

NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

1st Qtr., 2015

<http://www.ntxrr.org/fcf/>

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President's Page

We had an awesome year in 2014, and are now staring into 2015. We have a lot on our calendar for the next few months.

We will be having the staff meeting for all organizational leaders in North Texas on Saturday, January 3.

We have a "School of the Piece" scheduled for January 16-18, 2015. This is a cannon school to "qualify" a person on positions on a cannon crew. It will be taking place at The Royal Rangers Camp at Maypearl. If you have any questions about this school, please contact Mark Horner (bladesman1839@live.com) and see our web site (www.ntxrr.org) for the registration packet. The school is open to anyone who is in high school or older. We will need volunteers to help cook meals for this school; if you are available to help, contact Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow (ronfcntx@gmail.com) and/or Jonathan "Bigfoot" Trower (jonathan.trower@hot.rr.com) if you can help.

All adult members (age 18 and older) need to get our pastor approval forms in for the new coming year. Make sure you have the appropriate background check because Brush Poppin' is just around the corner and I do not want to turn anyone away from our camp due to no pastor approval form, but to protect our district and our chapter, and more importantly our boys, we will if you do not have a signed form on file by the time of camp.

Speaking of spring camps, our annual Brush Poppin' trace is just around the corner. It will be held February 27-March 1 at the Fort at That Church in Corsicana. An information packet about Brush Poppin' is also available on our district website (www.ntxrr.org). The theme for the camp is: "Vision Beyond the Peak." Our speaker will be our own Rick "Moving Waters" Beebe. We will definitely be in for a treat from God at this camp with such a profound speaker whom the enemy tried to silence. I for one cannot wait to hear just what has been pent up inside his spirit!

LEAD (for organizational leaders) will be in Dallas again, March 12th thru the 14th. I look forward to hearing more of what is to come from our new national director, Karl Fleig. If you would like to meet him, he is the special guest speaker at the South Central Regional Conference in Oklahoma City on January 30-31. All Royal Rangers commanders are invited. Details are on line at our web site: www.ntxrr.org.

I recently sent out an e-mail detailing that our lifetime dues are no longer available. I want to ensure that everyone is clear that for those who have already paid their lifetime dues we will continue to honor them.

I would like to request that those with a totem would turn them in, with their name, to Mark Oliver who is recording them for our chapter archives so that years from now others will know what your mark is.

Remember also that it is time to pay your dues for 2015. Old timers the cost is \$30, for young bucks you just need to be active (come to camp); there is no charge for dues for Young Bucks. The information for paying dues is on our



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FCF web site. You can get there by going to the ntxrr.org web site and following the link.

I would like for our members to be in prayer for our candidates for Wilderness. We will be conducting a Wilderness Vigil the weekend of February 6th. We have 11 candidates testing so our staff and candidates need lots of prayer.

If you have boys or men who want to join the FCF this spring, our Spring Adventure will be held March 27-29. Application forms are on the district website and need to be turned into the district Royal Rangers office by March 2 (postmarked by) in order to participate in the Spring Adventure. Late forms mean we will NOT be prepared for your candidate. I hope each current member is sponsoring another Young Buck and/or Old Timer for membership in the FCF.

One note about Adventures. For the last several years we have seen a trend that we run an Adventure with a ratio of about 8:1 -- 8 young buck candidates to every one adult candidate. We need more ACTIVE adult members. I emphasize this not to chastise but to let everyone know that we need to be active in our outposts, our FCF chapter, and our district. We have been given an awesome vehicle to reach boys for Christ in the FCF and Royal Rangers. If we are not involved we cannot reach them. If you are a leader who is not in FCF and would like to be or would like to know more before you do please contact me or any member of the staff. I look forward to seeing you all at the Adventure to continue this great and awesome ministry.

On a personal note, I missed Winter Camp. To those who were there I would like to say thank for your help and participation. With an FCF theme for the camp I really wanted to be there. So why was your FCF president not at Winter Camp? We had a scheduled family commitment in Reno, Nevada. My oldest daughter Ashley has been working on her national certification as a clogging dance instructor for nearly 4 years. It is a long process that involves specified minimum number of hours of teaching others, choreographing your own clogging routines with several of them posted on YouTube, going to several national rallies (they are always held the week of Thanksgiving) and then teaching at the national rally while being graded. I am now the proud father of a certified national clogging instructor. Ashley has now exceeded the teachers she has started with and has been teaching classes for some time now. We are excited and look forward to seeing how God will use this in Ashley's life.

