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### Something New

We are launching a new camping fraternity for older and more advanced Rangers called "Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity." Contact your District Commander for details.

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### New Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity

We are happy to announce the beginning of a new Royal Ranger camping fraternity similar to the Boy Scouts' "Order of the Arrow," except our emphasis will have a frontier background instead of Indian lore.

### Purpose of this Organization

1. To give recognition to boys who have shown exceptional interest and achievement in the Royal Rangers.

### Further Information

Contact your District Commander for information about the development of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity in your District.

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### Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Supplies

Coonskin caps, leather shirts, hunter horns and other Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity supplies are now available from the Frontiers Supply House, Box 262, Thayer, Missouri 65791. Write for a complete list of supplies and prices.

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### Frontier Supply House

The Frontier Supply House, which carries most of the items you need for F.C.F., has a change of address. Send future correspondence to: Frontier Supply House, 866 S. Cavalier Dr., Springfield, MO., 65802.

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In Johnnie Barnes' letter about accomplishments in Royal Rangers, he mentions:

“ . . . establishing new steps of recognition in F.C.F. and the selection of a new National F.C.F. President.”

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#### Officers

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John Eller, National President

#### Territorial Representatives

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Ralph Palmerton, Southern

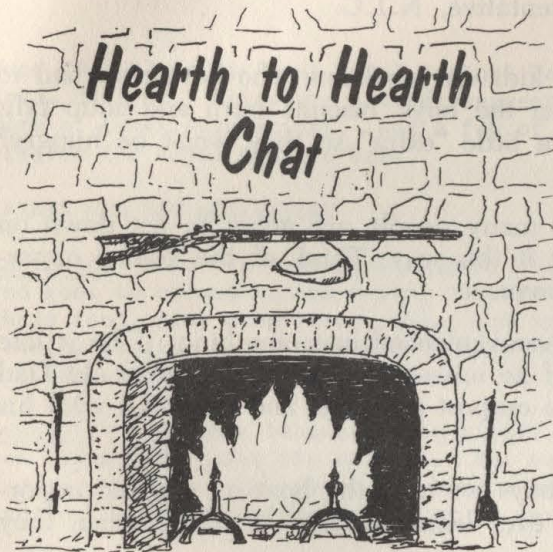
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FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION



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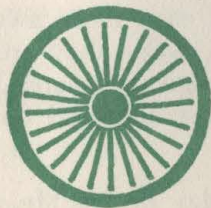
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The Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity, an advanced camping organization for Royal Rangers, will hold its first National Rendezvous near Springfield, Mo., August 21-22, 1972. All members are urged to attend this outstanding historical event.

The National Rendezvous is important not only to FCF, but to the total Royal Rangers program. This outing will precede other important national events.

DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

We are encouraging each FCF Chapter to select a name. For example, instead of "Northern Missouri Chapter," this district has taken the name of "Lewis & Clark".

The idea is to select a pioneer whose name is synonymous with the history of your area.

All names should be cleared with the National Royal Rangers office to avoid duplication.



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OFFICIAL FCF STATIONERY ! ! ! ! !

Official stationery for the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity is now available at the price of \$2.00 per hundred sheets. These letterheads are 8½ x 11 in size. Order from address below.

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When the days of yesteryear were yet developing, the American Frontier was in a state of constant change. The border of occupied territory was ever pressed westward. With the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in 1848, literal caravans of people journeyed endless miles by covered wagons to California.

Our last frontier was Alaska. When gold was found in the Yukon, even the frozen wastelands became attractive to the pioneer spirit.

Those were days that challenged men to face savage Indians, fight quarrelsome Spaniards, and deal with determined Frenchmen -- all in an uncharted wilderness.

Just over a century later, most war-like tribes are extinct, the Spanish are content south of the Rio Grande, and the French are settled north into Canada. For the most part, the wilderness is tame.

The men are also gone. Some are remembered, others are forgotten. But to each, we owe a special debt. Not as a matter of history, but of legacy. Those rugged personalities left us the things that make America great: the right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

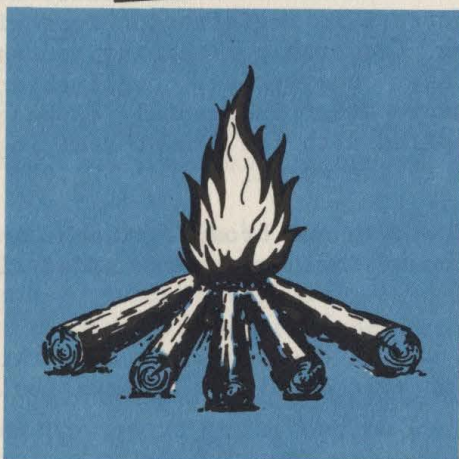
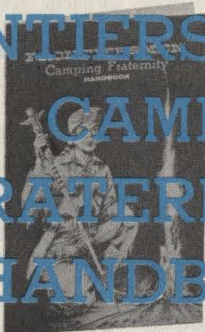
The year 1971 finds the American flag on the surface of the moon, with an adventurous eye on Mars and other celestial bodies.

But more important than space achievements is a return to brotherhood. The Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity may never change the world, nor indeed our own nation. But we have begun with ourselves.





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**FRONTIERSMEN**  
**CAMPING**  
**FRATERNITY**  
**HANDBOOK**



**FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY HANDBOOK**, by Johnnie Barnes. What is the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity? Who can belong? What requirements must be met for this special honor? Here is the book that answers your questions fully. In addition to complete information on the camping fraternity itself, the FCF Handbook includes exciting information for leaders and older boys, ideas for FCF outfits, suggested constitution and bylaws, and interesting historical facts. The Handbook is fully illustrated, showing patterns or examples of such articles as personal totems, stalking stick necklaces, identification staffs, and recognition pins. What a thrilling challenge for boys and leaders alike to strive for membership in this elite Royal Ranger Corps!

