

OUR HISTORY

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NORTH TEXAS ROYAL RANGERS FCF SMOKE SIGNAL



Celebrating 50 Years

by Marie Trower

Fifty years. For many that seems like a lifetime. For North Texas District Director Jonathan Trower, it is how long he has participated in the Royal Rangers program.

It all began back in 1969 when a bright eyed, brown haired boy walked into his local church to attend Royal Rangers for the first time. I have no doubt he had no idea what he was walking into or just how much his life, and the life of his family, would be impacted by this program. He would go on to earn the highest award in the program, the Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA).

As an adult he would continue to serve as a leader, working in local church programs in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Minnesota. In addition he has served on multiple training staffs and national camps and held multiple titles over the years. Currently he serves as the North Texas District Director, a position he has held since February 2007.

His wife, Debbie, has been standing by his side, assisting him as often as she has been able for the last thirty-six years. Together they passed on their love for God and their passion for ministry to all three of their children. They both watched as both of their sons earned their GMA, and their daughter earned the Gold Medal in the Girl's Ministries program.

Since 2007 Jonathan's family has served by his side at various camps. David can often be found running the sound and slideshow during services as well as creating the promotional videos and patch designs. Chris has been serving as the camp photographer for years now, and Debbie and their daughter Marie can be found running concessions. This ministry has really become a family affair, and honestly, we wouldn't have it any other way.

Fifty years is nothing to bat an eye at. To help celebrate this milestone, Jonathan's family and various friends worked on surprising him at the 2019 Winter Camp with the Lifetime Service Award (LSA). On 16 November 2019 Jonathan was presented with the LSA by Rick Beebe, as well as the National FCF Outstanding Service Award by Ted Schmidt.

This is not the end of his service in Royal Rangers. It is just a celebration of a milestone. It is also a testament to the legacy he is already leaving in the lives of those he has ministered to and to his family.

*The cover of this newsletter shows the presentation being made
by Ted Schmidt, Regional FCF Rep*

“How Wolves Change Rivers” (And How You Can Help Change Royal Rangers)

A few years ago at our annual staff meeting I showed a video called “How Wolves Change Rivers” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSBL7Gk_9QU). This is a brief report of how a few wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone Park in 1995 after a seventy-year absence. They almost immediately had an incredible impact on the ecosystem of Yellowstone. Wolves are natural predators for deer. In the absence of the wolves, the deer population had exploded in the park, resulting in overgrazing in many areas. Even though there were just a few wolves introduced, the deer population changed their behavior almost immediately, avoiding the valleys and open areas. This reduced the over-grazing, resulting in regrowth of trees (some grew 5x their height in just six years). Forests and shrubs regrew, and other wildlife started returning – birds, beavers, bears, etc. The beavers created dams that created habitat for other animals. The very rivers in Yellowstone changed, as the result of stabilized banks from the trees and shrubs and less erosion. A few wolves changed the entire Yellowstone National Park ecosystem.

Just recently, I reminded our new FCF staff of this video. It is my prayer for them, and for you, that the FCF members of the Shawnee Trail Chapter be the “wolves” that change the river (ministry) of Royal Rangers in the North Texas district. It only took a few wolves doing what wolves do to change Yellowstone, and it can only take a few committed FCF members in this district to change the trajectory of the Royal Rangers ministry. Will you be willing to commit to the FCF and Royal Rangers to help make Royal Rangers a vital part of the ministry to boys in even more of our churches across our district? If so, get active in our FCF chapter, and if you are able, volunteer to help our district Royal Rangers. We can use volunteers at Pow Wow and Winter Camp, Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA) camps, work days at camp, and reaching out to neighboring churches to help them establish a healthy Royal Rangers ministry. Together, and “With God’s help,” we can bring about change.

I hope to see you at our Brush Poppin’ Trace next month. There are more details about Trace in this publication. This is a great time for members to introduce FCF to non-members; everyone is invited to Trace.

Thanks for all you do for the boys in your church and community!

Jonathan ‘Bigfoot’ Trower



BRUSH POPPIN' IS COMING SOON!

Greetings Shawnee Trail Chapter of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship and welcome to the new year 2020!

On February 21-23, 2020 our Chapter will once again gather for our Early Spring Brush Poppin' and Trace. Our theme is **EXPLORE THE HORIZON**. I want to invite all FCF members to come and take part in this camp. If you are an active FCF member, please bring as many Young Bucks as possible with you. If you are an FCF member and have not been to any camps lately, we want to especially invite you to come! If you are not an FCF member and would like to come out and see what FCF is all about, come on! And bring your boys! If you need a shelter, please contact me. I'm sure we can get a shelter we can loan you to use. First come, first served.

