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2018 Brush Poppin Trace and FCF Adventure

March 16-18, 2018

Random Thoughts from the Prez

By David "Little Beaver" Kohn, Shawnee Trail President

This year the Shawnee Trail Chapter of the FCF is celebrating 50 years. As we reflect back on the last 50 years, we give thanks for the things that were accomplished for the Kingdom and look ahead for the things to come.

Come join me at Brush Poppin' Trace, March 16th – 18th, and share all the things that you remember about the early years of our chapter. We will be sitting around a campfire singing and sharing these stories Saturday night. Hereby, I invite all members and former members to join me at Brush Poppin' Trace.

By sharing with each other, relationships are built. Relationships are what keep individuals coming back. We want to catch up with each other, learn what is new, and hear about future plans. We are building family. As we build we become mentors to the young bucks. As the bond grows, it is my hope that those young bucks will stay a part of the FCF family into their future. As my boys are forging their own way, I'm looking forward to meeting and connecting with each of you.

If you have any thoughts as to growing our chapter, please share them with me.

David 'Little Beaver' Kohn, Shawnee Trail President

District Scout Testing

By David "Spotted Bull" Shook

This April at Pow Wow we will be selecting a new chapter scout and assistant scouts. We do this every two years. All current Young Bucks who would be under 18 years of age at the time of the Territorial Rendezvous in 2019 are eligible to test to be our Chapter Scout.

Now I said "testing". I guess you are wondering what exactly these tests will be? Well I can tell you that. There will be tests of your frontier skills. You will need your flint and steel kit to start a fire. You will need your throwing knife and your tomahawk, because you will be throwing those for a score. You will have to have a black powder shooters card if you want to be tested on your black powder rifle shooting. Or you can be tested over your archery abilities. You will also be judged on your complete FCF outfit. Make sure that you bring your best outfit and gear. Bring it all and bring a story to go with it. Because you must have a persona to explain your outfit and a story to explain anything that doesn't go with your outfit. You will also get points for your FCF advancement, whether you are a Frontiersman, Buckskin or Wilderness. So, if you want extra points, make sure that you test for your advancement at Brush Poppin' Trace. Contact Spotted Bull for more information on that. There are also points for your Trapper's Brigade level and your Royal Rangers advancements.

There is an application available for download on the National FCF website that can be found at the link below.

<http://www.nationalfcf.com/FCFForms/tabid/2494/Default.aspx>

There will also be paper copies available at Brush Poppin' Trace at the President's shelter and the Scribe's shelter. Please have these filled out and sent to the address on it by March 30, 2018.

Guys I really hope that EVERY Young buck in the Shawnee Trail will come out and test for the Chapter Scout. Generally, we let the second and third place finishers act as Assistant Scouts. Which is still a big honor and a big responsibility. Now get the applications turned in and start practicing. I look forward to watching the testing.

Watch yer top knot

Spotted Bull



2018 Brush Poppin' Trace and FCF Adventure

50 Years Along the Shawnee Trail

Shawnee Trail Members,

This year, on March 16-18, 2018, the Shawnee Trail Chapter of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship will be celebrating 50 years! So we thought that we would do something a little different at the Brush Poppin' Trace this year. Just so ya know there will only be competitions for black powder shooting, knife throwing and tomahawk throwing. But we may throw in a little fire starting competition as well. So come prepared for that! Our main focus this year will be learning a new trade, getting pointers for one ya already know, or showing someone else how ya do that special thing that you do. In the evening, around the council fire, there will be tall tales and old stories told about the early days of the chapter and how things were done back then. There's gonna be some music and a devotional time too. And don't forget to bring REALLY GOOD STUFF for the young buck blanket on Saturday night!!

This is of course the first event of the year, so don't forget to bring your signed pastor forms. Or better yet, get pre-registered and have them all sent with the pony express rider. There will be a small fee for campers, to cover a few expenses. Old Timers will pay \$25 for the weekend. And young bucks will be the same. There will be an extra \$5 fee for inactive members who register. And EVERYONE will pay an extra \$10 if you register AFTER March 3! Remember that inactive members can reactivate your membership by paying two years dues and working an FCF Adventure. Fortunately there is one scheduled for THIS camp!