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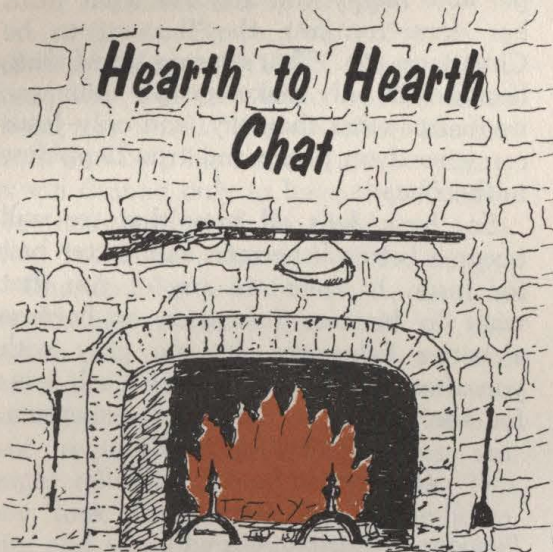
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## FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION



### OFFICERS

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### CHAPTER NAMES

We are encouraging each organized FCF Chapter to select a name synonymous with the history of their region. This can be a pioneer, regional characteristic, Indian tribe, etc. Please check all selections with the National Royal Rangers Office to avoid duplication.

The following chapters have already chosen names.

- Arizona - Geronimo Chapter
- Georgia - Okefenokee Chapter
- Iowa - Davy Crockett Chapter
- Michigan - Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
- New York - Adirondack Chapter
- N. Cal. - Nevada - John Muir Chapter
- No. Mo. - Lewis & Clark Chapter
- Ohio - Johnny Appleseed Chapter
- Oklahoma - Indian Nation Chapter
- Oregon - Oregon Trail Chapter
- Pen. Fla. - Seminole Chapter
- So. Cal. - Sequoia Chapter
- So. Mo. - Daniel Boone Chapter
- So. Texas - Long Horn Chapter

### WILDERNESS VIGIL

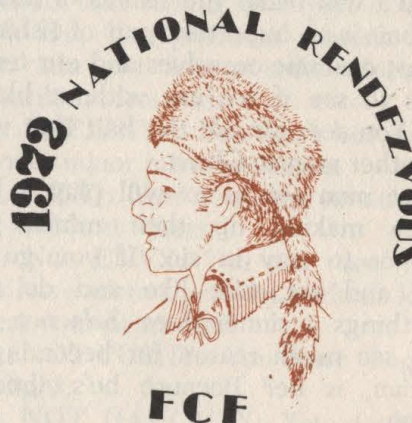
Last spring, the National Officers of FCF underwent initial tests for Wilderness Frontiersman recognition. Deep in the Piney Creek area of the Mark Twain National Forest near Springfield, Mo., these individuals were required to cook a complete meal without utensils. Building their fires without the use of matches, they were required to keep a vigil by their fires throughout the night, blowing a hunter's horn every hour until dawn.

The next group to undergo such tests were Regional Aides-de-Camp and the FCF Territorial Representatives. - This occurred in May.



### FRONTIER SUPPLY HOUSE Free Catalogues

Authentic FCF costumes and accessories. High quality at low prices. Write: 866 S. Cavalier, Springfield, Mo. 65802.



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F.C.F. Rendezvous

The first National F.C.F. Rendezvous will be held at Springfield, Mo., June 14-15, 1972. All members are urged to attend.

F.C.F. Costume Supplies

Write for a free catalogue on all your F.C.F. outfit needs. Frontier Supply House, 866 South Cavalier, Springfield, MO 65802. Telephone: (417) 883-7380.

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# NATIONAL F.C.F. RENDEZVOUS

**JUNE 14 - 15, 1972    SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

All members of the FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY are cordially invited to attend the first National Rendezvous of this unique and distinctive organization. Festivities will center in and around Springfield, Missouri, where the international headquarters of the Assemblies of God is located.

The first of its kind ever held, the NATIONAL F.C.F. RENDEZVOUS promises two full days of unforgettable experiences. Men and boys from all over the United States will converge on the historic site of the F.C.F. headquarters.

This great national event will feature forty-eight hours of carefully-planned activities -- each hour jam-packed with excitement! The impressive F.C.F. spectacular will undoubtedly attract the attention of television and other news media. The Rendezvous will be under the supervision of the national and territorial representatives.

Every member of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity who plans to attend is urged to write to the National Office for a schedule of events, pre-registration forms, and other vital information. Your early registration will greatly assist us in making proper plans for all activities.

Registration for the Rendezvous will be \$12.00 per person. It will include two Rendezvous patches, a Rendezvous packet, the Wednesday night banquet meal, lunch at Fantastic Caverns on Thursday noon, and the big elk, wild turkey and buffalo feed on Thursday evening. (It will be necessary for each person to pay for his own lunch Wednesday, and breakfast Thursday morning -- we will be going through the cafeteria line at Evangel College for these meals, and each will pay for his own meal.)

Arrangements have been made for accommodations in one of the new Evangel College dormitories. These are twin-bed rooms with private baths and are very comfortable. The cost is \$2.50 per night, per person. Or, if you prefer, you may secure accommodations in one of the many hotels and motels in Springfield.

For those of you who wish to stay in your own tents, we have arranged for your tents to be pitched on a selected site on the Evangel College campus, near the F.C.F. cabin. However, this will be for sleeping purposes only. No fires will be allowed. There will be no charge for camping.

You will need one complete Royal Rangers uniform. A bolo tie may be worn during the day; however, a dress tie is required for the Wednesday night banquet. The uniform will be worn for the activities at Evangel College and General Headquarters on Wednesday, June 14. You will also need one complete F.C.F. outfit. This outfit will be worn for the daytime activities and the final night rally on Thursday, June 15.

By pre-registering in advance, you will receive two Rendezvous patches for your uniform, which may be sewn on prior to the Rendezvous.

If you plan to participate in any of the many contests, be sure to contact the National Office regarding descriptions, preparations, and equipment needed.

## **BIG DOIN'S IN THE OZARKS!**





ROYAL RANGERS

1972 NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS



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THE FIRST NATIONAL FRONTIERS-  
MEN CAMPING FRATERNITY RENDEZ-  
VOUS WILL BE HELD JUNE 14-15,  
1972, IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI!

GREAT FELLOWSHIP! BUFFALO  
BARBEQUE! MUZZLE-LOADING CON-  
TEST! AWARD FOR BEST OUTFIT!  
HORN BLOWING CONTEST! TOUR OF  
NATIONAL FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING  
FRATERNITY HEADQUARTERS! GREAT  
RALLY IN A CAVE! A MUST FOR ALL  
F.C.F. MEMBERS!

THE RENDEZVOUS WILL BE HELD  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL  
RANGERS DISTRICT COMMANDERS CON-  
FERENCE AND THE NATIONAL AIDES-  
DE-CAMP COUNCIL.

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING  
EVENT!