Sharpen up those tomahawks and knives. Practice your bow and arrow skills. Shoot straight with your black powder rifle. Get a good spark with your flint and steel. Be ready for all the competitions! There will be a special EXPLORE THE HORIZON CHALLENGE between Young Bucks and Old Timers. I have to admit that our Young Bucks stepped up at Winter Camp and they beat the Old Timers. But this year at EXPLORE THE HORIZON Brush Poppin' Trace there'll be no holds barred. We're going to put it on these Young Bucks, and to our Scout, Anthony Gell, you're going down! Old Timers sharpen your skills, we're going to take the crown back. So, the challenge is on!

Young Bucks get as many as you can to this camp. The more Young Bucks you have, the greater the advantage you'll have in the Young Bucks vs Old Timers challenge. We'll be totaling the scores, so the more Young Bucks you have participate, the better your chances to win. The winner of this challenge is going to have the choice of giving away a HUGE prize. It could be you, but you can't win unless you're at the Explore The Horizon Brush Poppin' Trace.

We will be camping in the "north forty" at the Royal Ranger Campground in Maypearl. The gate will open as early as Thursday, February 20th, and the camp will go through Sunday, February 23, 2020. There will be no food provided at this camp so gather up some vittles, cut up your steaks, and be prepared to cook them over your own campfire.

Starting today, pray that God will open your heart for what He is going to do at this camp. I believe we should pray for a great move of the Holy Spirit!

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You need to pre-register for this camp because background checks and the online **Ministry Safe Video Training Course** must be completed before the start of camp. The background checks and online course are required for any attendee who is 18 years of age or older. If you have taken this in the past eleven months, then you do not have to take it again at this time. Go to the North Texas District website at **ntxrr.org** and find all the details there for pre-registering. Once you have registered, they will send you the link for the background check and online course.

I'm asking all our FCF members to help us keep our Chapter alive and growing by attending the events and bringing boys with you. As you know, FCF is one of our greatest ministry tools.

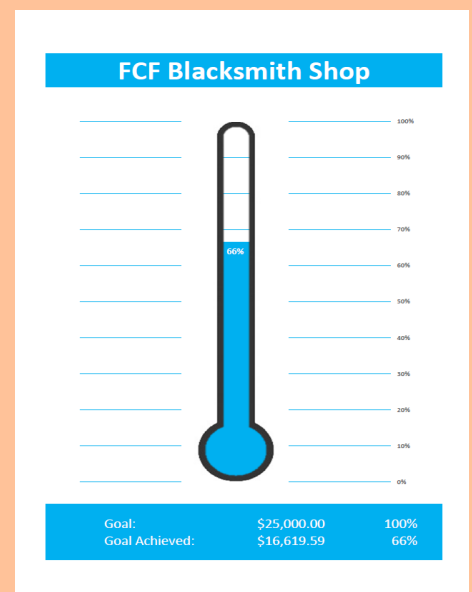
HAVE YOU FALLEN BEHIND IN YOUR FCF DUES?

FCF Members,

Starting January 1, 2020 our FCF dues are going away. If you owed back dues, we are going to make it as easy as we can on you to come back to the camps. All you will owe is the camp's fee. We don't want anyone to feel like they can't attend due to finances. Although, if you are a lifetime member, you will get a discount on all FCF camps for the year. Members can also sustain your active member status by attending at least two FCF events in a year.

WORK PROJECTS FOR FCF WORKDAYS

This year, 2020, Shawnee Trail is taking on several work projects at our campgrounds in Maypearl. This is a great opportunity to earn Trappers Brigade points! Our projects include re-roofing three buildings on the campground where the roofs are leaking or missing shingles, vinyl siding and fascia repair on some of the buildings, covering the pavilion with metal, tearing down all the light bars and platform structures that are rusted and/or already falling down at the old council fire area by the lake. Our most exciting project is the building of



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a Blacksmith Shop! Our Blacksmith Shop is going to be a great addition to our campgrounds. Not only will it be a Blacksmith Shop during Pow Wow, Family Camp, and Winter Camp, but it will also be a multi-purpose building during other training camps throughout the year, such as NRMC and JLDA. The blacksmiths will give an opportunity for Young Bucks to be mentored as well as bend steel and make things. Our work dates are March 21st, April 4th, May 16th June 13th, September 26th, and October 31st. We need everyone who can to come out on these Work Days and give us a hand. Everyone can be a great help!

ARE YOU A PART OF THE FUTURE 500?

We still need funds for our FCF/Royal Rangers projects for this year. I would love to see 20 people get involved in the Future 500 program for the Royal Rangers Campground in Maypearl. That is for you to commit to give \$500 this year earmarked for the Royal Rangers Campground. We desperately need these funds. If you don't feel that you can do this alone, see if you can partner with your outpost or your church so you can be a part of continuing to help us do God's work in reaching boys for Christ. Please contact Jonathan if you would like to participate in the Future 500.

