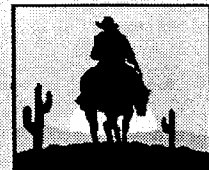




# THE PONY EXPRESS



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## Knights Theme is a Hit at District Pow Wow



Ever wonder what it would be like to live during the age of knights and castles? Well those boys and men who attended this year's District Pow Wow need wonder no longer. This year's theme of 'More than Conquerors' gave all those who attended a great taste of life 800 years ago. From the castle walls that adorned the FCF village to the huge 'feast' on Saturday night, everyone was caught up in the theme.

The event began on Friday night with an opening rally unlike any Pow Wow has ever seen. During the opening, two medieval knights battled with real 4 foot broadswords. Imagine standing only yards away as the renegade knight Sir Thomas the Black (alias Keith Poirier) and the King's representative Sir Eric the Red (alias Mike O'Connell) crashed these huge swords at one another.

This was an awe inspiring demonstration of swordmanship that left everyone thrilled. Following this sword fight (which was only the start of an exciting story throughout Pow Wow), the participants went for an outstanding evening council fire.

Saturday morning, Sir Eric, (representing the King) invited all the boys to join the ranks of the king by showing their skills in the various events of the day. And show their skills they did! Participating in events such as The Knight's Challenge, The Battle Horse, The Quest, The Lost Maiden, etc., the boys had a great time. The afternoon's events were interrupted for a fun Catapult War. During this time, water balloons were seen flying all over the place as each outpost demonstrated their ability to build and aim their catapult.

Near supper time, the cry rang out though out the campground that Sir Thomas the Black had been captured. All of the people were assembled in the council fire area where the judgment of 'death' was pronounced for the rebellious knight. However, before the sentence was carried out, the knight was given a chance to turn away from his rebellion and accept the King's forgiveness, which he did. In celebration of this, a great feast was proclaimed and everyone went to it. Here, everyone enjoyed a feast fit for a king. A roasted pig topped off a list complete with turkeys, corn, potatoes, etc. Everyone had a great time of food and fellowship at this feast. What's more, a tremendous truth was illustrated during the story at Pow Wow. Like Sir Thomas, we are all rebellious and guilty of death but again, like him,

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Greetings to all,

It has been a long summer and it's now time to dig the beach sand out from between our toes, put our shoes back on and get back to work.

Fall means the reopening of some outposts and reorganizing others. Many times the summer yields changes in an outpost organization. This reorganization could be very favorable for some or not so favorable for others. In either case, I pray god will give you a great start into the fall which is the gateway to a new year of soul winning.

We now have a 1997 calendar that is official. These calendars will be sent to you the next time there is a combined mailing opportunity. However, I will list some of the important dates here. First of all, we have a GMA coming up. This will be #12 in the district and the kudos will go to Charles Till III. He is from Oupost #12 in Medway, ME. His award ceremony will be November 24th in Medway, ME., and you are welcome to come celebrate with him. If you do plan to go, the GMA coordinator is Commander Phil Adams and he will need to know so they can plan ahead.

Here are some of the key 1997 Dates to keep in mind.

February 6 - 9, WNTC, get your applications in now!

February 14th Maine Pinewood derby

February 15th Maine Yukon Days

March 8th FCF business meeting 9:00 A.M. Barrington, NH.

Marth 8th District Ranger of the year testing. 1:00 P.M. Barrington, NH.

April 5th District Wide Commanders meeting, 9:00 A.M. Barrington, NH.

April 18 - 19 Regional Ranger of the year. NY.

April 26th Ranger & Family Gathering, Awards & Recongnitions,  
5:00 P.M. Barrington, NH.

May 23 - 24 FCF family outing.

June 7th District Round-up.

June 27 - 29 NNED POW WOW, This is a big change!!

You will have the completed calendar soon, the locations for some of the events listed will be give as soon as we get them.

You should take note that Pow Wow is at the end of June next year. The theme for 97 will be "Royal Rangers". It is time to see what your boys know about their ministry. Get your boys sharpened in all skills associated with their books. We will have the Pow Wow packet out in January. If you have any questions about any event, please call one of the district staff. - God bless all of you.

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Greetings to all of my Brothers in Christ.

Well the Pow Wow has came and went, but what a time while it was going on. Thank you to everyone who helped and to those who attended or came to visit. You know every thing was worth it when boys are saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. I really believe that no one left the same as they came, I know that I didn't.

