

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT THE LONG TOM

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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## New North Texas FCF Scouts

Scout—Daniel 'Brave Heart' Kohn

Asst. Scout—Jesse 'Giant Slayer' Laughlin



2016 First Annual  
May Fête Successful  
(see page 11-12)

## Chapter Greetings

By Gary "WildWind" Bierschwale

### **Greetings from the Shawnee Trail FCF President!**

Well, howdy, all y'all wonderful folks! I've got quite a few words I'd like to say to you, and here they are!

#### **Raise the Village**

As you surely know by now, we have been blessed with a new location for the FCF Village. The new area is just north of the pavilion and is a beautiful, grassy field that was covered with wild flowers this spring. Currently, there are no structures there, but we have ideas and dreams! Among the first things we want to build are a palisade to establish the boundaries, and a cabin and blacksmith shop in the center front of the FCF Village. The cabin is planned to be about 20' x 30' with a lean-to cover and corral for the blacksmith shop. We have had a potential offer from a Christian kids' camp in North Texas to donate blacksmith tools and equipment as soon as we have a place for them. We have plans for the cabin to house the FCF Mercantile, in which we can sell handmade items from our members, along with other goods appropriate for pre-1840s camping. Additionally, the cabin will give us space for a museum of Shawnee Trail history.

I'm excited about our future at Lakeview Camp, and I can't wait to share our dreams with you! It will take every FCF member to help make this a reality for our boys. Please feel free to stop me and ask about the New FCF Village, I will be happy to share! Remember the *Raise the Village* campaign!

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual May Fête Picnic and Old-Timer Reunion**

By all accounts from those who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual May Fête Picnic and Old-Timer Reunion, it was a mighty fine event! The FCF Village area was decked out like Ye Olde English County Fair. People could try their luck at **Chicken Chunkin'** to see how far they could chunk a chicken; or shyin' wooden balls to knock a coconut off its perch at the **Coconut Shie**; pitching wooden rings on bottles at the **Ring Toss**; aiming for the best score at the **Archery Competition**; trying to swallow the most apple pie at the **Pie Eating Contest**; or getting' fatter at **Mrs. Rene's Sweet Shop**. Folks could spend their hard-earned pounds and pence at the **Mrs. B Mercantile**; hop circles around each other in the **Sack Race**; and guess the weight of a piglet to win said piggy to tote home.

We were extremely happy to greet beloved old friends! Paul "Ole' Trapper" and Denise Patterson; Dwain "Skimmerhorn" and Cheryl Klopfenstein; and Bill "Tinkerbell" and Lynn Harrison blessed us with their attendance. We hope to see them and others when we do the same thing again next year. You can help pass the word around.

## **Chapter Greetings (cont.)**

This event was held not only to get our families together, but was an opportunity to raise money for our *Raise the Village* fund. All funds generated will go toward improvements to the new FCF village at Lakeview Camp. The May Fête will be held annually, but next year we plan to have it a week earlier, so maybe it will be a tad cooler, and it will not conflict with Memorial Day and graduation events.

If you were unable to attend this year, but find yourself just longing to donate \$1, \$5, \$20, or \$1,000, to the *Raise the Village* fund, you may do so by sending your gift to the district office, or Jonathan Trower with a note indicating it's for the "*Raise the Village 78-2011 Fund*", and it will get to the proper account.

### **First Invitational Wild Pig, Coyote, and Bobcat Hunt**

Our first ever Wild Hog (and other aforesaid critters) Hunt took place June 16-18. It was short notice, we know, but the opportunity arose suddenly to invite FCF members to a wild hog hunt on about 600 acres available to Mike Lyon, just south of Palestine, Texas. Six men, brave and true, turned out to put their hunting skills to the test. It was hot, hot, hotter, and huuuummid! We saw not one single piggy, only two coyotes, and the shadow of a bobcat. However, the fun and fellowship was worth every drop of sweat, and every ounce of huntsman frustration. Any PETA members in FCF will be pleased to hear no animals (except one unfortunate, enormous squirrel that happened along at just the wrong time) were harmed in the making of our FCF hunt adventure. Trust me, if you weren't there, you will be forever sorry not to have tales of woe and hardship to tell around the campfire.