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## FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION

### RENDEZVOUS TO REMEMBER

The first National F.C.F. Rendezvous is now a matter of historical record. More than 200 Royal Rangers and leaders met at Fantastic Caverns near Springfield, Missouri, for the most spectacular event ever sponsored by the FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY! Attendance as well as activities would compare if not rival, an old-time rendezvous of frontier days.

The first day involved activities at the F.C.F. Headquarters cabin. The blowing of the national horn officially opened the Rendezvous and was followed by guided tours of Evangel College and the Gospel Publishing House. After a banquet in the Headquarters cafeteria the "F.C.F. Olympics" were conducted in the Evangel College gym. Events included the discus throw, javelin, and shotput, with the substitute articles providing an interesting variety. The crabcrawl, a spitting contest, and mule trading topped the unique list.

The second day was a dandy, designed to delight the heart of every frontiersman! It began with the roasting of a razorback and Kansas antelope. There were various events and demonstrations throughout the day, including knife and tomahawk throwing, black powder shoot-outs, making of beef jerky and smoked fish, bullet molding, pole climbing, log rolling, squaw calling (Minne-HAHA!), caterwauling, and tall tales! Awards were made for each event.

A "Big Feed" was held in the late evening, featuring the roasted meats: turkey, venison, Indian corn, and wild greens. Men sat in odd-numbered groups across the clearing, Indian-style, swapping stories and predictions about events during the Rendezvous. Often, during the late afternoon and evening, the group was visited by local TV reporters and newspapermen.

Awards were also made for the best frontier costume, best stalking stick, and best identification staff. A dozen or so came prepared to enter the beard-growing contest, while very interesting and profitable displays of leather and bead work were presented. Many were seen swapping Indian artifacts, Pow Wow patches, and assorted pocket items.

The Rendezvous came to a climax with a great rally in the Fantastic Caverns auditorium. The speaker was Johnnie Barnes, National F.C.F. Chairman and founder of the F.C.F. The closing ceremony was a council fire on the Sac River near Indian Springs, followed by the blowing of the national horn.

### BLACKPOWDER

The blackpowder shoot-outs during the first National F.C.F. Rendezvous has opened a whole new area in the F.C.F.! We are encouraging our membership to become better acquainted with flinters and percussion as this is certain to develop a wide interest. Work is now underway to set guidelines for blackpowder participation in the near future.

### CABIN ARTIFACTS

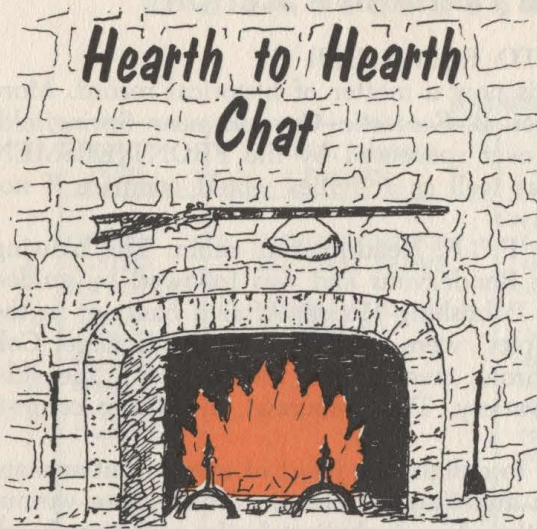
We are interested in receiving articles for the F.C.F. cabin from each chapter. Please package items carefully and send to: John Eller, 866 S. Cavalier, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

### FRONTIER SUPPLY HOUSE

The Frontier Supply House is a special service offered to F.C.F. members by our National F.C.F. President. Coonskin caps, buckskin shirts, headdresses, belts, boots, and many other items are offered. For a free catalog, write to: 866 S. Cavalier, Springfield, Missouri 65802.



FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION



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 John Eller - - - - - National President



CHAPTER NAMES

New chapter names for F.C.F. are being applied for regularly. The following have been selected and approved.

- Alabama - Confederate
- Arizona - Bill Williams
- Australia - Cobb & Co.
- Georgia - Okefenokee
- Illinois - Abe Lincoln
- Iowa - Davey Crockett
- Kansas - Plainsmen
- Michigan - Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
- Minnesota - North Star
- New Jersey - John Fenwick
- New York - Adirondack
- N. Calif. - John Muir
- N. Missouri - Lewis & Clark
- North Texas - Shawnee Trail
- Ohio - Johnny Appleseed
- Oklahoma - Indian Nation
- Oregon - Oregon Trail
- Pen. Fla. - Seminole
- Rocky Mtn. - Kit Carson
- S. Calif. - Sequoia
- S. Missouri - Daniel Boone
- South Texas - Longhorn
- Spanish Eastern - Pathfinder
- Wisc. & N. Mich. - Chippewa
- Northwest - Marcus Whitman

COMMITMENT TO F.C.F.

The levels of advancement in the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity are very important. Dedication to the ideals of the program can be measured by individual initiative and involvement.

Initiation is the first step. This is more than another award pin, it's a symbol of distinction which can only be achieved through self-discipline.

Commitment is the second step. The Buckskin Frontiersman has secured his F.C.F. costume and participated in initiations and chapter activities.

Total commitment to F.C.F. comes with the Wilderness Frontiersmen award. The vigil is the final test of sincerity and those who successfully complete this all-night test are frontiersmen of the highest caliber.

We must be careful lest any of these advancements be taken lightly or that "wholesale" inductions be made for the purpose of growth. The emphasis in F.C.F. should always be on quality, not quantity. Our National F.C.F. Chairman has stated that the purpose of F.C.F. is to build an "elite corps" of Royal Rangers camping enthusiasts. May this fraternity never be less!

-John Eller



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## FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION

### STATES WITH INDIAN NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alabama-----                      | "Here we rest"                  |
| Arizona-----                      | "Tribe of man"                  |
| Arkansas-----                     | "Bow or bend in smoky<br>water" |
| Connecticut                       | "Long river"                    |
| Illinois                          | "Tribe of men"                  |
| Indiana                           | "Indian land"                   |
| Iowa                              | "Beautiful land"                |
| Kansas                            | "Smoky water"                   |
| Kentucky--                        | "At the head of the river"      |
| Michigan                          | "Fish weir"                     |
| Minnesota                         | "Sky tinted water"              |
| Mississippi                       | "Great father of<br>waters"     |
| Missouri                          | "Muddy"                         |
| Nebraska                          | "Water valley"                  |
| North Dakota & South Dakota ----- | "Lakota, Nalrota allies"        |
| Ohio                              | "Beautiful river"               |
| Oklahoma                          | "Red people"                    |
| Tennessee                         | "River with the great<br>bend"  |
| Wisconsin--                       | "Gathering of the waters"       |
| Wyoming                           | "Large plains"                  |

-William Alderson

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT John Eller

Several requests have come to us recently for information concerning the new Phase I and Phase II testing for FCF initiations.

