

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT THE LONG TOM

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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## Chapter Greetings

By Gary "WildWind" Bierschwale

Greetings Shawnee Trail Chapter,

This is such a wonderful time of year for reflection, and spending time with family and friends. And, there is no better time to ponder all Jesus has done for us and what He has planned for us in this coming new year. I am excited to see where He takes us and what He is going to do for our Chapter!

Several changes are coming up in 2016 that I would like to share with you.

One exciting change is to the FCF camping area at The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview. Historically, the FCF village has been behind the lodge, but we have outgrown this area and will be moving to the North 40, which is just north of the pavilion. We have been given permission to improve this area for FCF needs and dreams. One of the first structures I would like to see added is a log cabin for our headquarters and store. On either side of this, I would like to see a stockade fence running east and west. This is just the beginning of my dreams, but I would like to hear your ideas as well so we can start to make these things happen together.

Something else different in 2016 will be a change in FCF dues. I believe that anything worth being a part of is worth investing into with your time, money, and prayers. Warren Buffett is a great investor and has earned millions of dollars. A phrase he has used is, "putting skin in the game." What he means by this statement is to invest into something, and then take ownership. All this is to say, if you are going to be a part of an organization, you need to support it with your money and your efforts. All members should be investing into FCF to see it succeed through their efforts or ownership. Therefore, starting in 2016 the annual dues for Old Timers will be \$25 and Young Bucks will be \$5. The dues are normally paid at Brush



Poppin' Trace, but can be paid anytime by contacting the scribe, Mark Oliver. If your dues are not paid by Brush Poppin' Trace, you are considered inactive. Being a part of a great organization should not be a free ride, but rather an investment. Let's all invest in our chapter, take ownership, and watch it grow! Please complete the enclosed 2016 FCF dues form today and mail it to the district office address on the form.

I'm so excited about the camps next year! We are going to make Brush Poppin' Trace a test of skills. We will develop a scenario with a wilderness trek that your team must survive in order to win. You may "git kilt" along the way if your skills are not top notch. So, brush up on your skills and be prepared to "Try To Survive" at Brush Poppin' Trace!

Did you know we can have two Family Camps a year now? We will have our traditional Family Days Camp in October, and now we will have the potential to camp in May! We are planning a reunion picnic for Saturday, May 28, which will be an old-time fair, with arcade games and vendor booths. We would like to invite everyone who has ever been a part of FCF to come back for a visit, so pass the word. Also, the campground will be open the entire weekend if you and your family would like to camp out. More details about this May Fête will be sent out later, so be on the lookout. Come with your family and be prepared to have a wonderful time!

Don't forget Camporama is this coming summer and FCF will play a big part in it. We will be shooting cannons all during the camp, wearing our artillery uniforms, and acting out skirmishes. If you are not a part of the Shawnee Trail Artillery group and would like to be, please let me know and we will get you started.

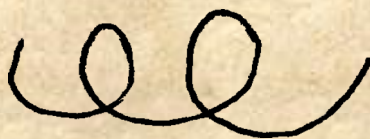
A Wilderness Vigil is planned for February, if you are interested and ready. We have no applicants yet, so if you are ready, please let me know as soon as possible before the camp has to be canceled. The cut-off date is January 4, 2016.

We will be having a workday on April 16 and we will need as many people as possible to help us get our new digs in order and ready for the village! We will need to clear brush, mow, trim, and haul-off debris. I can't wait to start camping in this new area... it has so much promise and potential!

Well, that's it for me now. Please read all the other articles in this newsletter to get more detail on things I have touched on. I am really excited about where this chapter is headed and I want you to come up this trail with me!

Take care and be blessed!

Gary 'WildWind' Bierschwale  
Acts 2:2



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogelman

Greetings to all of my fellow Rangers, FCF members, brother, and sisters in Christ. As the year 2015 comes to an end I ask what you have done for the Lord. In Hebrews 12:1 the Bible says, *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."* It is time we run the race of our life for the Lord. It is time for us to join the cloud of witnesses and witness for our Lord. He has taken us all through challenges which we would not have made without our Lord. We need to talk to others and tell them about our Savior! Tell them how he has brought us through the impossible. Ask missionary Brent Teague what happened in his life about 10 years ago and of all of the miracles God did during that event. God did the impossible for him. Ask Prospector about his heart surgery of five by-passes and how he started bleeding again. The doctor added two more by-passes and didn't know why he did it but these two by-passes lasted while the other five collapsed. In many of our lives God has done something we do not understand but we must trust our God. Again, I ask what we have done for Him. Leaders, each boy you mentor, each boy you lead to the Lord, you are doing what God desires and are answering God's call. You are joining the cloud of witnesses. Young bucks, each boy or friend you witness to or show how a Christen lives, you are joining God's team.

Hebrew 12:2 says, *"Looking unto Jesus, is the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."* We can never do what Jesus has done for us! He is our Savior and has given His all for us. It is time we give it all for Jesus. Let's wake up and ask Jesus what we can do for Him. Let's join the cloud of witnesses! Let's run the race for Jesus. Let's pray for the United States and help it to become a Christian nation once again.

Let us pray:

God we ask for you to have us answer your call on our lives. Let us become part of the cloud of witnesses here on earth and give our lives to you. We ask for your Holy Spirit to enter into us so we might become a warrior for Christ. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

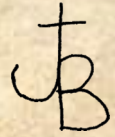
Wolf (Wife of Lee Fogleman) and I are looking forward to this next year to see what the calling of Christ is on our lives. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and worship of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is waiting for you. He invites you to come! So you can make a difference!

In His Service,  
Prospector



# South Central Regional Conference

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



January 29 & 30, The Grace Place, 5950 South Collins St., Arlington, Texas

How Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) changed my life. Come and hear Frank "Jawbone" Super's testimony of his FCF experience.

