

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

February 2014

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IMPORTANT

Upcoming

Deadlines

Scout / Asst. Scout Testing

Bull Snorts

National Rendezvous

Black Powder Course

Scout / Asst. Scout Testing

Every two years (even years), North Texas selects new FCF scouts to represent the boys of the Shawnee Trail.

Do you have active FCF boys in your outpost that would like to test for Scout / Asst. Scout? This year's testing will be held at Pow Wow, however, all the paperwork for each candidate is due to the district office by March 28th. All applications and forms must be submitted by this time. Please do not hand them to an FCF staff member but send them to the district office.

The following forms must be submitted to the district office

(NTX Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838).

1. Scout Application - page 3 & 4
2. Personal Reference Form (3 required) - page 5

Qualifications

- He must be a born again Christian and should be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- He must demonstrate an upstanding reputation and a willingness to serve the district office in an enthusiastic and responsible manner.
- He must be at least Adventure Ranger age but under the age of 18 at time of selection.
- He must be active in a local outpost.
- He should complete one full year of active FCF membership before consideration for the chapter scout.
- He must be willing to travel on behalf of the district Royal Rangers office.
- He must be able to attend chapter staff meetings and events throughout his term.
- He must practice and become proficient in all frontier skills and knowledgeable of FCF safety rules and regulations.
- He should be working toward becoming a Wilderness member or attain Wilderness status within 2 years of taking office.

Duties

The chapter scout is selected to provide leadership among other boys in FCF. He is also tasked with providing a boy's perspective of FCF to the adult leadership. His responsibilities include the following:

- Assist in planning, organizing and conducting FCF events.
- Learn from district leadership and accept responsibilities as assigned.
- Serve as a role model for other boys.
- Conduct periodic planning and information meetings consisting of the FCF boy membership within the Chapter. 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. The Young Buck meeting should be held at an FCF event which draws the maximum number of FCF boys. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the membership of boys to voice their opinions and feelings on any part of FCF. The scout will be responsible for the minutes of this meeting. He will distribute a copy of the minutes to the FCF executive committee not later than four (4) weeks after the meeting is held.
- Maintain an FCF outfit and wear his outfit (or outfits) at all events.
- Attend the FCF sponsored events in his chapter, territory and strive and to attend National Rendezvous.
- Attend chapter staff and Committee meetings.
- Assist in the planning and conducting of FCF events.
- Responsible for building and lighting council fires at chapter and special FCF events.



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FCF SCOUT APPLICATION

This application is to be used to submit your name to be considered for Sectional Scout / Assistant, Chapter Scout / Assistant, and Territorial Scout / National Scout.

Date _____ FCF Name _____
 Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____
 Church _____ Section _____ Outpost# _____
 Level: Sectional Chapter Territorial/National

1. Year entered Royal Rangers _____ Year entered FCF _____
 Adventure Ranger Expedition Ranger Present Advancement Rating _____
 Frontiersmen Buckskin Wilderness
 Total Bible Merits Earned _____ Total Skill Merits Earned _____
Trappers Brigade: Company Trapper Bourgeois Free Trapper # _____ Pathfinder

2. Check all advancements that you have earned.
 Gold Falcon Gold Hawk Gold Eagle
 Bronze Medal of Achievement Silver Medal of Achievement Gold Medal of Achievement
 ER Achievement Medal ER Activities Medal ER Service Medal ER Leadership Medal

3. What leadership positions have you held in your outpost?
 Asst Patrol Leader Patrol Leader Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader Sr. Patrol Leader Jr. Commander
 Outpost Scout Communications Spec. Historian Chaplains Aide Gear Manager
 What position do you presently hold in the outpost? _____

4. Camps (Check all that you have attended in the last 12 months)
 National Camporama National Rendezvous Territorial Rendezvous
 Camporee / Powwow Chapter Trace Frontier Adventure
 Winter Trace Primitive Trek FCF Business Meeting
 Check all training camps you have attended
 DTC ATC JTC AJTC JCE JTT JSC
 JMC JAC JWC Elite JLC Junior Academy

5. How many outpost campouts did you attend during the last 12 months? _____
 6. Did you bring any friends to Royal Rangers in the past 12 months? No Yes If Yes, # _____
 7. List any sports, clubs, or special activities you participate in at school or other venues.