In general terms, the first phase is designed to test a candidate's knowledge and ability in such important areas as toolcraft, ropecraft, campcraft, first aid, the Bible, etc.

The second phase is instituted at a later time. These ceremonies are conducted by the chapter members and are confidential.

Plans are beginning to take shape for the National Royal Rangers Pow Wow in 1974. More about this will be coming later from our National Commander (also our National FCF Chairman, Johnnie Barnes), but we wish to alert our FCF members who attended the National FCF Rendezvous in 1972 that your participation may be an important resource for planning.

We have received word that several of our territories are planning an FCF Territorial Rendezvous this year. At this time, however, we do not have any details. If you are interested in such a function, contact your Territorial Representative. These men are: Oliver Dalaba (Eastern), Ralph Palmerton (South-eastern), Elton Bell (Mid-western), and Paul Johnson (Western).

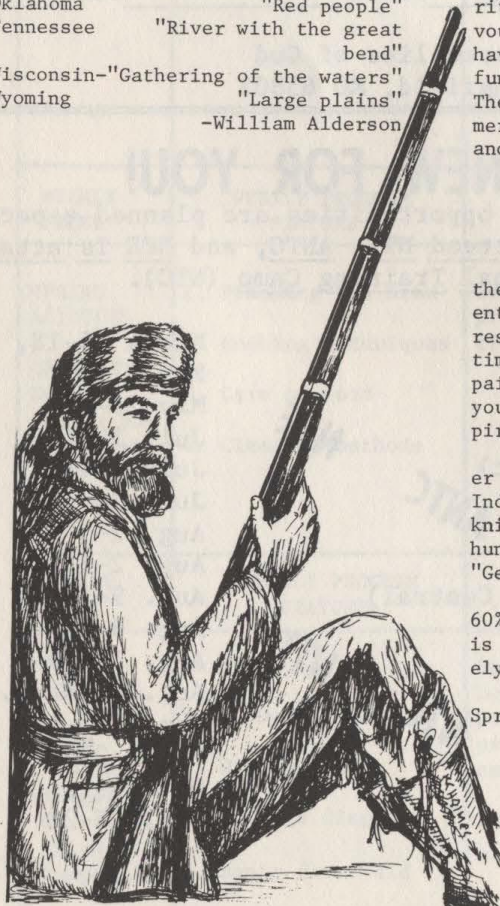
### FRONTIER SUPPLY HOUSE Free Catalogues

We anticipate a price increase this year for the popular Daniel Boone coonskin caps. The present price is \$6.95 each. In view of this we have restocked the supply house and, for a limited time, are offering these for only \$6.00 each post-paid. We have small, medium, and large. Mention you saw it in Dispatch for the discount. Offer expires May 31, 1973.

Now available are authentic FCF costumes, leather shirts ("Buffalo Bill" fringed), coonskin caps, Indian headdresses, drums, necklaces, belts, knives (decorative, rustic, western, functional), hunter's horns, and boots (leather, knee-length "Geronimos").

(Editor's Note: Catalogue prices are from 20 - 60% below competitive, current prices. Selection is excellent. This is a service provided exclusively for Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity members.)

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## FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY SECTION

### THE FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY

By Paul Johnson

FCF Mountain Men Territorial Representative

What is the FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY? This is a question often asked across this great land of ours. Yes, a magnificent land that challenged the hearts of our forefathers with its wild, untamed rivers, barren plains, snow-capped mountains, unlimited wildlife, and unknown boundaries. A land that offered all that a man could dream of *if* he were bold enough to step beyond the bounds of the "secure and civilized" life to become a *man*—a man who would make his mark on the wild frontier! These men—the explorers, the scouts, the mountain men, were all known as FRONTIERSMEN.

In 1966 it was believed that the Royal Rangers program had developed a core of men and boys who wanted to go beyond the existing program—to unite their dreams, talents, goals; to help other men and boys gain the knowledge and self-confidence to become more effective in the ministry of Royal Rangers leadership. It was the intention of these men to form a fraternity composed of men and boys who had demonstrated above average leadership and camping skills, as well as a fervent desire to become a blessing to others. Thus, the FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY was born.

The early frontiersmen were a breed of men that may never exist again. But, we hope their spirit will live forever! They were basically humble men who possessed an over-abundance of self-confidence but who never lost their dependency upon God, or the Great Spirit. Self-educated in the necessities of everyday living, they demonstrated great wisdom when dealing with others. They were quick to recognize the "greenhorn" but patient enough to take time to share their knowledge and teach him what he needed to know.

In the spring of the year, they would meet at a rendezvous to see old friends, share stories, learn from each other, compete and demonstrate their skills with a "Hawk" or muzzle-loader, make plans to search out a new frontier, and to band together in one accord with a purpose, when a special need would arise. Not every man who took to the frontier was able to meet the demands of the rugged frontier way of life!

After years of prayer, planning, and continual refinement, our FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY is making its mark for Jesus Christ through the ministry of Royal Rangers! With a greater vision, higher goals, and the enforcement of its noble standards, the FRONTIERSMEN of today will be looking for men and boys who can meet and accept the challenge of being, above all, a blessing to those whom they serve!