Jawbone's testimony is meant for men who volunteer to work in Royal Rangers but who have not yet joined FCF.

So the question is, why join FCF? Is FCF just for the cool clothes or the canvas tents? Come and hear Jawbone present his personal views on how the FCF ministry brought him closer to Christ and how the ministry helped him discover his hidden talents. Jawbone will also relate the dynamic effect that FCF had on the boys in his outpost. You really don't want to miss what Jawbone has to say.

Look for more information on the South Central Regional website ([www.scr-royalrangers.org](http://www.scr-royalrangers.org)) or contact the regional PR coordinator (Cam Hendricks, [cam@scr-royalrangers.org](mailto:cam@scr-royalrangers.org))

## 2016 SHAWNEE TRAIL SCOUT SELECTION

Saturday, April 30 during Pow Wow

A long, long time ago, in a place far, far away ..... Wait, that's another story. A fictional story. I want to tell all of you Young Bucks a real story from American history. Back during the time when American families decided to travel across the vast western wilderness to settle and live in Oregon, the only people who knew the way were the fur trappers. The fur trappers possessed an intimate knowledge of the topography of the Rocky Mountains and they also knew exactly where the trails were that led through them. The fur trappers were the scouts for the settlers. The scouts showed the settlers how to successfully navigate through all of the dangers.

The time is soon coming (during Pow Wow 2016) for the Shawnee Trail Chapter to select a new scout and two new assistant scouts. Like the pioneer scouts in the history of the American west, the Shawnee Trail Chapter scouts will be Young Bucks who will be able to help guide their fellow FCF brothers into a more effective ministry. They will need to be able to take on challenges and effectively overcome them. Young Bucks - do you want to pick up the trail and lead your brothers through to bigger and better things for Christ? Pray and ask God for His guidance, and if you feel so moved, then fill out the application (found later in this newsletter with instructions) and mail it in. The eligibility requirements for the Shawnee Trail Scout are the following: Must be less than 18 years old for the next Territorial Rendezvous, (July 15, 2017), so that you are eligible to compete for the National Scout position. Also, as the Chapter Scout, you will need to attend all chapter staff meetings and activities.

This is a big challenge, but if you feel that desire to lead then take the step of faith and go for it!

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: APRIL 1, 2016.** See the packet of information later in this newsletter for required forms.

# **Buckskinner News**

**By JD "Lawman" Smith**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. The planning for the New Year is already underway. We have some great ideas for the upcoming events. Our new president has really lit a fire under the staff and got us all excited.

There were a lot of holes in the FCF Village at Winter Camp where your lodge was suppose to be. You sure were missed. The Village is moving to the North 40 starting at Brush Poppin' Trace. Again there is a lot of new ideas taking place, so be at the next gatherin' and be a part of these new things to come.

There will be only one opportunity for you to advance to Buckskin this year, due to this being a Camporama year. The date is Mar 19. Yes Buckskin Testing will be during Brush Poppin' Trace this year. The cost is \$35 paid for by your sponsor. Interested Frontiersmen need to complete the Buckskin Application found on the website ntxrr.org and send it along with your payment to the district office no later than Feb 15, 2016. You can find the requirements in the FCF Handbook. Contact me with any questions.

So, get your outfit in order, be ready to answer a few questions about your choices, polish up on your knife and hawk skills and your trap setting skills. Bring everything you will need to cook a hearty meal for you and two staff members (the food will be provided). There may even be an opportunity to light off your smoke pole if you bring it.

I'm expecting to see all of you at Brush Poppin' Trace in March.

Hold onto yer topknot,

J.D. "Lawman" Smith, Gal. 3:24



## **FCF Village Participation**

### **Pow Wow 2016**

**By Frank "Jawbone" Super**

Calling all Shawnee Trail Chapter members!! During Pow Wow and Winter Camp an FCF Village is formed and is then used throughout the duration of the camp. The purposes of the FCF Village are the following:

- 1) Promote and generate interest in FCF and the Shawnee Trail Chapter;
- 2) Display examples of pioneer camp craft and skills;
- 3) Provide camp participants with the opportunity to participate in various frontier related activities;
- 4) Provide an arena for Shawnee Trail Chapter members to advance to Buckskin and other chapter events like scout testing, etc.

Filling the FCF Village with canvas shelters and then staffing the Village is a real priority for the Shawnee Trail Chapter. FCF members who have shelters or who have the ability to set-up one of the Chapter shelters are always invited to come and camp in the FCF Village. Residents of the FCF Village must look and act the part of the American frontier because the FCF Village at camp is a showplace for the FCF ministry. Those interested in residing in the FCF Village during the district camps should seek permission from either the FCF President or Vice President. The FCF Vice President, Frank "Jawbone" Super, is the FCF Village Camp Commandante, so please abide by his instructions for camp set-up.

# The Next Frontier Adventure Beckons

By Frank "Jawbone" Super

April 1, 2016, at The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview

SHAWNEE TRAIL CHAPTER MEMBERS: Do you know anyone in your outpost who has shown exceptional interest in and commitment to Royal Rangers? For you Young Bucks, are there any fellow Rangers or adult leaders who you see consistently giving 100% to the Royal Rangers ministry but are not yet in the FCF? Old Timers, do you see some outstanding Rangers and fellow leaders who are advancing in their merits and training and who are hungry for more of God in their lives? If you answered yes to any of these questions then take a bold step of faith and sponsor them into the FCF. Right now is the perfect time to identify new candidates and get them ready both spiritually and physically for the next Frontier Adventure which takes place on April first and second at The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview. NOTE: The April Frontier Adventure will be the only Adventure offered this year, so we need to put forth a great deal of effort to get qualified candidates ready for this Adventure.

