

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT THE LONG TRAIL

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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## Chapter Greetings

By Gary "WildWind" Bierschwale

Greetings Shawnee Trail,

I believe we have seen the last of winter weather and the signs of spring are popping up everywhere. The blue bonnets are starting to pop open along with all the other wild flowers in my front yard and it is very pretty!

I attended LEAD this month and saw old friends, made new acquaintances, and learned about the FCF changes I had been hearing about through the grapevine. I really liked the changes that were made to some of the paperwork and I will attempt to share that with you. The biggest change is the workbooks that have been created for the Frontier Adventure, Buckskin Challenge, and Wilderness Vigil. You can view these on the national FCF website ([www.nationalfcf.com](http://www.nationalfcf.com)) and the first thing you notice is the wonderful format and vivid colors. These workbooks are first class and anyone can go to the national website and print them. These books have been created by the national staff to help you on the advancement trail within FCF. You will need to print the workbook regarding the advancement you are working on, complete it, and turn it in at your testing. Please go to the website and look at them... they are worth looking at!

Also new in FCF is a term of 'mentor,' which is a person that has mentored you through your Ranger trail and has helped you get through the hard times. This mentor is welcome to join you at the Frontier Adventure, Buckskin Challenge, and Wilderness Vigil camps. This mentor can be a ranger or non-ranger and be there to give you prayer and moral support at your camp.

The Trail of the Grizzly has not gone away, but rather these changes have been created by the national staff to enhance your advancement challenges within the FCF ranks.

The Brush Poppin' Trace was a great camp and we even had the last of the winter weather! Brrrrr it was cold, but we had a grand time! We had about 26 people attend with 11 shelters. The trail went

well and we only had one survivor make it through the trace... all the others fell off mountains, got snake bit, caught pneumonia, drowned, starved, and suffered hostile attack. Everyone enjoyed the trail walk and as you can see, there were plenty of challenges along the way. Next year we are going to have a total primitive archery camp that will help you earn the Frontier Archer Arrowhead Merit. So, make plans now to get ready for earning the Arrowhead Merits!

In April we have the Pow Wow work day ( Apr 16) where we need to come and get the 'new village site' ready for Pow Wow. I am so excited about our new digs... there is so much we can do here! Please come and help us look our best at Pow Wow.

Don't forget about the May Fête Family Camp May 28 at Lakeview Camp in the FCF Village area. It will be great fun for the whole family, with all type of old country fair activities and picnics! Make sure you get the whole family excited about this and come have fun!!

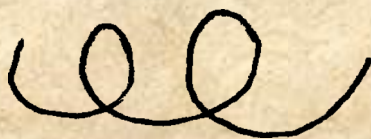
Camporama is coming up in July and if you want to stay in the village you will have to fill out a "FCF Village Online Application" on the national FCF website ([www.nationalfcf.com](http://www.nationalfcf.com)). The deadline for the applications to be sent is June 15, so make sure you do it soon. In order to camp in the FCF Village at Camporama you are encouraged to help with Territorial events and activities. You will also be required to wear FCF outfits while in the village. This is going to be the best Village and Camporama ever, so make sure you get preregistered and attend!

Well, that's about all the news I have right now, but make sure you read the rest of the paper for more detail about what I have talked about and other news within our chapter. See you down the trail...

Be Blessed!

Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

Acts 2:2



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogelman

## Greetings to all!

May God bless you and encourage you and strengthen you.

If you didn't make it to Brush Poppin' Trace you missed a lot of fun and fellowship. Friday night started out with a wonderful supper cooked by Rodney "Bow Breaker" Briggs. His stew was awesome as usual. Thanks again Bow Breaker! Ken "Coal" Harris led us in praise and worship, what a wonderful time to rejoice in the Lord. After worship I started to go over the new Frontiersmen, Buckskin, and Wilderness workbooks, which are located on the National FCF website or can also be found on the North Texas website. I compared the different levels to that of becoming a Christian.

The Frontiersmen workbook starts with attaining Frontiersmen and covers all of the requirements. In Acts 16:30, the keeper of the prison brought Paul and Silas out of prison and asked what he must do to be saved. Acts 16:31, Paul says, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household." So now read the Frontiersmen's workbook on how to go through the adventure and be mentored and become a *Torch Bearer*.

