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Family Days 2016

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

4th Qtr., 2016



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Chapter Greetings

By Gary "Wild Wind" Bierschwale

Greetings All !

Hasn't it been a weird August? I have never seen rain and mid 80's at the end of August... ever!

Well, since August is gone fall events will start happening! I will try to touch on all the things we will have going on so you can make plans to attend some of them.

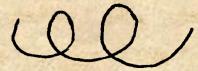
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This year FCF will be planning and running the Winter Camp, Nov. 18-19. The theme will be Highland Strongman Games. We will be portraying the Scottish Highland games, only on a smaller scale for you young bucks. The games will include caber toss, stone put, hammer throw, weight toss, and Maide Leisg. We ask that all you "wanna be" Scots wear a kilt and act the part of a true Scotsman. There will be a prize given for the best looking Scotsman outfit! So be working on your weight lifting and outfits so you will be ready to take the Prize!

If you want to be a part of the canny crew or just would like to learn more about artillery, there will be an artillery camp Jan. 20-22 called School of the Piece. This camp will teach you all you need to know in order to safely shoot and service a cannon. You will be able to see, shoot, and learn safety rules on several different pieces. If you have ever wanted to shoot, buy, or just see different artillery pieces, you should come join us at Lakeview Camp.

Well, this is all I have to say right now. Please read the rest of the letter and join us at some of these events we have planned for you. See you down the trail!

Gary 'Wild Wind' Bierschwale





Upcoming Events

By Frank "Jawbone" Super

Shawnee Trail:

I wanted to fill you all in on 2017 future events that you really need to put on your calendars and make plans to attend. Here they are:

1) Brush Poppin' Trace 2017: March 10-12, 2017 at the FCF Village at Lakeview Camp. Brush Poppin' Trace will have the theme of "Come Join the Adventure", based upon the Book of Matthew, Chapter 14, verses 22-33. This scripture recalls the account of Jesus walking on the water, calling out to Peter to join Him, and then Peter stepping out, sinking, and then grabbing hold of Jesus to remain above the water. All of us FCF members have been called to step out of the boat, or put another way, to get out of our comfort zones. What is Jesus calling you to do in 2017 that might feel uncomfortable to you? What about those non-FCF Rangers and Commanders who want to join FCF but are worried about the unknowns of "walking on the water". At the 2017 Brush Poppin' Trace, FCF members can seek God's will and determine to break out of the everyday and increase their commitment to Christ. There will be a Frontier Adventure during the Brush Poppin' Trace, so all you Rangers and Commanders who want to get out of the boat can come to camp and go back in time to the pioneer days. You never know what you might find, but I guarantee you that you will find adventure and a closer walk with the one and only Savior.

2) Frontier Brigade Camp (FBC) 2017: June 21-25 during the Junior Leadership and Development Academy (JLDA) at Lakeview Camp. A wonderful opportunity to come enjoy the outdoors and learn outdoor related skills and adventure. The FBC will teach required skills needed for the FCF experience such as: knife and hawk throwing; flint and steel fire making; Outdoor, Pioneer Style Cooking, and good old time camp fun. A Frontier Adventure will also take place during FBC.

3) 2017 Territorial Rendezvous: July 12-14, New Mexico Mountains. To all you Texans who want to take a break from the summer heat of Texas, this Rendezvous in the mountains of New Mexico is your chance. Come to the mountains and enjoy cool, dry air, cool nights, and mountain solitude. The Territorial Rendezvous is a great adventure to go outside and employ all of your primitive skills. There will be challenging skills competitions for knife and hawk throwing, archery and black powder shooting. The courses at the New Mexico camp are always the best and most creative and getting to enjoy them in the cool dry air in the mountains makes the whole experience that much more enjoyable. The Council Fires up in New Mexico are delightful, with the clear skies and twinkling stars overhead a clear reminder of our Heavenly Father. Hot and cold running water is at the showers, and the water is always hot or cold depending on what time of the day you take your shower. Start making plans now to go to New Mexico. Its a long trip but absolutely worth it. I hope to see you all there.