8. Please list any hobbies or musical activities you are involved in.



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Personal Commitment

I realize the importance of displaying integrity, respect, and courtesy at my outpost and at sectional, district, regional, and national events that I may attend as a scout.

_____	_____
<i>Candidate's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
<i>Signature of Parent/Guardian</i>	<i>Date</i>

Endorsements

After completing the application, you must get your outpost coordinator's and pastor's approval. You will also need to distribute the Personal Reference forms.

_____	_____
<i>Outpost Coordinator's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

If 18, please verify the below statement before signing. If a minor, there is no need for the youth worker's screening form. However, the application still requires the pastor's signature.

I am personally acquainted with the applicant, 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 worker's screening form.

_____	_____
<i>Pastor's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<small>(Lead, Associate, Children's, Youth, or Board Member)</small>	

Endorsement for Territorial/National elections ONLY

I verify that the above named scout is active in our chapter and is current in his FCF dues.

_____	_____
<i>Chapter FCF President Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

This application will be retained indefinitely in the national Royal Rangers office in electronic format.



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FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP SCOUT OR JUNIOR FIELD ADVISOR

This form is required when submitting an application for FCF Scout or JFA at any level. In order to gain a clearer picture of the individual submitting the application, this reference page should be given to three individuals making the character references. One reference will need to be a Royal Rangers leader or pastor. Two references will need to be other adults—teachers, coaches, employers, etc. Family members are not eligible to complete the reference form.

Please provide an addressed, stamped envelope for each reference.

Applicant Name: _____

This young man is applying for a leadership role in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. FCF is part of the Royal Rangers ministry, which is a mentoring program for future men that will provide Christlike character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment. FCF members portray the undaunted courage and determination of the American frontiersmen on which its lore is based by using pre-1840 period camping skills, gear, and outfits as tools in developing mentorship, leadership skills, and spiritual advancement. The mission of FCF is to develop a spirit of servanthood among its members to give of their time and energy.

Please rate the applicant on the following items (1 is low; 5 is high). You are welcome to add brief comments where appropriate.

	Low				High
	1	2	3	4	5
Is the applicant a positive role model?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the applicant have good communication skills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the applicant demonstrate leadership ability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the applicant enthusiastic and motivated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is this applicant responsible and dependable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you know of any reason why this applicant would not be suitable for working with minors? No Yes

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to candidate _____

Send completed applications to your Chapter President by _____.

Please send the complete reference to : _____

Applicant to provide the address.

This application will be retained indefinitely in the national Royal Rangers office in electronic format.

Bull Snorts

OK guys. Here's the deal. Last year we had nine new buckskin members! That is absolutely FANTASTIC!

But I want MORE this year! A BUNCH more! But you have got to get READY to test! And I'm not just talking about throwing a knife or getting your outfit READY. I'm talking about getting your merits and training finished. But what do you have to do? Funny you should ask that! Here it is:

Both 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 an FCF identification staff.
- Select a frontier related craft or skill to develop.
- Select an FCF name.
- Complete the Buckskin Workbook (sent by the chapter after applying for this level).
- Be an active 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 Leader Advancement Level.
 - Safety and the Church module
 - Complete Safety Ticket
 - First Aid/CPR Course
- Earn the Trained Leader Outpost Leader Advancement Level.
 - Complete NTC or NRMC
 - Complete the Trained Ticket

Get all of this done and find a sponsor. Fill out the application [found online](#).

Send the application, with the \$35 testing fee to the District Office address on the form. Once I get an email with a scan of the application and acknowledgement of your fee, I will send you a Buckskin workbook.

PLEASE DO NOT USE SOME OLD APPLICATION YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER OR LONG LOST UNCLE HAD. USE THE ONE ABOVE. AND DO NOT USE SOME ANCIENT WORKBOOK SOMEBODY HAD LAYING AROUND. I WILL SEND YOU THE WORKBOOK.