The King's Pine village was doing great and our brothers and sisters did a great job showing the guest around. *Firebird* had his forge going and the boys got to see how knives, squirrel cookers and other things were made. I want to thank the King's Pine brothers for the outstanding job they did on the council fires. I agree with *Iron Key* (th District Comdr.) that nobody does as wel. as the King's Pine chapter (NNE). This year we had *Strong Bow* and family with us in the village. I do believe we will be seeing more of them (Praise God). They provided the music for the council fires and it was heavenly. A couple of the brothers joined them (*Grizzly & Tall Timber*). Friday night after the council fire, we returned to the vil- lage and broke out the music makers so we could worship our Lord. *Tall Timber* on the banjo. *Grizzly & Nightwind* on the guitar. *Mrs. Strong Bow* (Doreen) on the accordion. The rest of us just singing to our Lord. I can just picture Him sitting back listening and enjoying the music, because when we get together and sing from out hearts to Him, well it sure does sound nice.

I have a poem that was written for the King's Pine brothers by a sister who is part of our family and I have included it with this article. I'm sure you'll enjoy it as you read it. (See Page 7 for the Poem - Ode to FCF). Thank you Doreen (*Mrs. Strong Bow*) from all of your King's Pine brothers.

The feeling you have put into the poe- will stir the hearts of all the King's Pine

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## FROM WHERE I SIT...

Rev. Gregg Randall  
Men's Ministries  
Director



### DREAM A DREAM

Tom Dempsey was born with half a right foot and a deformed right arm. But he had a ton of faith. Dempsey wanted to be a football player. He became a kicker for his high school team. But that wasn't enough. He wanted to play college ball. Again, he became the kicker for his college team. But when he graduated from college, his dream became even wilder and more fantastic. He wanted to be a professional football player! A professional football player with half a foot and a deformed right arm. Right! Impossible! No coach would ever accept him. They all shook their heads. All except one, and it was ironic and more than coincidental that Dempsey became a kicker for the New Orleans Saints. The rest is history. In 1972, I along with several hundred thousand TV viewers witnessed Dempsey kick the longest field goal ever - 63 yards! All because he was not realistic. All because Tom Dempsey had faith in Jesus Christ who gave him the strength to do what he had dreamed.

Joseph had a dream as a very young man (Genesis 37:5-11). It was a significant dream. A dream of power - a dream that he would make a significant impact and contribution to life. Do you remember the dreams? Joseph sheaf stood up right while his brother's sheaves bowed down to his. Again he dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him. As I again read the story of Joseph's life, I rediscovered several things that we need to realize about dreams that are birthed within us.

**First, people aren't always as excited about our dreams as we are.** Joseph's brothers despised him all the more because of his dreams. Jacob, his father, rebuked him for sharing the dream. How many parents have said, "Get realistic." How many parents have said, "You can't do it." Royal Rangers leaders encourage our

young boys to dream a dream.

**Second, our dream isn't likely to be fulfilled immediately.** Joseph was 17 years old when he dreamed his dreams. He spent 10 years in Potiphar's house and 3 years in prison. He was 30 years when he became Pharaoh's chief administrator. There were then 7 years of abundance in Egypt and 2 years of famine before Joseph reintroduced himself to his brothers and family. Joseph was 39 years old before he saw the fulfillment of his childhood dream. Royal Ranger leaders need to remind our young boys to be faithful and consistent in their walk with God.

**Third, there is a tendency to lose the passion of a dream over a long period of time.** Pharaoh's renaming of Joseph to Zaphenath-paneah means "the salvation of the world" or "the rescuer of the world." The names Joseph gave to his two little boys suggest that he had finally arrived. Manasseh meant "forget." Ephraim meant "fruitful." His dream appears to have come to be fulfilled. But the dream has not been fulfilled. Appearance may say so, but there is more. Joseph's brothers show up to purchase food. After some testing, we come to a very moving and emotional moment as Joseph reveals himself to his family. It's the fulfillment of that childhood dream. Royal Ranger leaders cannot allow the dreams of the young boys in their outpost die.

### POW WOW

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we can accept forgiveness and be accepted back into the kingdom. And oh, the celebration that occurs when we ask Christ to forgive us! This and more was presented to the boys that evening in the council fire.