Winter Camp Work Day—Nov 5

By Frank "Jawbone" Super

Shawnee Trail - "To give and to serve" in North Texas and beyond.

Hey fellas, we need help to clean up our camp, again, so come and give your time and service to our district. It rained a lot this year, and as a result, the Lakeview Camp weeds, grass and trees exploded. This last weekend I drove through the camp and was astonished to see weeds that were higher than the top of my pick-up. I brush hogged that area down to the ground in April. Wow! Nature is so impressive. So bring all your cutting tools, chain saws, flat-bed trailers, and energetic young men and help us clean camp.

The work day is the best time to prepare your individual camp-site for Winter Camp.

FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP 50th Anniversary NTX ROYAL RANGERS® WINTER CAMP WORK DAY

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Work Day will start at 8:00 am Saturday morning, November 5, lunch at noon, and then all hands can turn to their outpost camp-site after lunch.

Picking a Trade for FCF

By JD "Lawman" Smith

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Now that you are in FCF, what will your trade be. What is a trade you ask, well a trade is you making goods or providing services to others as a means of making money or

bartering for things you need or want to complete your persona or just to have because you think it would benefit you in some way. There are many different trades for you to pick from. The best way is to check the FCF website to see what trades are available. Then what are your interests? How much money do you have to spend on supplies and equipment? What equipment do you need? This will be two of the biggest factors in choosing what you want to do. What are your skills? Is there someone already doing the craft in FCF that could mentor you in your start-up? Is there a market for your trade?

These are just some of the questions you have to ask yourself and others in FCF. The trade you start with, may not be the trade you end up with. Cost, space, time, difficulty and interests will dictate what you end up with. Talk with others, watch others while they do their trade and ask questions.

There is a wide range of things to do. Some things are already being done by others somethings are not, but that shouldn't stop you from doing them, if that is what strikes your fancy. Go for It!!!

Everyone that has gone before you are willing to help you and welcomes your questions.

District Winter Camp

By Frank "Jawbone" Super

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To the Shawnee Trail Fur Trading Company:

I hope that all of you have heard about the big Winter Camp coming up. The event takes place November 18-20 at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl. The theme of the camp is celebrating 50 years of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship (FCF). Because of the special theme, I encourage all of you Old Timers out there to rig up your wagons and set up the time traveling machine to head back in time once again to the days of our pioneer forefathers. The FCF Village at Winter Camp will need to be HUGE!! We need to string up as much canvass as we can fit out in the old North 40. What a great time of year to camp outside in a canvass tent!!

I heard that Wild Wind plans on wearing his kilt at camp and showing off his ancient Scottish heritage and leg hair. He's trying to get all of us to wear kilts too. I'm thinking about going for it! Don't you all want to come out and wear a kilt outside and not get in trouble? So get your Scottish thing going and come out and have some fun at Winter Camp.

The FCF Village will be the site of numerous games and activities, so we need to haul all of our Young Bucks out of their houses, off of their entertainment systems, and get them plugged back into the wilds of Lakeview Camp. The FCF Village will host a cookies and hot chocolate mess after Saturday evening service, so make sure that you have all of your candle lanterns lit, and put on your best fur trade era duds to celebrate 50 years of FCF by enjoying hot chocolate and cookies with all your fellow Royal Ranger brothers. Word has it that their might be special prizes for the first 100 visitors in the FCF Village that night after service.

Don't forget that you need to bring your own cooking gear out to camp so you can cook your own meals. Please use a fire ring, brazier, or other "above ground" item for your fire. The reason for this is that the field needs to stay green without depressions or holes in it. Ground fires always leave a scar, no matter how careful you are. If you have any questions about fires and cooking please call me. There are many alternatives to ground fires.

When you arrive and head to the FCF Village, please check in with me before you start pounding stakes into the ground. The village will have a layout, and we want to see the layout adhered to as best as possible.

Thanks Shawnee Trail.

May God bless you, your family and your outpost and church.