This is especially important for the leaders! Old Timers, we have to get this training. Trust me; NRMC is the BEST camp you will ever experience! Why do we need all this training, you ask? To show the boys that we care enough to go to training too. You are not just teaching them by standing in front of them, you are showing them that being trained is also important!

And we need more Old Timers in the ranks of the Buckskin members. Because we need more Old Timers in the ranks of the Wilderness members. Because we need more Old Timers to show the Young Bucks that it IS important to advance in FCF!

But you Young Bucks can't let the Old Timers have all the fun! YOU need to advance as well. We have 7 Young Buck Buckskin members. And a BUNCH of Frontiersmen. Get your stuff done guys!

But the testing is so hard and scary and the Buckskin rep is so mean and ornery, you say? Ask the guys that have tested recently. The testing isn't hard. And I ain't that mean!

Watch Yer Topknot, Spotted Bull

Black Powder Safety Course

May 9-10, 2014 at the Ollie Henley Lodge

Royal Rangers Campground

Cost is \$50 per person

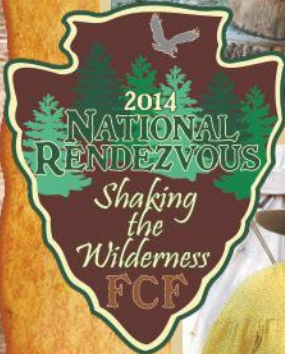


This will be the last time that FCF members can get their black powder safety card before National Rendezvous in July. Otherwise you have to follow someone around that has one and you can't load for yourself. Don't let that happen to you! Applications and information packets will be available online in the next few weeks! Contact Spotted Bull at fcbucksinrep@outlook.com for more information!

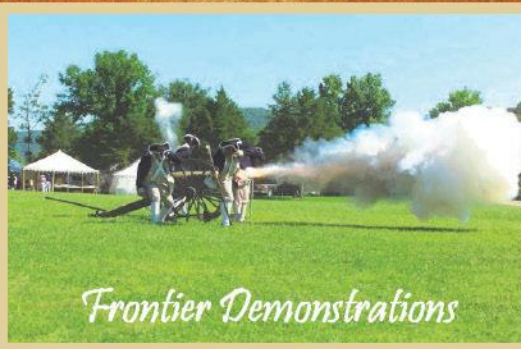
Deadline to register will be Pow Wow weekend (April 25)!



Discerning Eagle and Grey Owl invite you to take part in the most exciting Rendezvous in the history of the FCF. Make plans now to attend!



www.nationalfcf.org



Frontier Demonstrations

*Craftsman's Fair
Shooting Extravaganza
Rendezvous Vendors
Chapter & Territory Competitions
Hawk & Knife
Strong Heart Award*

Registration for Young Bucks and Old Timers

Register online by 5/14/2014 and receive a commemorative FCF hat pin:

\$76 chartered / \$89 non-chartered.

Register by 6/14/2014:

\$84 chartered / \$99 non-chartered.

Register online after 6/14/2014:

\$93 chartered / \$109 non-chartered.

Onsite registration will be available for \$129, though registration items cannot be guaranteed.

Chartered outposts receive a 15% discount on pre-registration. (Meal plans & on-site registration excluded.)

Rendezvous Café

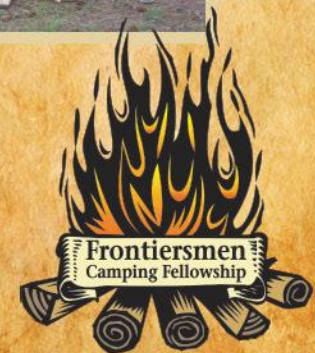
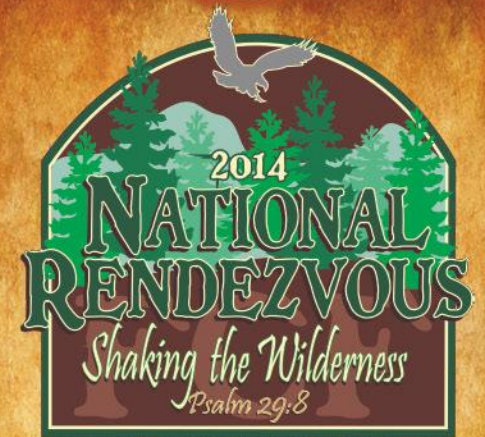
All Meal Deal includes 14 meals for \$99.

