

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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Frontier Rifleman 	Frontier Preacher 	Frontier Soldier 	Frontier Trekker 
Frontier Archer 	Frontier Cook 	Frontier Tradesman 	Frontier Scrivener 



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President's Page

Well, we have a lot to be thankful for this year. Yes the end of our reporting year is done as of Aug 31st. The president's report has been submitted and thanks to the efforts of everyone we are once again a 5-star chapter (the top rating a chapter can receive).

To continue being rated a 5-star chapter, we need everyone to participate in earning and documenting Trappers Brigade hours. Understand that this is the only way the national Royal Rangers office has to document and see that the members of the Shawnee Trail Chapter are fully doing the purposes of FCF: "To Give and To SERVE." This year, we only had 32 members turn in hours of service for Trappers Brigade.... thank you. The other 130 plus who did not turn in hours, we really need your help. Please contact David Wilson (davofamily4@hotmail.com) and he can help you get this done. You may not realize it, but for everyone in FCF, future FCF advancements will require Trappers Brigade hours. Please refer to the new FCF Handbook, the National FCF website, David Wilson, or feel free to contact me for more information.

Now I must say there were many areas that we excelled in. Five star is the highest rating for a chapter but the national office still likes us to report all of our points. We get credit for 200 points in 3 different sections for a maximum total of 600 for a chapter rating. The Shawnee Trail Chapter had a total of 960 points for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pathfinders Trip, made donations, provided service to your churches, helped mentor boys in and out of church and on campouts. We have much room for improvement but without your help to run events, competitions, camps, and Adventures we would fail miserably. So again thank you and keep up the good work.

On another subject, we had an awesome Adventure following the Junior Leadership Training Academy (JLTA) Frontier Brigade Camp (FBC). We had over 20 new members enter our chapter and we had an awesome time in the Lord. Many of the new members were boys sponsored by other boys. It is so awesome to see our boys not just getting into FCF but advancing and helping other boys to advance. This is also a tribute to the awesome leaders stepping up mentoring these boys and then encouraging them to do the same for others. We are planning a Wilderness Vigil in February 2015. Make sure you submit your application by the end of November 2012 if you are interested in participating. This will give us time to get the staff together and get everything fully planned. Thank you for helping us meeting this deadline.

Please note that we have a new scout, Samuel Peterson, and assistant scouts, Warren Weitner and Nick Kohn. Luke Goodnow has agreed to be our junior field advisor. Luke served in FCF as assistant scout or scout for several years now and is studying to get into college. He felt he needed to step down to prepare for this next phase in his life. All our other FCF staff positions will remained the same.

We had a great turn out for Guide 2014. I taught the FCF updates class bringing everyone up to date on the changes to FCF advancements as well as Trappers Brigade. We discussed some ins and outs of reporting and how we all will need to be using Outpost Navigator to help us as outpost coordinators. Jawbone taught the other FCF classes and we had some discussions there about: 1) How we as FCF members can help your outpost in their advancement, 2) Help keep boys in Royal Rangers when they get a bit older and have so many more distractions in their life.

Family Days is fast approaching. We will be at the Royal Rangers campgrounds (near Maypearl) on October 10th thru the 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help with camp setup and teardown as well as running and judging events. If you are interested, please contact any of our staff before camp begins so we can get you set up to help us put on a great Family Days. The theme this year is "What is Your Mark?" and our speaker is our own David "Bard' Owl" Wilson. Yes that's right David has moved up to Buckskin and is eagerly anticipating the next



President's Page (cont)

Wilderness Vigil!! Please pre-register for this camp. The packet is in this newsletter as well as on the district FCF webpage. Remember, all adults 18 and older (male and female) must have a pastor approval paperwork submitted to stay overnight.