This Frontier Adventure will be a "stand-alone" event in line with the traditional Frontier Adventures of the past. Your candidates will be given a wonderful opportunity to experience a 24 hour vigil where they can focus on God, seek His will for their lives, and take a meaningful step towards developing their ability to minister to others. And, the Frontier Adventure is a lot of fun for both the candidates, their sponsors and the camp staff.

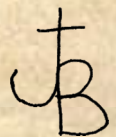
The camp staff will consist of the Shawnee Trail staff, designated invited auxiliaries and sponsors. Sponsors are a definite must at this camp in order to provide prayer support for their candidates and to aid in the running of camp. Additional details and coordinating instructions on the camp will be forwarded at a later date but all should endeavor to be at camp Friday night. Candidates will need to be at the Pavilion not later than 6:30 pm. Camp cost for all camp participants (non-candidates) will be \$30 to cover your chow starting Saturday morning with breakfast and ending with Sunday morning breakfast (4 meals).

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- All candidates: must be a member of a chartered outpost and in good standing with their outpost and church.
- Boys: 11 years old and graduated from fifth grade and have completed one of the following: Discovery Rangers Gold Eagle, Adventure Rangers Bronze Medal, or Expedition Rangers E1 medal.
- Leaders: earned "Ready" and "Safety" patches of leaders training program. Please submit a copy of your certificate if possible so it can be validated.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016. Go to the North Texas Royal Rangers web site, [ntxrr.org](http://ntxrr.org), in order to find the 2016 FCF membership application (also in this newsletter). Sponsors, you are responsible for the \$40 candidate fee. Please don't hesitate or delay. Let's be bold and assist in the growth and development of our brothers.

Questions? Contact Frank "Jawbone" Super at (817) 988-8414 or [usmcrcsuper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usmcrcsuper@sbcglobal.net)



# 1st Annual Shawnee Trail Chapter May Fête and Old-Timer Reunion

By Rene Pannill

Come one, come all to the First Annual Shawnee Trail “May Fête”! (Them’s just fancy words askin’ ya’ll to come to a party!)

What a mighty fine celebration we are gonna have, too! A fun day full of games, doin’s, and great grub for everybody from the youngest to the oldest! Yep, we have sumthin’ for everbody!

What? Too tired to play games? Well, mosey on over to Ms. Rene’s Sweet Stop for a cool glass of lemonade and sumthin’ sweet to eat. Then, jist stroll along to visit with other old timers takin’ a break. Might try yore hand at dominoes, checkers, or chess while you rest. Or pitch a few horseshoes iffen yore a little more feisty!

Got a little spendin’ money a-burnin’ a hole in yore pocket? Head on over to Mrs. Wildwind’s Merchantile, to see what trinkets and geegaws she’ll have. We’ve heard through the grapevine, the FCF staffers are supposed to be a-workin’ hard to supply the trade goods they’re famous for. (All monies raised will go to improvin’ on the new FCF village at the North 40!)

Families, do we have fun in store for you! We plan sack races, blind man’s bluff, leap frog, puppet shows, coconut shy (win a coconut?), stick-pony rides, races, and lots more for kids of all ages.

Now, I heared from yore ma that some a-ya’ll was great at tellin’ tales when you were a kid. Put that talent to good use at the Tall Tale contest at the Sweet Stop.

My, there is just too much to list ever’thang here, so be on the lookout for more news as time gits close.

Now, **when** is all this Fine Entertainment gonna happen, you ask? Well, it’s a-gonna be May 28, 2016, which’ll be here afore ya know it! “What time,” you ask? Why we will start this fine day round about 10:00 a.m. and will get through when we’re done. At 1:00 pm, all activities will close for our picnic lunch, quilt auction, and family entertainment. Then, ‘round about 2:30 we will start up our fun agin’. Did I hear you ask **where’re** all these goin’s-on gonna be goin on? Why, at our regular meetin’ place at the Ranger campgrounds in Maypearl, of course!

Now, then, **what** to bring...yoreselves, of course; any visitors you kin drag along, expectin’ to have a bushel full of fun; oh, and of course, food! Be shore to bring a picnic lunch for you and yore family. Also, be shore to dress all proper-like and put on yore old-timey duds, and iffen you bring a guest family with you, be sure to help them dress right, too. Let’s share a great memory with them and their family.

Now, we stuck the word, “REUNION” in this doin’s title. That ‘cause we’d love to see folks from the olden days that haven’t a-been a-comin’ around in awhile. We all know nothin’ stays the same, and the good Lord often times moves folks into new places to do HIS good work, but jist maybe we can convince these folks to come by for a one-time visit. So, iffen ya’ll know somebody who’s been missin’...why give ‘em a call and invite ‘em to come on along. Jist think on names like Jeremiah Tailor (David Wills), Skimmerhorn (Dwain Klopfenstein), Big Crow (Steve Norcross), Blue Dot (Randy Marshall), Old Trapper (Paul Patterson), Road Runner (Sherman McDaniel), Cooper (Jerry Peschke), and many more folks sich as them. Kind of like long-lost

## May Fête (cont.)

family, ain't they? Well, iffen you know the whereabouts of any beloved FCF members we ain't a-heared from in ages...let us know. We'll send 'em an official invite to the goin's on in May.

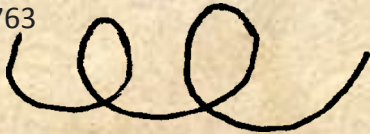
The campground will be open for campers who want to make a weekend out of it, bein's how it's a holiday weekend and all. Ya'll don't have to stay dressed up for the whole weekend, though. Take it easy and have a good time the rest of the weekend in your modern, cool gear!