I'm looking forward to our Brush Poppin' Trace this year and to everything God has in store for us. Gather your bow and arrows, your powder, accoutrements and rifle, your knife and hawk, and your flint and steel and get ready for a grand time. God is going to do something special in our lives as we seek more of Him.

Until then, keep your powder dry!
Art "Flintlock" Sullivan
Shawnee Trail Chapter Coordinator



What is FCF and why should I want to join?

I am sure many are wondering what all this is about FCF. Surely you have seen the guys running around in period clothing from the Frontier era or walking around with long knives and tomahawks. Who doesn't like to wield long knives, right? But why you may ask? What do these three letters even mean, FCF. It stands for Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship. It is the service ministry of the Royal Rangers, established over 50 years ago, that focuses on serving others. This is in support of the Royal Rangers ministry.

One of the most famous member from our local chapter, the Shawnee Trail chapter, is a man known as "Prospector." Rev. Lee Fogleman is known to young or old Rangers who have visited one of our camps in past years. Prospector is a prime example of FCF's motto "Ad Dare Servire". Latin for "To Give and to Serve."

Should you want to join, there are two paths available. One for boys and another for men.

Requirements for BOYS

- Be at least 11 years old
- Graduated the 5th grade
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Rangers Outpost
- Be a recipient of at least ONE of the following Awards: Gold Eagle, Adventure Bronze, or E1
- Complete a Frontier Adventure.

Requirements for LEADERS

- Be 18 years or older
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Rangers outpost.
- Be in good standing in your church, regularly practicing a Christlike lifestyle
- Earn the READY and SAFETY levels of the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels of training.
- Complete a Frontier Adventure



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Now I am sure you are wondering, “What is a Frontier Adventure?”

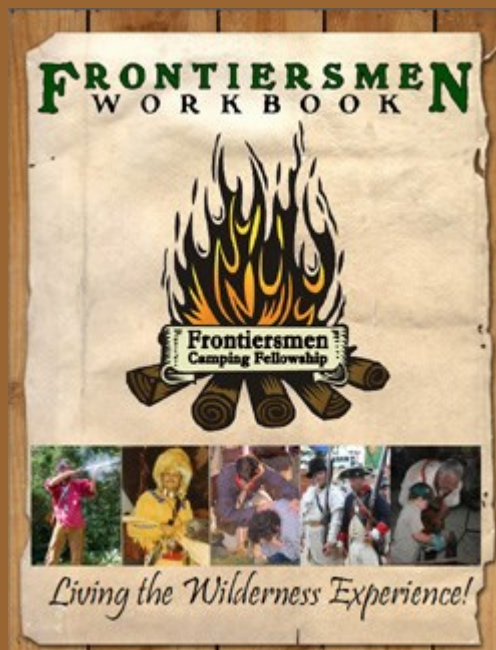
This is a camp that is sponsored by FCF members and carefully choreographed to show and feel what it was like to experience life as it was during the 90 years of American Expansion between 1750 to 1840. A workbook can be downloaded which will help get you ready. The Frontiersmen workbook can be found at <http://www.nationalfcf.com/FCF-Experience-Workbooks>.

You can rely on me to help with any questions you may have. I can also help to line up a sponsor, if needed. I am “Ready” to assist in any way possible. I am your champion and gateway for new potential members to experience life and adventure the Frontiersman way.

Our next Adventure will occur during our North Texas Pow Wow on April 24-26. If you miss this one, you will need to wait for the Winter Pow Wow on November 13-15. These are the only two scheduled for all of 2020. The cost will be \$45.00 over and above the cost of the Pow Wow. Once you complete the Frontier adventure, you will receive many items including your own flint and steel, FCF Manual, meals, etc.

I very much look forward to hearing from you. Call, text, or email. I will respond to any communications as quickly as I can. My FCF name is “Bard’ Owl” aka David Wilson. You can call me at 972.904.9795 or email me at bardowl42@gmail.com

Don’t forget to complete the FCF application in this newsletter (page 21-22) and submit it before the deadline on the form (April 4).



Prospector's Golden Nugget

Explore the Horizon

When you look at the horizon what do you see? In Matthew 16:2, Jesus answered, "You can read the signs of the weather, for you say, 'Red sky at night, a sailors delight.' And 'Red sky in the morning, sailors take the warning' ..."

I see much when I look at the horizon. I see creation in the beauty of the sunrise in the morning and sunset in the evening. The horizon shows God's handiwork in the painting of colors during sunrise and sunset. I can't express His beauty in words. Again, what do you see when you view the horizon? Sometimes the scene is indescribable. A picture will speak beauty but still it is not the same as viewing the horizon.

I have seen many pictures of Christ but I don't believe that they are how he looked. I imagine if I would see Christ it would be a bright light, so beautiful, so indescribable. The only way I could reflect this would be in my heart. To me looking at the horizon brings me hope, faith, and strength. During troubling weather the skies are dark except for bright lightening and noise of thunders. I know I must keep Jesus in my heart and pray for His protection. He will protect me and get me through the darkness of the storm.