Of course, Pow Wow is not complete until Sunday morning. After chapel, we had an awards ceremony where many trophies and ribbons were given out. This year, the outstanding Outpost at Pow Wow award was given to the brand new outpost from Littleton, NH.

A big thank you goes to Mark Blanchette, our District Public Relations Coordinator who came up with the theme and story for Pow Wow. The biggest thank you goes to all the men and boys who came to Pow Wow and made it a huge success!

## WHAT IS A TRAINING CHIEF?

Gary Besaw - District Training Coordinator

I can't tell you how many times I've had that question asked. In fact, I asked that question myself many years ago. I started off by noticing that some people in the district had gold pins on their collars. I assumed this was something special but never bothered to ask or to look it up. Then one day, while looking up something else in my leaders manual, I noticed the pins. "Training Chief" said the leaders manual. "Okay", I said, "Now I know what the pins mean but, what is a training chief".

I soon learned that a training chief is a leader who goes around the district teaching the LTC. They are basically teaching leaders how to be leaders. Having gone through the LTC by correspondence, I was curious what the advantage would be to take the course with a teacher. After all, I thought, I don't need someone to read the books to me, I can do that myself. At this time, they had just come out with book 5 of the LTC so rather than do the last book via correspondence, I decided to take the last book in a class with a teacher to see what it was like. I was impressed. The class flowed, the teacher really knew his stuff and I learned far more than what was in the book.

You see, a training chief's job is not to read the book to you. His or her job is to help you become a better leader. They do that in a variety of ways. First they bring the material alive by using a variety of visual aids. Second, they add material that may not be specifically covered by the L.T.C. The third thing they do to make it better is to share their **experiences** with the students. Many of the people who are training chiefs have years of experience as commanders. Part of being a training chief is to share with new leaders some of the things they have learned.

I believe that the greatest way we can help leaders in our district is to train them. There are many men and women who have started out as commanders with enthusiasm but are often no longer in the ministry. Have you ever wondered what happened to them? I think many of them

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# DISTRICT HOSTS 2ND NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP!

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 46 men gathered in Wilmont, NH to attend the National Training Camp. This was only the second time our district has hosted this event. For those of you who don't know, a National Training Camp is THE training event for leaders. The camp was blessed to have Paul Stanek, the National Training Coordinator as the camp commander and Jim Eubanks, District Commander from Oklahoma, as the camp's Senior Guide. For three and one half days, these 46 men from Northern New England, Southern New England and New York were taught by some of the finest men in Royal Rangers on how to be a great commander.

After arriving on Thursday, the men were assigned patrols and, as one participant said, "one of the greatest things I've ever experienced" began. For the next few days, these men learned what it means to be a Ranger commander. They also learned about teamwork, fellowship, hard work and discipline. Each evening the men experienced great times with the Lord. And what was it like to attend? Here are a few comments from leaders who took up the challenge.

*"I just got back from the N.T.C. in Wilmont, NH and I had to share what it meant to me. God is good. His presence was all over the camp in Love, brotherhood, cooperation, comradery and unity. It was exciting to work together with men from all over the district to learn how to reach, teach and keep boys for Christ.*

*The four days at camp were four of the best days I have ever spent. We learned all about the Royal Ranger ministry, what it is to be a Ranger leader and a boy in Rangers. At N.T.C. we learned about first-aid, lashing, safety, compass, firecraft,*

*ropecraft, tool craft, nature study and a whole lot more. I strongly suggest that if anyone is a Ranger leader, that they attend an N.T.C. It will give you a fire for our Lord Jesus Christ, for boys and the Royal Ranger ministry. If you feel that you can't afford to go because of the cost or lost wages, just trust the Lord and remember Phillipians 4:19. I thank God he has called me into this ministry. N.T.C. helped me to realize what an honor it is to be called by God the creator of heaven and earth to minister to boys". - Ken Hatch, New Life A/G Bethlehem, NH.*

Ed Christiansen, reported how he had hesitated to attend N.T.C. He had heard horror stories about what N.T.C. was like. He was extremely pleased after attending and reports *"Don't get me wrong, discipline was strict and the standard of NTC was upheld and we were treated with respect, it was a trifle severe at times, but discipline isn't easy. For what it is worth, my opinion of this NTC is that it was top notch, effective, instructive, and gave me a much greater appreciation for Royal Rangers, as well as allowing good friendships to form".*

What does this all mean to you? It means that the next time there is an N.T.C. nearby, you'll want to make sure you attend. For those of you who have attended an N.T.C. you can now attend other exciting training camps such as the Advanced National Training Camp, The National Training Trails, The Winter National Training Camp and the National Canoe Expedition. In fact, our district will be hosting a Winter National Training Camp in February and there will be a Training Trails camp just over the border in New York. You won't want to miss them!