Another highlight you might be interested in is that Winter Camp is an FCF themed camp with Paul "Grey Owl" Walters (the national FCF president) as our speaker. The theme is "Adventures along the Shawnee Trail." Please make plans to attend. As with ALL camps please pre-register. Last I heard we may be testing for Buckskin and so there is the possibility that we may have a Buckskin ceremony. However, you must submit your Buckskin application today if you are interested seeing this happen. So those in FCF come prepared and those who are not and just want to see what is going on come stand in the gallery and watch.

It has been a great so far I look forward to next year. Keep in mind the FCF Christmas party. Due to cancelations we have do not have a location at this time. I am open to suggestions and I am waiting on one location for an answer this week but I should be announcing and posting the location soon. See you there on Dec 13th at 6:00 pm.

Thank you all,

Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow,

Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter President

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

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Arrowhead Merits

To encourage the development of different skills within the FCF, a new group of merits was developed called Arrowhead Merits. These 16 new merits are identified by the arrowhead shape in the background of each of merit. These are all silver skill merits, and can be used for Royal Rangers advancement steps.

You don't have to be a member of FCF to earn these merits, and they can be taught by any Royal Rangers leader regardless of FCF membership status.

The merit patches can be earned and worn by Ranger boys, while the Royal Ranger leaders who work on these will earn an Arrowhead award certificate to indicate completion.

Upon completion of four Arrowhead merits, a Ranger or leader will earn the one of four Arrowhead medallions to wear with their FCF outfit. Each additional four Arrowhead merits completed will earn the next Arrowhead medallion. They four levels of medallions are: Pilgrim, Pioneer, Trailblazer, and Patriot.

The Arrowhead merits themselves will be different from other merits in that those working on the merit will have their choice of requirements to complete the award. Each requirement has a number of points associated with it; 15 points are required to earn the merit. Each merit also requires 5 hours of Christian Service to the local church, community or missions. Only after the service is performed and the points earned will the award be completed.

All of the requirements for these awards can be found in the Expedition Rangers track of TRaCclub. More information on Arrowhead merits can be found in the latest edition of the FCF Handbook.

Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Prospector

Greetings fellow Rangers and FCF'ers and most importantly brothers and sisters in Christ, Have you ever felt down and out, that everyone and everything was against you? If you have ever had this feeling or are having it now, "Stop and pray and turn to the Word of God" for your strength!

2 Samuel 22:2-4 states that David sang on to the Lord after he was delivered from the hand of his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliver; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies."

Whatever is coming against us? We have a Lord God and Savior who will rescue us if we take time and get on our knees and ask for deliverance. We cannot even imagine what our Savior went through on Calvary, where Jesus gave his life so we may have a fresh start no matter what we have done. But we must repent and turn away from any sin that we may have. God loves us and will reach down and touch our life and give us a fresh start.

Let us pray:

"God we ask for assistance in our lives, we know we cannot make it without you! You are our rock and strength! We will not be able to make it without you. We ask for your guidance to help us get through these many trials and tribulations here on earth. We know the time is getting near when you will come and rescue us from this earth (Rev. 19:11-14) but until that time comes we ask for your Holy Spirit to come and give us the strength to face another trail, another day. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen."

The Wolf (wife of Lee Fogleman) and I (Prospector) are looking forward to Family Days October 10th-12th. Come ready to trade and enjoy the fellowship and worship of the Lord. There is nothing greater then enjoying the heavenly show our Creator performs every night. He invites you to come!

In His Service,
Prospector



Photo taken on 9/15/2014. Rev. Lee and Rev. Patty Fogleman get their pastoral credentials and are being prayed over at a region fall council.

FCF Lifetime Dues Update

By Big Foot

At our annual national meetings -- LEAD2014 -- a new national policy was announced regarding lifetime dues in Royal Rangers. It is now the policy of our national Royal Rangers office that there be no lifetime dues in Royal Rangers.

Our district leadership realizes that there may still be FCF members who were intending to pay lifetime dues but who had not yet done so. Thus, our existing lifetime dues plan will be available for the rest of 2014, but effective January 1, 2015 lifetime dues will no longer be available in the North Texas district.