The sun (Son) will break up the clouds and give me hope. My Savior will be on the horizon with a bright light of hope and salvation. The darkness goes away and the brightness of my God will shine and reflect in my heart because He sent Jesus to save me.

So darkness, and sin, go away

I have given my heart to Jesus

And I see the Son rising in my heart.

God bless,

Prospector

Shawnee Trail Chaplain

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Advancing to FCF BUCKSKIN

From the Buckskin Workbook: Why Advance?

You may think, why would I go to all this trouble to go to Buckskin? For some it will be a natural step in advancement. For others it will be a great deal of study and work to get here. But what about you? Why would you advance?



Let's look at a Biblical example, the disciples of Jesus.

The disciples were all called by Jesus to follow him, and they did. (They became **Frontiersmen!**) When they joined him, they all might have had thoughts of following him for the next 10 to 20, possibly even 30 years. What they didn't know is that Jesus was not going to let them stay where they were comfortable.

They spent three and a half years learning and training under the Master, learning how to be fishers of men and church builders. They made mistakes, didn't follow directions well and failed at times, but they kept at it. After Jesus was crucified and resurrected, they might have been tempted to go back to their old lives, but they were about to **advance** to the next level. This was exactly the moment Jesus was training them for. Jesus taught and guided them to **go to the next level**.

For our FCF purposes here, they advanced to **BUCKSKIN**.

Every member advancing to Buckskin has an adopted **FCF name** that they are known as at FCF events. With the FCF name, you will have an **FCF totem**. Totems are symbols that FCF members use to identify their FCF name in picture form. The Buckskin member will also have their **persona and outfit, ID staff, and trade**.

You will need a mentor/sponsor to help you through your journey to Buckskin.

To learn more, get the Buckskin workbook at: <http://www.nationalfcf.com/Portals/33/FCF%20Experiences/Workbooks/Buckskin%20Workbook%202017.pdf>

I am excited about seeing a LOT of our Shawnee Trail Frontiersmen advance to BUCKSKIN. This will really be an exciting time for you in FCF. Buckskin testing will be conducted as needed during an FCF camp or other specified times. I will let you know when I hear from you about being ready to advance to Buckskin.

Keep in touch with any questions by email.

Kevin "**Fire Dog**" Gell

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When I became interested in Frontiersman Camping Fellowship 10 years ago, it was the Wilderness members that first helped me along the path. When I was a Frontiersman, I looked up to the Wilderness members as mentors and leaders in the ministry. If there was a question about which style of shirt went with which persona or if a flintlock was more suited to this time frame, I knew there was a Wilderness member around that would have that kind of knowledge. And the most important thing about that was the willingness of those men to share the knowledge with those seeking it.

But there was another aspect of the Wilderness member that also struck me. Whenever there was an altar call, they were always the men lined up across the front. If there was a need for someone to deliver a devotional, there were plenty of Wilderness volunteers. You just knew that they were prepared for whatever Christian service was needed. Because they showed up, already prayed-up!

So as you have travelled the road to becoming a Wilderness member, hopefully you too have shared and encouraged others coming along with you. Paul "Grey Owl" Walters said it this way in the Wilderness Workbook.

They have helped to prepare you to develop a warrior's heart and dedication to walk in the full power of God. The mantle and responsibility of leadership is being passed to you. One way to accept this is to advance to Wilderness. Obtaining Wilderness will be the culmination of experiences, skills and knowledge that you have previously encountered. You will become one of the best-trained and best-equipped Royal Rangers. Your service and dedication is one in which those who follow you will see. Do not take this challenge and charge lightly. God expects our best and those around us should see a Christian warrior ready to lead the way.

Do not take this challenge and charge lightly. Powerful words. You may thinking "Well I'm Wilderness I can kinda relax a little and kick back. I made it." But now you are a leader. I was told by Ron "Pureheart" Goodnow, at my Wilderness ceremony, "Be careful how you lead, because others will follow." I've tried to take that to heart and to encourage those along the way to be the best they can be on the journey. It made me feel quite humble and yet proud when a young man said recently that he was in FCF because of me, and a pouch that I gave him many years ago. And now he is getting ready to experience his Wilderness Vigil.

Now, are you ready to continue on your journey? Are you ready to take that next step? Just be warned. Once you take that step, you are not the same. Being Wilderness will change you. In a good way. In a great way!

Keep Yer Powder Dry!

David "Spotted Bull" Shook

Wilderness Member

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YOUNG BUCKS at Brush Poppin' Trace

Hey, Young Bucks, I need ALL of you at Brush Poppin' Trace. Hi, I'm Anthony "Buck" Gell. I am the Shawnee Trail Chapter Scout.

