

# NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT

Shawnee Trail FCF Newsletter

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# Lifetime Service Award

By Glenn Hershberger, Scribe

On March 17, 2018, Wayne Word received the Royal Rangers Lifetime Service Award at the FCF Brush Poppin' Trace. (see photo on cover).

Wayne has been involved in Royal Rangers from its inception in 1962. He has served as sectional and divisional Commander in the North Texas District. He also was a certified instructor and instructor Trainer for the LTC/LTA.

His support of our campground was critical during the construction phase in the 1990s and that support continues to this day. He is a lifetime member of the Shawnee Trail FCF chapter and up to recently has remained active bringing boys from his outpost to chapter and district events. An electrician by trade, he has done much of the electrical work at our camp and he went on a Pathfinder's trip to Costa Rica in the early 2000s to the RR campground there.

## Pilgrim's College

By David "Spotted Bull" Shook

A couple of years ago we instituted a new FCF event in May called May Fete. It was a time to get together for fun and games on a Saturday and enjoy that good fellowship with family. In the spirit of promoting and boosting FCF throughout the District, we have decided to change the direction of that event this year. The year we will be having a Pilgrim's College.

So what is that exactly, you may be asking yourself? That's a really good question. And the answer is quite simple. Have you ever wanted to know how we set up all these really cool canvas shelters? We are going to show you how we set one up. Have you ever wanted to know how we throw a hawk and knife and make them stick? We are going to show you that. Have you ever wanted to know how we cook over an open fire in Dutch ovens and cast iron skillets? Well, we are going to have a very special presentation about that!

Basically, if you want to know how we do things in the FCF Village, but were afraid to ask, then come on out to Pilgrim's College and learn how we do it. Now this is a family event, so bring along the ladies in the family too! They can have just as much fun, or more, than the boys can! Pilgrim's College is an opportunity to get your outpost and their families interested in Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship and all the fun stuff that goes along with it. So don't miss it!

**Time:** 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Activities:** Come learn how to setup a FCF-style shelter, how to do leather work, how to cook in Dutch ovens over a fire, frontier weaving, and knife/hawk throwing.

**Location:** Royal Rangers Campgrounds

**Cost:** No cost to attend (no patch provided)

1. For \$10 per person, you may eat lunch at the cooking class, tasking the various dishes prepared during the class you attend. Pre-registration is required for lunch to be provided.
2. Tin Smithing Demonstration will be \$5 per person but you will make a small candle holder

Please contact David "Brave Beaver" Kohn if you plan on attending. You can send him an email at [shawnee.president@gmail.com](mailto:shawnee.president@gmail.com) or call him at 254-793-4397 or 512-619-1970.

# Brush Poppin' Winners

By Glenn Hershberger, Scribe

During the 2018 Brush Poppin' Trace, we had numerous winners for the events. There were events for both Old-Timers and Young Bucks.

Black Powder shooting, which included a station where you had to shoot a block with an ax head and split the ball, was won by Kevin Gell. The next event was knife throwing and the old-timer winner was Jesse Laughlin. The final event being hawk throwing with the victor being Frank "Jawbone" Super. Now the story on the Young Buck side was very interesting as one outstanding individual managed to vanquish all others in all three events and that person was {drumroll please} - Jacob Boaz.

## Shawnee Trail Chapter Lifetime Membership

By David "Spotted Bull" Shook, Vice President

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 Jonathan 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!

## 2018 Shawnee Trail Event Calendar

By David "Spotted Bull" Shook, Vice President

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!

April 14, 2018	Pow Wow Work Day at Royal Rangers Camp
April 27-29, 2018	Pow Wow at Royal Rangers Camp
<b>May 19, 2018</b>	<b>Pilgrim's College at Royal Rangers Camp</b>
July 16-20, 2018	National Rendezvous at Camp Eagle Rock
<b>October 19-21, 2018</b>	<b>FCF Family Days at Royal Rangers Camp</b>
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

# Brush Poppin' 2018 Photos

By Glenn Hershberger, Scribe

Yes, this is the 50th anniversary for our Shawnee Trail Chapter Brush Poppin' Trace and a great time was had by all. Here are a few photos of the highlights for your viewing pleasure.



# Brush Poppin' 2018 Photos

By Glenn Hershberger, Scribe



# **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 NTX district website that can be found at <http://www.ntxrr.org/forms.htm>. 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

## Trappers Brigade App

By David "Little Beaver" Kohn, President

Yahoooooooo! The Shawnee Trail Chapter received a three star rating for last year. Thanks for all the hard work that was done throughout the chapter last year. I have a goal of being a four star chapter next year. But I need your help. I need everyone to log Trappers Brigade points this year.