What this means is if you want to pay your dues once for the rest of your life, you have until December 31 to pay the current lifetime dues of \$300. These funds are deposited with the district in the church loan fund where the principal goes to help build churches and the interest comes back to Royal Rangers to help support the FCF in our district. The only benefit lifetime members receive is that they no longer have to pay annual dues to be considered active members of our chapter.

If you are interested in paying your lifetime dues this year, download the lifetime dues form from our website and submit it, along with your check for \$300, to the address on the form.

Totems Needed from Buckskin (B) and Wilderness (W) Members

We need your help. If your name is on this list, we need a copy of your totem. Please take a piece of white copy paper, a large marker, and draw your totem (write your name small in one of the corners). After you create it, you can email it to mark@ntxrr.org, Fax to 254.227.6011, or place it in an envelope and mail to Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burleson, TX 76028. The members we are looking for totems from include:

Cast Iron (B)	Chipmunk (W)	Coal (W)
Fire Dog (B)	Giant Slayer (B)	Gofer (B)
Gospel Tailor (B)	Light Wolf (B)	Like Fire (B)
Lone Eagle (W)	Lone Star (B)	Many Hills (B)
Moving Waters (W)	Pathlighter (W)	Running Turtle (B)
Shining White Cloud (B)	Shining Spark (W)	Shofar (W)
Skimmerhorn (W)	Watchman (B)	White Wolf (B)
Wychialo (B)		

To validate we have the correct totem for you, you can find your totem online at <http://www.ntxrr.org/fcf/totems.htm>. Feel free to follow the above instructions if you would like to provide a better quality of your totem that is posted. With these totems, NTX can identify trades created in NTX by their totems.

New Buckskin Member

JLTA. We all know what that means! Hot and humid leadership camps, right? Well, yes, that's true. But this year I got to do one of my most favorite things!

Yep. We had us a Buckskin Ceremony! And I do believe that it was the very first one EVER at a JLTA!

Well it was for the Camp Director!

David Wilson has been involved in Royal Rangers for a REALLY long time! And he had been a Frontiersman for a REEEAAALLY long time! But all that changed at Junior Leadership Training Academy this year.

David had chosen the name Bar'd Owl as his FCF name. And that Saturday night, Pure Heart said those all-important words.

"From this day forward, you will be known as Bar'd Owl!"

It was my honor and my privilege to speak for and to stand beside my good friend! And if you want a REALLY good story, he's got a bunch! So stop him one day and ask him about his name!

Congratulations Bar'd Owl!

So do you think you have what it takes to be a Buckskin member? Come and talk to me and we can get you on that path!

August 2014 Pathfinder Trip

We had a great pathfinder trip this year. We went to Lakeview camp and remodeled the kitchen and bathroom at the lodge. We still have more work to be done but we were able to get a really good start. We got the main things done right now. We still need a commercial vent and hood installed in the kitchen, and the ceiling finished. We had about 20 people that were able to come help. The boys and men that were there worked many long hours to get as much done as possible. Thank you to all who were able to make it out for all your hard work and thank you to everyone for your prayers and support.

The team consists of the following members:

Boys — Jeremy Harris, Daniel Kohn, Nick Kohn, Jonathon Parker, Xavier Parker, Joshua Snyder, Elias Trevino, Taylor Tribble

Adults — Lou Bryan, Michael Coburn, Eli Harris, Ken Harris, David Kohn, Matthew Kohn, Michael LaBarba, Steve Roberts, JD Smith, Luis Trevino, Jonathan Trower, David Wilson

Photos of the event can be found at http://www.ntxrr.org/fcf/pathfinder_2014.htm.

Eli Harris, Pathfinder Trip Coordinator

2015 Brush Poppin

Every year, the Shawnee Trail Chapter kicks off the Royal Rangers and FCF camping season with the Brush Poppin event! And of course 2015 will be no different. Since we all had such a great time this year at The Fort at That Church in Corsicana, we are going to have it there again in 2015.

But Spotted Bull, when is it going to take place?