Personally I have been required to log an extreme number of hours at work. I am currently the general manager of the Dallas service center of Nap Gladu. This is a national company that manufactures and services all kinds of industrial cutting tools: saw blades for wood, steel, and aluminum as well as cutting tools for the wood and siding industries. My plant services the tooling for approximately 100 customers. The service center I run averages approximately 1.9 million in service work a year with the sales team of 5 salesmen bringing in about 1 to 1.5 million each in service and new tool sales. We are in transition right now and I am working longer hours. It has been tough balancing the drive to work with the long hours, running our Royal



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Rangers outpost, serving as the drummer on the worship team, and FCF. I am grateful for a staff that supports what God is doing and can be counted on to be there when I cannot (like at winter camp). I would not be able to do it without them. I am especially grateful for the support you as members and the leadership over me: my pastor especially as well as Jonathan Trower, these two have been a great support to me. Mark Oliver, who has served as our historian for the last year, has done a great job keeping me in line and focused. His lists are a great help to me as is his diligent pushing for better and more. It is so easy to slack up for a rest. When that happens time seems to get away from us. Mark has pushed us, and he has helped us remember that not everyone knows everything we do and may need some things explained. We do forget that sometimes. Mark has stepped down as our historian but continues to help us and push us all. Thank you Mark for all you have done and continue to do.

One thing I would ask everyone as members is to STAY involved, be ACTIVE, and never quit. A commander who has been around much longer than me once said Royal Rangers is not something you do and get out, it is something you die as. I think what he said was profound. Many of us do Royal Rangers because our sons are in it. This is a good thing, a good BEGINNING. There are other boys who do not have fathers at home or involved in their lives that need us. Our own sons will allow us to perfect our ministry on them so we can be great commanders for others. If we are getting out when our sons are done how can we expect our sons to go on in Rangers as leaders? What example do they have of a leader that never quits, that is always there leading more boys, showing that it is a ministry? We need to reach our sons and then the sons of God beyond our family.

We have over 200 members in the FCF, but fewer than half show up to camps. I appreciate all of the members that support this ministry (do not misunderstand me; some cannot come to camp but still support the FCF). I would love to see more of you at camp. You all have a bit of Christ in you that someone needs... some young man needs. Please don't keep that bit of Christ from the one who needs it. Come to camp...yes it might rain. It might even snow ... it might be some work or even seem as though you are not needed. Yet if you come the SON might shine and warm a heart through you. Give God a chance and He will use you. If you are willing He will give you the opportunity and the help to get you there. This generation and the next one need all of us. If you need special assistance please talk to someone. Who knows, maybe there is a bit of Christ in someone else for you!

I hope to see more of you at camp soon.

Blessings on each every member of the FCF.

Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow



Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Prospector

When I am in Africa for some reason God brings to mind Noah's ark. Africa takes me back hundreds of years to a time when man didn't have all the modern things that are in the United States. I see man several hundred years ago working just to live day by day.

"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time." Genesis 6:5
(I wonder if the world is in this state again.)

"The Lord was grieved that he made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain." Genesis 6:6
(I see him looking at us the same way today)

"I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the Earth-men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air-for I am grieved that I have made them." Genesis 6:7
(Thank God for Noah and God's Son, Jesus Christ.)

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8
(Are you the one that will make a difference in this world that God will rejoice that he sent His Son to save us.)

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him." Genesis 6:22

Is God calling on you to build an ark to save the world? He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ who replaces the wooden ark with His blood to save us just as God called upon Noah to save the world. God had Noah open the door of the ark and lead the animals 2 by 2 unto the ark. Now it is up to us to lead the people of all of the Earth to Calvary to our Lord and Savior whether 2 by 2 or 1 by 1. He is counting on us to lead the people. The only way to overcome this flood of wickedness and evil of mankind is to get on board with Jesus Christ our Savior, who has overcome the world. Jesus is the only way to make it to heaven for eternity with our true Father. God has not only given us the Rainbow but His Son, Jesus Christ to lead the way.

The ark was only for Noah, his family, and all the animals of earth to survive.

The only way to survive the flood of sin upon the Earth is to get onboard with Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

It is our call to lead people to Jesus. He will do the rest.