Now there will also be an FCF Adventure on Friday night and Saturday morning. If you are interested in joining FCF, contact David "Spotted Bull" Shook for an application at davidshook1970@outlook.com. There will be an extra fee associated with that event. It's also a really good idea to have a mentor or sponsor to help you to learn those skills needed to earn those beads. If you are already an FCF Frontiersman and are ready to take that next step to Buckskin, contact JD "Lawman" Smith at j.d._smith@hotmail.com for information. If there is someone ready to test, we can do it at the Trace.

So get ready for a shining time! There will be something for everyone! Contact those you know that haven't been out to camp in awhile. Bring someone with you and sponsor them into FCF! Let's make the Shawnee Trail a huge chapter again. Remember, it starts with you!

Watch Your Top Knot,

David "Spotted Bull" Shook

Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogleman

Grace to all! Are You Ready?

May God bless you and keep you! I pray everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Let us always celebrate the birth of our Savior and always be a witness each day of our lives.

If you didn't make it to Winter Camp this year you missed our national director, Karl Fleig, speaking and encouraging all of us. We all had a great time of fun and fellowship then as the weather got cooler we enjoyed the hot chocolate and cookies provided by the FCF. As always, we felt the warmth and love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit during the services and throughout all the camp!

Are you ready for 2018? Remember our motto: Ready for anything! Ready to work, play, serve, worship, live, and obey God's Word.

So, in all we do we must work hard and do our best, yes even school and in going to Sunday school to learn more about Jesus and how to witness and follow what Jesus would do!

Even when we play, we must show good sportsmanship, not cheat, say bad words, and always be a witness to others.

Also, remember we are to serve so volunteer to help mom and dad around the house, help your neighbors and the older generation when needed, serve at church, help your commanders, patrol leaders, pastors and Sunday school teachers. One of the best ways to witness is to serve. The Frontier Camping Fellowship's motto is "Ad Dare Severe" in English it is "To give and to serve." In a Christian's life to serve must be one of our greatest examples.

Worship is very important! We need to worship as soon as we arise from bed thanking God for this day. Prayer is a big form of worship, so pray not only at meals or when you get up or go to bed but throughout the day. Pray for your pastor, Sunday school teacher, parents, family, commanders, friends and everything that comes to your mind! Pray for the United States, our president, our policemen, firemen, first responders, service men and women. Believe me you will never run out of things to pray for! We also must give thanks to God every chance we get.

Next in the motto is live. We must live a Christian life every day and ask forgiveness when we slip and fall into sin. We must live with Jesus in our heart and share Him with others every chance we get! To take our life one step further is to ask for the Holy Spirit to come in to our lives and guide us daily.

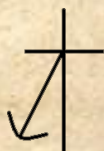
Finally, the motto says we are to obey God's Word. The best way to obey is to read the Bible and follow the Word of God. John 1: 1 says "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Know the Bible, read some every day, go to Sunday school, Royal Rangers, and learn as much as you can.

As a Royal Ranger it is our assignment to follow our motto. It is easy enough to say the motto. But the challenge is to do what the motto says. Every one of us must work this New Year with doing what our motto says. We must show everyone what a true Royal Ranger is! Wear your Ranger T-shirt or uniform when you have a chance. Then when someone asks you what a Royal Ranger is you can start with the Ranger Motto. And the most important thing is they will see by way you act and live that you follow the Motto.

I thank each one of you for your prayers. You have made a difference in my life and helped me to love being Prospector! Job 23:10 "But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." My goal is mining souls for Christ. Have a Happy New Year and remember to follow our motto!



God Bless,
Prospector





Attention Shawnee Trail Chapter!

We need to build our ranks back up to the huge numbers I used to see 8 years ago when I joined FCF! I remember there were like 20 people in my FCF Adventure. I've seen 300 at Family Days. Something has happened to our Chapter, and our District. It's time to get back to that. And it will start at the 2018 Brush Poppin' Trace. We will be having an FCF Adventure that weekend. I personally would love to see 20 people in an Adventure again. We seemed to have some interest building at Winter Camp and there were several Adventure applications handed out. If all of these, and more, come in and there are a bunch of men and young men coming into FCF as brand new members, we as members need to bend over backwards to make them feel welcome. Because here lately, guys have gotten their membership pin and patch and are never seen at an FCF event or village again. So, let's start beating the bushes and shaking out the trees to get guys signed up, through the Adventure and loving what we do.