Now we don't want any of you talented folks feelin' left out, so iffen you wanna help make this day even more awesome, send a post out to WildWind and let him know yore a-willin' to help, or share a suggestion with him, or iffen you have a question, why jist ask him. He's a purty friendly fella! It takes a lotta help to throw awesome parties, so any able body wantin' to get in on this May Fête, jist jump on the band wagon and come fellowship with the rest of us.

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## Pow Wow Work Day

By Frank "Jawbone" Super

April 16, The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview

Shawnee Trail Chapter, the FCF village at Lakeview Camp is moving. That's right. This will be a permanent move. The village will be moved from the back of the Ollie Henley Lodge to a new spot in the "North 40." The challenge for all of us is to make sure that the FCF Village can be seen by the rest of camp during Pow Wow and Winter Camp. Right now there are some very dense thickets that obscure the view to the new village site and these thickets need to be drastically thinned out. After all, how will FCF be able to minister to the camp if no one can see where we are? In order to clear out the thickets, we need to have a maximum turn-out of all FCF members to come and work. Please come out with your chain saws, pole saws, flat bed trailers and young bucks to assist in this job. I know that with all of us working together we can accomplish this daunting challenge in just a few hours. Remember that many hands make for light labor. After the thickets are cleared out, you will then be afforded the opportunity to go and clear your personal outpost camp site.

In other news, the burn pile will also be moved to the western hay field in order to make room for the FCF village area and the proposed chapel/blacksmith shop.



# Buckskin Testing

By Jawbone, FCF Vice President

To many of us who successfully completed the Frontier Adventure in the past - some of us way off in the past - the question we tend to ask is: Why test for Buckskin? What's the point since I already successfully entered the Shawnee Trail and I'm really active in the chapter? To those of you out there who ask these questions and seem to be determined to remain "Frontiersman Forever," I present the following for consideration:

- 1) The "Buckskin Process" will help us be more like Christ.

The Buckskin Process primarily consists of each of us submitting ourselves to a set of established guidelines. For us men, this tends to be a humbling activity because we have to rely on others to help us, and we have to admit that we don't have all the answers. This humbling and submitting activity tends to be very difficult for some but I believe that it is the key to receiving supernatural blessings from God. James 4:10 says: "Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up." Humility - the opposite of pride - is a direct trait exhibited by Christ, and a trait that we must learn to model. For more on modeling yourselves after Christ in humility, read Philippians chapter two.



- 2) Like Jacob became Israel, we also will get a new name .



In Genesis 32:28, Jacob was given the name Israel because he "struggled" with God all night in order to receive God's blessing. Jacob's struggle brought him victory and God's blessing. The new name was a symbol of Jacob's spiritual maturity as brought on by the process of struggling with God. Each of us, as we struggle through the Buckskin Process, are continually receiving insight into what God wants from us in this FCF ministry. When we finally near the end of the struggle, God renames us. The new name ushers us into a new level of maturity in our Christian walk.

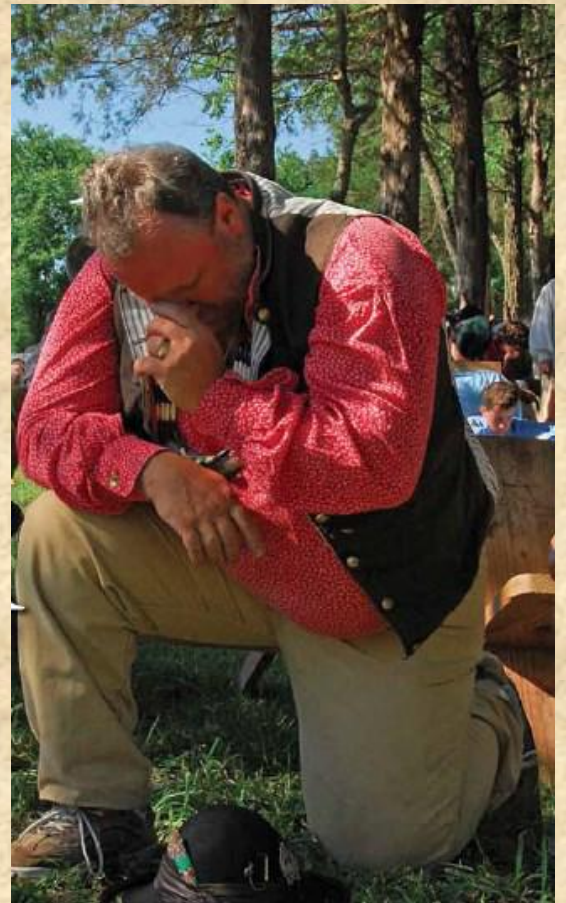
### 3) FCF Credibility

The Christian Maturing Process that we all go through requires mentors, that is, fellow Christian believers who can help guide and direct us on our spiritual journey. New Frontiersmen need to be able to have confidence that they can find help, guidance and direction in the FCF ministry from their brothers. Knowing that a fellow brother successfully completed the Buckskin Process immediately lends a sense of reliability on that brother and our fellow Frontiersman understand that. It is vital that we all continue to press forward in our growth process so that we are all credible in this FCF ministry.



### 4) Personal Benefit

For me personally, my Buckskin Process brought me revelation after revelation in the areas of personal prayer, reliance on God, abundant living and fellowship with other believers. Before I started the process I never knew about the joys of leathercraft, bead working, carpentry, black powder shooting and on and on. Wow! I discovered all kinds of new worlds that brought color and excitement into my life. As I learned, and continue to learn, I discovered the pure joy of blessing others through giving gifts. The personal benefits I received go way beyond the FCF ministry. My prayer life increased and my relationship with Christ grew as I pressed further on in the journey.



My dear Shawnee Trail Frontiersmen - please don't be satisfied with the Frontiersman level. There is so much more to discover. So much more to receive from Christ.