The second step is Buckskin which I compared it to being baptized in water. Acts 22:16, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, call on the name of the Lord." Go to the website and find out how to become an *Armor Bearer*.

Lastly we went over the next step. It is time to lead the way. It is time to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:6, "And when Paul laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues." So all of us must take each step and not stop at the first one for there is a lot more to become a *Warrior* for God.

We need the Old Timers to come to these camps and mentor the Young Bucks and even other Old Timers.

After this wonderful inspiring camp, I, Prospector went home to do some work around our new home. I had several brush piles so I started to burn the biggest pile of brush. After it died down I decided to drag the branches over from another pile. I was done with most of moving the branches. I don't know why I wasn't wearing my gloves when I was carrying the smaller branches to the fire. Something made me jump back without even thinking. It had to be the Holy Spirit. There right in front of me was a Copperhead snake.

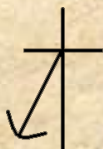
This made me think of the story of Paul while he was on the island of Malta. Acts 28:1-6, "Now when they escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta. Any the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, 'No doubt this man is a murderer, whom though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.' But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm."

I thank God that I wasn't bitten. This brings me to a very important point. If the Holy Spirit brings someone to your mind stop and pray for them. Do not forget to pray on Thursday nights at 9:00 PM. Of course you can always pray more and God will not only bless the people you pray for but also will bless you!

I love all of you and thank each one of you for your prayers. You have made a difference in my life.

God Bless,

Prospector



## Black Powder Class

By JD "Lawman" Smith

**WHAT: BLACKPOWDER CLASS**  
**WHEN: MAY 13 - 14**  
**WHERE: ROYAL RANGERS  
CAMPGROUND AT LAKEVIEW**  
**COST: \$50/INCLUDES 2 MEALS**

**After talking with some that attended Brush Poppin' Trace, there is an interest in another black powder class. I checked the calendar and the date we will have the class is May 13 - 14. It is a two-day class starting at 7 pm on Friday and from 8 am - 5 pm on Saturday. Snacks will be available on Friday and breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Breakfast will be at 7 am - 8 am, Lunch 12 pm - 1 pm.**

**You may bring your own black powder rifle if you want. It will be checked out by one of the instructors, and if it checks out ok, you may shoot your rifle. If you do not have one everything will be provided for you.**

**The class is 12 hours long so we have to START ON TIME!!! Please do not be late to class because you must be there for the 12 hours to pass the class.**

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP IS: April 30 at Pow-Wow. No exceptions, we have to order class material and buy food.**

**Contact me to sign-up.**

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# FCF Experience Workbooks

From Lead2016



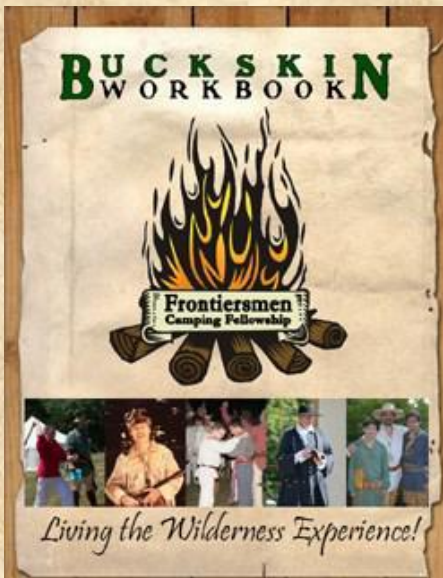
During Lead2016, the national FCF Staff released the new FCF Experience Workbooks. These workbooks are designed to help prepare you for FCF advancement.

There are three different workbooks available.

For those potential FCF candidates that have thought about joining FCF, the Frontiersmen workbook will help prepare you for the adventure in addition to learning about FCF.

The Frontiersmen workbook can be found at

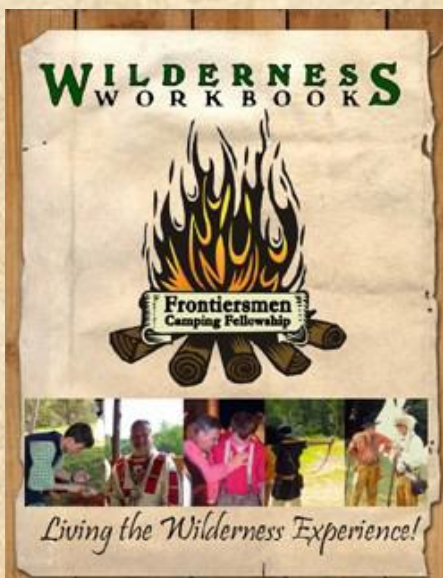
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For those who are Frontiersmen and ready to advance to Buckskin, this Buckskin Workbook will help you prepare and give you a very good understanding of being a Buckskin.