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FCF officers listed included:

Fred Deaver, National President

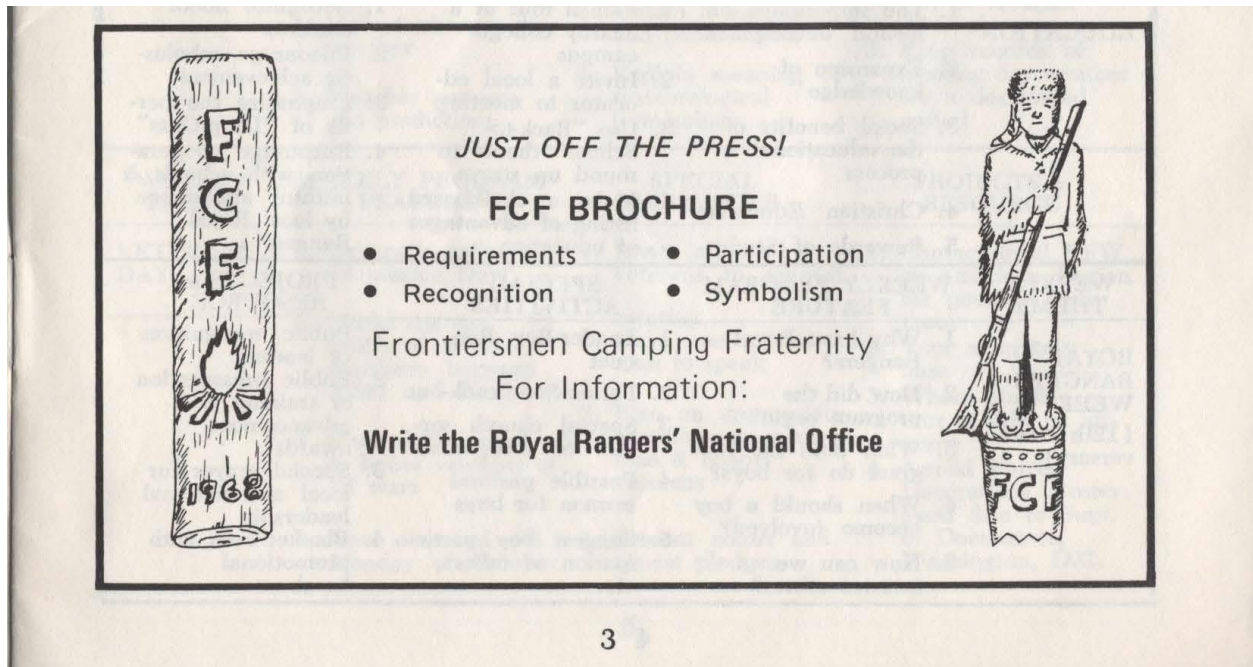
Ollie Dalaba, Colonial Territory

Ralph Palmerton, Riflemen Territory

Fred Deaver, Plainsmen Territory

Paul Johnson, Mountain Men Territory  
Don Bixler, National Scribe  
David Franklin, National Scout

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The second item has to do with *FCF Officers* on a national level. The National President will be elected at the National Rendezvous for a four year term. The nominees will be the incumbent in office and the Territorial Representatives.

The National Scout will be elected at the National Camporama and the National Rendezvous by all FCF members present. Nominations will be made by the National Committee. The scout may not be over the age of 17 at the time of election.

Finally, approval has been given to the *Abe Lincoln FCF Chapter* (Illinois) for transfer from the Colonial to the Plainsmen Territory.

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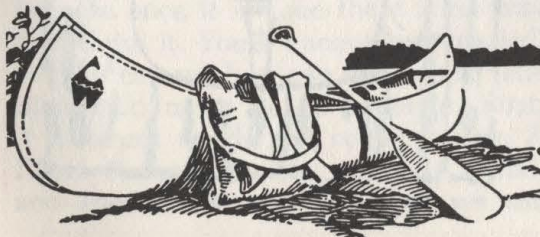
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## FCF CHAPTER NAMES


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|-----------------|------------------------|
| ALABAMA         | Confederate            |
| ARIZONA         | Bill Williams          |
| AUSTRALIA       | Cobb and Company       |
| EASTERN         | George Washington      |
| P. FLORIDA      | Seminole               |
| GEORGIA         | Okefenokee             |
| GULF LATIN      | Azteca                 |
| ILLINOIS        | Abe Lincoln            |
| IOWA            | Davey Crockett         |
| KANSAS          | Hawkins Rifle          |
| MICHIGAN        | Henry Rowe Schoolcraft |
| MINNESOTA       | North Star             |
| MISSISSIPPI     | Choctaw                |
| NEBRASKA        | Fort Kearney           |
| NEW JERSEY      | John Fenwick           |
| NEW MEXICO      | Jedidiah Smith         |
| NEW YORK        | Adirondack             |
| NORTH TEXAS     | Shawnee Trail          |
| NORTHWEST       | Marcus Whitman         |
| N. CALIF.       | John Muir              |
| N. MISSOURI     | Lewis and Clark        |
| OHIO            | Johnny Appleseed       |
| OKLAHOMA        | Indian Nation          |
| OREGON          | Oregon Trail           |
| ROCKY MOUNTAIN  | Kit Carson             |
| SOUTH CAROLINA  | Swamp Fox              |
| SOUTH TEXAS     | Long Horn              |
| S. CALIF.       | Sequoia                |
| S. NEW ENGLAND  | The Minute Men         |
| S. MISSOURI     | Daniel Boone           |
| SPANISH EASTERN | Pathfinder             |
| TENNESSEE       | Volunteer              |
| W. FLORIDA      | Appalachee             |
| WIS./N. MICH.   | Chippewa               |

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Assistance in locating costume supplies may be obtained by writing to: DISPATCH, Box 470, Milan, Tenn. 38358.



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**FCF BROCHURE**

- Requirements
- Participation
- Recognition
- Symbolism

Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity  
For Information:  
**Write the Royal Rangers' National Office**



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SECOND  
NATIONAL  
FCF RENDEZVOUS  
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➤ CONTESTS

- Black powder
- Tomahawkin'
- Flint n steel
- '76 Pageantry

➤ DOGWOOD VALLEY  
MO.

- FRONTIER SCHOOLIN'
- MOUNTAIN MUSIC
- BRUSHARBOR  
REVIVAL
- COUNCIL FIRES

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# THE OUTPOSTER

## UNUSUAL WEATHER

THULE AIR BASE, Greenland (AP)  
—Weather reporting for the U. S. Air Force weathermen of Detachment 48, 5th Weather Wing here, is a little different from the usual “partly cloudy, with sleet turning into snow” variety.

It goes something like this: “Bay ice motionless. Slight ridging at shoreline with hummocks southwest-northwest with large cracks and numerous puddles from pier to Dundas Mount. Ice blocking entrance to approximately 15-18 miles out. Twenty growlers, five bergy bits in southwest quad, four growlers, 13 bergy bits and 12 icebergs in northwest quad. Water temperature minus one degree Centigrade. Air temperature minus one degree Centigrade. Visibility 25 miles.”