## CHIEFS

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got discouraged and quit. One of the easiest ways to get discouraged is by trying to run a ranger meeting without having learned how to have a **SUCCESSFUL** meeting. Week after week, leaders go to meetings with great ideas only to have the meeting turn out a dismal failure. How do we prevent that? One of the key ways is to teach leaders how to run the meeting. How to plan a meeting. How to make a meeting interesting and exciting.

That's where the Training Chief comes in. By sharing the LTC material with the students and by imparting to the students the experience that they have had, they help a leader to be **READY**. It is a fact that if you get a leader trained you have a leader for a long time. The percentage of men and women who are in the ministry years after taking LTC is extremely high versus those who have not taken the LTC. Training Chiefs have seen the need to train leaders and have taken up the challenge.

To be a training chief, you have to have completed your LTC and attended a National Camp such as NTC or BSTC. In addition, you must have been a ranger commander for at least 2 years. As a Training Chief, you will work as a team with other Training Chiefs to teach men and women how to be a leader. You'll be asked to teach several times during the year. I've often thought of a training chief much like a mentor. Take a few new leaders under your wings, coach, nurture, impart and watch them take off. The satisfaction of seeing a leader still in the ministry years later makes it all worth while.

What about you? Would you like to help men and women become better leaders? Would you like to be a better leader? Why not take up the challenge of being a training chief? You'll be glad you did.

## TRAINING CHIEFS WANTED

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COMPLETED LTC  
ATTENDED NTC**

**BEEN IN RANGERS FOR 2 YEARS  
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This year's Gold Training Chief Seminar is on October 19th in Barrington, NH. Call Gary Besaw at (802) 775-7391 if you are interested.



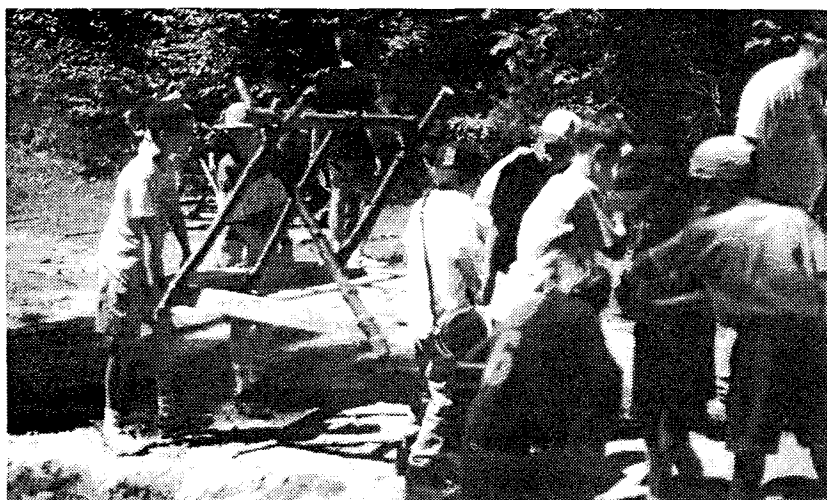
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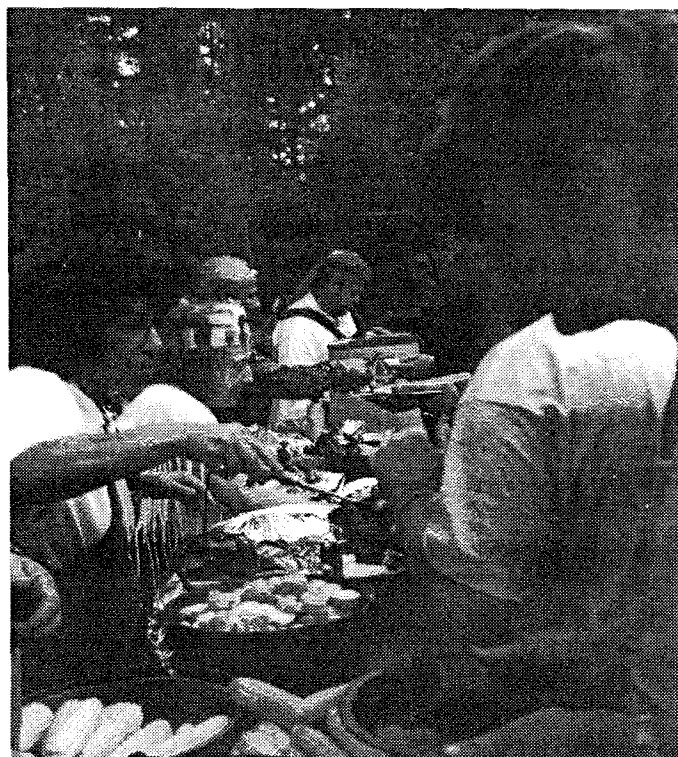
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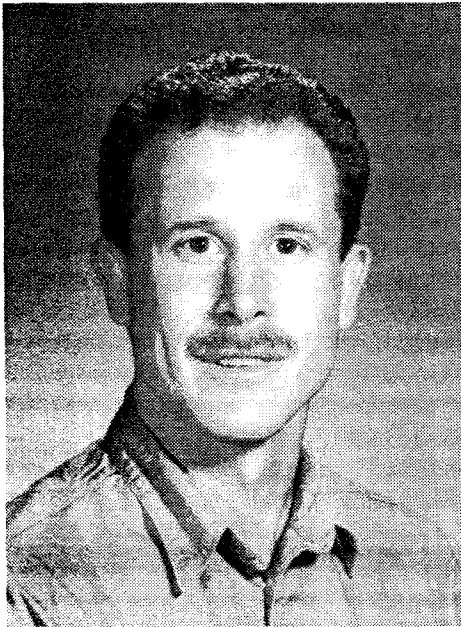
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# FOCUS ON THE STAFF