The Buckskin workbook can be found at

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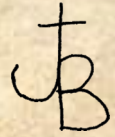
For those who are already a Buckskin member, use this book to finish your trek and become a Wilderness member. This workbook will aid you on the understanding of being a Wilderness member in your chapter

The Wilderness Workbook can be found at

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# Fresh Pickins

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



"Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." Genesis 16: 9-10

This passage of scripture tells the amazing story of Sarah's servant girl Hagar. Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham in an ill-conceived plan for Abraham to get a son to fulfill God's promise. By so doing, Sarah and Abraham utterly failed in their walk with God. Abraham and Hagar's union produced a child named Ishmael. After Ismael was born, Sarah became jealous and abused Hagar - so much so that Hagar became very discouraged and ran off. This is where the angel of God found Hagar in Genesis chapter 16.

But notice that the angel had a very different plan for Hagar. He told her to go back and to submit to Sarah. If Hagar went back and submitted to Sarah, then there was a promise for Hagar - her descendants would be too numerous to count. In other words, Hagar's submission and obedience to God would result in a tremendous blessing.

Each of us make decisions every day about whether or not we will submit to God and to His written word. We also make decisions regarding our willingness to submit to God's servants - that is, our human leaders. Human leaders come in all kinds of forms. In our jobs we might have a human boss who is our leader. As a member of society we have governmental leaders and a system of laws that we abide by. If we are in Royal Rangers, then we are a part of the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God which has leaders and a system of rules and guidelines.

Submit means to yield. That is, to surrender the right-of-way to another. As Christians, Romans 13:5 orders that we all "submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience." Ephesians 5:21 states that we are all to, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

In our human nature we do not like to yield to anybody - whether to leaders, governments, bosses - anybody. This is the human condition. Each of us always has a better plan - that is, our own plan.

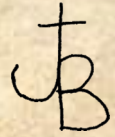
But let's go back to Hagar. The angel told her to submit - and then she would receive the blessing. Take a look at Jesus. He submitted and was crucified - but now He is "the name above every other name."

Men of God, we must all take note of these words and yield ourselves to the authority that has been placed over us in the North Texas District. The leader of the District Royal Rangers is Jonathan Trower. Jonathan and his staff organize two major camps every year in our district - Pow Wow and Winter Camp. Each camp comes along with a set of rules and guidelines. We must obey the published rules to maintain good order, safety and discipline in camp. If you have had trouble in the past submitting to the rules, then please meditate on Romans 13:5 and Ephesians 5:21. I'm sure that God will make it very plain to you that submitting to the camp rules is a must for every camp attendee.

No one in the District Staff should need to go around the camp to ensure that all vehicles are out of camp. No one on the District Staff should need to go around camp to ensure that fires are out and that everyone is at the evening service. The fact that the District Staff continues to find campers missing evening services and that vehicles are left in camp says quite a lot about how we as humans "Are like sheep that have

## Fresh Pickins (cont.)

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



gone astray, each to his own way." Isaiah 53:6. That means that we are sinful and in need of a Savior. There is no better place to encounter the Savior than at evening services - for you and your boys.

Again, back to Hagar, back to Jesus. Submission is our key to victory, blessing and fulfillment. I encourage all of us to die to ourselves, to our own plans, and let's all submit to the plan as set forth each day by our God in Heaven. Philippians 2:13 says, "...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

As we approach the Pow Wow this year, let's all determine in our hearts to obey the rules and to be where we are supposed to be. There is so much power when we are all together in one accord. Don't miss out on what God has in store for you and your boys.