Out of some 115 or so members invited, we received only about a dozen responses, whether they were "yes," "no," or "maybe." Folks, we will often use multiple tools to communicate with you about upcoming planned events. Among them will be post cards, newsletters, email, and so forth. One potentially very useful tool we will use is EVITE ( <http://www.evite.com/>) to announce and plan FCF activities. When you receive notice of an EVITE in your email, please do us the courtesy of responding to the invitation, whether you plan to attend or not. It is extremely helpful for us to know ahead of time the number of folks to plan for at any given event. It's simple to use; just click on the provided link and then select your appropriate response.

To ensure that our communication with you is successful, and you don't miss out on any upcoming events, it is crucial that Mark Oliver and I have your most current physical mail address, email address, and phone numbers.

Contact us at the following:

Mark Oliver, FCF Scribe – [mark@ntxrr.org](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org)

Gary Bierschwale, FCF President – [gary.bierschwale@gmail.com](mailto:gary.bierschwale@gmail.com)

## Chapter Greetings (cont.)

### **National Camporama**

National Camporama comes around only every four years, and this is the year! If you haven't made arrangements to attend this exciting event, make plans now to head to Eagle Rock, Missouri, on July 18 through 22, for an experience you won't soon forget. Royal Rangers from across the country – and around the globe – come together for exciting activities and anointed gospel messages. And, sometimes, as I am blessed to attest, you make friendships that last a lifetime. When you go, stop in at the FCF Village and say howdy to FCF members from all over these United States. For more information, go to <http://nationalcamporama.com/event/>.

### **FCF Adventure**

If you or someone you know wants to get into FCF, you must attend an FCF Adventure. The enrollment deadline for the next FCF Adventure is coming up on September 10, 2016. Please note that late applications will not be accepted, so make sure you get your application sent in soon. The FCF Adventure will be held October 7-9, 2016, in the FCF Village. You can download a Frontiersmen Workbook from <http://www.nationalfcf.com/>, which will help you prepare for The Adventure. You will need to bring this completed workbook with you to The Adventure. Remember, applications after September 10, 2016 will not be accepted, no exceptions, and no excuses. Send out the town crier to all those that want to be a part of FCF and get them ready!

### **2016 Family Days Camp**

I know it's only the beginning of summer, but Family Days will be upon us before you know it. Now's the time to build that new campaign furniture you've been thinking about, mend the old clothes, or sew new ones, and gather the family together. Family Days is the highlight of the year for many of us, as this is the time we get to have all our families – wives, daughters, and little 'uns, even grandkids – together to fellowship, play, eat, worship the Lord, and have a great pre-1840 camp! Family Days is scheduled for October 21-23, 2016, at the FCF Village. Be sure to gather your trade goods, and bring a pie or sweet for the auction on Friday night. The proceeds from this camp will go into the *Raise the Village* fund. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the camp date. I hope to see you and your family there!

### **The End**

Well, that's a lot of information, so I'll stop pullin' on your ear for now, but make sure you read the rest of this letter... there's some good information you need to know.

Gary 'WildWind' Bierschwale



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogleman

If you missed the May Fête then you missed a lot of fun and getting to know our FCF families. I believe we are all one big family and God is our Father. We are blessed in so many ways and sometimes we miss getting together celebrating the joy of the Lord. It is so important to come together and build each other up. We all have gone <sup>through</sup> challenges in life. Remember we are all here to support and pray with and for you for life is not always easy. We have a God, our Heavenly Father, who is always there for us. We sometime keep Him out of our lives but He never leaves us or forsakes us.

Sometimes the world seems to overtake us but we have each other to come together and celebrate a Christian way of life and to give thanks to God who has created us. Don't let the world convince you otherwise. We need to come together as Christians to show each other we can enjoy life without the sin of the world.

