

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT SMOKE SIGNAL

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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## 2015-2017 New Territorial Scout



Samuel Peterson  
Outpost 65  
Glad Tidings



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Prospector

Greetings fellow Rangers, FCFer's, and more importantly brothers and sisters in Christ.

My friend and sister in Christ, Cassy McNeal (who once was a co-worker with me), invited me to speak with the girls volleyball team at Rockwall Heath High School. Cassy asked me to tell about my medicine pouch. So, I dressed in my Prospector's outfit and brought over 60 pouches to give out. Prospector found a gold mine of beautiful girls hungry for the Lord. This is truly one of God's treasures here on earth. Rangers we must reach out not only to fellow Rangers but out to the world. God has put us here for a reason and we must listen to that still small voice. I was over whelmed being at a public high school and talking about God and praying with the girls. James 5:13-16, says, *"Is anyone of you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

If you have not gone and seen "The War Room" go and watch with your friends and family. Prayer is the answer, when we just put our problems and worries in the hands of our Master Lord Jesus Christ we will receive answers.

Let us pray:

God we ask for you to enter into our lives, we know we cannot make it without you! You are our gold and silver! We ask to become "prayer warriors" to lift one another up and put our trust in You! We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Wolf (Wife Of Lee Fogleman) and I are looking forward to Family days October 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Come ready to trade, enjoy the fellowship, and worship of the Lord. The Holy Spirit will be there waiting for you. He invites you to come!

In His Service,  
Prospector



Prospector and Cassy McNeal



Prospector and Maggie Younger

# Transitions and Updates

By Big Foot

**Territorial Scout:** We recently have seen some transitions in the staff of our Shawnee Trail Chapter of the FCF. In July, our chapter scout, Samuel Peterson, entered the competition at the territorial rendezvous for national and territorial scout. After a long day of testing and competition, it was announced that Samuel would be our territorial scout for the next two years. Samuel also did an outstanding job at territorial in the general competitions, winning the overall competition for young bucks and in the process, winning a black powder rifle.

**Chapter Scout and Assistant Scout:** Once Samuel became our region's territorial scout, that opened up his position as chapter scout. Every two years we have a competition among the young bucks in our chapter (the next competition will be next spring) to see who will serve on the chapter staff as scout or one of our assistant scouts. In the event that the scout position becomes vacant, one of the assistant scouts moves up. In this case Nick Kohn, who has been serving as one of our assistant scouts, has moved up to be our chapter's scout for the remainder of the term. And when we have a vacancy in the assistant scout position, we take the young buck who was next in total points in the last competition and appoint him to fill the unexpired term. Thus, Daniel Kohn is our new assistant scout.

**Chapter President:** Ron "Pure Heart" Goodnow has served as our chapter's president for almost three years. Recently Ron has been promoted at work to be a regional manager over four plants across the country, and he also found out that his mother, who lives in New York, has terminal cancer. Ron communicated with me a couple weeks ago that he felt that he needed to step back right now and focus on his family and his work, and that once things settled down he will be back. Ron will be stepping down as our president right after Family Days next month.

Right now, the plan is to try to announce our new president shortly after Family Days, so that he and his staff will be able to make plans for the FCF village at Winter Camp, for a Wilderness Vigil next February, and the Adventure and Brush Poppin' trace next March.

We have a strong chapter – we just turned in our annual report to the national FCF committee and we are again a 5-star chapter (the top rating). This is a testament to the quality old timers and young bucks we have in our chapter and the leadership we have had in the past and that we currently have. I'm confident that while we go through these transitions in leadership in our chapter we will continue to see excellence in the FCF as we continue to build on the great foundation we have for this aspect of the Royal Rangers ministry.

I hope to see you and your family at Family Days next month!



Jonathan "Bigfoot" Trower





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## 50th Anniversary

By Paul "Grey Owl" Walters II, National FCF President



It's going to be a birthday party that you will not want to miss! The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2016. The highlight of this celebration will be at the 2016 National Camporama in Eagle Rock, MO. I encourage each FCF member to make plans now to attend this exciting event.

We, the members of FCF have a colorful and exciting history. As FCF members, we are innovators. The American frontiersmen were courageous as they explored and expanded our country. FCF members represent some of the best-trained and best-equipped members in Royal Rangers.

If you are not yet a FCF member, there is time. Plan now to be a member by the 2016 National Camporama. Visit the National FCF website at [www.nationalfcf.com](http://www.nationalfcf.com) or the FCF Handbook for the membership requirements. I know you can be a benefit to your outpost, church, community and the world as you serve in the FCF. I look forward to seeing you at the National Camporama.