The Old Timers have challenged all of us Young Bucks. The Old Timers think they are going to win all the competitions at Brush Poppin' Trace. I say, NO. The YOUNG BUCKS are going to win all the competitions at Brush Poppin' Trace. I know we Young Bucks can shoot better, throw hawk and knife better, and compete better than ALL the Old Timers.

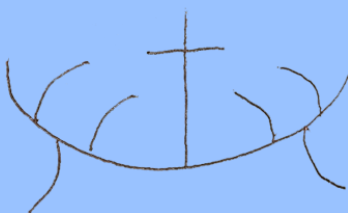
A LOT of GREAT prizes will be awarded for all the competitions, and I think we Young Bucks can win them all.

I want to see ALL the Young Bucks in the Shawnee Trail Chapter show up at Brush Poppin' Trace. I need your help, Young Bucks. I am challenging all of you. We need to all be there so we can beat these Old Timers.

Brush Poppin' Trace is February 21-23. Be sure to get your registration turned in immediately. Get the registration packet at www.ntxrr.com

Join me and let's win it ALL, Young Bucks!!! See you there.

Anthony 'Buck' Gell



Upcoming 2020 FCF Event Dates

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb 21-23	FCF Brush Poppin' Trace
Mar 25	FCF Work Day
Apr 4	Pow Wow Work Day
Apr 24-26	Pow Wow / RK Day Camp
May 16	FCF Work Day
Jun 13	FCF Work Day
Jul 20-24	National Camporama (Eagle Rock Missouri)
Sep 26	FCF Work Day
Oct 9-11	FCF Family Camp
Oct 31	Winter Camp Work Day
Nov 13-15	Winter Camp / RK Day Camp
Dec 5	FCF Christmas Banquet

Registration for District Held Events

Greetings,

I am the FCF Scribe and I would like to take a minute to let you know how to pre-register for camps.

First, I must point out that adults “MUST” be pre-registered for all camps. This is because of the new safety training and background checks that have been put in place for all adults (18 years and older) who are attending the camp. The fee for this is covered by the district.

Due to this policy, at-the-door registrations will not be possible for adults. That being said, if you have boys that decide to come at the last minute that can be accommodated, but only if they are 17 or younger.

The first thing you should do is go to www.ntxrr.org and download the event packet (select Calendar from the menu, or from the drop down menu on the upper right on a mobile device (the pancake stack), and select on the event packet. Fill out the adult registration form (one for each adult) and provide a valid e-mail address for each adult (do not enter the same address for multiple adults). This is imperative as each adult will receive two emails: one for a background check authorization and the other one for a link to the training. These links are specific to each individual and they will need to complete these as soon as possible as the background check can take some time to come back with a result, and the training takes around 2 hours to complete (please complete both items at least 3 days before an event begins).

The good news is that once you pass it is good for 12 months so if you clear for Brush Poppin’ Trace this year you are good for all district camps. It will not have to be taken again until Brush Poppin’ Trace the following year.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I hope it was helpful and informative.

Glenn Hershberger

FCF Scribe

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**North Texas District
Shawnee Trail Chapter
Brush Poppin' Trace**



**Royal Rangers Camp at Lakeview
February 21-23, 2020**

2020 Brush Poppin' Trace

Greetings and Salutations!

On February 21-23, 2020 our Shawnee Trail Chapter of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship will once again gather for our Spring Brush Poppin' Trace. So, sharpen up your knives and hawks, and get your bows, possible bags, and smoke poles ready, 'cause we're gonna have some fun competitions to win some fine prizes made by our chapter's staff. In the evenings, around the council fire, there will be some singing and praising and a Word from the Lord.

This bein' the first get together for the year, make sure to get pre-registered. Once you pre-register, you will receive two e-mails for the online MINISTRY SAFE Background Check and Video Training course that everyone 18 years of age and over must take unless you have taken it in the past year (JLDA or Winter Camp last year). The Brush Poppin' Trace fee for campers is \$35 for Old Timers and Young Bucks for the weekend. There's a \$5 discount for Lifetime Members. The registration fee will go up \$5 fee is you register after February 8th, and registration at camp is not possible for leaders who have not already done the background check and video training.

So, let's get ready for a great time! There's going to be something for everyone. Contact those you know who haven't been out to camp in a while and get them to come and join us. Help us make the Shawnee Trail a huge chapter again. Remember, it starts with you!

Until then,

Keep your powder dry!