This month, we introduce our newest staff member, Jay Hoffman. Jay has accepted the position of Northwest Sectional Commander. Jay and his family recently moved to Vermont from Poughkeepsie, New York. While in New York, Jay was involved for over 10 years in the Royal Rangers, serving in a variety of capacities. He was senior commander of his local outpost and also served in the capacity of Hudson Valley Training Coordinator. Besides these two items, Jay was the New York State District staff Pathfinder/Missions representative. Pathfinders is a very special ministry of FCF and Jay is part of the National Pathfinder Team. If you don't know what Pathfinders is, be sure to ask Jay the next time you see him!

Jay has had extensive training in the Ranger Ministry, having completed his L.T.C., attended N.T.C. (see page 4 for a related story), and an Advanced National Training Camp. In addition, he has taken the District Leadership Training Course and

completed Phase I and II of the NTC staff school. In case you haven't yet figured it out, Jay is a firm believer in training. Because of this, he is also one of our Instructor Trainers.

"Royal Rangers is a very large ministry and as such, I feel it is important to have a focus (Spirit Led) and keep your eyes forward and your hands on the plowshare. For me that focus is training men to Lead boys to Christ and using my construction knowledge to build churches overseas".

Outside of ministry, Jay is employed in the public school system. He holds an Advanced degree (masters + 30) in public school administration and is certified as Principal and 7-12 technology teacher. He is currently teaching in Essex High School while working toward a position in administration.