I encourage you all to "press on toward the goal...for which God has called you..." You won't be disappointed.



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



The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview  
March 18-20, 2016

Greetings Shawnee Trail Family,

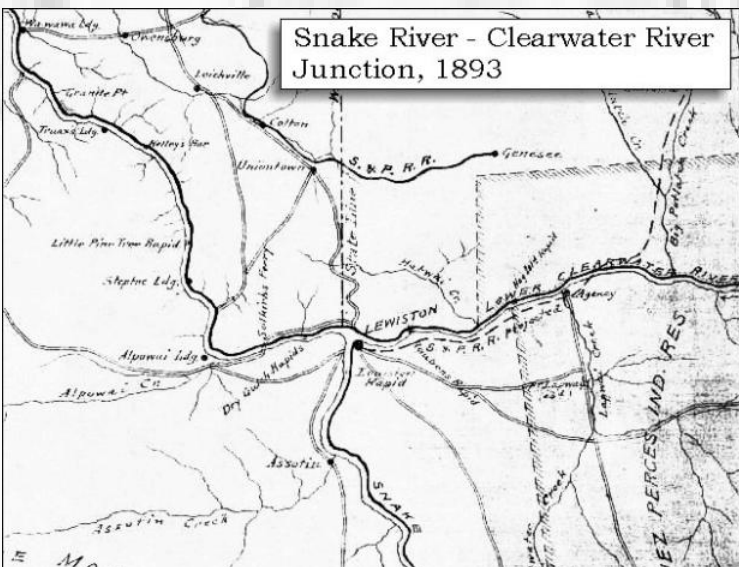
Back in the late 1990's, we had a camp called "Can You Survive?" The patch had a coiled snake ready to strike. All the guys who participated in the camp really enjoyed it, most especially the trail walk that ensued....

We developed a scenario to set the tone and the time period along with the circumstances of the trail walk that were to be overcome. The idea of the walk was to start at point A and make it alive to point B. And yes, some brigades did not even make it all the way through the walk. They all "died" before they could get to point B. Their fate was due to chance and the decisions they made at each station. Although many did not finish the walk, they still had a grand time with the people in their brigade!

So, we are going to replicate this camp again for your enjoyment! Here is the gist of the walk:

- a) You will have a brigade of six made up of equal number old timers and young bucks.
- b) Your brigade will start at point A with all equipment you think necessary for a several-months trek across the wilderness to point B.
- c) You must stop at several stations along the way to make decisions and accomplish tasks. There "may be" hazards along the trail you will have to deal with as a brigade. You will then draw a marble from your guide's pouch. The color of the marble will determine the fate of some of your brigade members at each station.
- d) You will continue in this manner until you get to point B, or until everyone in your brigade is dead. You will earn points all along the trek for various tasks. The brigade that finishes with the most points will win! There will only be one winning brigade, with each brigade member winning a prize.

On Friday night, we will have a stew waiting on you, and maybe even a circuit preacher could show up at camp. Saturday night, we will swap tales over the camp fire and see if that circuit rider might show up again and share some Good News with us! This will be a special "Re-Issued" camp you will want to be a part of, so get your trekking packs and your gear ready to see if "You Can Survive"!



The camp will be \$25 per member. The fee for non-members or inactive member will be \$40, and they cannot participate in the trek or young-buck blanket. The young buck blanket is for members only.

Take care and be blessed!

Gary 'WildWind' Bierschwale,  
Acts 2:2

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, representing the name Gary 'WildWind' Bierschwale.

## 2016 Brush Poppin' Trace Schedule

### FRIDAY

7:00—8:00 pm	Supper
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### SATURDAY

7:00—8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00—noon	Run Trek
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00—6:00 pm	Run Trek (free time when complete)
6:00 pm—9:00 pm	Supper, Circuit Rider, Prizes
9:00—11:00 pm	Free Time

### SUNDAY

7:00—8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00—9:00 am	Devotion and Pack to Leave

# 2016 Brush Poppin' Trace Rules

## General Rules

- Attendance at the evening services, morning assemblies, 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.

# 2016 North Texas District Brush Poppin' Trace 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 20, 2016, with full payment. Registrations postmarked after this date will be \$5 more per person (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).

Church: _____				
City: _____		Outpost #: _____		
Chartered for 2015-16? <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. 20)	Registration inactive FCF member or non-member (after Feb. 20)
Number of boys registering (participant agreement form <b>REQUIRED</b> for each boy)				
Number of leaders registering (participant agreement form <b>REQUIRED</b> for each leader)	+	+	+	+
Total registered	=	=	=	=
Registration fee	X \$25	X \$40	X \$30	X \$45
Total registration due	=	=	=	=
2016 FCF Dues (\$25 for OT, \$5 for YB) (please complete page 8 for each member)	+	+	+	+
Total amount enclosed (enclose check payable to North Texas Royal Rangers)	=	=	=	=
Mail to: North Texas Royal Rangers PO Box 838 Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838				
<b>DISTRICT USE ONLY – credit to account 11-4660</b>				
Amount Received:	Check Number:	Postmark Date:		

## 2016 North Texas District Participant Agreement Form

Complete one of these forms for each participant (adults and minors) who is attending Brush Poppin' Trace. 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><b>Parent/Legal Guardian Consent:</b> The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend and participate in the activities at the 2016 North Texas Shawnee Trail Chapter Brush Poppin' Trace at the Royal Rangers Campground at Lakeview, March 18-20, 2016.</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' Trace 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><b>Adult Applicant's Agreement:</b> I acknowledge that I have read the entire Brush Poppin' Trace 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 2016 or the adult registration form with his signature and background check is included with this form.</p>	
Adult Applicant's Signature	
Printed Name	
Date	



# 2016 North Texas District Adult Registration Form (For those 18 year 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 2016 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 2016.