Art "Flintlock" Sullivan

2020 Brush Poppin' Trace Schedule

Friday	
8:00 p.m.	Council Fire Service ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Morning Devotional ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Competitions
Noon	Lunch
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.	Competitions Score Cards Due to Scribe by 5:00 p.m.
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Award Ceremony
Immediately after Awards Ceremony	Council Fire Service ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
Sunday	
10:00 a.m.	Morning Service ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED
After Service	Camp Cleanup

2020 Brush Poppin' Trace Rules

General Rules

- **Attendance at the evening services and morning assemblies is required of all participants.**
- Trash should be taken to the dumpster. We will not have trash pickup in the individual campsites.
- Do not leave trash in your campsite overnight as it will attract animals to your campsite.
- "Lights out and quiet" is at 10:00 pm. There should be no running about, loud talking, wood chopping, or other obvious distracting noises after this time.
- No smoking is allowed at camp. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not allowed on the premises for any reason. **Lakeview Camp is a tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drug free zone.**
- No firearms or fireworks are allowed at camp (other than FCF-style rifles, and they must be unloaded in the camp area at all times).
- No conceal and carry is permitted at any North Texas Royal Rangers camps.
- No laser pointers of any type or color are allowed in camp.

Vehicle and Parking Rules

- Only commanders 18 years of age or older may drive any vehicle on the camp property. This includes cars, trucks, RTVs/ATVs, golf carts, or any other motorized vehicles.
- Individuals may not bring RTVs/ATVs or golf carts for use at camp.
- Do not allow your boys to ride in the back of a pick-up or on your trailer while in camp.
- No vehicles are permitted to stay in the camp areas. You are expected to use the designated parking area provided. Failure to follow the parking rules will result in repeated visits from district staff.
- If your group has to leave on Saturday, you need to inform registration so your group can camp in the designated area so your vehicle can come in early without driving through the activity areas.

Fire Safety Rules

- All fires need to be in a properly constructed fire ring. Make sure you have proper fire-fighting equipment available (bucket of water, bucket of sand, shovel, etc.). Your fire must be out when you leave the campsite or retire for the evening.
- When you are finished with your fire ring, place all rocks at the base of a nearby tree. Also, stack any unused firewood at the base of a nearby tree.
- No active campfires are permitted during the evening services. They are a distraction to what the Holy Spirit is doing in the service and they prevent someone from being at the service where they are required to be.

2020 North Texas District Brush Poppin' Trace Registration Form

Complete one of these forms for each attendee. Complete contact information and church information is required. Form must be completely filled out.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Age Group: _____ Young Buck _____ Old Timer Active FCF Member? _____ Yes _____ No

FCF Advancement Level: _____ Frontiersman _____ Buckskin _____ Wilderness _____ None

Outpost Number: _____ Church Name: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that media footage, including audio, video, and photos may be recorded at this event for future promotional use and hereby consent to the use of such item containing images of me/my child in any form and relinquish all rights of ownership or compensation. I further agree that acceptance of these terms is a condition of my/my child's participation in this event.

Parent/Legal Guardian Consent: The signature of a parent or legal guardian is required for a minor to attend and participate in the activities at the 2020 North Texas Shawnee Trail Chapter Brush Poppin' Trace at the Royal Rangers Campground at Lakeview, February 21-23, 2020.

I give my son permission to sell, trade, give, receive, or barter and have in his possession during this FCF event, any knife, tomahawk, or black powder firearm as is appropriate for this type of historical reenactment activity.

I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent to my child to attend and participate in all Brush Poppin' Trace activities, including but not limited to hawk and knife throw, black powder shooting, archery, flint and steel – fire starting, and frontiersman crafts.

Parent's or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Adult Applicant's Agreement: I acknowledge that I have read the entire Brush Poppin' Trace packet and agree to abide by the rules as well as any directions from district staff. I also acknowledge that all vehicles are to be parked in the designated area and not in our campsite and that they are not to be brought into the camp until we are allowed to do so by staff. I further acknowledge that my attendance is required at all morning devotions and evening services.

Adult Applicant's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Camp Pricing

	Member/Non-Member	Life-Time Member
Pre-Registration Price (by Feb 8)	\$35	\$30
Late Registration Price (after Feb 8)	\$40	\$35