The reports provide information for military and civilian vessels in Arctic waters. An iceberg is a chunk of ice as big as a ship, a bergy bit is as big as a small cottage, and growlers are grand-piano size. A hummock is a ridge or bump in an ice field.

## AUSTRALIA NOW HAS FIVE FCF CHAPTERS

Will Thorne, National Commander of Australia, has advised the *Dispatch* office of their five FCF chapters. This is one for each of the mainland states. Their names with an explanation of their meaning follows.

*New South Wales*—Cobb & Co. This name is taken from an early coaching (stage) company.

*Queensland*—The Overlanders. This name was used to describe cattle drovers (cowboys).

*South Australia*—Colonel Light. This man was founder of the capital of the state—Adelaide.

*Victoria*—Yaraadoo. This name is aboriginal, meaning “Southern Cross.”

*West Australia*—Koolwannia. This is also aboriginal, meaning “Black Swan.”

Anyone wishing to correspond with Will should address their air mail letter to: W. R. Thorne, Commonwealth Com-

mander, 3 Norma Ave., Eastwood, N.S.W. 2122 Australia. All letters should be presented at the postal window of your receiving office as additional postage will be necessary. (Some Australian Pow Wow and FCF patches would trade well at the next Rendezvous!)



## LOUISIANA NOW HAS FCF CHAPTER

*Dispatch* office has been advised of the formation of the District FCF chapter in Louisiana, to be known as the Jim Bowie Chapter.

District FCF Chairman is D. E. Stroud, and District FCF President is Jim Marze. They had eleven members at the beginning of 1975.

## MADE TO MEASURE

(Submitted by Gene Hale of Mountain View, CA)

If you're ever stuck in the field with no ruler to check the minimum legal length of a fish, just remember that a dollar is just a shade over six inches long. Hence one, two, three or four lengths of the bill can give you an accurate reading of anywhere from six to twenty-four inches. Fold in half for three inches, in half once again for one and a half inch.

## FIRST MACHINE

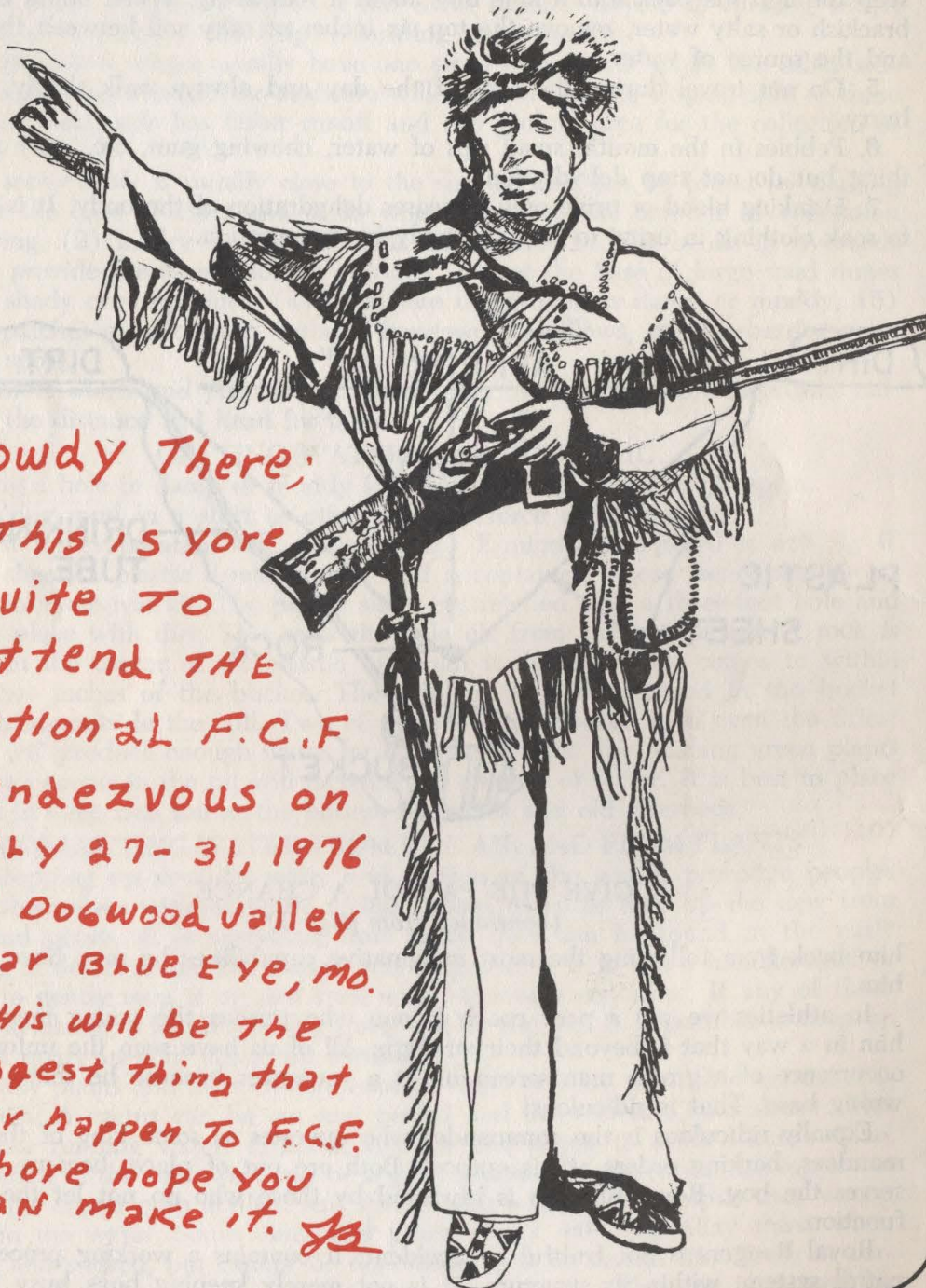
What was the first machine ever devised by man that worked automatically in his absence? It must have been the animal trap. Did you know there are only four kinds of such traps? They are the gravity, snare, spring pole and torsion.

## DID YOU KNOW?

It's not unusual for a lightning bolt to deliver 25,000 times more current than was customarily shot through the electric chair for an execution.