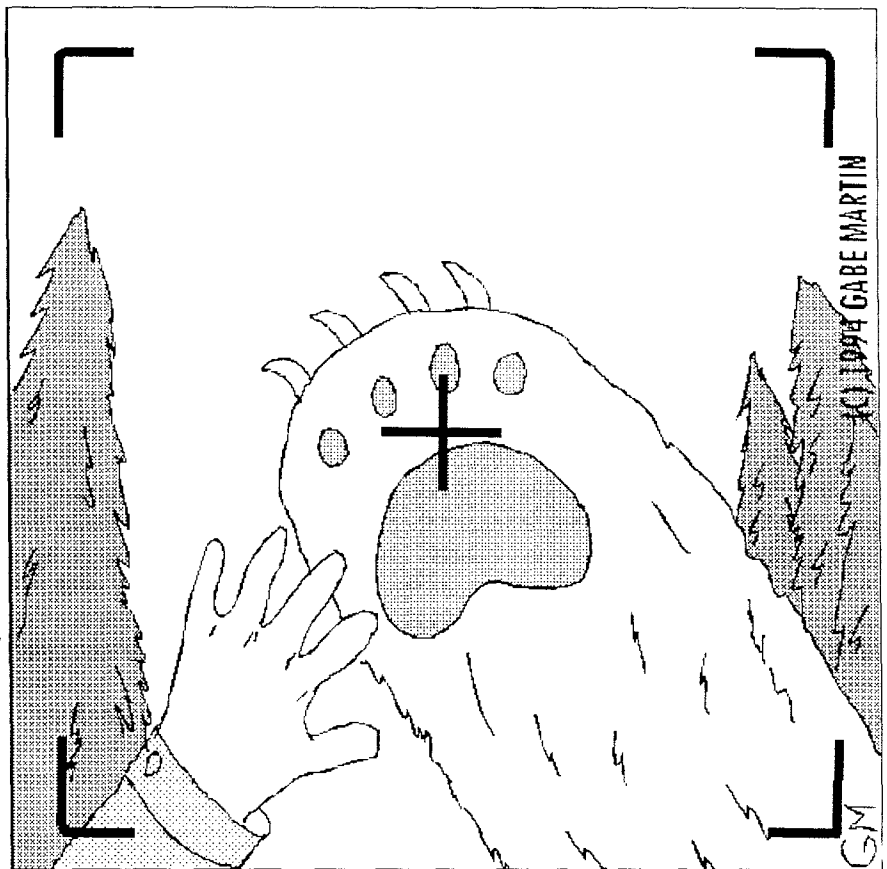
Jay is married to Kim, who works for IBM in Burlington as the EDI Program Manager, Microelectronics Division. They have two boys, Michael, who is 14 and a freshman at Essex High School and Steven, 13, who is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Essex Middle School. As you might expect, both boys have been in Rangers since early childhood.

Jay concludes, "We are happy to live in New England and are beginning to feel more at home as we meet so many new and friendly folks. We are especially blessed to call Vergennes Christian Center our new home. What a great family they have been to us."

## The BORDERLINE™

By Gabe Martin

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Another Kodiak moment

Brothers, as memories of brothers Earl & Albie are renewed in our hearts. You have shown the love between us and I thank you for that.

The Frontier Adventure was held on the 23-24 th of Aug. and we have three new brothers in the King's Pine chapter of F.C.F. The new brothers are Anthony M. Weed (*Tender Heart*) of Outpost 33, Scott Roberge (*White Wolf*) of Outpost 16, and Commander *Jeff Wiles* of Outpost 33. I want to thank *Little Bear*, *Two Feathers*, *Strong Bow*, *Firebird*, *Eagle Claw*, and *Lighting Bolt* for helping me with the testing. We all had a great time of fellowship and of course the food was great as long as we don't let *Lighting Bolt* cook the strawberry - rhubarb pie next time. I guess it takes practice not to burn things, of course he didn't drop it in the fire like the new brother Jeff did when he tried to cook dinner. Besides getting notches cut and losing a couple of beads the brothers showed they had the spirit that the King's Pine chapter is looking for and we welcome them in to our chapter with open arms. Praise God the candidates have the right spirit that is needed in F.C.F. and they are working for our Lord with heart and soul.

On the 31st of Aug. the King's Pine had the chance to help the Littleton A/G get Royal Rangers started. They did all of the

work and we just showed up to show them a different side of rangers (FCF). It was a great time and I want to thank Pastor Ball and Sr.Cmdr. Ken Hatch for the time we spent there. They had a sign up sheet and I heard that 60+ boys signed up for rangers. Praise God !!! They have 11 Commanders who have completed LTC and got applications for a couple more Saturday (31st), if they would like to lend me a couple I would put them to work.

Thanks to the brothers & families who showed up, and helped show what rangers (FCF) is about. Reaching boys for Jesus, using what tools we have. Thank you *Firebird*, *Two Feathers*, *Bald Eagle*, *Wanderer*, *Firestick* & family, *Polecat* & family, *Little Knife* & family, and my family, for showing the spirit of the King's Pine chapter. Some of the events were black powder shooting, hawk throwing, log tossing, carrier quals (plane landing), tug a war, blacksmithing, and of course we had supper. Turkey ( in a trash can), roast beef (on a spit), hot dogs, spuds, rolls, etc.