### **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 2016 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  
2016 Dues**

Dues are \$25 per year for Old Timers (18 years old and older), and \$5 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) ..... \$5/year  
Old Timer (18 years old or older)..... \$25/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



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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North Texas District Office: Please credit to account 11-4682.



## Scout Testing Guideline Packet - 8 pages

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FCF ADVANCEMENT	SCOUT TESTING GUIDELINES

### Qualifications

A candidate must be under 18 years of age at the time of a scout competition. National and Territorial scout competitions require candidates to be the selected Scout of their Chapter. In the event the Chapter Scout is unable to attend, the Assistant Chapter Scout may be added as a substitution. In each case, he must be an active FCF member of a chartered Royal Rangers outpost, and have the approval of his Outpost Commander, Outpost Coordinator, and Pastor in order to be eligible to compete for the position of Scout.

Candidates for scout must submit the Scout Application and three Personal Reference forms. The application and reference forms should be postmarked no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the scout competition in order to be eligible for participation. Both the scout application and the personal reference form are available on [www.nationalfcf.org](http://www.nationalfcf.org). All forms should be sent to the Chapter President or Territorial Representative respectively.

Scout candidates will be evaluated in eight areas of scoring. In a Chapter Scout competition, the highest scoring candidate will become the Chapter Scout and the second highest scoring candidate will become the Assistant Chapter Scout. In a National Scout completion, the Chapter Scout candidate achieving the highest score will be selected as a National Scout and the second highest scoring chapter scout will be selected as the Territorial Scout. The selected National Scout and Territorial Scout will serve two year terms.

### Chapter / Territory Administration

It will be the responsibility of the Chapter President and Territorial Representative to send the completed Scout applications and personal reference forms for the selected scouts to the National Royal Rangers office within 30 days of the competition. The scout applications and personal reference forms for the candidates who did not become scout should be retained by the Chapter or Territory until the next scout competition.

Scores will be kept on file in the event that either boy becomes unable to fulfill their obligation. A new appointment will be made based on next highest score, at which time that boy's application and personal reference forms will be forwarded to the National Royal Rangers office.

The Chapter President should designate a member of their staff to coordinate the Scout competition process. The Scout competition coordinator should enlist an appropriate number of chapter members to assist in the facilitation of the competition. The Territorial Representative should designate a member of the respective territory to conduct the competition for National/Territorial Scout. It would be preferable to have a representative from each chapter with a scout candidate participate in the testing process. However, a chapter member should not judge the frontier outfit category for a scout candidate from their own chapter.

### Scout Competition

A scout candidate will be evaluated in the following eight areas:

- 10 points Flint & Steel
- 10 points Black Powder Shoot or Primitive Bow Shoot
- 10 points Hawk Throwing
- 10 points Knife Throwing
- 10 points Frontier Outfit
- 10 points FCF Advancement
- 10 points Trappers Brigade Advancement
- 10 points Royal Rangers Advancement

#### Flint and Steel

**Event Description:** A candidate must use his own flint and steel. Tinder will be supplied. All tinder given to the candidates must be the same material.

**Scoring:** scoring will be based on the following time intervals:

- 10 points under 10 seconds
- 8 points 10-30 seconds
- 6 points 30 seconds to 1 minute
- 4 points 1 minute to 2 minutes
- 2 points Greater than 2 minutes

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### Black Powder or Primitive Bow Shoot

**Event Description:** Candidates using a black powder muzzleloader must use black powder, a round ball and cloth patch for this scoring section. Black powder shooters must shoot standing off hand at 25 yards. Those shooting black powder must have a Black Powder shooters card issued by the NRA or NMLRA. Primitive bow shooters must shoot standing at 15 yards. Bows must be a primitive wood long bow, laminate long bow, or a laminate recurve bow with no sighting devices. All shooters must use the Official FCF Target included in the scout testing guidelines.

**Scoring:** Points are scored by the numbers indicated on the target. An arrow/shot will be scored according to the position of the shaft/hole on the target face. If the shaft/hole touches two colors or touches any dividing line between two scoring zones, the arrow/shot will score the higher value of the two zones involved.

10 points	Bull's eye
8 points	first ring
6 points	second ring
4 points	third ring
2 points	fourth ring

### Tomahawk Throwing

**Event Description:** Candidate must use his own primitive style tomahawk. He will be given 10 tries to stick his tomahawk. Pacing off is allowed only once. Each throw must stay lodged in the target for at least 5 seconds to count for a point. A traditional 18-24 inch target round will be used. The target must be properly secured by a tripod or other method to prevent falling or excessive movement.

**Scoring:** One point for every successful stick of the tomahawk – max 10 points.

### Knife Throwing

**Event Description:** Candidate must use his own primitive style knife. He will be given 10 tries to stick his knife. Pacing off is allowed only once. Each throw must stay lodged in the target for at least 5 seconds to count for a point. A traditional 18-24 inch target round will be used. The target must be properly secured by a tripod or other method to prevent falling off or excessive movement.

**Scoring:** One point for every successful stick of the knife – max 10 points.

### Frontier Outfit

**Evaluation Description:** Candidate must wear his own frontier outfit items to the evaluation and cannot borrow items from other FCF members.

**Scoring:** Frontier outfit scoring form below – max 10 points.

Score each item on a scale from 2 to 10 with 10 being the best score. Each item should be evaluated on the following criteria; hand made by competitor, workmanship, and period authentic. Higher scores should be given for items that are hand-made by the scout candidate.