## 2016 SHAWNEE TRAIL SCOUT SELECTION

Saturday, April 30 during Pow Wow

### ***!NOTICE!*** Shawnee Trail Young Bucks ***!NOTICE!***

This is a call-out to all those rugged, stout and adventurous Young Bucks in the Shawnee Trail Chapter who want more from God. The Shawnee Trail needs the strong of heart and the most courageous of soul to boldly step forward to take on the role of Shawnee Trail Chapter Scout. There are three Scout positions opening up. Every brave Young Buck who wants to compete for these coveted and prestigious staff positions in the Shawnee Trail Chapter need to get their applications in to the District Office by April 16. This deadline is here!! Don't delay any longer. I suspect that many of you feel God moving on your heart to throw your name in the hat for this selection process but for some reason you delayed and now the opportunity is close to passing you by. Don't miss out on what God is calling you to do.

Let's review the requirements again: 1) A Young Buck in good standing in their outpost and who is active in the Shawnee Trail Chapter. 2) Must still be a Young Buck on July 15, 2017 in order to compete in the National Scout competition at the Territorial Rendezvous. 3) Ready to volunteer and be an active member of the Shawnee Trail Chapter staff.

Young Bucks - make ready. Get your outfits, smoke poles, knives, hawks and cooking gear ready for a fun time of competition and adventure at Pow Wow. Testing will begin immediately after the morning assembly on Saturday morning at Pow Wow.

**BE READY**

# **Buckskinner News**

By JD "Lawman" Smith

Well, just got back from LEAD, heard a lot about the changes that are taking place in Rangers. I wanted to hear them for myself and not second hand.

There were some changes in FCF also. The new Buckskin Workbook can be found on the National website ([www.nationalfcf.com](http://www.nationalfcf.com)). Our chapter will follow the new changes. Anyone can download this workbook to see what it takes to advance to Buckskin and to start working on the requirements.

In the next article, I will cover what some of the personas are graded on. If you need a certain persona contact me and we can go over it. Need a trade? Check the chapter website, there is a list of trades. Or you can ask around, I'm sure you can find someone to talk about their trade, I know I will.

Keep an eye on your Topknot,



Lawman

## **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 Commandant, so please abide by his instructions for camp set-up.



# History in a Shoe Box

By Jonathan "Big Foot" Trower



As I was growing up in Royal Rangers, I attended a lot of different events, and over time I started getting extra patches from events. I started storing them in a shoe box. More events, more patches in the box. Then I attended a national rendezvous and traded patches from my district with people all over the country, and had more patches to put in the box.

Eventually the shoe box was replaced with a bigger box, and then a second one, and finally I decided it was time to start organizing my mess of patches into a real collection . . . sorted, organized, and in books so I could actually see what I had.

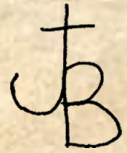
Royal Rangers provides many opportunities to build collections:

- Hat pins at Camporama
- Medallions from FCF events
- Challenge coins from North Texas camps, but also from across the country (did you know the national FCF staff members all have challenge coins they may give to someone who does something special?)
- Patches from events across the country and around the world (Royal Rangers is in over 92 countries around the world, and many of them produce patches for their events)
- Coffee mugs and more

Whatever your collection, there are likely others who would like to see what's in your collection. And you likely would like to be able to show off the prized items in your collection. I certainly have some that I value highly. One way you can share your collection with others is through the national Royal Rangers history website. That site may also give you information about your collection that you didn't know before, like some patch or challenge coin that exists that you didn't know about. The history website is available at [www.royalrangershistory.org](http://www.royalrangershistory.org). You are invited to visit the site, explore the history there – patches, coins, medallions, and documents – and if you have something in your collection that isn't on the history site, please consider sharing a photo or scan of the item so others can enjoy that part of your collection.

# The Next Frontier Adventure Beckons

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



*Shawnee Trail Frontier Adventure October 7-9, 2016 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10*

It's time again to fill the ranks with new members of the Shawnee Trail Fur Trading Company. If you are an Old Timer or Young Buck, then you need to identify those men and boys who show exceptional interest and outstanding achievement in Royal Rangers and begin to help them prepare for the next Frontier Adventure by stepping up to mentor them into our chapter. The company recently published a new guide book for all greenhorn trappers that is an excellent guide for you to use in getting your candidates ready for employment with the Shawnee Trail. You can find the new guide, called the Frontiersman Workbook, on-line at the District website, ntxrr.org. Sponsors/mentors, you need to read and use the new workbook because changes were made - primarily regarding which scripture verses need to be memorized. Although it is not a requirement for candidates to complete the Frontiersman Workbook prior to the Adventure, it will be extremely advantageous for them to do so.