Trappers Brigade points come in four categories: outpost, church, missions, and community. In the past, it was a chore to fill out the form to log your brigade hours. The National FCF office comes to the rescue. They developed a smart phone application to log service hours. The application is available in the Apple and the Play store. Search the store for 'service tracker' and select the FCF Service Tracker Application. Set up your account and start logging hours. No need to enter multiple dates for a single event. The application allows greater than 24 hours on a single day.

The logged hours go to the chapter dashboard to be included in the annual chapter report. No need to send in your hours to the chapter.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

David 'Little Beaver' Kohn  
FCF President, 512-619-1970

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!

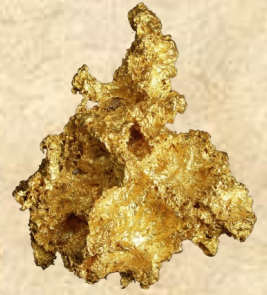
More information about the National Rendezvous can be found at <http://nationalrendezvous.com>

Watch Yer Topknot, Spotted Bull



# Prospector's Gold Nugget

By Lee "Prospector" Fogleman, Chaplain



Greetings Frontiersmen Fellowship Members and Royal Rangers!

May God bless you and encourage you to be ready with a testimony at anytime. We heard life changing testimonies from young buck's and old timers' lives! We will touch on testimonies a little later in the nugget.

Everyone is invited to come and see how Frontiersmen camped and traded their goods. You learn how they made necklaces, woodcraft or how they trapped or hunted. Time is taken to show you how to throw a knife or hawk (to you Greenhorns, tomahawks). You get to learn about starting a fire without a match or lighter. You learn about a Muzzle loading rifle. Frontiersmen use a flintlock or cap lock action rifle to shoot. They used black powder and a lead ball to shoot at targets. As with all tools safety is first taught before you may even handle a gun, knife, or a hawk.

If you didn't make it to Brush Poppin you missed a lot of fun and fellowship. Friday night started out with a wonderful supper provided by an FCF cooking team. Grilled and barbecued chicken, a great salad, something they called potato chips, and beans. Our FCF President and family took care of setting up the chow line.

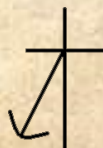
Worship was led by Chipmunk on Friday night, it was like heaven came down to sing and praise our God! Flintlock led the service and touched us on how our enemy tries to pull us astray. By tempting us to watch things we do not need to see or hear. How modern technology can take us places we need not go. Find a friend or commander that will guide you and lift you up when Satan tries to pull you away from what is right. Go forward at an altar call and have men gather around you to pray for you. The power of prayer is life changing. We saw and felt life changing events happening Friday night.

Saturday was a great day when a little rain came it did not stop the move of God. Old Frontiersmen came to meet, greet, and trade. Names like Road Runner, Lone Eagle, Old Trapper, String Bean, Coal, Little Beaver, Spotted Bull, Lawman, Smooth Stone, Kind Heart, Jaw Bone, Giant Slayer, Big Foot, Bladesmen, Bow Breaker, Fire Dog, and Prospector were there (if I left anyone out please forgive me) and I was overwhelmed with the fellowship! You meet brothers in Christ that will last forever. I even heard from a friend that there is a guy who wants the name Moon Shine saying he wants to reflect the Son of God.

I guess the movie I went to see today covers what I am trying to explain to you "I Can Only Imagine". The Old Timers come to these camps and mentor the Young Bucks and even other Old Timers. After this wonderful inspiring camp, I, Prospector went home to let all this movement of God sink into my spirit. The Holy Spirit surely visited this camp and this is my testimony! 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





## 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.)

### April

Frontiersmen..... None  
 Buckskin ..... Straight Stitch  
 Wilderness ..... 3 Claws, Jawbone, Kind Heart, Spotted Bull

### May

Frontiersmen..... None  
 Buckskin ..... Lawman  
 Wilderness ..... Flintlock, Two Bears

### June

Frontiersmen..... None  
 Buckskin ..... Many Hills  
 Wilderness ..... Bar'd Owl, Little Beaver

## Current Shawnee Trail FCF Statistics

(status based on 03/25/2018 dues status)

	Active YB (2018)	Active OT (2018)	Inactive YB (2017, 2016, 2015)	Inactive OT (2017, 2016, 2015)	Archived OT (2014 thru 2010)	Historical (before 2010)	Total Members
<b>Frontiersmen</b>	6	5	39	74	57	655	836
<b>Buckskin</b>	0	7	4	10	10	81	112
<b>Wilderness</b>	1	26	1	16	4	69	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>	71	805	1065

## 2018 District Calendar

Apr 27-29	Pow Wow	Sept 8	GUIDE: Leaders Conference
May 19	Pilgrim's College	Sept 22	Ranger Kids Day Camp
Jun 21-24	Junior Leadership	Oct 19-21	FCF Family Days
	Development Academy	Nov 3	Camp Work Day
July 16-20	National Rendezvous	Nov 16-18	Winter Camp
		Dec 27-30	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](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)

**Asst. Scout**—(open)

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.