*This Biography was taken from the Winter 2005 High Adventure Magazine*

Paul Walters first joined Royal Rangers in 1968 as a Pioneer in Outpost 14, Catlett, Va. He joined FCF in 1976 and earned the Gold Medal of Achievement the same year. He became an Outpost Commander at 18 and has served with outposts in Maryland, Texas, and Delaware. Paul currently serves as an Adventure Rangers Outpost Commander at Outpost 48, Parkview A/G, Newark, Del.

Paul has served in various FCF positions, including Penn-Del District Chapter President and Vice President, as well as Territorial Representative for the Northeast Region.

Some of Paul's most significant accomplishments include numerous Pathfinder missions trips, the most recent to the nation of Columbia in August 2005. Paul has led 12 Pathfinder trips to various parts of the world and is a member of the National Pathfinders Committee.

Paul comments, "When I received my GMA, I took the charge to always give back more to the Rangers than I have received. I have tried to put this into practice in my Royal Rangers and FCF leadership positions. Growing up as a Royal Ranger, I have seen the benefits of this great ministry in my life. I feel blessed to be called and be a part of it."

He adds, "The mountain men of the fur-traders era, such as Jedediah Strong Smith, were innovators. They were ahead of their time in the development of the West. I feel we, as FCF members, are called to be innovators in the Lord's service. We shouldn't just try to portray the mountain men. We should strive to be ahead of our time as Royal Rangers and FCF members. This will help us to fulfill the purposes of FCF."



# Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 09/22/2015 dues status)

	Active YB (2015)	Active OT (2015)	Inactive OT (2014, 2013, 2012)	Archived OT (2011 thru 2007)	Historical (before 2007)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	85	33	35	81	593	827
Buckskin	8	9	9	17	70	113
Wilderness	7	34	5	11	59	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>1056</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, Burleson, TX 76028. The members we are looking for totems from include:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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)            |

To validate we have the correct totem for you, you can find your totem online at [http://www.ntxrr.org/fcf\\_totems.htm](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 4th 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, [usmcrsuper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usmcrsuper@sbcglobal.net)).

### October

- Frontiersmen..... J. Sanders
- Buckskin ..... Two Towers
- Wilderness..... none

### November

- Frontiersmen..... C. Fox, M. Garcia, J. Landoni, J. Stephens, N. Tatum, A. Tovar, E. Trevino
- Buckskin ..... none
- Wilderness..... Big Fish, Bladesman, Pure Heart, String Bean

### December

- Frontiersmen..... T. Bradley, P. Brown, K. Clay, S. Galloway, L. Graham, S. Hay, J. Husketh, N. Kohn, D. Martin, D. Murphy, J. Rubianes, T. Townson, A. Vossler
- Buckskin ..... White Wolf, Parting Waters
- Wilderness..... Big Foot, Blazing Heart, Longhorn, Wild Wind





NTX Shawnee Trail  
Family Days 2015

October 9-11, 2015

Theme: "Bullfrogs and Butterflies"

FCF Members,

The 2015 Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (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 9. 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 Trail competition, and craft demonstrations at individual lodges. During the afternoon there will be a couple special demonstrations.

Our special speaker for the camp is our own Ken Harris. He will be speaking Friday night, Saturday morning and 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 2015 we have that on file. You can confirm that yours is on file by checking the list at [http://ntxrr.org/about\\_chartering\\_pastor\\_approvals.htm](http://ntxrr.org/about_chartering_pastor_approvals.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 can be granted for this rule.

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 19. Registrations postmarked after that date will pay the at-camp fee.

**Two Special Notes:** Ellis County is currently under a **burn ban**, and likely will be during Family Days. You may want to take that into consideration when planning your menu. Propane stoves will be acceptable. Also, the bridge right in front of the camp is currently a **one lane bridge** due to **construction**. Plan on delays getting into camp regardless of which direction you come from to camp.

We hope that everyone will make plans to attend the 2015 Family Days!

Shawnee Trail Chapter Staff



# Family Days 2015 Schedule

## Friday, October 9

- 5:00 pm Registration opens (everyone MUST register Friday before spending the night)  
6:00 pm Camp stew served (available for everyone who registers, serving will begin at 6:00)  
8:00 pm Missions auction at pavilion (note: this is the only missions auction that our chapter will hold this year)

## Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 am Morning devotion  
10:00 am-noon Seneca Trail, Craft Item Demonstrations at individual lodges  
Kid's Bear Hunt for the younger kids  
Noon-1:00 pm Events closed for lunch  
1:00-5:00 pm Seneca Trail, Craft Item Demonstrations at individual lodges  
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 Trail – consists of knife and tomahawk throwing, and archery and black powder shooting. The Seneca Trail 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 Trail, 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)
- 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-Registration