Our next big family event will be Family Days. It is not too early to plan to attend as a family of our Heavenly Father. He will send angels to watch over us and send His Holy Spirit to guide us. So come join us as we rejoice together.

Something else has come upon my heart as I write to everyone. Let us stop and think before we speak or say anything we shouldn't. Proverb 16:23-24 says: "The heart of the wise teaches his mouth and adds learning to his lips. Pleasant words are like honey comb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones." I have learned through my lifetime to be a good listener. Listening is a true gift from God, to be careful what we say. We don't want to hurt our brother or sister. We want to lift them up and add some honey to their lives, to be different than the world, and only praise the Lord. We don't need to use words that defile our God's name or hurt someone without thinking. Instead of getting upset and saying something we can't take back let's leave, pray if you are mad, or just pray for someone who has had a hard day in their life or feels everyone is against them. Every day read the Word of God and pray. God will guide us on what to say. That is why He has promised us the Holy Spirit to guide us, He is always there. We need to come together when we have the chance, there is no greater environment than being with brothers and sisters in Christ. After all, we will spend eternity together.

God bless!

Remember Thursday at 9 PM is time to pray for each other. If you forget it's okay. Pray anytime when a brother or sister's name pops into your mind.

Love,

Prospector



# 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 for Membeship:

## 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 three months to get ready. Let's make this the biggest Frontier Adventure ever.

Jawbone



# 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:*

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Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTPOST COORDINATOR'S ENDORSEMENT/COMMENTS**

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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.



# FCF Village at 2016 Pow Wow

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



Hey! Listen up fellow campers. The 2016 Pow Wow was a double barrel load of fun for all of us who braved the torrents of Mother Nature and got out to camp. After a couple inches of rain on Friday night the whole camp emerged from hiding. Suddenly the bright lightning bolts were replaced by shining lights from each of the camps.

In the FCF Village, candles were lit, and the tiny spots of their flames could be seen from way off in the distance. The fire burning in the candle lanterns represented the active, burning spirits within each one of us FCF members who occupied the FCF Village that night.

We all made our way through the wet grass to the new Council Fire area behind the lodge. What a sight! Bright shining flood lights lit up the night sky and electric music began to thunder out of the giant speakers. Wow! From our sleepy FCF Village in 1836 we time traveled up to the present day - and God's Spirit remained the same in each one of us. As we worshiped God in the glare of the flood lights, the FCF bunch began to realize that God's presence was in our midst - just like the olden days.

After service we went back into our time warp and found our way back to the 1836 FCF Village. No stars were visible and we all wondered if the rain was over. Sweet slumber awaited us all, and I know that Jawbone's shelter buzzed rhythmically from the sound of many snoring, exhausted Old Timers. But it was only Friday night.

Saturday morning dawned gray and cool. The pioneer campers in the FCF Village desired fire to warm their bones, so dry tinder was obtained and a fire started. Many pioneer campers gathered around the fire to seek the comfort that emanated from the bright flames.

What wonderful fellowship. All were excited about the soon to come adventures offered by the "Rangerlympic Games" on Saturday.

During the day, many pilgrims braved the harsh environment and found their way to the FCF Village. The pilgrims, pioneers and fur trappers of the Shawnee Trail joined together in archery and fell many of the forest animals with well aimed bow shots. Several wild pigs were taken and then prepared for the evening feast. Wild turkey, deer and even a few black bears were slain in order to provide sustenance for the many pilgrims in the camp.

The awesome splendor of our Creator was on full display as the sun suddenly burst through the mists of the air. With extreme brilliance the sun heated our bodies and we all sought relief in the shade of our



## FCF Village at 2016 Pow Wow (cont.)

shelters or the shade God gives us in the pleasure of the trees He created.

In spite of the heat, Pilgrims and fur traders, and pioneers, continued to press into the FCF Village so that they could take aim with the tomahawk and throwing knife. Many old scores were settled as Old Timers battled it out with the hawks and knives. The victorious shouted in exultation, while the vanquished found comfort in knowing there would be another day. Even some Young Bucks scored some points over the Old Timers. But there was no shame in being bested by a younger man because the Shawnee Trail Young Bucks are a special breed of outdoorsman, full of God's Spirit and trained as expert woodsmen.