In Christ's Love,

Frank "Jawbone" Super

Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogleman

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray everyone is doing well! Summer is about to come to a close. Are you ready to go back to school as the weather becomes good camping weather? Young bucks as you go back to school be ready to witness and talk about Rangers. We all need to grow as followers of Christ. All of us are called for a purpose. We need to step up and answer the call God as on our life.

A great warrior has left us, Robert Jimenez, known in FCF as Two Belts. I'll never forget when he came to a North Texas Pow Wow and spoke. Two Belts talked of how his pastor asked him to be over Royal Rangers. He accepted the call. He told us how that he felt that he was never really saved but agreed to answer his pastor's request. Then God entered is life by a young boy who led him to Christ! This man, Robert Jimenez, became a mighty warrior for Christ. He went to Arizona and became a missionary for the Indians. We will never know how many souls he led to Christ because a little boy witnessed to him. His name Two Belts should be changed to Two Hearts. I was so glad I went to Camporama this year because when I saw Two Belts I ran up to him and shook his hand. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit all around him. He was a man full of testimonies and miracles that had flooded his life. I know I will see Two Belts again, when I too am called Home to be with our Master (Jesus Christ).

Let us pray:

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

Wolf (Wife Of Lee Fogleman) and I are looking forward to Family Days October 21st - 23rd. Come ready to trade, enjoy the fellowship, and worship of the Lord. The Holy Spirit will be there waiting for you. He invites you to come! Answer the call!

In His Service, Prospector



North Texas Shawnee Trail

Family Days 2016

October 21-23, 2016

Theme: "Raise the Village"

2 Kings 6:1-2

September 2016

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Don't forget your pre-registration must be postmarked by October 7, 2016.

Gary 'Wild Wind' Bierschwale North Texas FCF President

Family Days 2016 Schedule

Friday, October 21

5:00 pm	Registration opens (everyone MUST register Friday before spending the night)
8:00 pm	'Raise the Village' auction at pavilion

Please bring the following with you to auction to raise funds for the new village

- A pie or sweet item
- A handmade item

Saturday, October 22

9:00 am 10:00 am-noon	 Morning devotion (Lee Fogleman) Family Trace (must complete as a family) Will be held north of the pavilion Will include knife, hawk, archery, black powder Necklace Making Children Games 			
	Craft Item Demonstrations			
10:00 am	Ladies Tea			
Noon-1:00 pm	Events closed for lunch			
1:00-5:00 pm	Family Trace (must complete as a family) - Will be held north of the pavilion			
	 Will include knife, hawk, archery, black powder 			
	Necklace Making			
	Children Games			
	Craft Item Demonstrations			
6:00 pm	Family Group Dinner and Awards (at the pavilion)			
8:00 pm	Evening service (circuit riding preacher in your campsite)			
9:30 pm	Round Robin trade blanket (see details later in packet)			
Sunday, October 23				

10:00 am	Morning service (Lee Fogleman)
5:00 pm	Camp closed – Everyone and everything should be out of camp

Schedule is subject to change prior to start of Family Days.

Activities on Saturday will include:

- Family Trace consists of knife and tomahawk throwing, and archery and black powder shooting. The Family Trace will be held north of the pavillion. Teams of four will compete, and scores for females will count double that of the scores for males. Available 10-12 and 1-5 on Saturday.
- Necklace making (using your Family Days medallion; there will be a prize for the best necklace that is made at camp)
- Children Games
- Round Robin trade blanket 9:30 pm Saturday night. Everyone has the opportunity to bring
 their trade items and one by one you place an item or items you would like to trade on the
 blanket. Everyone else has the opportunity to inspect your item (without touching it, and by
 candle lantern light only) and if they would like to trade for it, they place their offered items on
 the blanket. You then get to inspect what is offered for your item and if you find something you
 like, you complete the trade. If nothing is offered that you want to trade for, you can withdraw
 your item from the blanket. Either way, after your turn the person next to you gets to put their
 item(s) on the blanket and the process repeats itself.