## National FCF RENDEZVOUS



Howdy There;  
This is yore  
invite to  
attend THE  
National F.C.F  
Rendezvous on  
July 27-31, 1976  
At Dogwood Valley  
near Blue Eye, Mo.  
This will be the  
biggest thing that  
ever happen to F.C.F.  
Shore hope you  
can make it. *JL*

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HERE  
THEY COME  
THUNDERING OUT  
OF THE TERRITORIES  
TO THE



**National FCF**

**RENDEZVOUS**

DOGWOOD VALLEY, MO.  
JULY 27-31, 1976

SHOW OFF YOUR COSTUME - SWAP TALL TALES  
DO YOUR BRAGGING - BLOW YOUR OWN HORN  
DO YOUR TRADING - GET A RENDEZVOUS PATCH

SEE YA AT THE SECOND NATIONAL

***fcf***  
***rendezvous***



MOUNTAIN MUSIC  
BLACK POWDER SHOOTIN'  
TOMAHAWK THROWIN'  
FRONTIER REGALIA  
SPIRIT OF '76 PAGEANT  
COUNCIL FIRES  
BRUSH ARBOR REVIVAL  
HEAPS OF FUN

# POSTER



## F.C.F.

### FCF HEADGEAR

We have been asked to emphasize proper headgear for the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity.

All headgear (and any other costuming and/or accessories, for that matter) must all be pre-Civil War types.

Here is the break-down by territories:  
(1) Colonial, *tricorn*, (2) Long Riflemen, *raccoon or other suitable animal fur*, (3) Plainsmen, *flat wide-brimmed hat*, (4) Mountainmen, *mountainman hat*.

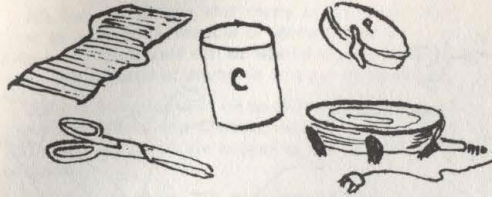
Stove-pipe hats are acceptable in some territories. Check with your Territorial FCF Representative for specifics.

Synthetic fur is acceptable if it looks realistic.



# Charring Cloth for Flint & Steel

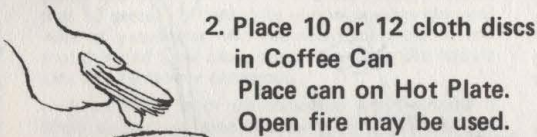
Instructions by Fred Deaver



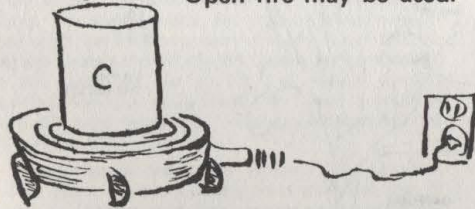
Cotton Cloth Old Coffee Can Old Shoe Polish Can  
Scissors Hot Plate



1. Cut Cotton Cloth same size as shoe polish can.



2. Place 10 or 12 cloth discs in Coffee Can  
Place can on Hot Plate.  
Open fire may be used.



3. Allow cloth to char until it is Black (Be sure to do this outside as there will be much SMOKE!)

4. Place charred discs in Polish Can for future use.



(Can keeps discs dry)

To Start Fire



1. Catch spark on charred cloth



2. Place in dry tender such as grass, etc.



3. Give a hardy blow

Compliments of Frontier Supply House



# THE OUT

## FCF CHAPTER NAMES

ALABAMA—Confederate  
ARIZONA—Bill Williams  
ARKANSAS—Quapaw Mountain Men  
AUSTRALIA:  
    New South Wales—Cobb & Company  
    Queensland—The Overlanders  
    South Australia—Colonel Light  
    Victoria—Yaraadoo  
    West Australia—Koolwanna  
EASTERN—George Washington  
GEORGIA—Okefenokee  
GULF LATIN—Azteca  
ILLINOIS—Abe Lincoln  
IOWA—Davey Crockett  
KANSAS—Hawkins Rifle  
LOUISIANA—Jim Bowie  
MICHIGAN—Henry Rowe Schoolcraft  
MINNESOTA—North Star  
MISSISSIPPI—Choctaw  
NEBRASKA—Fort Kearney  
NEW JERSEY—John Fenwick  
NEW MEXICO—Jedediah Smith  
NEW YORK—Andirondack  
NORTH TEXAS—Shawnee Trail  
NORTHWEST—Marcus Whitman  
N. CALIF.-NEV.—John Muir  
N. MISSOURI—Lewis and Clark  
OHIO—Johnny Appleseed  
OKLAHOMA—Indian Nation  
OREGON—Oregon Trail  
PEN. FLORIDA—Seminoles  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN—Kit Carson  
SOUTH CAROLINA—Swamp Fox  
SOUTH TEXAS—Long Horn  
S. CALIFORNIA—Sequoia  
S. NEW ENGLAND—The Minute Men  
SOUTHERN MISSOURI—Daniel Boone  
SPANISH EASTERN—Pathfinder  
TENNESSEE—Volunteer  
WEST FLORIDA—Apalachee  
WEST TEXAS—Palo Duro  
WIS.-N. MICHIGAN—Chippewa

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### Young Bucks & Old-Timers

This term has been adopted for the separate competitive events for FCF outings. Young Bucks are boys under 18. Old-Timers are all those members 18 and over.

A Young Buck may declare himself an Old-Timer and compete against men, but cannot enter the competition for both aggregates.

### National FCF Staff

Johnnie Barnes, National FCF Chairman; Fred Deaver, National FCF President; Don Bixler, National FCF Scribe; Dean Garrison, National FCF Scout; and Dade Massey, Assistant National FCF Scout.

Territorial Representatives: Sonny Green, Colonial; Ralph Palmerton, Long Riflemen; Don Ray, Plainsmen; and David Howard, Mountainmen.

Territorial Representatives are National FCF Vice-Presidents by virtue of office.

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### FCF Handbooks

When copy for this issue was being prepared (June, 1976), we were advised by the Gospel Publishing House that there were only 700 copies of the FCF handbook in stock.

This is great news as we will have many revisions and additions in a new printing. Help us clear out the present stock to clear the way for a new edition. (The old ones will make great collector's and trade items.)

### Territorial Symbols

Colonial – Eagle

Long Riflemen – White-tailed deer

Plainsmen – Buffalo

Mountainmen – Grizzly Bear



## Black Powder Shoots

Rules for black powder shoots being distributed to the districts state that “no pistols are to be fired at FCF outings.”

There is also a strong recommendation for the wearing of safety glasses at black powder shoots. “Eyesight is never appreciated to its fullest until you have lost it.”