"But I'm inactive now. I can't get back into FCF."

Oh. Yeah. You can. And you should. You know these guys. Get them back involved too! Pay a couple years of dues, and work an Adventure. The good news is there is one coming up IN MARCH! So anyway. What do these guys need in order to qualify to partake in an FCF Adventure? Well I'm glad I asked. Here it is, straight from the National FCF Website.

Boys Only:

- Be a graduate of the fifth grade.
- Be at least 11 years old
- Be an active member of a Chartered Royal Rangers outpost
- Earn one of the following awards:
 - *Discovery Rangers Gold Eagle*
 - *Adventure Rangers Bronze Medal*
 - *Expedition Rangers E1*

Leaders Only:

- Complete the Ready and Safety Leader of the Outpost Leaders Advancement Levels (OLAL)
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Rangers outpost
- Be a member in good standing in your local church.

Boys and Leaders:

- Complete a Frontier Adventure.

See, it's not that much! Get those applications in and get ready for a new aspect of Royal Rangers to keep your commanders and boys interested for life!

What Yer Topknot,

Spotted Bull

Buckskinner News

By J.D. "Lawman" Smith

Well, another year has come and gone. What did we get accomplished this year? There was a lot of changes made in FCF last year, its hard making decisions that affect everyone when no one cares enough to come to the camps and put their two cents worth in. If we didn't want your input, we wouldn't ask for it. We don't want to hear from the grapevine of your ideas, get in touch with someone on staff and tell them in person. If we are not doing things the way it suits you, tell us, we will be glad to listen. We may be doing things that way because thats the way we were told to do it by someone higher than us. But it may also be we never thought of the idea that you have, the idea that could really help our chapter.

Our chapter can only survive with everyone pulling together. FCF is bigger than just a few of us, it is meant to have a higher meaning. That really goes for all of Royal Rangers. It doesn't matter what your reason for being in Rangers is. We need everyone to be there. If you are not there doing your job no matter how big or small the job is, that part doesn't get done. YOU MATTER to Rangers!!!!

I was in a lot of your shoes, I didn't know the reason why things were or were not being done until I made it my job to be there when things were being planned and ask questions from the beginning. Don't wait until things happen to complain, be at the planning stage. Put your two cents in.

Ask yourself how many boys are not at Rangers hearing the Word, because you chose not to go. A lot of boys are depending on you as a leader to lead them. If you are not at Rangers the boys can't be at Rangers, either at the weekly meeting or at the different camps. Where are they learning what they are learning and who is teaching them?

This is tough to hear, but it has been on my heart all this year. I know God has something big for our chapter in 2018. It is going to take all of us plus some new members to get it done. So please let your voice be heard by being at camp. We hear your silence, let us hear your voice, you may be the reason something gets changed.

J.D. "Lawman" Smith

Buckskin Rep.





Once again, FCF Members from all over the Nation will be gathering at Camp Eagle Rock for an FCF National Rendezvous! While the Chapter hasn't made final plans to attend the gathering, more information will be forthcoming very soon. So get all your gear gathered up, shine up that smokepole, sharpen that tomahawk and knife and practice all of your skills! There will be some great competitions, some amazing council fire services and some incredible memories made that will last a lifetime!

So mark July 16-20,2018 down on your calendars and go ahead and put that vacation request form in now so you don't miss out! And start praying right now that God's presence will saturate the camp and great things will be done to His glory!

More information about the national rendezvous can be found at <http://nationalrendezvous.com>

Watch Yer Topknot,

Spotted Bull



January 12-13, 2018 the South Central Region is hosting the annual Leaders Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The schedule has several FCF-related training and information session listed that would be of interest to anyone planning to attend. For example, there is an FCF round table discussion scheduled for Saturday right before lunch, as well as sessions on the Arrowhead Merits and FCF & Reenacting about living history. So if you are making plans to attend, sit in on these sessions. They are scheduled multiple times so you can make them all. If you are not planning to attend, change your plans and make journey to San Antonio. I lived in that area for several years and it's a beautiful city. More information can be found on the South Central Region's website by clicking on: <http://www.scr-royalrangers.org/wp/event/2018-scr-rr-leaders-conference>

Keep Yur Powder Dry,

Spotted Bull

Presenting the Shawnee Trail Chapter

2018 Event Calendar

Every year I'm told that the reason someone missed out on an event is because they didn't know that it was going to be THAT weekend. Even though most of our events are held on the same weekend, roughly, EVERY YEAR! So no more excuses. Here is the calendar for 2018. Print it out and pin it up in the bathroom by the mirror. So maybe you will see it every day!