There will also be craft demonstrations at individual lodges.

Shawnee Trail Camp Pre-Registration

2016 Family Days, October 21-23, 2016

(Complete one form for each family unit) Must be postmarked by October 7th, 2016

Name	Outpost #	
Complete Address _		

Email address _____

Please enter information below for each person attending Family Days

Attendee Name	Active Member or Spouse/Parent/Child of an Active Member?	Age
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3
	YesNo	18 or over3-17Under 3

Registration Fees:

	Pre-Registration Price Postmarked by Oct 7 th , 2016	At-Camp Price (after Oct 7 th pre-registration)
Adult (18 or over) who is an active member, or the spouse, parent, or adult child of an active member	\$15	\$20
Adult (18 or over) who is not an active member, or is not related to an active member	\$20	\$25
Child (ages 3-17)	\$5	\$7.50
Child (under 3; no medallion for these attendees)	\$0	\$0
Day Visitor		\$5, no medallion, and may not win any competitions (individual FCF members visiting during the day will pay the full camp rate)

Camp Fee Paid:

FCF Dues Paid: _____ Name(s) for Dues: _____

Total Paid:

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

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Knife and Black Powder Permission Form



I am the parent or guardian of ______ who is a member of the Royal Rangers Program. I give him permission to sell, trade, give, receive, or barter and have in his possession during any FCF event, any knife or black powder firearm as is appropriate for his type of historical reenactment activity.

Please consider this document as written consent for my son to participate in any of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship activities which include black powder loading and shooting, knife and hawk throwing, flint and steel – fire starting, frontiersmen crafts and workshop classes, and any other activities conducted.

Signature of Parent or guardian	Date		
If you do not want your son,		participating i	n any of
the above activities list:			
Signature of Parent or guardian	Date		
If you are under the age of 18, you must have this participate in the above mentioned activities at Fa		/ your parent or guardian in	order to
Parents please complete:			
Name of Minor:			
Name of Parent completing form:			
Address:			
City	State:	Zip:	
Home phone and work phone: Home		Work	
Age Birth date of minor:			
Any information we should know about:			

2016 North Texas District Pastor's Certification Form

(For everyone 18 years old or older)

Why a background check and pastor certification?

Our children are under attack. Therefore, we must take extraordinary stapes to protect them from abuse. Our purpose is not to eliminate parent involvement in outings, but rather to provide the safest environment possible by requiring background checks on all adults (men and women, 18 and older) attending. Because of the large number of applicants, it is impossible to check references on every applicant. As a result, great reliance is placed on the representation of each applicant's pastor to insure the applicant's suitability for working with minors.

Each adult who is registering for a district Royal Rangers event during 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 Nu	umber	
Church Name	Chi	urch 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 chec	k was completed	d:
Name of company used for bac	ckground 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