Funny you should ask that. Everyone mark your calendars for February 27-March 1, 2015. Now this is giving you plenty of advanced notice so there will be no excuses as to why you didn't show up. You never know what you might miss.

But Spotted Bull, what are we going to be doing?

Relaxing. Fellowshiping. Learning a new trade. Learning a new skill.

Oh...and there are those competitions. And I bet that Bigfoot will be making those awesome necklaces for prizes too! So sharpen up your skills of knife throwing, hawk throwing, flint and steel, and shooting both rifles and bows!

But Spotted Bull, why should we go all the way to Corsicana when it's probably going to be cold outside?

Well, simply because you should. You are an FCF member. Or you are about to be an FCF member. Or you think that you might want to be an FCF member. The FCF is a special ministry. And like all ministries, if it isn't exercised, it falls away. So you need to come out and exercise your ministry.

And it gives you a chance to get your dues paid for the year, at the beginning of the year. And it gives you a chance to turn in that Pastor's signature paperwork that you need to get turned in every year. And it gives you a chance, if you are an Old Timer, to bring a bunch of young bucks out camping.

Because if you don't bring them, then who will? And if you don't bring them, how will we minister to them?

Isn't that what this is REALLY all about?

New Wilderness Members

We had a Wilderness Vigil at National Rendezvous. There were two young bucks that went through the Vigil from the Shawnee Trail Chapter. Joshua "Firestarter" Carson and Tanner "River Runner" Farley both completed and passed. They had a great night with God and we got to see Him work. It was a great experience; please congratulate these two new Wilderness members on their accomplishment and keep them in your prayers.

Eli Harris, Wilderness Rep.

Sept 2014—August 2015 Trappers Brigade Highlights

The Trappers Brigade is a special service aspect of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) that promotes Christian service among its members by encouraging involvement in service to their outpost, church, community, and world.

The three basic steps of recognition include Company Trapper, Bourgeois (pronounced boohz-wah'), and Free Trapper. Points are earned in varying amounts by service hours accumulated when an FCF member volunteers his time (with no consideration for wages) in church or community projects, special needs or organizations, or humanitarian acts.

Since the early 70's it has remained virtually unchanged except for the rare small changes here and there. This year however, beginning with the new FCF year which began on 9-1-14, many changes were made to the Trappers Brigade not only in the amount of hours needed to advance from each level but also in how the hours qualify for participation.

Be an FCF member in good standing with your chapter and district. "Member in good standing" is defined as having participated in at least one FCF event or activity during the last 12 months and being actively involved in a chartered Royal Rangers outpost.

Be actively involved in your local church; faithful in church attendance, tithing, missions giving; and honoring to church membership.

Any FCF member who meets the above qualifications is encouraged to participate in the Trappers Brigade. (You do not have to have any particular advancement level in the FCF to participate in the Trappers Brigade.)

Levels of Recognition

Company Trapper—To attain Company Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 60 hours of service, dividing the hours into these 4 categories:

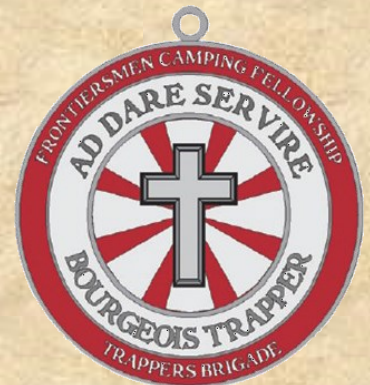
- Outpost-20 hours
- Church-20 hours
- Community-10 hours
- Missions-10 hours

Bourgeois Trapper—To attain Bourgeois Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 120 hours of service, (60 for Company Trapper, then 60 more), dividing into these categories:

- Outpost-40 hours
- Church-40 hours
- Community-20 hours
- Missions-20 hours

Free Trapper—To attain Free Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 180 hours of service, (60 more hours past Bourgeois Trapper), dividing the hours into these categories:

- Outpost-60 hours
- Church-60 hours
- Community-30 hours
- Missions-30 hours



Qualifying activities are those where a member volunteers his time in the categories of outpost, church, community, or missions. Service hours must be reported each year to your chapter to qualify. Young Bucks must complete the service under the supervision of an adult leader.