**2015 Family Days, October 9-11, 2015**

(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
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**Registration Fees:**

	Pre-Registration Price	At-Camp Price
Adult (18 or over) who is an active member, or the spouse, parent, or adult child of an active member	\$15	\$20
Adult (18 or over) who is not an active member, or is not related to an active member	\$20	\$25
Child (ages 3-17)	\$5	\$7.50
Child (under 3; no medallion for these attendees)	\$0	\$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: \_\_\_\_\_

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





**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.

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



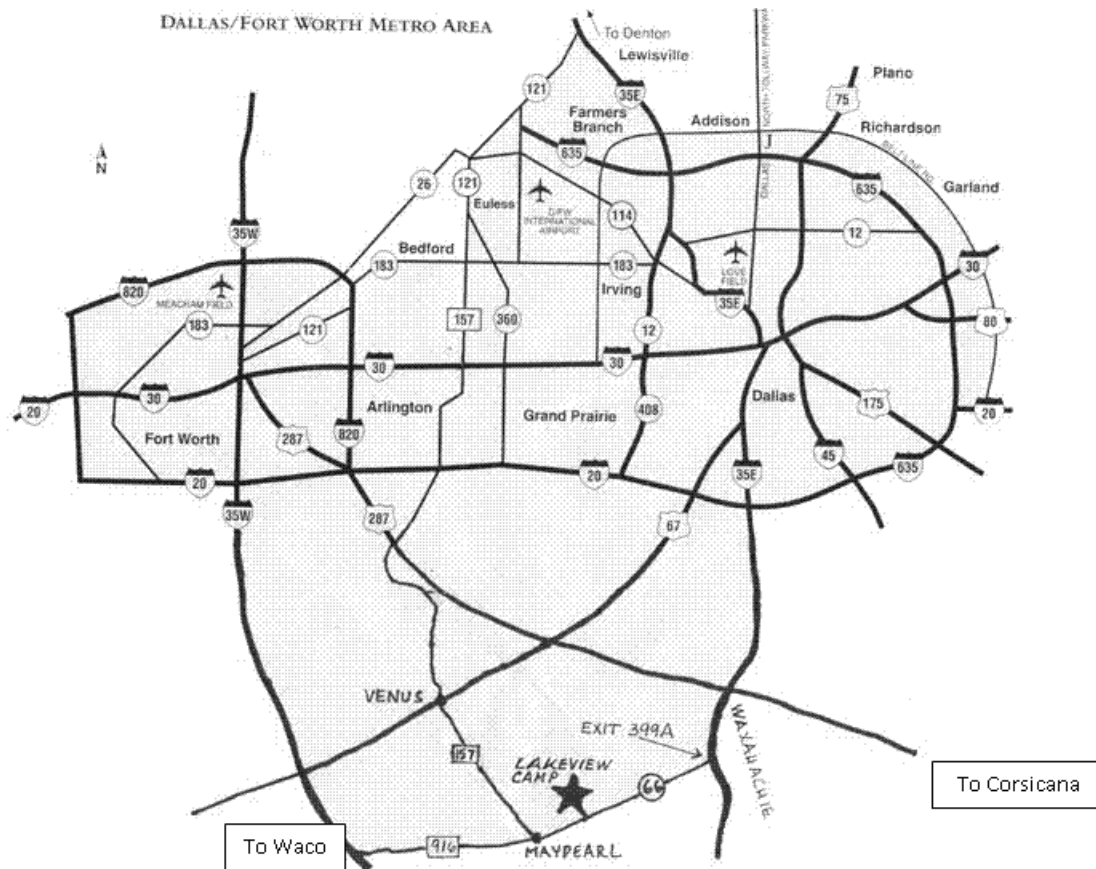
# Camp Rules and Information

- 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 and rocks must be removed from the field after camp.
- 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. Do not leave it at your campsite.
- 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).



## 2015/2016 FCF Calendar of Events

Oct 9-11	FCF Family Days	July 18-22	National Camporama
Nov 20-22	Winter Camp	Sep 10	GUIDE: Commanders Conference
Dec 27-30	Winter Junior Leadership Training Academy	Sep 24	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Jan 29-30	South Central Regional Conference	Oct 7-9	FCF Family Days
March 10-12	LEAD: National Conference	Nov 18-20	Winter Camp
March 18-20	FCF Brush Poppin' / Adventure	Dec 28-31	Junior Leadership Development Academy
Apr 29-May 1	Pow Wow		
May 28	FCF Family Picnic		

### 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/about\\_ntx\\_email\\_lists.htm](http://www.ntxrr.org/about_ntx_email_lists.htm) and sign up to be on our mailing list today.

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