Enclose check made payable to North Texas Royal Rangers

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

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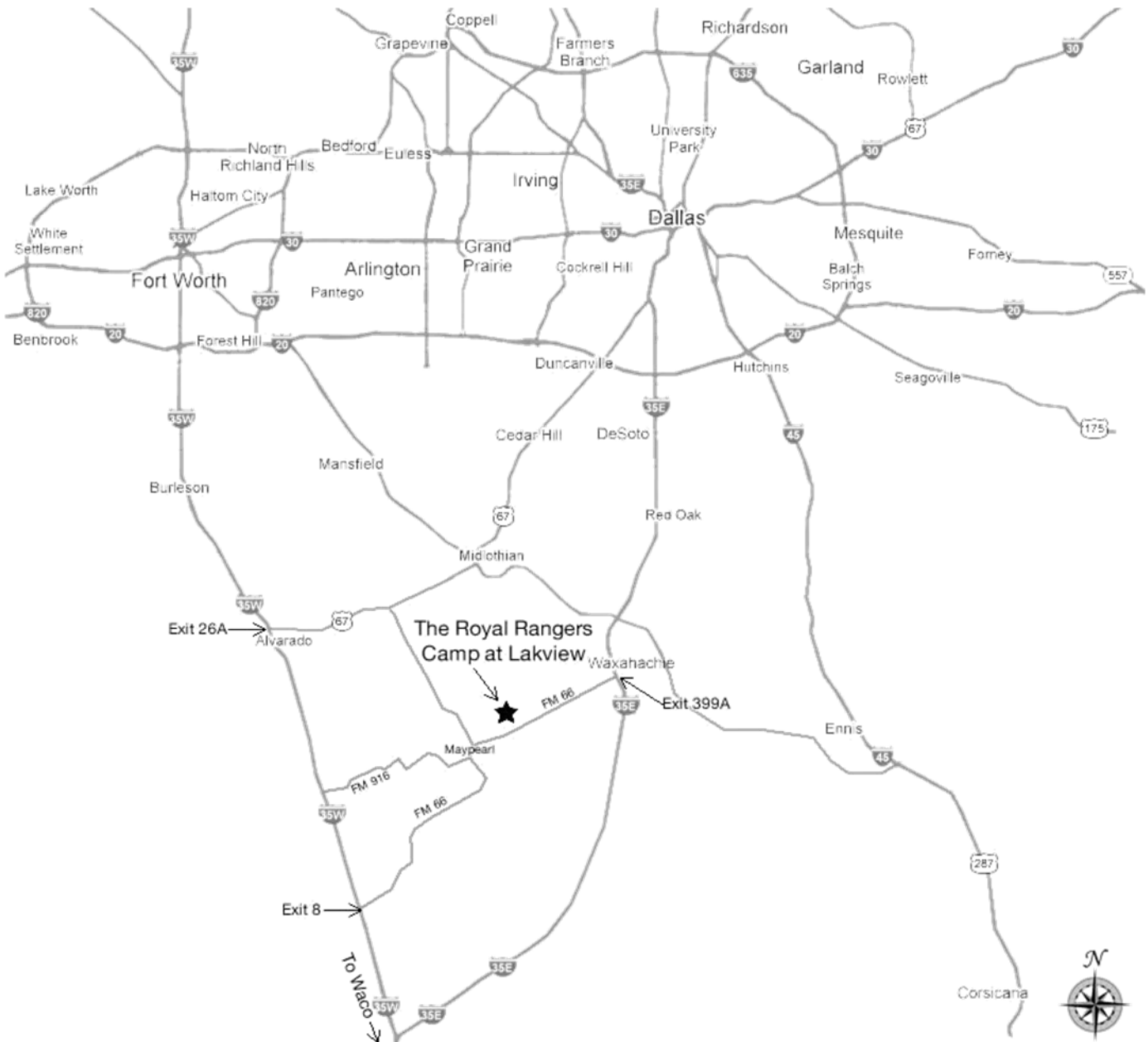
The Royal Rangers® Camp at Lakeview – Map and Directions

Coming from Dallas: Take I-35E south to the Maypearl exit (exit 399-A). Turn right on FM 66. Lakeview Camp is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Conference Center entrance).

Coming from Fort Worth: Take I-35W south exiting onto Highway 67 in Alvarado (exit 26A). Turn left on Highway 67. In Venus, turn right on 157. In Maypearl, turn left on FM 66. Lakeview Camp 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 (exit 8). Lakeview Camp 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. Lakeview Camp is 7 miles ahead on the right (about ½ mile past the Lakeview Conference Center entrance).





Name _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Church Name _____ Church Phone _____
 Church Address _____ Outpost Number _____
 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 Coord | <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 11th birthday: _____
- Are you an active member of your local chartered outpost? ___Y ___N
- Choose one:
 - Completed Gold Eagle GE# _____
 - Completed Adventure Bronze BMA# _____
 - Completed E1 E1# _____

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:

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Pastor's Phone _____ Pastor's Email _____

OUTPOST COORDINATOR'S ENDORSEMENT/COMMENTS

Outpost Coordinator's Signature _____ Date _____

Coordinator's Phone _____ Coordinator's Email _____

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Phone _____ Sponsor's 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 _____

This completed application, along with the fee of \$40, should be sent to North Texas Royal Rangers, PO Box 838, Waxahachie, TX 75168-0838. Incomplete applications will not be accepted: all advancement information, signatures, and endorsements are required. This fee is in addition to the fee to attend Pow Wow.

The application due date is April 4, 2020 (postmarked by this date).

District Office Use Only

Postmark Date _____ Amount Received _____

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NEW BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDING DISTRICT EVENTS

By Jonathan Trower, District Director

Protecting our kids is a very important part of the job of a Royal Rangers commander. We want to protect them from physical harm, and we need to also protect them from sexual abuse at any of our camps or outings. Last year, our district implemented a new process for screening volunteers and workers at all of our district camps – kids and youth camp, Girls Ministries camps, and Royal Rangers camps.