Daily Meal Plan includes 3 meals for \$25/day.

Must order meal plan online by 6/27/2014.

No onsite meal purchases will be available.

National Royal Rangers Ministries
1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802-1894



National FCF Rendezvous
July 14 - 18, 2014
Camp Eagle Rock



EVENTS

Craftsman's Fair

From its beginning, the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, has featured skilled craftsmen. Rendezvous will showcase these talented members. From clothing to hand forged tools and from powder horns to beaded moccasins, members can submit handcrafted items in six categories. The top three entries for both Young Bucks and Old Timers in each category will earn a winner's ribbon. The top three overall entries will be recognized as "Best in Show." Get busy on your entries today!

Hawk & Knife

The Hawk & Knife events will be a buzz of activity throughout the Rendezvous. There will be two 15-station trails to test your expertise and ten targets set up for "handles".

Shooting Extravaganza

All the black powder shooting events will test your ability to shoot fast and straight. Expect some new twists on old shooting standards with some fantastic prizes for those who shine.

Frontier Games & Trades

Participate in games and activities that were present on the American Frontier. Learn how to hammer forge a nail or tan a beaver hide. Relax with a game of corn cob darts or Indian stick ball.

Rendezvous Vendors

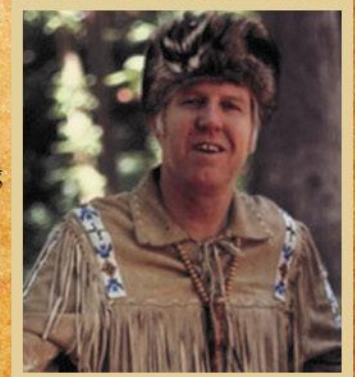
Check out a variety of frontier wares from our vendors. Pick up a calico shirt or a new tomahawk handle.

VITTLES

The **Rendezvous Café** is back. So, if you don't feel like fixing meals at your campsite, you can enjoy your meals at the Café, which will offer fine frontier vittles. The Rendezvous Café meals are optional and not included with registration. (See national FCF website for more information.)

COMPETITION

Recognition will be given to the top chapter and the top territory at Rendezvous, based on undaunted enthusiasm and high levels of participation. The "**Strong Heart**" award, the FCF name of the founder of Royal Rangers, Johnnie Barnes, will be given to the top performing Young Buck and Old Timer at Rendezvous.



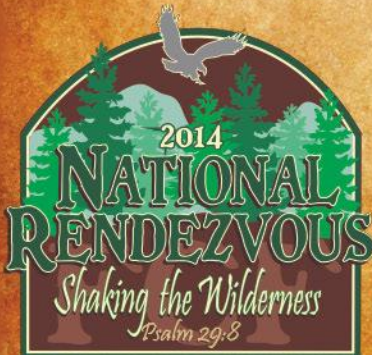
INVITATION

The 2014 National FCF Rendezvous will be the most exciting and colorful FCF event ever. You won't want to miss this special brand of fellowship, camaraderie, and competition with your FCF brethren from across the country. You will have the opportunity to hear from some great speakers and join in an amazing time of worship. Be apart of the undaunted brotherhood of the FCF.

THEME

"The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness..."

Psalm 29:8



Shaking the Wilderness

Psalm 29:8

2014 FCF Calendar of Events

Feb 21-23 FCF Brush Poppin'
March LEAD Conference
Apr 12 Camp Workday
Apr 25-27 District Pow Wow
Jun 19-22 District Junior Leadership
Training Academy (JLTA)
July 14-18 National Rendezvous
Aug 3-9 Pathfinder Trip

Sept 6 Guide2014 Commanders
Conference
Sept 12-14 FCF Adventure
Sept 20 Ranger Kids Day Camp
Oct 5-11 National Royal Rangers Week
Oct 10-12 FCF Family Days
Nov 21-23 Winter Camp
Dec 13 FCF Christmas Banquet
Dec 27-30 Winter JLTA

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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