Merry Christmas from Tanzania,

Prospector



**As of December 22, 2014, the old Mesquite section
will now be known as the Metro East section.**

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:

Willie "Cast Iron" Gallops (B)	Alan "Chipmunk" Gell (W)
Ken "Coal" Harris (W)	Kevin "Fire Dog" Gell (B)
Jesse "Giant Slayer" Laughlin (B)	Lindsay "Gofer" Lang (B)
William "Gospel Tailor" Brown (B)	David "Light Wolf" Havel (B)
Pat "Like Fire" Reilly (B)	Wayne "Lone Eagle" Word (W)
Ben "Lone Star" Nelon (B)	Shane "Many Hills" Fore (B)
Rick "Moving Waters" Beebe (W)	Luke "Pathlighter" Goodnow (W)
Mike "Running Turtle" Eddy (B)	Russell "Shining White Cloud" Mask (B)
Curtis "Shining Spark" Woods (W)	Randy "Shofar" Woods (W)
Dwain "Skimmerhorn" Klopfenstein (W)	Greg "Watchman" Garza (B)
Kerry "White Wolf" Mangum (B)	Tom "Wychialo" Harris (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.

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?

Wilderness

Preparations are being made to test a few individuals for the top advancement in Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF) which is called Wilderness. When I started my journey, so many years ago, that wasn't even part of my goals in life. FCF was just a fun experience for me and I seemed to have much more energy then. Yes, I know, it was a few years ago. Now, with more responsibility and less energy I have a new goal of completing my Wilderness testing.

You would think that after 30 years it would seem easy, but that has not proved to be the case. There is the physical preparations that are happening, you know checking the list of things I do have vs the items that are substandard in my possession, etc. What I find very interesting is the emphasis on the spiritual part of all this. I'm not sure how I will respond that night during the test, but for now I have been more in prayer for FCF while I am working toward this new goal. I would ask everyone to keep us in yours prayers. We all are having struggles, I'm sure, because the enemy doesn't want this to happen at all anyway.

Hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I'll see some of ya in February at the Wilderness test.

David "Bard' Owl" Wilson, davofamily4@hotmail.com

This February, the Shawnee Trail will be sponsoring one of the largest wilderness experience camps we have ever done in our chapter and we are very excited about it. The men and boys that are being tested have worked very hard to get here and there sponsors have put a lot into them. We would like your prayers for all the men and boys that are going to be there on staff and as candidates. We want God to move like he did on the day of Pentecost and everyone who has helped by being there and through prayer will experience the firepower and love of God.

Eli "Blazing Heart" Harris, samhoustonplumbing@gmail.com

Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 01/01/2015 dues status)

	Active YB (2015)	Inactive YB (2014, 2013, 2012)	Archived YB (2011 thru 2009)	Active OT (2015)	Inactive OT (2014, 2013, 2012)	Archived OT (2011 thru 2006)	Historical (before 2006)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	88	0	13	12	39	70	579	801
Buckskin	8	0	1	7	16	16	74	122
Wilderness	2	0	0	20	13	11	47	93
Total	98	0	14	39	68	97	700	1016

Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 1st quarter of 2015. (if yours is missing, feel free to submit mm-dd-yy to mark@ntxrr.org for future reference and also make sure you are current on your dues by contacting the FCF Scribe, Frank Super, usmcrrsuper@sbcglobal.net)

January

Frontiersmen..... F. Lee, E. Miller, J. Pannill, J. Parker, M. Reagan, J. Smalley, J. Snyder, M. Weible
 Buckskin Burning Bush, Lone Star
 Wilderness..... Shofar

February

Frontiersmen..... T. Conner, A. Halvorsen, T. Maxey, J. Watson
 Buckskin Cast Iron, Strong Tower
 Wilderness..... Bow Breaker, Red Wood

March

Frontiersmen..... J. Boaz, D. Brincefield, A. Dotson, S. Holliday, M. Hyde, M. Oliver, X. Parker, R. Pratt, J. Quinn, E. Salmeron, W. Weitner, E. Worsham
 Buckskin Brave Heart, Living Waters
 Wilderness..... Smooth Stone

School of the Piece
The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview
January 16-18, 2015

The North Texas Royal Rangers are hosting a muzzle-loading artillery training course on the weekend of January 16-18, 2015 at The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview in Waxahachie, TX. Those attending will be trained on cannon safety, proper artillery drill, and how to work each position on a cannon (piece). Those who complete the course will be qualified on the gun positions and safety knowledge. Please note: you will **“be qualified”** for each position; this is not a “certification course.” Completion of the course will earn you a certificate and a qualification card good for two years. The course is being conducted by the United States Field Artillery Association. The training course will begin Friday at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude Sunday by 2:00 p.m. Cost for the course is \$25 including meals on Saturday and Sunday (Friday supper is on your own).

Attendees must be in at least high school (9th grade). Adults (age 18 and over) must have a separate pastor approval form (attached) **or** submit the results from a criminal background check conducted in the past two years.

Limited lodging is available in our lodge on a first come, first served basis. Camping is available free of charge. Lakeview Camp is a tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drug free zone.