In order to aid the staff in preparation a pre-registration deadline of September 10 will be strictly enforced. Cost for all camp volunteers, to include sponsors/mentors, will be \$30. The \$30 fee will pay for your food from Friday night dinner to Sunday morning breakfast. The applicant fee is \$40 and should be paid by the sponsor/mentor at the same time as registration.

Requirements:

## Both boys and leaders

- You must be an active member in a chartered outpost

## Boys only

- Graduate of the 5th grade
- At least 11 years old
- Have completed either the Discovery Rangers Gold Eagle, the Adventure Rangers Bronze Medal, or the Expedition Rangers E1 medal.

## Leaders only

- Must have completed Ready and Safety levels
- Must be a member in good standing in your church with a completed background check

Shawnee Trail - Don't delay. Be aggressive in identifying candidates and then let's all work together to aid our Greenhorns into becoming all that God wants them to be.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10. You have six months to get ready. Let's make this the biggest Frontier Adventure ever.

Jawbone

# FCF Trading

By Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale



FCF Hat..... \$10

Lifetime t-shirt..... \$300

(comes with free lifetime FCF Membership for NTX Shawnee Trail Chapter)

FCF t-shirts ..... \$10

Next time you are at camp, pick up t-shirts for you and the boys in your outpost. Once the current inventory has been depleted, we will create newly designed shirts to purchase.

## May Fête and Old-Timer Reunion Reminder

(May Fête details on next page)

By Rene Pannill

Well howdy folks, greetins' in the name of our most merciful Heavenly Father. Well I've been looking at that there calendar and it seems May 28th is right around the corner. Now ar ya asking me what that means? Why it means we got a party to prepare for, and I'm getting ready for this big ol party that Wild Winds got us all dooin'. I've been thinking up some good recipes for all them sweets I'll be feeding all the folks that haven't been around in a while, and for all those "tall tale" tellers her that'll be coming to th Sweet Stop to tell me a t;tall tale"might even win a prize. Heard tell Miss Mary Ellen Lanoue got us a pig fer folks ta guess on how much it weighs, Mighten own yourself a pig to take him to the children. I heard tell Miss Mary might even bring some ribbon and make some ribbon wands for the younguns coming out to the May fete. Here now we don't want them boys feeling left out, so I told Jesse Pannill that he better be looking for his marbles, I figgur he needs to lose some of them hahaha. Yeah he's got a pocket full of marbles and I think he's got some spare ones for the younguns to trade fur. Maybe even get Jesse to play game , they might win his favorite red eye marble.

Herd tell Mrs Faye Spence is commin' and gonna show us all how to play jump rope. Ya'll need to come and be a witness fer that

Why everyone seems to be want to be a part of this here party, Miss Melba came over the other day and she brought me a whole passel full of purdy paper look through seems she has plans on makin' some fans and pin-wheels. Well you know Miss Melba she got that purdy paper she'll find something fer ya'll to do.

# 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-heard from in ages...let us know. We'll send 'em an official invite to the goin's on in May.

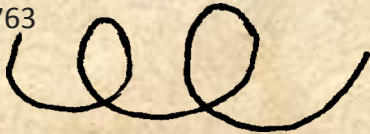
The campground will be open for campers who want to make a weekend out of it, bein's how it's a holiday weekend and all. Ya'll don't have to stay dressed up for the whole weekend, though. Take it easy and have a good time the rest of the weekend in your modern, cool gear!

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.

**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

## Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 2nd 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; you can also make sure you are current on your dues by contacting the FCF Scribe, Mark Oliver, [mark@ntxrr.org](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org)).