## Buckskin Ceremony

The National FCF Staff is developing a Buckskin ceremony in which members will be dubbed with their FCF name as they reach this level of advancement.

Names should not be duplicated in the same district.

## National FCF Historian

David Barnes has been appointed National FCF historian. David wears the Gold Medal of Achievement, is a graduate of Evangel College via the Johnnie Barnes Scholarship, and works on the staff of High Adventure.

District FCF chapters are encouraged to appoint a historian.

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The first District FCF Newsletter was Southern Missouri's *Powder Horn*, begun in November, 1967.

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### ABOUT THE COVER

Our cover this issue is FCF Rendezvous held in Dogwood Valley near Blue Eye, Mo., last summer. More than 400 men and boys attended the event.

The National Rendezvous is held once every four years, while Territorial FCF Rendezvous is held once every two years.

Next national event will be the National Royal Rangers Camporama in the summer of 1978.

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### DISPATCHER'S EXPRESS

The Rendezvous was just starting in the secluded Dogwood Valley. A light rain began falling just as I crossed the footbridge across Indian Creek. Teepees were scattered upstream all along the west bank. Pilgrims from across America and even Australia were present for this never-to-be-forgotten event.

Adventures would include cooking food over open fires, competition in tomahawk, knife throwing, muzzleloading, flint & steel, costuming, and "horsetrading."

The Frontier Court with Judge Hawk-eye would dispense justice for an assortment of trumped-up allegations. Incidental fines would go for Latin American Missions, while some would spend time in the "locks" (pillory).

Unplanned adventure included a flash flood that washed through the valley, forcing partial evacuation of the campsite and temporarily disrupting the Rendezvous schedule.

Quick action and close cooperation by the frontiersmen would be a key factor in avoiding tragedy. Before the Rendezvous was over, Indian creek would be back to his old self, chanting his clear but ancient song.

A new feature for this Bicentennial "Spirit of '76" Rendezvous would be the *Brush Arbor Revival*. The scene would include the brush arbor, slab seats, campmeeting duds, accordion music, a frontier band, spirited singing, an offering, conscious "Board of Elders", and the great circuit-rider himself, Johnnie Barnes. The spiritual touch of these meetings would be outstanding.

Shortly, we would leave the Rendezvous behind. But the memories we would have with us always.

—John Eller, National Dispatcher





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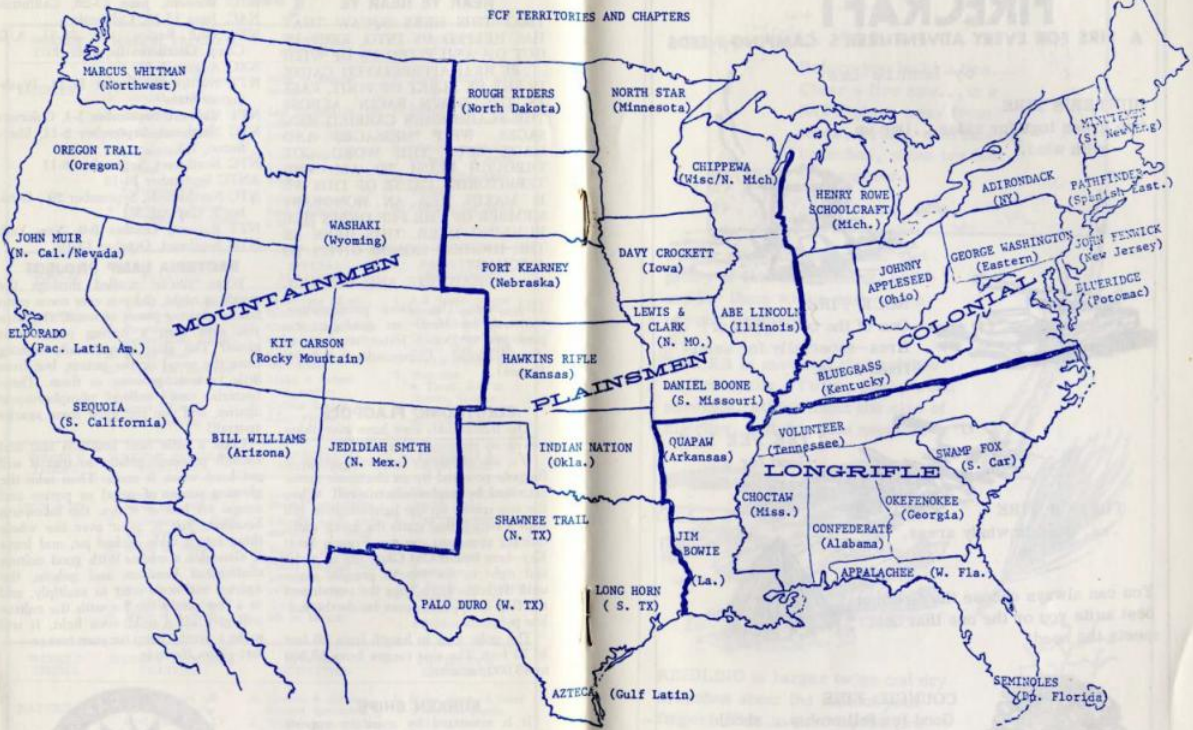
THAT THIS HERE SQUAW THAT HAS HELPED US INTO, KEPT US OUT OF, AND FIXED US UP WITH . . . BE HEAP APPRECIATED. CAUSE IN SHE BE FLEET OF FOOT, FAST AS THE DAWN RACIN' ACROSS THE PLAINS SHE'S CARRIED MESSAGES, WRIT MESSAGES AND MADE SURE THE WORD GOT THROUGH PLUM TO ALL THE TERRITORIES. CAUSE OF THIS WE IS MAKIN HER AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE FCF DUBIN HER RUNNING DEER. THIS HERE BE THE HIGHEST HONOR GIVEN TO A SQUAW!

—HAWKEYE AND COUNCIL

(Ed. note: The above proclamation, written (scribbled) on rawhide, was presented to Donna Jester, secretary to the National Commander, Johnnie Barnes).



FCF TERRITORIES AND CHAPTERS



First FCF chapter to select a name was Southern Missouri—Daniel Boone. This occurred September 12, 1969, during an outing at the Daniel Boone home near Defiance, Mo.

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The first FCF chapter was organized in Southern California on July 8, 1966. Five men and five boys were initiated at that time.

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