

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNALS

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

2nd Qtr., 2015

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## 2015 Shawnee Trail Newest Wilderness Members



Ron "Long Shot" Bosher  
Kevin "Fire Dog" Gell  
Jessie "Giant Slayer" Laughlin  
Ben "Lonestar" Nelson  
Jeff "Trail Blazer" Peterson  
David "Bar'd Owl" Wilson

William "Spiritwalker" Brown  
Daniel "Brave Heart" Kohn  
Heath "Big Fish" Marshall  
Mark "Two Bears" Oliver  
Samuel "Strong Tower" Peterson



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Prospector

I went to the Greenville Sectional Speed the Light tour on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February in Cooper. A young pastor, Tim Puckett, (young in Prospector's eyes) spoke and touched me clear down to my soul. Tim talked about Moses and Moses' challenges. He said something that has stuck in my heart! Tim said, "If I am doing what I am suppose to be doing God will provide."

I think of Abraham when he was told to sacrifice his son. "But Isaac spoke to Abraham, his father, and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am son." Then he said, "Look, the fire, and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering. So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"** So he said, "Here I am." And he said," **Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, from Me.**" Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-Lord-Will-Provide**; as it is said to this day, **"In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."** Genesis 22:7-14

"If I am doing what I am suppose to be doing God will provide."



Do you agree Flintlock?

Amen,

Prospector





# The Magnificent 11

By Prospector

February seventh started out as a beautiful day as God already had His plan in place and now it was up to the 11 to step up and go beyond normal expectations. The 11 were made up 4 old timers and 7 young bucks. The lives of these 11 would be changed as the Holy Spirit would visit each one of them and give them their own calling upon their lives.

I had the honor and privilege to be the chaplain for this Wilderness Vigil. I prayed that God would use me to uplift and encourage these 11 Buck skimmers to go where they have never been before. They came packed and ready with all their basic physical needs to get through the physical part of their journey. They had frying pans, flint & steel, water containers, knives, hawks, long poles and powder horns and round shot, many other items to take care of the physical challenges. The greatest item that jumped out to me was the gift they brought to give to the chapter for an auction at the Territorial Rendezvous. These were gifts from the heart and as the Prospector I would say they were pure GOLD from their heart. I thought to myself we must bring the necessities to survive in the wilderness but the greatest gift is what we give to help others survive. The greatest item in their packs was the gift they gave away at the end of verse 35 in Acts 20, Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The 11 went on to complete all of the physical tests, knife throwing, hawk throwing, and shooting, some did great in the knife, others in the hawk, and some even did great in shooting but the real test was yet to come. They packed their gear and headed each one to their selected area that had been prayed over and anointed. This is where they would build their shelters, start a fire, and stay awake all night. This is the test that is life changing. This is the Spiritual test, I would like to tell you about this but I can't; only they can. Each one will have his own testimony of how the Spiritual battle went. Ephesians 6: 12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of the age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

At sun (Son) rise the battle was over as the 11 magnificent warriors marched forward to change the world. Go to them and ask what they experienced for only they can tell. Their names are Ron "Long Shot" Boshier, William "Spiritwalker" Brown, Kevin "Fire Dog" Gell, Daniel "Brave Heart" Kohn, Jessie "Giant Slayer" Laughlin, Heath "Big Fish" Marshall, Ben "Lonestar" Nelson, Mark "Two Bears" Oliver, Jeff "Trail Blazer" Peterson, Samuel "Strong Tower" Peterson, and David "Bar'd Owl" Wilson.

I was there I was humbled,

Prospector



# **Bull Snort's**

**By Spotted Bull**

Winter Camp 2014 was an amazing weekend. And why was it an amazing weekend, Spotted Bull, you are probably asking yourself?

Because I got to test some young men for Buckskin. And that always makes for a fun weekend for me!

Three candidates tested this time. One candidate needed just a little more work and he is going to test again at Brush Poppin'. I have a huge load of confidence that he will do amazingly well at that event and pass with flying colors!

You know who you are! I am counting on you to work hard and make a big impression!