When the evening on the second day finally arrived and sun dipped below the horizon, the evening cooled and gave everyone relief from the sun's scorching blaze. Again the candles were lit, and the pioneers of 1836 leaped forward to the present and entered the world of bright lights and electrical music. We saw so many impossible wonders. There were men with giant muscles - like Samson from the Bible. Incredible hair! And a strong man pulled some other men in a cart - what great strength. As God's presence fell on us, we all gathered into small groups and prayed. What power. We all felt like our spirits were the big muscle man we saw earlier. Nothing seemed impossible with God helping us.

The pioneers and fur traders all headed back to the FCF Village. We could see the twinkling lights from our candles - they guided us on our trip through the time warp back to 1836. What blessed comfort were our shelters and beds that night. Again, the buzzing and hammering of Old Timers snoring could be heard all throughout camp as we all slumbered peacefully under a beautiful, starry night.

It was a great Pow Wow in the FCF Village. Several shelters contained wonderful boys and men of the Shawnee Trail. Sunday, we all packed our belongings onto our pack horses and wagons and headed back to civilization. All of us look forward to our next adventure back into the glorious past when the FCF Village will come back from the past and be set-up again.

The Shawnee Trail staff welcomes all members to come and be a part of the next FCF Village at Winter Camp, November 18-20, 2016, at Lakeview in Maypearl.

Don't forget, FCF Family Days is coming: October 21-23 at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl.

FCF Candidates and sponsors - Be ready for the next Frontier Adventure. Lakeview Camp on October 7 & 8.

May God bless you and your families.

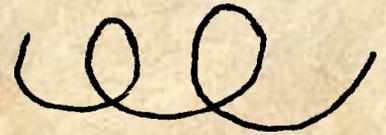
In Christ's love and service,

Frank "Jawbone" Super  
Shawnee Trail Vice President



# May Fête Successful

By Gary "WildWind" Bierschwale



FUN – GAMES – FOOD – FELLOWSHIP!

**The 1st Annual NTX FCF May Fête Picnic and Old-Timers' Reunion**, held on May 28, 2016, at the Lakeview Royal Rangers Campgrounds was a bigger success than we expected, what with it being our first attempt at this event, and it being a holiday weekend and all. Based on responses to our online invitation, we expected to see maybe 30 or so people, but by day's end, after all hot, tired, happy participants had been counted, we had



almost 60 people!

Weather was a great concern in the days and hours leading up to this new undertaking. It had poured for a week, and rain continued to bucket down as we loaded up the trailer and truck for the trek to the campgrounds. We held a brief prayer meeting to plead for fair weather and started out on the road in a true gale, with visibility on the highway almost nil. The downpour continued until we were actually turning in at the gates to the campground, then there was a break in the clouds, the sun came out, and we were able to set up for the event without a drop falling on our canvas!

Several long-missed Old-Timers came out for the day. How blessed we were to see Dwain and Cheryl

Klopfenstein, Paul and Denise Patterson, and Bill and Lynn Harrison! We all know that lives and paths change and develop over time and folks move on to other things, but one thing that remains constant is our love and appreciation for all the precious people who have been a part of the Royal Rangers and FCF ministry throughout the years. Let's pray that we will see these folks a lot more often than we have done!



Your FCF staff did a splendid job planning and executing the events of the day. Thanks to the following hard-working souls for their time and

resources that made the day such a success:

Jonathan Trower – Registration and Ticket Sales

Frank and Amy Super – Sack Race

Lee and Patty Fogleman – Ring Toss and Pie Eating Contest

J. D. Smith – Archery Competition

Michael and Tracy Clay – Chicken Chunkin' Contest

Renée Pannell – Sweet Shop Refreshments

Faye Spence and her daughter Melba – Children's Activities

Gary Bierschwale – Coconut Shie

Sheri Bierschwale – Mercantile Store



## May Fête Successful (cont.)

Since this event was a fund raiser for making improvements to the new FCF Village, many of the events charged a minimal fee. Because of your generous and enthusiastic participation, after all proceeds were counted from registration; game ticket sales; revenue from the mercantile store; and the pie and quilt auctions, we are very excited to report that this event raised just shy of \$1,000.00! Watch for future plans to be announced for the development of FCF Village.