**Poor (2 pts), Marginal (4 pts), Good (6 pts), Better (8 pts), Best (10 pts)**

Outfit Item	Score
Shirt	2 4 6 8 10
Pants	2 4 6 8 10
Foot Gear	2 4 6 8 10
Coat	2 4 6 8 10
Knife	2 4 6 8 10
Tomahawk	2 4 6 8 10
Possible Pouch / Bag	2 4 6 8 10
Hat	2 4 6 8 10
Necklace	2 4 6 8 10
Overall Appearance	2 4 6 8 10
100 points possible – Total Points	
Final Frontier Outfit Score (100 points) = Points divided by 10	

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**Period Authentic:** Is the item correct for the time period portrayed by the candidate?

**Workmanship:** Points will be scored by assessing the quality of work put into the item. Work does not have to be done by the candidate. This is purely scoring based on the merit of the item. Does the workmanship in construction of the item indicate historically accurate methods and designs? Is the workmanship appealing to the eye?

**Hand-made by candidate:** The candidate should be the primary person to do the work on the item however, it is acceptable to have help in making the item.

### FCF Advancement

**Scoring:** Candidates will receive a score according to the point schedule below.

Wilderness member	10 points
Buckskin member	5 points

### Trappers Brigade Advancement

**Scoring:** Candidates will receive a score according to the point schedule below.

Free Trapper	10 points
Bourgeois Trapper	7 points
Company Trapper	5 points

### Royal Ranger Advancement

**Scoring:** Candidates will receive a score according to the point schedule below. Count only the highest achievement level earned. Points are not accumulative.

Score highest single achievement level with the highest possible score for the RR Advancement category being 10. A candidate cannot combine points attributed to earned awards in both Adventure and Expedition Rangers.

Gold Medal of Achievement	10 points
Silver Medal of Achievement	7 points
E3 Medal	10 points
E2 Medal	7 points

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FCF ADVANCEMENT	SCOUT COMPETITION SCORE SHEET

Sectional | Chapter | Territorial | National

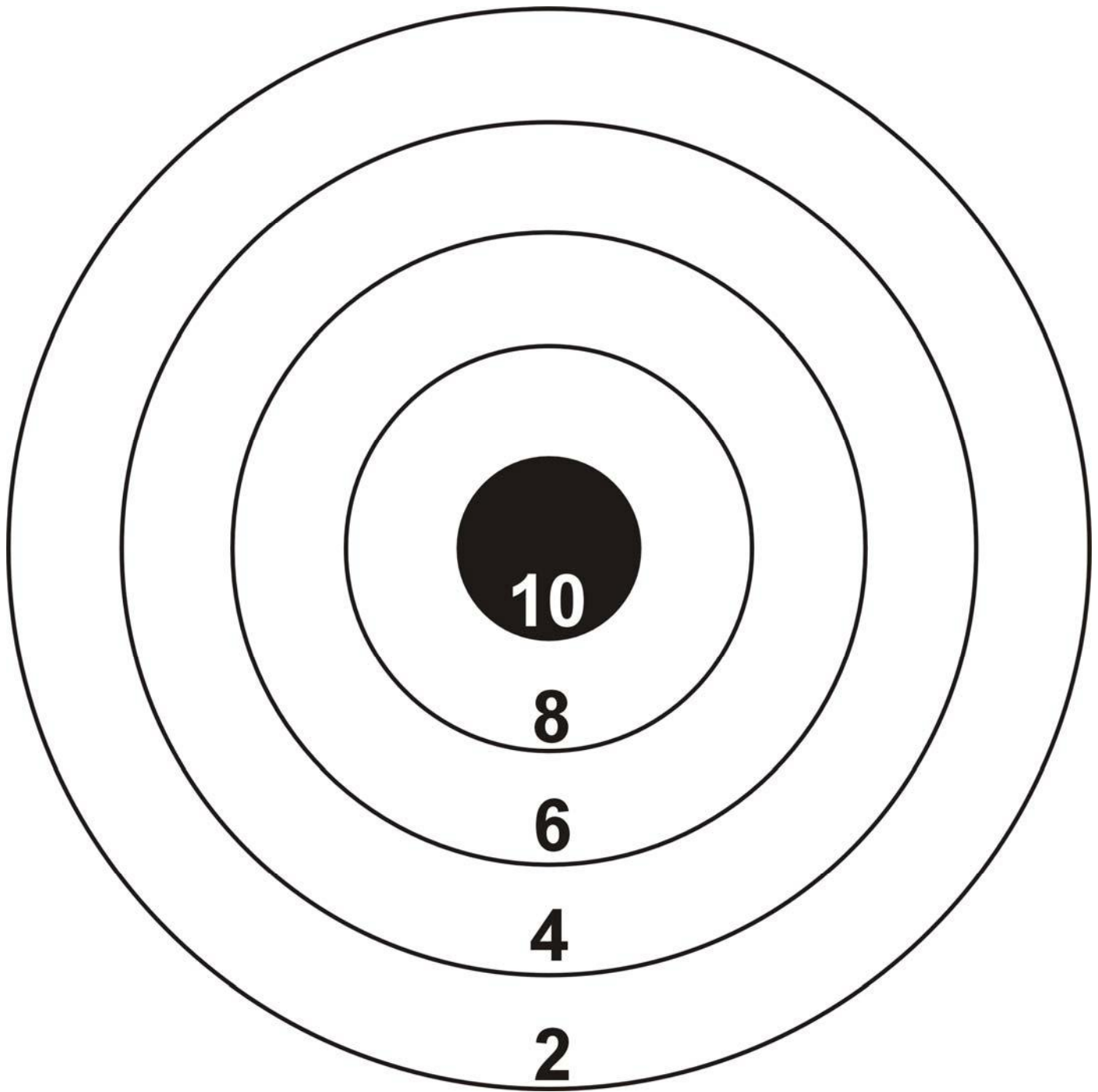
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date & Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ FCF Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Scout Competition Target – Black Powder or Primitive Bow**