Outpost: Service hours beyond the weekly meetings, regular outings, and training. The outpost coordinator pre-approves the efforts of the member to insure the service helps the outpost accomplish its “evangelize-equip-empower” mission.

Church: Service hours beyond the outpost. The pastor responsible for overseeing the Royal Rangers in the local church pre-approves the efforts of the member to insure the service helps the church accomplish the pastoral vision.

Community: Service hours beyond the outpost and the church. These efforts will represent the church in the community. The service rendered must be coordinated with the pastoral leadership in advance to best represent the church in the community. Involving as many Royal Rangers as possible is encouraged, especially when done in conjunction with earning leadership merits of any color.

Missions: Service hours that specifically benefit Royal Rangers’ priority missions initiatives- Royal Rangers International, PathFinder Missions, BGMC Masters Toolbox, and Speed the Light. Visit the national Royal Rangers ministry web site for links to these ministry web sites and ways to get involved. While hours devoted to other ministries are worthwhile, only hours devoted to one or more of these four ministries may be counted as missions hours for Trappers Brigade. (Note: In a non-AG outpost, members should support the middle and high school-age missions program of their denomination.)



Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 10/01/2014 dues status)

	Active YB (2014)	Inactive YB (2013, 2012, 2011)	Archived YB (2010 thru 2000)	Active OT (2014)	Inactive OT (2013, 2012, 2011)	Archived OT (2010 thru 2000)	Historical (before 2000)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	93	0	13	26	33	174	465	804
Buckskin	7	0	1	17	8	33	52	118
Wilderness	2	0	0	28	5	27	31	93
Total	102	0	14	71	46	234	548	1015

Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 4th quarter of 2014. (if yours is missing, feel free to submit mm-dd-yy to mark@ntxrr.org for future reference)

October

Frontiersmen..... J. Sanders
 Buckskin Two Towers, Wing Feather
 Wilderness..... none

November

Frontiersmen..... W. Cole, P. Daugherty, C Fox, J. Landoni, J. Stephens, N. Tatum, A. Tovar,
 E. Trevino
 Buckskin Big Fish
 Wilderness..... Bladesman, Pure Heart, String Bean

December

Frontiersmen..... T. Bradley, P. Brown, K. Clay, S. Galloway, J. Garza, L Graham, J. Husketh,
 N. Kohn, D. Murphy, D. Peterson, J Rubianes, T. Townson
 Buckskin White Wolf
 Wilderness..... Big Foot, Blazing Heart, Longhorn, Wild Wind



NTX Shawnee Trail
Family Days 2014

Theme: "What is Your Mark?"

FCF Members,

The 2014 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 10. 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 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 couple special demonstrations.

Our special speaker for the camp is our own David Wilson. He will be speaking Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night, and Sunday morning.

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 2014 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.

Registration forms should be mailed to: North Texas Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838. The pre-registration price is valid if your registration form is postmarked no later than Saturday, September 20. Registrations postmarked after that date will pay the at-camp fee.

We hope that everyone will make plans to attend the 2014 Family Days!

Shawnee Trail Chapter Staff

Family Days 2014 Schedule

Friday, October 10

- 5:00 pm Registration opens (everyone MUST register Friday before spending the night)
8:00 pm Missions auction at pavilion

Saturday, October 11

- 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
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 12

- 10:00 am Morning service
5:00 pm Camp closed – Everyone and everything 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 craft demonstrations at individual lodges.