### April

Frontiersmen..... M. Gaines, D. Greathouse  
 Buckskin ..... none  
 Wilderness ..... 3 Claws, Jawbone

### May

Frontiersmen..... P. McGee  
 Buckskin ..... Lawman  
 Wilderness ..... Two Bears, Flintlock

### June

Frontiersmen..... M. Stone  
 Buckskin ..... none  
 Wilderness ..... Bar'd Owl, Little Beaver, Wahbit

## Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 03/25/2016 dues status)

	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>	11	74	11	43	66	623	828
<b>Buckskin</b>	0	8	4	10	13	79	114
<b>Wilderness</b>	0	4	24	16	5	67	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>1058</b>

**North Texas District  
Shawnee Trail Chapter  
Scout Information Packet**



**District Scout / Asst. Scout Information**

**April 2016**





## Shawnee Trail FCF

March 18, 2016

To all Young Bucks of the Shawnee Trail Chapter,

Years ago, and in a different district, I was selected to serve as the assistant scout for our chapter. As one of the scouts for our chapter, I helped represent all of the other young bucks at our district FCF staff meetings and helped with the planning and execution of our chapter events. What I learned as an assistant scout was very valuable to me as I entered leadership positions in Royal Rangers, and it was fun!

I want to encourage each of you to consider competing for the position of district scout at this year's Pow Wow in April. Every other year we select one young buck to be the chapter scout, and two young bucks to be the assistant scouts. These three help represent all of the young bucks in our district to the district FCF staff; they also get to help out at our FCF camps throughout the year. We truly value the input the scouts give to the staff, and the service they provide to our chapter and the other young bucks who are FCF members.

Our district scout will have the opportunity next year to compete for the position of national FCF scout, representing all of the young bucks from our region – 11 districts in all.

The details about what you have to do to compete for the position of scout and assistant scout is included in this packet. There is a deadline coming up pretty soon to have your application and personal reference forms submitted, so start working on those this next week.

I hope to see you at our scout competition at Pow Wow.



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## Shawnee Trail FCF

March 18, 2016

To all young bucks,

Are you aware that in 2016 we will be having the FCF Scout selection process for the Shawnee Trail Chapter? What does this mean? For those who are interested in becoming a Scout or Assistant Scout for the North Texas District, start planning now so you can be ready for testing at this year's Pow Wow (April 29-May 1). However, we really need you to start planning now and getting all the required paperwork submitted by our Pow Wow workday (April 16) so there is enough time for everything to be reviewed and prepared.

Here are the requirements:

1. Must submit a scout application.
2. Must submit three Personal Reference forms.
3. The application and reference forms must be postmarked by April 16<sup>th</sup> (they can be turned in at Pow Wow workday too).
4. Come with your full outfit to Pow Wow to compete for Scout / Asst. Scout positions.

At Pow Wow, Scout candidates will be evaluated in seven areas: flint & steel, black powder shoot or primitive bow shoot, hawk, knife, outfit, FCF advancement, and Royal Rangers advancement. After all evaluations are completed, the young buck with the highest score will be the district scout, the young buck with the next highest score will be the first assistant scout and the third highest score will be the second assistant scout. All scores will be kept on file in the event that any of the young bucks are unable to fulfill their entire two-year term. A new appointment will be made based on the next highest score.

We look forward to everyone who will decide to test to become the NTX FCF Scout / Assistant Scouts for April 2016 thru April 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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# North Texas Shawee Trail FCF Chapter

## FCF Events for Scouts / Asst. Scouts

If you become the district scout or a district assistant scout, there are several events throughout the year that you should plan on attending. They include:

January ..... District Staff Meeting

March ..... Brush Poppin' Trace

March / April ..... Frontier Adventure

April ..... Pow Wow

May ..... May Fête

July ..... Territorial Rendezvous in odd years

..... National Rendezvous or National Camporama in even years

October ..... Family Days

There will also be one or two FCF staff meetings throughout the year.

If you have any questions about these events or responsibilities, please contact the FCF president or FCF vice president for additional information

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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