If you a historical re-enactor or member of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, you are encouraged to come in your outfit (wool coats are encouraged) for the drills throughout the weekend.

Reserve your spot in this training course by completing the registration form below and submit it, along with your payment of \$25, to North Texas Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168. Registrations need to be postmarked no later than January 7, 2015.

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent: The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend and participate in the School of the Piece.

I have carefully considered the risk involved and give my consent for my child to attend and participate in all of the activities of the School of the Piece. I understand that this School involves the loading and shooting of muzzle-loading artillery pieces/cannons. I understand that participation is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct.

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.

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

**2015 North Texas District
Pastor's Certification Form**
(For those 18 years old or older)

Why a background check and pastor certification?

Our children are under attack. Therefore, we must take extraordinary stapes to protect them from abuse. Our purpose is not to eliminate parent involvement in outings, but rather to provide the safest environment possible by requiring background checks on all adults (men and women, 18 and older) attending. Because of the large number of applicants, it is impossible to check references on every applicant. As a result, great reliance is placed on the representation of each applicant's pastor to insure the applicant's suitability for working with minors.

Each adult who is registering for a district Royal Rangers event during 2015 must have one of these on file with the district for the year. The form may be signed by the senior pastor or a staff pastor who is familiar with the adult who is attending the event. The church is responsible for completing the contact information, church information and performing the background check.

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 2015.

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: clear showed criminal background

* 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 _____

If a copy of this form has already been submitted at a previous 2015 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.

Royal Rangers Medical History / Release Form

Camper's Name _____ OP# / Church / City _____

In case of emergency, please notify:	Insurance Information:
_____ Name	_____ Health Insurance Company
_____ Daytime Contact Number	_____ Policy Number
_____ Evening Contact Number	_____ Certificate Number
_____ Health Insurance Company's Phone Number	_____ Effective Date of Coverage

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A complete health history must be completed by each applicant for participation at any North Texas District Royal Rangers event.

Minors (under age 18) must have a parent or guardian's signature verifying the health history information.

The North Texas District Royal Rangers has the prerogative to accept or reject any person based upon his medical health.

Give the date of your latest tetanus shot or booster: ____/____/____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Remarks: _____

HEALTH HISTORY:

To be completed by the applicant (if 18 or older) or by a parent/guardian if the applicant is a minor (under age 18). Has the applicant ever experienced any disorders of the following?

Check either Y for Yes or N for No.

If "Yes" explain under "Remarks and medical facts."

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| <u>Allergies or Asthma</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Hypertension</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Allergies to Ant or Insect Bites or Bee Stings?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| <u>Bleeding or Clotting</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Kidney or Bed Wetting</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Exposed to infectious diseases in past 3 weeks?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| <u>Constipation/Diarrhea</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Musculoskeletal</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Hepatitis in past 6 months?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| <u>Diabetes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Nosebleeds</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Any disorder preventing strenuous activity?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| <u>Emotional Disorder</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Skin Disorder</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Any reactions to medications or drugs of any type?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| <u>Epilepsy or Seizures</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Special Diet</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| <u>Eyes or Ears</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Surgeries</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| <u>Fainting or Dizziness</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Wear Contact Lenses</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| <u>Headaches</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Prescription Medication</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| <u>Heart or Lungs</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <u>Other Information</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |

Food or drug allergies: _____

I am currently taking the following medications: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent: The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend the North Texas District Royal Rangers Camp. The parent's or legal guardian's signature below indicates permission to administer medical attention to the minor in the event of a medical emergency.

Print complete name of minor _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Adult Applicant's Signature: My signature indicates my permission for emergency medical treatment should the need arise while at a North Texas District Royal Rangers camp or while traveling to or from the Campgrounds.