Shawnee Trail Camp Pre-Registration¹

2014 Family Days, October 10-12, 2014

(Complete one form for each family unit)

Name _____ Outpost # _____

Complete Address _____

Email address _____

Please enter information below for each person attending Family Days

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Active Member or Spouse/Parent/Child of an Active Member?</u>	<u>Age</u>
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3
_____	___ Yes ___ No	___ 18 or over ___ 3-17 ___ Under 3

Registration Fees:

	At-Camp Price
Adult (18 or over) who is an active member, or the spouse, parent, or adult child of an active member	\$20
Adult (18 or over) who is not an active member, or is not related to an active member	\$25
Child (ages 3-17)	\$7.50
Child (under 3; no medallion for these attendees)	\$0
Day Visitor	\$5, no medallion, and may not win any competitions (individual FCF members visiting during the day will pay the full camp rate)

Camp Fee Paid: _____

FCF Dues Paid: _____ Name(s) for Dues: _____

Total Paid: _____

¹ Mail registration form to: North Texas Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838.

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 Family Days.

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:

**2014 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 2014. 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 2014 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 2014.

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

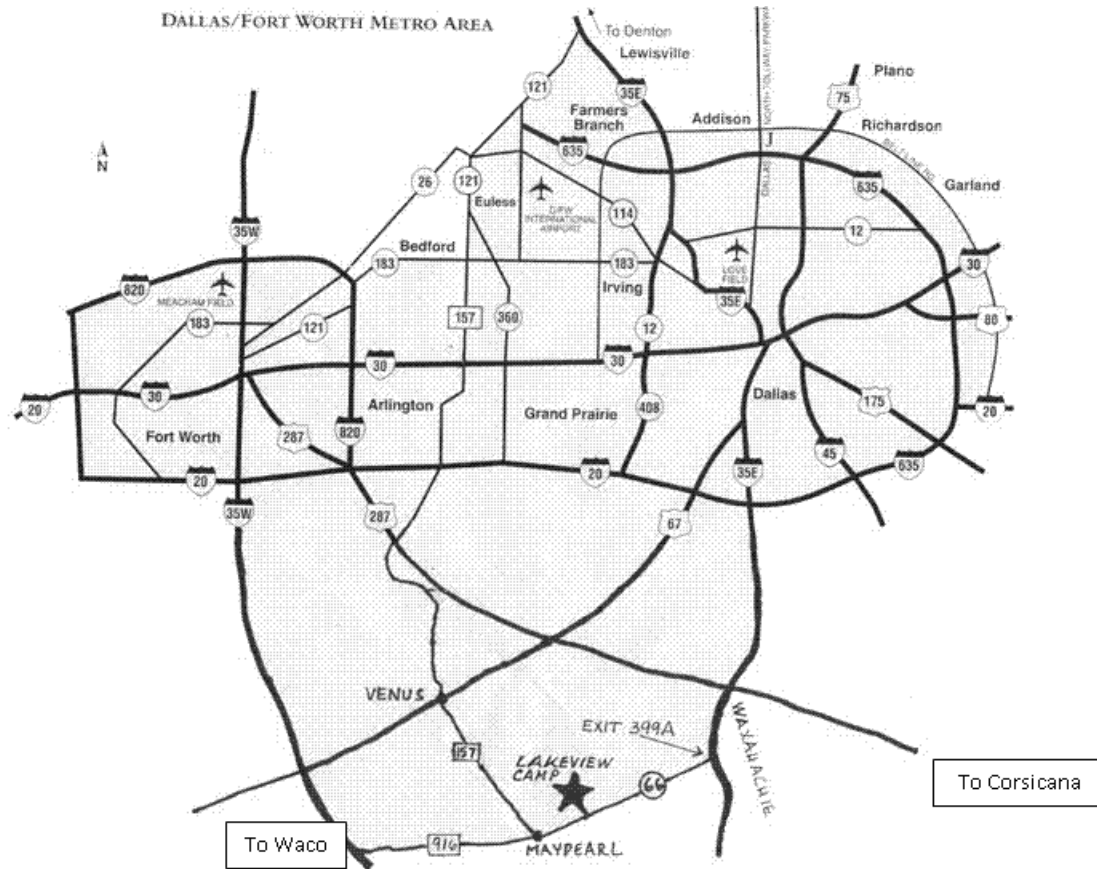
Camp Rules and Information

- 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 (available at camp). 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

We started this last year, and this year we hope it will be even bigger and better.