This new procedure means that all adults (anyone 18 years old or older) will have to complete an online video training course and submit for an online background check each year before they are allowed to spend the night at a Royal Rangers camp. The video training course is very good, and is targeted to preventing sexual abuse of kids in camp settings. At the end of that course is a quiz that must be successfully completed.

The online background check will take two or three days for complete results to come back. Thus, it will be impossible to run this at camp for last minute walk-ins, or those who failed to complete it early. Failure to have a satisfactory background check completed will mean that adult will be unable to spend the night at camp.

The video training and background check are valid for one year, and then will have to be repeated. If you, or one of your leaders, has already completed this process last year for kids or youth camp, 2019 Winter camp, or the 2019 Summer or Winter JLDA, then it will not have to be repeated until later this year.

When you register your outpost for an event, you must list the name and valid e-mail address for each adult who will attend. This will trigger two e-mails to those leaders, one for the video training course, the other for the background check.

If anything adverse shows up on the background check, the leader will be contacted by staff from the North Texas District Council office.

At camp, each adult will need to register individually at the registration building when they enter camp. Be prepared to show photo ID.

The bottom line is this: as a district, we want to do everything we can to keep your kids safe. This new process will help assure that outcome.



National Camporama is an event conducted once every four years by the National Royal Rangers Ministry at the national Royal Rangers campground at Camp Eagle Rock, Missouri. Royal Rangers groups from all across the country gather for a week of camping, fun activities, team competitions, and engaging evening services, all designed just for guys. Boys and leaders attend as a group with their outpost. Each outpost is responsible for bringing their own camping gear but all meals are provided.

Each day begins with an assembly where all outposts from a given region gather together for a brief time of announcements, prayer, and a devotional message. Once concluded, the day's activities begin and continue until the evening meal. Each day will conclude with an exciting evening rally with contemporary worship, family-friendly comedy, and challenging messages by nationally-known guest speakers.

The camp will open at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 19th and will officially conclude on Friday, July 24th with most outposts typically being gone by noon.

There's No Place Like Eagle Rock

Situated in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Camp Eagle Rock is the ideal location for a national event of this size and caliber. Surrounded by the Mart Twain National Forest, this campgrounds provides a remote, rustic experience while providing all the necessary conveniences such as hot showers and swimming pools.

Get Ready for the BIG Event

With an expected attendance of over 5,000 campers, National Camporama is the BIG EVENT for Royal Rangers. Although the activities to be provided at this event are subject to change, typical events include:

- Paintball Competitions
- BMX Bike Racing
- High Ropes Challenge Course
- Rappelling Tower
- Archery & Rifle Shooting
- And much, much more!!!

National Camporama is an event you won't want to miss. Come join us, and bring the whole group!

CAMPORAMA REGISTRATION

North Texas District does not charge any additional fees for going to Camporama. However, you and your group will need to plan on traveling to Eagle Rock. All information can be found online at <http://www.nationalcamporama.com>. The registration fees below do not cover any expenses driving to Eagle Rock or returning home from Eagle Rock. Please make plans on raising these funds also.

Registration for National Camporama may be completed online or by mail beginning. Please refer to the table below for the registration fees. Additional fees may be required by your district to cover expenses associated with Camporama for which the district is responsible. Some districts may offer optional group transportation to and from the event. Please contact your district for details. If you are unsure about your district contact information, please contact us at rangers@ag.org.

Registration Fees

The following registration fees are required for National Camporama. All chartered Royal Rangers outposts receive the discounted price. All others pay the regular price. Registration closes June 30, 2020 and no registrations will be accepted after that date.

- Early Bird Price (November 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020) - \$315 (discount) or \$375 regular
- Pre-Event Price (May 1, 2020 - June 16, 2020) - \$365 (discount) or \$425 (regular)
- Event Price (June 17, 2020 - June 30, 2020) - \$415 (discount) or \$485 (regular)

Refunds & Substitutions

Campers who are unable to attend Camporama may request a partial refund of fees paid. Requests must be submitted in writing to Convention Services Group (see address above). Requests received more than 90 days before the beginning of camp will be refunded in full less a \$25 fee. Requests received from 90 to 30 days will be refunded less a \$75 fee. Requests received within 30 days of the camp or onsite will be refunded less a \$150 fee. No refunds will be issued for requests received after the event.

In situations where a registered camper is unable to attend, an alternate camper may be substituted in his place provided the alternate meets the participant qualifications.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalcamporama.com>

If you have additional questions about Camporama, please contact Rick Beebe, Deputy District Director, at irarescue@yahoo.com

News Needed—Is there anything you would like to learn more about? If you have some ideas for articles to place in the Smoke Signal, photos you would like to share, or even an outpost outing highlight, the next deadline to receive news is March 15, 2020. Please send your information to Mark Oliver at mark@ntxrr.org

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