Adult Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

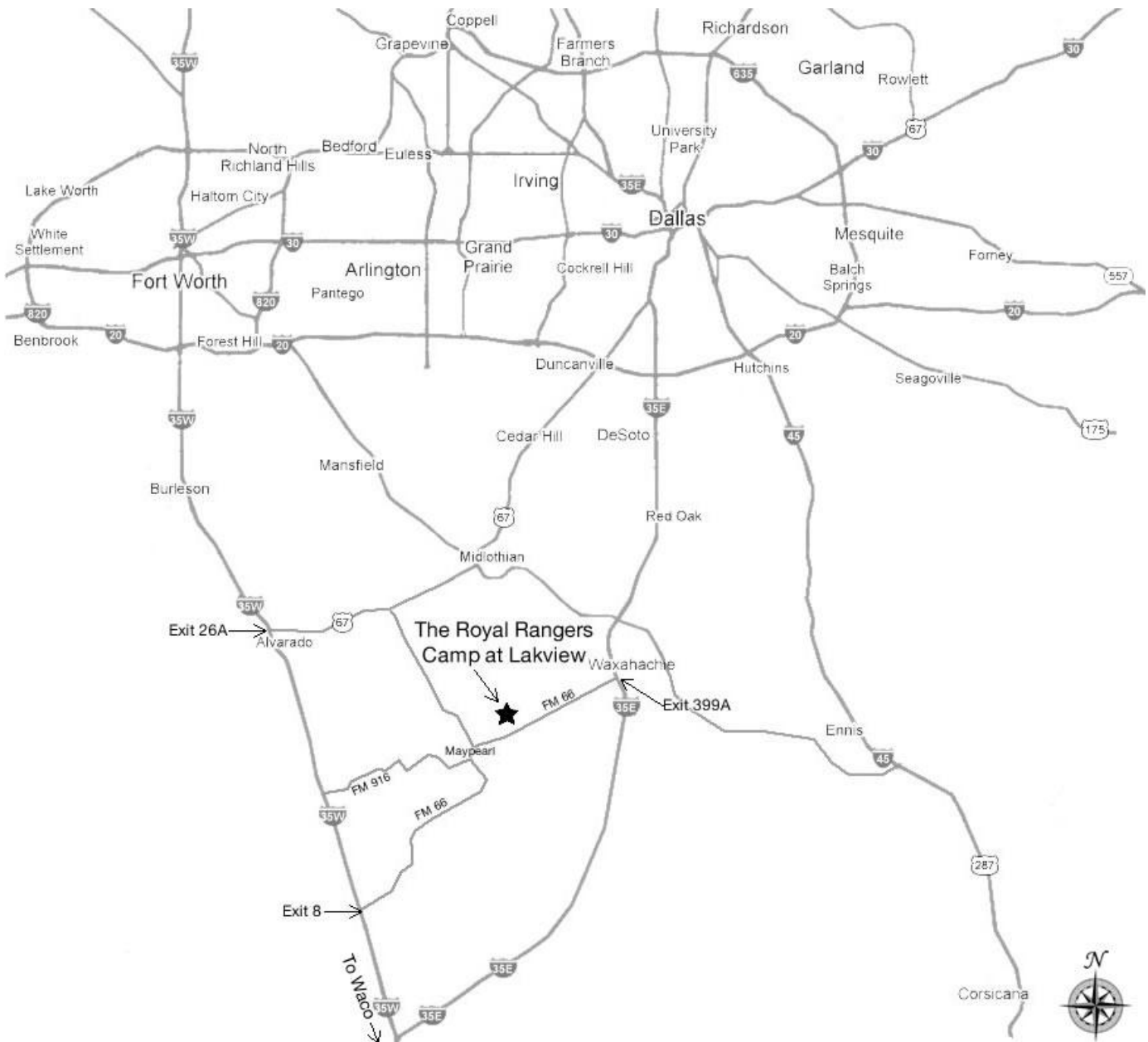
The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview – Map and Directions

Coming from Dallas: Take I-35E south to the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. Lakeview Camp is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Conference Center entrance).

Coming from Fort Worth: Take I-35W south exiting onto Highway 67 in Alvarado (exit 26A). Turn left on Highway 67. In Venus, turn right on 157. In Maypearl, turn left on FM 66. Lakeview Camp 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 (exit 8). Lakeview Camp 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. Lakeview Camp is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Conference Center entrance).



**NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT
SHAWNEE TRAIL CHAPTER
BRUSH POPPIN'**



The Fort
That Church of the Assemblies of God
Corsicana, TX
February 27-March 1, 2015



Come one! Come all! To the NTX Shawnee Trail Chapter spring trace, the FCF Brush Poppin'. This year we are gathering at The Fort at That Church AG in Corsicana, TX. This is the first FCF camp-out of the year, and it is specifically designed for members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship to have fun, make memories and be blessed and inspired by some awesome preaching at the council fire services.

So what kind of fun can one expect at an FCF campout? We will have tomahawk throwing competitions. We will have knife throwing competitions. We will have black powder rifle shooting competitions. We will have primitive archery competitions. And who knows what other kinds of competitions we will have. There will be a bunch of craft demonstrations put on inside the Fort so all can come and learn a new trade or learn a few tricks to make yours better.