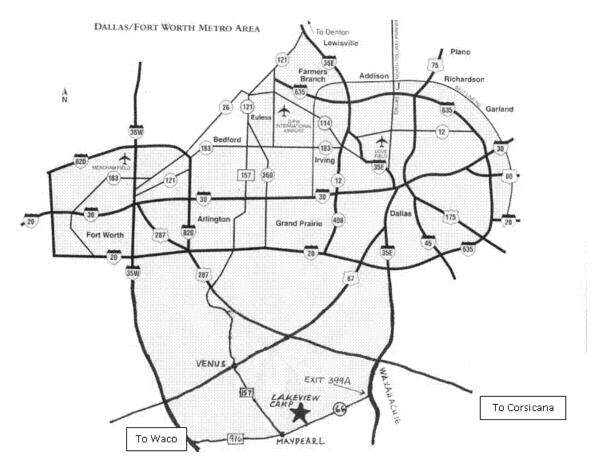
Camp Rules and Information

- Registration will begin at 5:00 pm on Friday; you must register before you can spend the night at camp
- You may set up anytime on Friday.
- No dogs or other animals allowed.
- All guns must be unloaded and in cases when in camp.
- Vehicles are only allowed in camp for the purposes of off-loading or loading camping gear for one hour only. All vehicles must be parked in the parking area after off-loading. Permission to move a vehicle from the parking area must be obtained from the FCF President.
- All fires must be small and contained in a barrel (available at camp). DO NOT dig holes in fields.
 All fire wood and rocks must be removed from the field after camp.
- No digging in the parade field for any reason. We have Winter Camp within a very few weeks of Family Days and we want our parade field to look nice and to be free of holes.
- All trash must be placed in the dumpster by the pavilion or hauled out with you when leaving.
 DO NOT LEAVE IT AT CAMP.
- Attendance at all assemblies and services is required of all campers. You should be on time. <u>Attendance at services is not optional</u>. You must stay until the service is over.
- NO HANDGUNS allowed in camp.

I have read and agree to cooperate with the camp rules. I will see to it that my group is aware of and abides by the rules.

Signature _____

Directions to Lakeview



Coming from Dallas

Take I-35E south to the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Camp and Conference entrance).

Coming from Fort Worth

Take I-35W south exiting onto Highway 67 in Alvarado. Turn left on Highway 67. In Venus, turn right on 157. In Maypearl, turn left on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 2.5 miles ahead on the left.

Coming from Waco

Take I-35W north as you leave Hillsboro. Exit on FM 66 at Itasca. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 2.5 miles past Maypearl on the left side of the road.

Coming from Corsicana

Take 287 to Waxahachie, exiting onto I-35E south. From I-35E south take the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. The Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Camp and Conference entrance).

Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays this quarter. (If yours is missing, feel free to submit mm-dd-yy to mark@ntxrr.org for future reference plus make sure you are current on your dues).

October

Frontiersmen...... (none) Buckskin Wing Feather Wilderness (none)

November

Frontiersmen...... M. Garcia, S. Hay

Buckskin (none)

Wilderness Bladesman, Pure Heart, String Bean

December

Frontiersmen...... (none)

Buckskin Crimson Blade, White Wolf

Wilderness Bigfoot, Blazing Heart, Longhorn, Wild Wind

Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 09/25/2016 dues status)

	Active YB	Inactive YB	Active OT	Inactive OT	Archived OT	Historical	Total
State In A	(2016)	(2015,	(2016)	(2015,	(2012	(before	Members
		2014,		2014,	thru	2008)	
		2013)		2013)	2008)		
Frontiersmen	12	71	12	44	66	622	827
Buckskin	0	8	7	7	13	79	114
Wilderness	1	3	26	14	5	67	116
Total	13	82	45	65	84	768	1057

North Texas District Royal Rangers — Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter — The Long Tom — October 2016

2016 District Calendar							
Oct 21-23	FCF Family Days	Dec 28-31	Junior Leadership				
Nov 5	Camp Work Day	and a looked	Development Academy				
Nov 18-20	Winter Camp						
!	2017 District Calendar						
Jan 7	District Staff Meeting	Jun 22-25	Junior Leadership				
Jan 27-28	South Central Region		Development Academy				
	Conference, Oklahoma City	Sep 9	GUIDE: Leaders Conference				
Mar 10-12	FCF Brush Poppin' Trace /	Sep 23	Ranger Kids Day Camp				
	FCF Frontier Adventure	Oct 20-22	FCF Family Days				
Mar 16-18	LEAD—National Council	Nov 4	Camp Work Day				
Apr 8	Camp Work Day	Nov 17-19	Winter Camp				
Apr 28-30	Pow Wow	Dec 27-30	Junior Leadership				
May 20	May Fête		Development Academy				

NTX Royal Rangers Email Lists

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For additional information about anything you found in this newsletter or for additional FCF answers, please contact any FCF staff member.

Our Newsletter "The Long Tom" got its name from the Kentucky Long Rifle. It was known for hitting the mark when in the hands of the Master or marksman.

North Texas District Royal Rangers — Shawnee Trail FCF Chapter — The Long Tom — October 2016