The King's Pine held the Fall Trace at the village in Pittsfield on the 20 - 21 of Sept. 96. Some of the thing we did included blacksmithing, and a great firearms demonstration put on by brother *Firestick*. *Firebird* showed the brothers how to make knife and some other things on the forge. By the way if you are looking for some good items, be sure to check with Jim "*Firebird*"

Auchmoody as he has many new & useful items. Christmas is coming up for your King's Pine brother. (hint hint). Brother *Strong Bow* lead us in communion and we lifted each other in prayer. He asked what we had to thank our Lord for, & it is hard to pick out just one but it is nice to review the blessings. Of course we had the good cooking that we usually have. *Tender Heart* is learning not to listen to his brothers all the time because they like to joke around. Family is like that, (besides he said scramble eggs with orange juice instead of milk wasn't bad). Oh by the way if you see *Eagle Claw* ask him how you get a black powder rifle to make a funny noise on the firing line. I mean I have heard of forgetting to put in the powder but not the ball. Please keep the new committees that I appointed in prayer as they start the duties of the committees.

Please pray for all of the King's Pine brothers as we move forward in new areas. May our Lord keep you & yours in His hands until we meet again.

*Woolly Bear*

P.S. Don't forget the day after Thanksgiving feast this year. We will be camping out if possible. Either way the Elliots have opened their home for us again this year. They need help getting it ready for winter, so if you can help get in touch with Bob or myself Thanks

### ODE TO FCF BY MRS. STRONG BOW

We come from all walks of life, we're the cream of the crop- the best  
We are known as the King's Pine, Northern New England Chapter of F.C.F.  
Frontiersmen by nature, camping in the wild  
A fellowship with a goal in mind-to bring Christ to a child,  
Way-makers and path-finders, all brothers we be  
With a strong camaraderie and unified spirits - so free,  
Working quietly behind the scenes is our President Woolly Bear,  
His selfless dedication shows a leader who really cares.  
Life inside our village is a step back in the past  
Where all existence slows down and time doesn't fly so fast,  
Collecting items for our campsites becomes a year round thing,  
It's also a great excuse for yard saleing and antiqueing!  
We dress up in our outfits (not "costumes"- that word is taboo)  
And with our skills and craftsmanship there's always things to do.  
There is never a lack for grub around and that sure is a fact.  
But we have learned real quick, never ask, "What is that?"  
*It could be rabbit or squirrel, or fresh groundhog or a coon.*  
Or any other creature that lives under the moon!  
There's griddles a 'sizzlin' and roasting spits turning,  
And once in a while someone yells, "Something's burning!"  
And there's one thing on earth you must try "fore you die  
And that is a slice of ol "Woodsmoke's pork pie."

Not to mention Firebird's biscuits or venison from Strong Bow  
And Tall Timber's corn bread always steals the show.  
But night time's the best - 'round the fire we sing  
Our voices blend in praises to make the heavens ring.  
The cares of life fade and troubles melt away,  
Peace and quiet settles in to end the perfect day.  
We make our way to our tents as "Good-nights", all are said  
And soon we are snuggled all wary in our beds.  
And then.... the bears in their dens start to roar,  
As ol ' Grizzly and Woolly and Little Bear let'er rip and snore  
The rest of us have a chuckle at the sounds of their contented din  
But sleep steals up quickly as the night closes in.  
We pause for just a moment to think of those gone on before  
We miss the sweet fellowship of our brothers like Earl Dorr,  
You'll know your F.C.F. brothers when you get to the other side  
They're the one with crowns of coonskin and robes of soft deer hide!  
We are a unique family... we who are F.C.F.  
Where love, honesty, and integrity stand up to the test.  
We stand shoulder to shoulder, faithful through thick & thin,  
Brothers praying for brothers, the victory to win.  
We come from the north, south, east, and west  
For a little heaven on earth - we love F.C.F

by Strong Bow's wife



## COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE

A Winter NTC is coming. Find out the Frosty details

There's a whole new exciting year of events planned. We'll have a full calendar for you.

Toilet Paper Tubes and Jericho. What do they have in common? Check it out in the Craft Corner Next Issue.

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