Do not forget the Young Buck Blanket. This is where we spread out a blanket and old timers, or young bucks, place LOTS of really cool useful items in great condition on the blanket. Then young bucks get to go around, one at a time, and take an item off of the blanket to keep. And they keep doing this until all of these really nice items are gone. We need A LOT of items on the blanket this year guys. We have a LOT of young bucks!

Come out and hear our own Rev. Rick "Moving Waters" Beebe share the Word. His theme will be "Vision Beyond the Peak." On Sunday morning you are invited to join the congregation of That Church in their auditorium for Sunday morning service. So bring your spiffiest duds.

Now get all of your paperwork signed and sent in to the district office. The pre-registration fee is \$25 for active FCF members and \$35 for inactive FCF members and non-members. The pre-registration deadline is February 7. Registrations after that date will be \$5 more per person. Do not forget that you will need an adult registration form (required for any one that is 18 and older, if a form is not on file for 2015) which requires the pastor's signature and requires that a criminal background check has been conducted within the past two years. Every attendee must have a completed participation agreement form. This form includes the model release, hawk and knife release, and a black powder rifle release and is required to be signed by a parent or legal guardian (for those 17 and younger). Adults (anyone 18 or older) have an agreement that they have to sign on the participation agreement form. Also, this is the perfect time to get that annual dues form turned in and payment sent as well! Annual dues are only \$30 for Old Timers and free for young bucks!

That Church of the Assemblies of God is located at 3640 North Business Interstate 45 in Corsicana, TX 75110. The Fort is around back of the church!

Shinin' times are sure to be had by all. Let's make this our biggest Brush Poppin' ever!

NTX Shawnee Trail FCF Staff

Brush Poppin' Schedule

FRIDAY

8:00 PM FCF Staff Meeting

9:00 PM Council Fire Service
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Morning Devotional
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

10:30 AM Competitions and Trade Demos

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Competitions

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM Trade Demos

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Young Buck Blanket

8:00 PM Council Fire Service
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

10:00 PM Buckskin Ceremony
If a Buckskin candidate is successful

SUNDAY

10:30 AM Morning Service with That Church
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED, PLEASE BE EARLY

After Service Camp Cleanup

Brush Poppin' Rules

General Rules

- Attendance at the evening services, morning assemblies, Sunday school, and Sunday morning service is required of all participants.
- Trash should be taken to the dumpster. We will not have trash pickup in the individual campsites.
- Do not leave trash in your campsite overnight as it will attract animals to your campsite.
- "Lights out and quiet" is at 12:00 AM (midnight). There should be no running about, loud talking, wood chopping, or other obvious distracting noises after this time.
- No smoking is allowed at camp. If someone feels they must smoke, please do so in the parking lot where no boys can observe it.
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not allowed on the premises for any reason.
- No firearms or fireworks are allowed at camp (other than FCF-style rifles, and they must be unloaded in the camp area at all times).
- No conceal and carry is permitted at any North Texas Royal Rangers camps.
- No laser pointers of any type or color are allowed in camp.

Vehicle and Parking Rules

- Only commanders 18 years of age or older may drive any vehicle on the camp property. This includes cars, trucks, RTVs/ATVs, golf carts, or any other motorized vehicles.
- Individuals may not bring RTVs/ATVs or golf carts for use at camp.
- Do not allow your boys to ride in the back of a pick-up or on your trailer while in camp.
- No vehicles are permitted to stay in the camp areas. You are expected to use the designated parking area provided. Failure to follow the parking rules will result in repeated visits from district staff.
- If your group has to leave on Saturday, you need to inform registration so your group can camp in the designated area so your vehicle can come in early without driving through the activity areas.

Fire Safety Rules

- All fires need to be in a properly constructed fire ring. Make sure you have proper fire-fighting equipment available (bucket of water, bucket of sand, shovel, etc.). Your fire must be out when you leave the campsite or retire for the evening.
- When you are finished with your fire ring, place all rocks at the base of a nearby tree. Also, stack any unused firewood at the base of a nearby tree.
- No active campfires are permitted during the evening services. They are a distraction to what the Holy Spirit is doing in the service and they prevent someone from being at the service where they are required to be.

2015 North Texas District Brush Poppin' Outpost Pre-Registration Form

Be sure to fill out a participant agreement form for each person attending, this form must have the appropriate parent/legal guardian signature if the attendee is 17 or younger or the leader's signature if the attendee is 18 or older. For each adult leader, a pastor's signature must be on file or an adult registration form must be included with your registration. This form **MUST BE** postmarked by February 7, 2015, with full payment. Registrations postmarked after this date will be \$5 more per person (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).

