along to the others, send it in so we can publish it.”

2013 Traditional Muzzleloading Association Texas Rendezvous

Spotted Bull will be hosting a rendezvous for the Traditional Muzzleloading Association at our Royal Rangers campground December 6-8, 2013. This is not a North Texas Royal Rangers or Shawnee Trail FCF event; this is a secular rendezvous, but it is open to our FCF members and their families. This is a pretty family friendly group and there will be no drugs, alcohol or tobacco products allowed on our campground. Keep in mind that non-FCF members will not have the same background form on file that FCF members will have.

I HIGHLY encourage as many FCF members as possible to come out and meet some of these guys. Let's show them what FCF and Royal Rangers is ALL about! Two years ago, the TMA donated three brand new black powder rifles for the Chapter to use at training and shooting events that we hold! So come put up your canvas and compete and have some great fellowship!



The TMA / Shawnee Trail Winter Rendezvous December 6-8, 2013 Early set up available on December 5!

Come out and be a part of the first ever joint Rendezvous for the Traditional Muzzleloading Association and the Shawnee Trail Chapter of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship! Pre-1840 attire and equipment are desired from Friday evening until Sunday morning after Church service. A general "laid-back" atmosphere will prevail with informal but intense competitions taking place in:

Black Powder Rifle

Hawk and Knife Throwing

Fire Starting

Archery

Camp fee will be \$10 per person or \$15 for a family with walk-ins \$5. Some wood is available to be gathered. Water on site with hot showers and bathrooms. No tobacco products or alcoholic beverages are allowed in camp. Contact David "Spotted Bull" Shook for more information and directions at davidshook1970@outlook.com.

2013-2014 FCF Calendar of Events

Oct 6-12 Royal Rangers Week at your local church
 Oct 18-20 FCF Family Days
 Oct 25-27 National Rangers Ministry Camp (NRMCC)
 Nov 8-10 District Winter Camp
 Dec 14 FCF Christmas Banquet
 Dec 26-29 Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA)

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 Jan 4 RR Staff Meeting
 Jan 10-11 Children's Leaders Retreat
 Feb 21-23 FCF Brush Poppin'
 March LEAD Conference
 Apr 12 Camp Workday
 Apr 25-27 District Pow Wow

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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