<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
FCF ADVANCEMENT	SCOUT APPLICATION

### Scout Application – Sectional, Chapter, Territorial, National

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

**This application should be mailed to your Chapter President or Territorial Representative**  
**Postmarked 30 days prior to the scout testing to be eligible to be selected as scout.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FCF Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Outpost #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Outpost Currently Chartered?  Yes  No  
 Level applying for:  Sectional  Chapter  Territorial/National

#### 1. FCF Advancement

Frontiersmen  Buckskin  Wilderness

#### 2. Trappers Brigade

Company Trapper  Bourgeois  Free Trapper # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pathfinder  Bronze  Silver  Gold

#### 3. Royal Rangers Advancement

Bronze Medal of Achievement  Silver Medal of Achievement  Gold Medal of Achievement  
 E1 Award  E2 Award  E3 Award  Honor GMA

#### 4. Junior Leadership Development (Check all Junior Training events you have attended)

RTC  JTC  AJTC  BAC  CAC  WSAC  AAC  
 MAC  SAC  SSAC  Junior Academy  Trail of the Saber Medal

#### 5. Outpost Leadership -What leadership positions have you held in your outpost?

Asst Patrol Leader  Patrol Leader  Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader  Sr. Patrol Leader  Jr. Commander  
 Outpost Scout  Communications Spec.  Historian  Chaplains Aide  Gear Manager

What position do you presently hold in the outpost? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. Events (Check all that you have attended in the last 12 months)

National Camporama  National Rendezvous  Territorial Rendezvous  Camporee / Powwow  
 Chapter Trace  Frontier Adventure  Winter Trace  Primitive Trek  FCF Business Meeting

- List any sports, clubs, or special activities you participate in at school or other venues.

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application by April 1, 2016 to**  
**Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burleson, TX 76028.**

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**Personal Commitment**

I realize the importance of displaying integrity, respect, and courtesy in my personal life, social media, my outpost and at Royal Ranger events that I may attend as a scout. I will strive to display Christian character in all areas of my life, understanding that I represent the Royal Rangers Ministries during my term as scout.

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

**Endorsements**

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

<i>Outpost Coordinator's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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If 18, please verify the below statement before signing. If a minor, there is no need for the youth worker's screening form. However, the application still requires the pastor's signature.

I am personally acquainted with the applicant, and in my opinion he is a competent and qualified youth worker. I know of no facts or allegations that raise any questions concerning his suitability for working with minors in any Royal Rangers activity. The church has on file the applicant's youth worker's screening form.

<i>Pastor's Signature</i> <small>(Lead, Associate, Children's, Youth, or Board Member)</small>	<i>Date</i>
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***Endorsement for Territorial/National selections ONLY***

I verify that the above named scout candidate is an active member of our chapter.

<i>Chapter FCF President Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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This application will be retained indefinitely in the national Royal Rangers office in electronic format.

**Mail completed application by April 1, 2016 to  
Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burleson, TX 76028.**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
FCF ADVANCEMENT	PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

**Scout or JFA Personal Reference Form**

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

Please provide an addressed, stamped envelope for each reference.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed applications to your Chapter President by April 1, 2016.

Please send the complete reference to : Mark Oliver

857 Adams Drive

Applicant to provide the address.

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## Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 1st quarter of 2016. (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, Mark Oliver, [mark@ntxrr.org](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org).)

### January

Frontiersmen..... Justin Gallops, Freddie Lee, Jesse Pannill, Jonathan Parker, Steven Parker, Matthew Reagan, Jordan Smalley, Jose Torres, Matthew Weible, Jared Wilson

Buckskin ..... Burning Bush, Dreamer, Running Raccoon, Shining White Cloud

Wilderness ..... Bald Eagle, Fire Dog, Lone Star, Shofar

### February

Frontiersmen..... Jaaron Carpenter, Timothy Conner, Alex Halvorsen, Tristan Maxey, Andrew McConnell, James Mills, Justin Watson

Buckskin ..... Cast Iron

Wilderness ..... Bow Breaker, Red Wood, Strong Tower

### March

Frontiersmen..... Jacob Boaz, Ed Byers, Aaron Dotson, Mason Hyde, K. Oliver, Xavier Parker, Raymond Pratt, Joseph Quinn, Emmanuel Salmeron, Warren Weitner, Elliott Worsham

Buckskin ..... Lion Heart, Living Waters

Wilderness ..... Brave Heart, Smooth Stone

## Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

	Active YB (2016)	Inactive YB (2015, 2014, 2013)	Active OT (2016)	Inactive OT (2015, 2014, 2013)	Archived OT (2012 thru 2008)	Historical (before 2008)	Total Members
<b>Frontiersmen</b>	9	74	10	44	66	623	826
<b>Buckskin</b>	0	8	3	11	13	79	114
<b>Wilderness</b>	0	4	21	19	5	67	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>1056</b>

## 2016 FCF Calendar of Events

Jan 29-30	South Central Regional Conference (Arlington)	Apr 16	Work Day—Lakeview
Feb 20	FCF Wilderness Vigil	Apr 29-May 1	Pow Wow
Feb 26	Registration Deadline for Brush Poppin' Trace	May 28	FCF Family Picnic (May Fête)
Mar 10-12	LEAD2016: National Conference	July 18-22	National Camporama
Mar 18-20	FCF Brush Poppin' Trace	Sep 10	GUIDE2016: Commanders Conference
Apr 1	Scout Applications and Recommendations Due	Sep 24	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Apr 1-3	FCF Frontier Adventure	Oct 21-23	FCF Family Days
		Nov 18-20	Winter Camp
		Dec 28-31	Junior Leadership Development Academy

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