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
FCF ADVANCEMENT	SCOUT COMPETITION SCORE SHEET

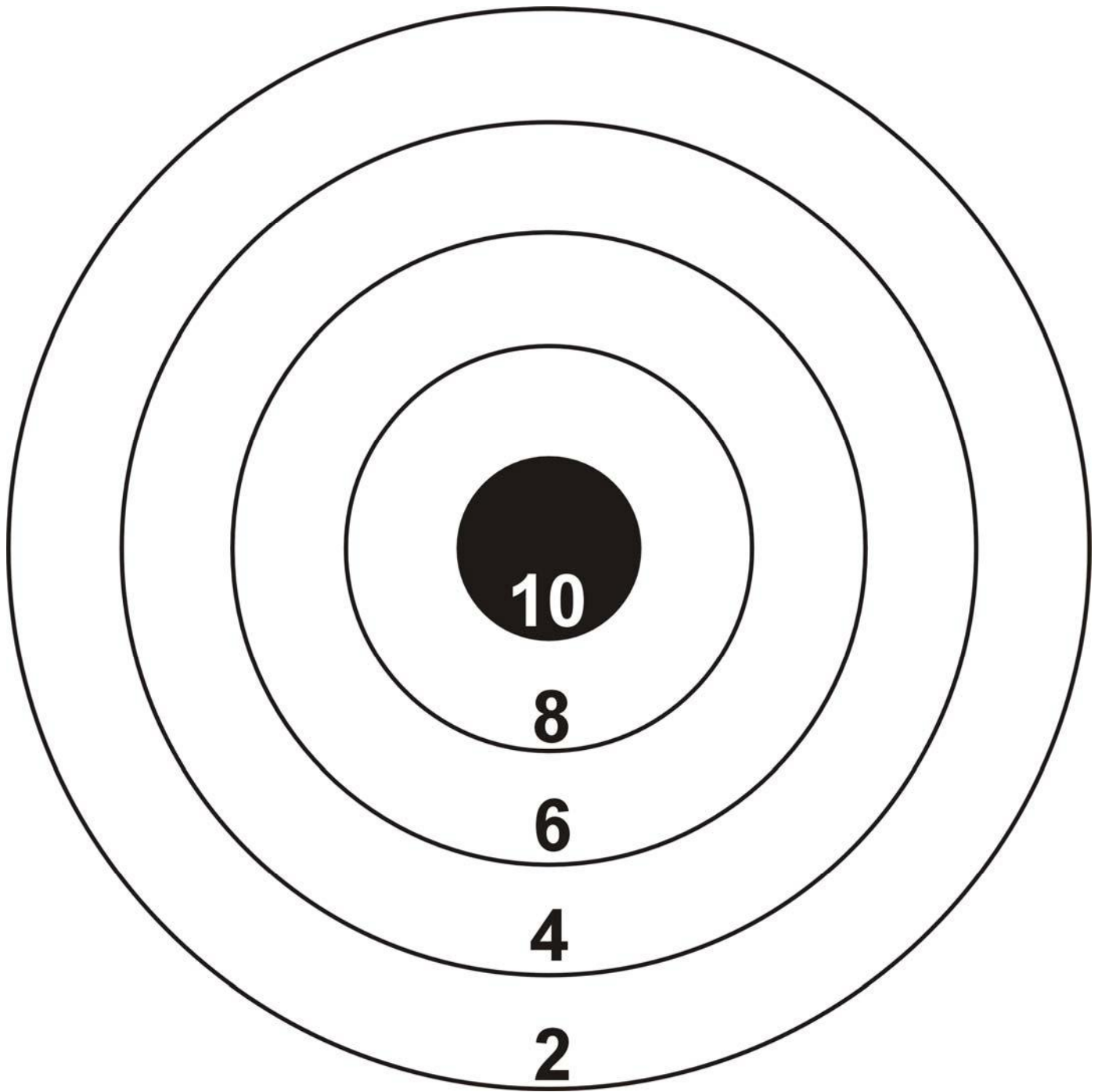
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date & Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ FCF Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

**Please submit by April 16, 2016 to be eligible to be selected as scout at the 2016 Pow Wow.**

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 applications to the FCF Scribe: Mark Oliver, 857 Adams Drive, Burleson, TX 76028. Please have them postmarked by April 16th, 2016 or turn them in at Pow Wow workday.**

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FCF ADVANCEMENT	SCOUT APPLICATION

**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>

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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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.

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<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.

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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>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

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## 2016 FCF Calendar of Events

Apr 8	Pow Wow pre-registration deadline	Sep 10	GUIDE2016: Commanders Conference
Apr 16	Scout Applications and Recommendations Due	Sep 24	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Apr 16	Work Day—Lakeview	Oct 7-8	FCF Frontier Adventure
Apr 29-May 1	Pow Wow	Oct 21-23	FCF Family Days
May 28	FCF Family Picnic (May Fête)	Nov 18-20	Winter Camp
July 18-22	National Camporama	Dec 28-31	Junior Leadership Development Academy

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