Church:	
City:	Outpost #:
Chartered for 2014-15? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

	Pre-registered active FCF member	Pre-registered inactive FCF member or non-member	Registration active FCF member (after Feb. 7)	Registration inactive FCF member or non-member (after Feb. 7)
Number of boys registering (participant agreement form REQUIRED for each boy)				
Number of leaders registering (participant agreement form REQUIRED for each leader)	+	+	+	+
Total registered	=	=	=	=
Registration fee	X \$25	X \$35	X \$30	X \$40
Total registration due	=	=	=	=
FCF Dues (FCF dues form located on page 8)	+	+	+	+
Total amount enclosed (enclose check payable to North Texas Royal Rangers)	=	=	=	=

Mail to: North Texas Royal Rangers PO Box 838 Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838
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DISTRICT USE ONLY – credit to account 11-4660		
Amount Received:	Check Number:	Postmark Date:

2015 North Texas District Participant Agreement Form

Complete one of these forms for each participant (adults and minors) who is attending Brush Poppin'. Complete contact information and church information is required.

Form must be completely filled out.

Name (only one person per form):	
Church Name:	
Church City:	Outpost Number:

<p>Parent/Legal Guardian Consent: The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend and participate in the activities at the 2015 North Texas Shawnee Trail Chapter Brush Poppin' at That Church of the AG in Corsicana, Texas, February 27-March 1, 2015.</p> <p>I give my son permission to sell, trade, give, receive, or barter and have in his possession during this FCF event, any knife, tomahawk, or black powder firearm as is appropriate for his type of historical reenactment activity.</p> <p>I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent to my child to attend and participate in all Brush Poppin' activities, including but not limited to hawk and knife throw, black powder shooting, archery, flint and steel – fire starting, frontiersman crafts and workshop classes.</p> <p>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.</p>
Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature
Printed Name
Date

<p>Adult Applicant's Agreement: I acknowledge that I have read the entire Brush Poppin' packet and agree to abide by the rules as well as any directions from district staff. I also acknowledge that all vehicles are to be parked in the designated area and not in our campsite and that they are not to be brought into the camp until we are allowed to do so by staff. I further acknowledge that the attendance of every adult from my church, including myself, as well as the attendance of the boys from my outpost is required at all morning assemblies and evening services and that no individual will be left in camp for any reason. Furthermore, I acknowledge that my pastor's signature is either already on file for 2015 or the adult registration form with his signature and background check is included with this form.</p>
Adult Applicant's Signature
Printed Name
Date

2015 North Texas District Adult Registration Form (For those 18 year old or older)

Why a background check and pastor certification?

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Each adult who is registering for a district Royal Rangers event during 2015 must have one of these on file with the district for the year. The form may be signed by the senior pastor or a staff pastor who is familiar with the adult who is attending the event. The church is responsible for completing the contact information, church information and performing the background check.

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 2015.

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: clear showed criminal background

* 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 _____

If a copy of this form has already been submitted at a previous 2015 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.

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

**NTX Shawnee Trail Chapter
Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship
2015 Dues**

Dues are \$30 per year for Old Timers (18 years old and older), and \$0 per year for Young Bucks (under 18). They are due and payable at the beginning of each year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Outpost Number: _____

- Young Buck (under 18 years old) \$0/year
- Old Timer (18 years old or older)..... \$30/year

Complete this form and mail it, along with your check (payable to North Texas Royal Rangers), to:

North Texas Royal Rangers
PO Box 838
Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838

For Office Use Only

Check Number: _____

Date Paid: _____

Credit to: 11-4681

2015 NTX SHAWNEE TRAIL SPRING FCF ADVENTURE

We are holding a spring Frontier Adventure this year. This Adventure will be March 27-29 at The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview. In order to attend, registration is mandatory by February 27, 2015. We need both candidates and camp staff members to submit their paperwork by this time. The only way we can keep costs down for our events is to know who is coming so our groceries and other supplies can be purchased correctly. We want to be prepared for you!

If you are a member of the FCF and are interested in working the Adventure, please contact Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow (ronfcfntx@gmail.com). If approved, you will also need to fill out the required FCF member's paperwork (see list below). For the March Frontier Adventure, the camp fee will be \$25 for each FCF member serving on staff, and \$40 for each candidate (traditionally paid by the sponsor).

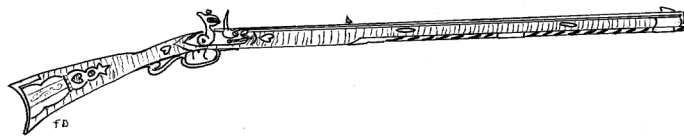


This is an awesome camp. We have outstanding council fire services and great fellowship. When you register to help with the Adventure, we take care of the food so you can plan to help and mentor your young bucks and new green horn old-timers.