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!

BLACK POWDER SAFETY COURSE

Join us November 7-8, 2014 for a black powder safety course. Learn the history of black powder and black powder firearms, about the different types of black powder firearms, and the unique way that muzzle loading firearms are loaded and fired!



Then get to spend some time on the range loading and firing them yourself!

This will be the last time that FCF members can get their black powder safety card this year before Winter Camp.

You know you need this to test for Buckskin under the old system! And Winter Camp is the last time to test under the old system!

The cost of the class is \$50. This includes all the training materials you will receive, a night in the lodge and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The class will be Friday night and all day Saturday! We will begin at 6:00 pm sharp on Friday evening! No dinner will be served Friday evening but we will have snacks! Estimated completion time is Saturday between 5:00 and 6:00 pm.

Deadline to register is October 24, 2014. Class size is limited, so register early! Please limit attendees to ages 12 and over. ALL ADULTS spending the night will need a background check letter. ALL participants will need a signed model release and black powder release form found in this packet.

Contact Spotted Bull at fcfbuckskinrep@outlook.com for more information.



**2014 North Texas District
Adult Registration Form (For those 18 years old or older)**

Complete one of these forms for each adult who is registering for a district Royal Rangers event during 2014. 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 2014 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.

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 2014.

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

MINOR REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT and fill out one form for each minor in attendance at the event.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church Name: _____ Church Office Phone: _____

Church Address: _____

Church City, State, Zip: _____

BLACK POWDER PERMISSION FORM

If you are under 18 years of age, you MUST have this form signed by your parent or legal guardian to participate in the class and shooting range activities.

I am the parent or guardian of _____. I give my permission for my son/daughter to take part in any of the activities included in black powder loading and shooting, and to take part in any classes involving black powder firearm loading and shooting.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Relationship to Minor _____

Date _____

If you do not want your son/daughter, _____, to participate in any of the above mentioned activities please list here:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Relationship to Minor _____

Date _____

Amount: _____
Date: _____
Credit Acct. 11-4683

Mail this application, along with your registration fee payable to North Texas Royal Rangers, to:
North Texas Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838 (Credit to Royal Rangers FCF: 11-4683)

MINOR MODEL RELEASE FORM

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT: The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend and participate in the Black Powder Firearm Safety Course held at Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview, November 7-8, 2014.

I acknowledge 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 of ownership or compensation. **I further agree that acceptance of these terms is a condition of my child's participation in this event.**

First Name of Minor: _____ Last Name of Minor: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____ Date: _____

ADULT MODEL RELEASE FORM

I acknowledge 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 of ownership or compensation. **I further agree that acceptance of these terms is a condition of my child's participation in this event.**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WHAT TO BRING

- Bedding / Sleeping bag
- Personal Items (towels, soap, toothbrush, etc.)
- Notepad / Pen / Pencil
- Please do not bring your own black powder gun, we will supply one

2014 / 2015 FCF Calendar of Events

Oct 5-11	National Royal Rangers Week	Apr 11	Camp Work Day
Oct 10-12	FCF Family Days	Apr 24-26	Pow Wow
Nov 7-8	Black Powder Course	Jun 25-28	Junior Leadership Training Academy
Nov 21-23	Winter Camp	Sept 12	Guide2015: Conference
Dec 13	FCF Christmas Banquet	Sept 19	FCF Staff Meeting
Dec 27-30	Winter Junior Leadership Training Academy	Sept 26	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Feb 27-Mar 1	FCF Brush Poppin	Oct 9-11	FCF Family Days
Mar 12-14	Lead2014	Nov 20-22	Winter Camp
Mar 27-29	FCF Adventure	Dec 12	FCF Christmas Banquet
		Dec 27-30	Winter 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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