January 12-13, 2018	SCR Leaders Conference in San Antonio, TX
March 16-18, 2018	Brush Poppin Trace at Royal Rangers Camp
April 14, 2018	Pow Wow Work Day at Royal Rangers Camp
April 27-29, 2018	Pow Wow at Royal Rangers Camp
May 18-19, 2018	May Fete at Royal Rangers Camp
July 16-20, 2018	National Rendezvous at Camp Eagle Rock
October 19-21, 2018	FCF Family Days at Royal Rangers Camp
November 3, 2018	Winter Camp Work Day at Royal Rangers Camp
November 16-18, 2018	Winter Camp at Royal Rangers Camp

Those events in **BOLD TYPE** are FCF only events that you DO NOT WANT TO MISS!! See ya in Camp!

Keep Yur Powder Dry,

Spotted Bull

Shawnee Trail Chapter

Lifetime Membership

How many of you have ever forgotten to pay your yearly FCF dues? Maybe it was because you didn't go to Brush Poppin' Trace that year and that's when you always paid your yearly dues. Well, there is a far simpler way to take care of that little task. The Shawnee Trail Chapter has some really nice T-shirts that say "Lifetime Member" on them. If you will buy one of those T-shirts for only \$300, we will give you a free lifetime membership! Now maybe you can't make that payment all at once, but I'm betting Bigfoot will let you make a few easy payments to cover the cost of that T-shirt. And once you pay that T-shirt off, you won't have to worry about missing another year's dues payments. But you still need to come to Brush Poppin' Trace!

See ya at camp,

Spotted Bull

Upcoming Birthdays

These active FCF members have birthdays this quarter. (If yours is missing, feel free to submit mm-dd-yy to the FCF Scribe and make sure you are current on your dues.)

January

Frontiersmen..... N. Bogado, J. Gallops
 Buckskin Dreamer
 Wilderness Bald Eagle, Fire Dog, Shiny White Cloud, Shofar

February

Frontiersmen..... T. Atkeisson, T. Gell, D. Hipshire
 Buckskin Cast Iron
 Wilderness Bow Breaker

March

Frontiersmen..... J. Boaz, E. Byers, A. Gell, K. Oliver
 Buckskin N. McLain
 Wilderness Brave Heart, Smooth Stone

Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 12/01/2017 dues status)

	Active YB (2017)	Active OT (2017)	Inactive YB (2016, 2015, 2014)	Inactive OT (2016, 2015, 2014)	Archived OT (2013 thru 2009)	Historical (before 2009)	Total Members
Frontiersmen	13	7	41	78	64	633	836
Buckskin	1	8	5	8	12	79	113
Wilderness	1	24	2	17	6	68	118
Total	15	39	48	103	82	780	1067

2018 District Calendar

Jan 6	District Staff Meeting	Jun 21-24	Junior Leadership
Jan 12-13	South Central Region Conference, San Antonio, TX	July 16-20	Development Academy
Feb 8-10	LEAD—National Council	Sept 8	National Rendezvous
Mar 10	Ranger Essentials Training	Sept 22	GUIDE: Leaders Conference
Mar 16-18	FCF Brush Poppin' Trace	Oct 19-21	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Apr 14	FCF Family Days	Nov 3	FCF Family Days
Apr 27-29	Camp Work Day	Nov 16-18	Camp Work Day
May 19	Pow Wow	Dec 27-30	Winter Camp
	May Fête		Junior Leadership
			Development Academy

NTX Royal Rangers Email Lists

Are you subscribed to the NTX Royal Rangers email lists? If not, visit http://www.ntxrr.org/about_ntx_email_lists.htm and sign up to be on our mailing list today. You can get updates on news, FCF information, and prayer requests by subscribing to our e-mail lists.

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Asst. Scout—(open)

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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.