For new FCF candidates, you will need to complete the FCF Membership Application, Pastor Approval Form (if 18 or older), medical form, new frontier gear form, and the knife/black powder form (if under 18).

For FCF members, you will need to complete the registration form, pastor approval form (if 18 or older), medical form, knife/black powder form (if under 18), and 2015 dues form (if not current on your dues).

This registration package includes all the needed forms.



With the requirements for all the different types of forms needed, please do not wait until the last minute to get these completed. By completing them early, you prevent us from having to turn you away when you arrive at camp.

The registration deadline for this Adventure is February 27, 2015. **Please make sure mail all your paperwork to the district office by this time and do not hand it to someone directly.**

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Name (only one person per form):	
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Date	

NTX Shawnee Trail Camp Registration

2015 FCF Spring Adventure, March 27-29, 2015

Staff Registration Form

Please complete one form for each FCF member serving on staff of the Adventure. This will allow us to get our FCF records up to date and ensure that every individual brings the correct forms.

Name _____ Outpost # _____

Address _____

FCF Age: (OT or YB) _____ Trade: _____

Do not forget the following forms need to be turned in when you register

Medical Form (keep this form with you)

Knife / Black Powder Permission (under age 18)

Adult Registration (18 and older)

Registration Fees

FCF Member \$25 (active member)

An inactive member must become current in his dues plus pay the registration fee.

Camp Fee Paid: _____

FCF Dues Paid: _____ YB - \$0, OT - \$30 (if you owe past years,
please check with Scribe for
total amount due to become
current)

Total Paid: _____

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Knife and Black Powder 2015 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:

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Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

FCF Membership Application



Name _____ Birthdate _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Church _____ Church Phone _____

Church Address _____ Outpost # _____

Activities in church other than Royal Rangers _____

Present Royal Rangers Position

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Group Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Outpost Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Chaplain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Ranger | <input type="checkbox"/> Expedition Ranger | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor |

Membership Requirements

Boys Only

- Graduate of the fifth grade? Y N Date of your 11th birthday: _____
- Are you an active member of your local chartered outpost? Y N
- Choose one:
 - Completed Gold Eagle GE# _____
 - Completed Bronze Medal of Achievement BMA# _____
 - Completed E1 Date: _____

Leaders Only

- Date you completed the Ready level of OLAL: _____
- Date you completed the Safety level of OLAL: _____
- Are you an active member of your local Chartered Outpost? Y N
- Are you presently a member in good standing in your church? Y N

Boys and Leaders

- Complete a Frontier Adventure.
Upon receipt of this application and fee, your chapter scribe will contact you concerning the date and location of the next Frontier Adventure.

PASTOR'S ENDORSEMENT/COMMENTS

Does the candidate live his life in a Christ-like manner? Please explain:

Pastor's Signature _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

OUTPOST COORDINATOR'S ENDORSEMENT/COMMENTS

Outpost Coordinator's Signature _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

“Realizing that the goal of the Royal Rangers ministry is to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christ-like men and life long servant leaders, and that the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship upholds this area in its fullness, and agreeing to live by the ideals set forth in the above requirement, I hereby submit my application for membership.”

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Fees: (determined by chapter) _____

Mail application and fee to: _____

Chapter Use Only

Date received:	Amount paid:	Date information letter mailed:
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2015 FCF Calendar of Events

Feb 27-Mar 1	FCF Brush Poppin'	Sept 12	Guide2015: Conference
Mar 12-14	Lead2015	Sept 19	FCF Staff Meeting
Mar 27-29	FCF Adventure	Sept 26	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Apr 11	Camp Work Day	Oct 9-11	FCF Family Days
Apr 24-26	Pow Wow	Nov 20-22	Winter Camp
Jun 25-28	Junior Leadership Training Academy	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.

Contact Your FCF Staff

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President—Ron 'Pure Heart' Goodnow,
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Trappers Brigade Rep—David 'Bar'd Owl' Wilson,
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Chaplain—Lee 'Prospector' Fogleman,
leefogleman@tx.rr.com

Historian—(OPEN)

Jr. Field Advisor—Luke 'Pathlighter' Goodnow

Scout—Samuel Peterson

Asst. Scout—Warren Weitner

Asst. Scout—Nick Kohn

For additional information about anything you found in this newsletter or for additional FCF answers, please contact the FCF Vice President, Little Beaver (djkohn92@yahoo.com) or the FCF President, Pure Heart (ronfcfntx@gmail.com).