We've heard only good reports so far, but as with any undertaking, we know we can improve. For example, we'd like to try to find a date that will not compete with the Memorial Day weekend, or with graduations, or be quite so hot and muggy. We'd also like to have more folks besides the WildWind family group camping over the weekend. If you participated in the May Fête and Reunion, as either a guest or host, be sure to let us know what you liked, what you think can be improved upon, or what can be added. It can only get better from here and your input will be invaluable to making the Second Annual May Fête Picnic and Old-Timer Reunion an even bigger success!

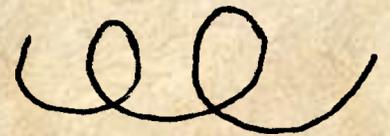


Yours truly,

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## FCF Trading

By Gary "WildWind" 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.

## FCF Invitational Hog Hunt



Hey! We had a great time at the Hog Hunt outside of Palestine, Texas. This is in spite of the fact that it was Father's Day weekend. The six members who attended enjoyed masculine bonding at its finest! There was great food, great fellowship, and lots of fun!



Mr. Mike Lyon was our host and camp cook, and in addition to granting us access to truly wild and beautiful property, he served up some delicious beef stew, breakfast burritos, and much more.

Southeast Texas is still mostly underwater from recent heavy rain, so Mike only had three of his planned five feeders working, but that was plenty for the group we had. We hunted hogs in the early morning and late evening, and, although the hogs turned out to be of the invisible species, we had a great time searching for them. We did see a lot of deer, but unfortunately for us, deer season is a few months later this year!

In the late afternoon, we tried our hand at hunting coyotes and bobcats with an electronic caller. While we did throw lead at a bobcat and a couple of coyotes, no trophy was taken. It appears that maybe some of our hunters need to spend a little time at the shooting range. Just sayin'!

## FCF Invitational Hog Hunt (cont.)

This was a fund raiser for improvements to the new FCF Village we have been blessed with and we were able to raise \$150 for the cause. If you were unable to make the camp but would still like to donate to the "Raise the Village" campaign, you may do so by sending your donation to Jonathan Trower earmarked "Raise the Village," and he will make sure it is deposited into the proper account (*Raise the Village 78-2011 Fund*).

We will be making this an annual hunt, so if you did not make this one, make plans to go on the next one. There will be one change though. It was so stinkin' hot that we want to move it to either early October or late January. Let me know what you think.

As I mentioned earlier, this is a money raising camp for our Village. The first thing we would like to build is a 20' x 30' cabin/store with a blacksmith shop on one side. This is needed as a showplace/store for FCF handmade items and a demonstration/ learning center for visitors. We already have people who are ready to donate blacksmith tools as soon as we have a place to put them, and other people have said they will help with building materials if we will get started. Please help us see this dream come true for our boys and our Chapter. The way you can help is to attend our camps and pray, pray, pray.

WildWind



## 2016 Shawnee Trail Scout Testing

By Frank "Jawbone" Super



Announcing the new, 2016 Shawnee Trail Chapter Scout

Daniel "Brave Heart" Kohn

And the new 2016 Shawnee Trail Assistant Scout

Jesse "Giant Slayer" Laughlin

The 2016 Shawnee Trail Scout Competition took place at the 2016 Pow Wow on April 30, 2016. The candidates tested their skills in the following areas: 1) Outfit; 2) Knife & Hawk throwing; 3) Black Powder Rifle Shooting and 4) Flint & Steel Fire Making. Brave Heart emerged as the top candidate. Giant Slayer was second. Both Young Bucks will now represent all of the chapter Young Bucks at all Shawnee Trail events. Both are now official Shawnee Trail staff members so they will both be able to provide a unique and important perspective to future chapter plans and events.