But back to the testing. They all did really well at the skill testing. They all knew the FCF pledge and the meaning of the FCF symbol. All three candidates cooked a very fine meal for me to taste!

Saturday night we had ourselves a really cool Buckskin ceremony under the pavilion, with Paul "Grey Owl" Walters, our National FCF President, on the Tribunal. We are now able to call William Brown (outpost 33) by the FCF name of "Spiritwalker" and Nathan McLane (outpost 55) will now be known as "Living Water."

So if you see these guys at an event, stop and ask them for their totem and get them to tell you about their new names. Both are great witnessing tools. Ask Spiritwalker about his leather and ask Living Water to show you one of his necklaces!

Oh! One more thing! Don't forget that with the change of the year comes an all new set of requirements to test for Buckskin! They are as follows.

## Boys only:

Adventure Rangers Silver Medal  
Expedition Rangers E2 Medal

## Leaders Only:

Complete the Trained Leader of the  
Outpost Leader Advancement Level  
Sponsor a boy into FCF membership

## Leaders and Boys:

Be an FCF member in good standing for one year  
Earned Company Trapper award in Trapper's Brigade (new requirement here too).  
Assist in conducting an FCF Adventure  
Be an active member of a chartered Royal Rangers Outpost  
Be a member in good standing in your local church  
Complete the Buckskin Challenge Workbook  
Complete the Buckskin Challenge

Now that you know what they are, let's get it done and get that advancement! We dropped by one third the amount of guys testing for Buckskin this year over last year. I know that there are a lot of Frontiersmen out there, both young buck and old timer. Let's get those numbers back up for 2015 and make it a record setting year for new Buckskin members!!

Watch yer Topknot



# Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 03/22/2015 dues status)

	Active YB (2015)	Active OT (2015)	Inactive OT (2014, 2013, 2012)	Archived OT (2011 thru 2007)	Historical (before 2007)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	87	17	37	82	594	817
Buckskin	3	7	10	17	70	107
Wilderness	7	31	8	11	59	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1040</b>

## 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](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org), Fax to 254.227.6011, or place it in an envelope and mail to Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burseson, TX 76028. The members we are looking for totems from include:

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| Ken "Coal" Harris (W)                | Brian "Professor" Hendrickson (B)            |
| Mike "Running Turtle" Eddy (B)       | Curtis "Shining Spark" Woods (W)             |
| Dwain "Skimmerhorn" Klopfenstein (W) | Kerry "White Wolf" Mangum (B)                |
| Tom "Wychialo" Harris (B)            | Ray "?????" Williams (B) - Need FCF Name too |

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.

## Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 2nd quarter of 2015. (If yours is missing, feel free to submit mm-dd-yy to [mark@ntxrr.org](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org) for future reference and also make sure you are current on your dues by contacting the FCF Scribe, Frank Super, [usmcrcsuper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usmcrcsuper@sbcglobal.net)).

### April

- Frontiersmen..... Logan Bright, Sam Carson, Jonathan Foster, Salmeron, Carson Zaragoza
- Buckskin ..... Straight Stitch, Trail Blazer
- Wilderness..... 3 Claws, Big Horn, Kind Heart

### May

- Frontiersmen..... Zachary Adams, Aron Money, John Moran, Michael Stokes, David Trower, Jacob Ward, Grayson Zaragoza
- Buckskin ..... Two Bears
- Wilderness..... Flintlock

### June

- Frontiersmen..... David Burnett, Liam Hayle, Michael Peterson
- Buckskin ..... Bar'd Owl
- Wilderness..... Little Beaver

## 2015 FCF Calendar of Events

Apr 11	Camp Work Day	Sept 12	Guide2015: Conference
Apr 24-26	Pow Wow	Sept 19	FCF Staff Meeting
Jun 5-6	FCF Black Powder Course	Sept 26	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Jun 25-28	Junior Leadership Training Academy	Oct 9-11	FCF Family Days
Jul 14-17	South Central Regional FCF Rendezvous	Nov 20-22	Winter Camp
		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](http://www.ntxrr.org/email_lists.htm) and sign up to be on our mailing list today.

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