As the Shawnee Trail Scout, Brave Heart will participate in the National scout competition during the July 2017 rendezvous.

Please congratulate both Young Bucks on their accomplishment. Pray for them, so that they will be better able to carry out God's plans in their role as Chapter Scouts.

# So, You're Ready for Buckskin, Are Ya?

By J.D. "Lawman" Smith, Buckskin Rep.

If you have been a Frontiersman for any length of time at all, it's time to take the next step and advance to Buckskin. First thing you need to know is the next time we will be doing Buckskin testing is at Winter Camp. You need to find a mentor – that's someone to help you with your knowledge and skills to get you through the trials and tests you are about to take, and a sponsor – that's someone to pray over you as you take this journey. The sponsor and mentor can be the same person, and they are welcome to be at the testing to cheer you on, and at your Buckskin ceremony that evening if you are successful in your journey. What do you need to do to prepare for Buckskin? Everything you need to know is in the new Buckskin workbook that is available on [nationalfcf.com](http://nationalfcf.com). You must complete this workbook prior to your testing. The application for advancement to Buckskin is available on the district website ([www.ntxrr.org](http://www.ntxrr.org)).

You will need a name when you advance to Buckskin. This name needs to be unique in our chapter, so you should contact our scribe, Mark Oliver ([mark@ntxrr.org](mailto:mark@ntxrr.org)) with your proposed name. He can check our records to make sure your chosen name is available.

If you have any additional questions contact me.

Hope to see ya at the testin'

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## Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 06/28/2016 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
Frontiersmen	12	71	12	44	66	622	827
Buckskin	0	8	7	7	13	79	114
Wilderness	1	3	26	14	5	67	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1057</b>

# Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays during the 3rd 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)).

## July

Frontiersmen..... J. Harris, G. Hershberger, M. Moran, B. Sanchez

Buckskin ..... (none)

Wilderness ..... Coal, Lone Eagle, Moving Waters

## August

Frontiersmen..... E. Byers, M. Lyon, J. Ortner

Buckskin ..... (none)

Wilderness ..... Prospector, Skimmerhorn

## September

Frontiersmen..... J. Bell

Buckskin ..... (none)

Wilderness ..... (none)

# Chapter Cook Recipes

By Mike Lyon

Howdy folks hope your summer is off to a great start. We sure did miss the most of you at our Chapter hog hunt held in Palestine TX a couple weeks ago. Boy was it hot, but the few that came out and braved the heat had a great time of fellowship and some good eats as well. As for the hunting I believe the hogs were too hot to come out and feed. Like I said, it was a great time had by the six men and young men that made it out. Looking forward to the next hunt, but believe we will schedule for cooler weather. Until next time try and stay cool and enjoy your summer. Make plans to attend as many of the scheduled chapter events as possible, participation is what make a great event. Hope to see you at Camporama!

I'll leave you with this easy camp breakfast recipe that is guaranteed to have your young bucks begging for more.

Items Needed:

1 Package old English muffins

2 jars of old English cheese (normally found where the pimento cheese spread is found)

1 pound spicy Jimmy Deans breakfast sausage

Directions: brown the sausage and drain the grease, stir in the two jars of cheese until it is mixed well, watch your heat or the cheese will scorch. Cut your English muffins in half and toast until brown (I usually butter and brown them in cast iron skillet). Take and evenly distribute the sausage mixture onto the browned muffin halves. Now your ready to eat mmm mmm. Makes twelve individual halves. Hope you enjoy!!

## 2016 FCF Calendar of Events

July 18-22	National Camporama	Oct 7-8	FCF Frontier Adventure
Sep 10	GUIDE2016: Commanders Conference	Oct 21-23	FCF Family Days
Sep 10	Deadline for "The Adventure"	Nov 18-20	Winter Camp
Sep 24	Ranger Kids Day Camp	Dec 28-31	Junior Leadership Development Academy

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