

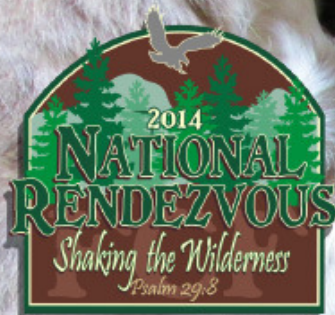
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2014 National FCF Rendezvous July 14-18, 2014 Camp Eagle Rock



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About the cover: Young Bucks from the Quapaw and Daniel Boone Chapters sit upon a log jamb at the
2013 Quapaw Chapter Trace gather to watch the sunset in frontier style.

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GREY OWL

NATIONAL FCF PRESIDENT

It is Territorial Rendezvous year!!!

Every two years, FCF members all over the nation get excited about heading out to their Territorial Rendezvous. 2013 is the year. The 8 Territorial FCF Representatives, their staffs and chapter staffs have been busy planning these excellent events.

The mountainmen of our nation's history used the Rendezvous as a time to stock up on supplies, trade and sell the beaver skins and see old friends to catch up on the news of the time.

We as FCF members also look forward to Territorial Rendezvous!!! Sharing a camp- fire and the undaunted brotherhood of the FCF is a great fun. Strengthening our spiritual walk with God is in the forefront of the rendezvous experience. As FCF members, these times around the council fire can be life changing.

The high spirit of FCF competition will be at Rendezvous as well. Have you been practicing?

In 2013, there will be two combined Territorial Rendezvous. The Trappers/Mountainmen and the Rivermen/Riflemen will join forces in Wyoming and Alabama. Other rendezvous will be held in New Mexico, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

Oldtimers, it is not too late to make plans to attend. There are young bucks who are counting on you for a ride to the event. Youngbucks, it is not too late to put a not so gentle reminder to that old-timer in your outpost that you will need a ride. Let's do our best to get to Rendezvous. It is worth the effort.

Only the Lord knows the eternal spiritual work that will be accomplished at rendezvous. You have to be there to experience it. Don't be left out!!!

Paul "Grey Owl" Walters II



FCF Advancement- 2013

With the advancement transition deadline now past for the Ranger Ministry Academy, there have been some questions as to where the FCF Advancement process now stands. We want to make sure that everyone is on the same page with the current FCF advancement requirements. Here are the most current requirements for advancement in FCF:

Frontiersmen

Both Boys and Leaders

- *Earn the following Merit Awards: Blue- Ropecraft, Firecraft, Cooking, Compass, Toolcraft, Lashing, First Aid Skills Green- Camping*
- *Explain the plan of Salvation*
- *Explain the meaning of the Four Red, Four Gold and Eight Blue points of the Royal Rangers Emblem.*



Boys Only

- *Be at least 11 years old and at least an Adventure Ranger*
- *Be recommended by the Outpost Group Leader.*

Leaders Only

- *Complete the Ready Leader award of the Ranger Ministry Academy*
- *Complete requirement #2 of the Safety Leader Ticket*
- *Be a RR leader in good standing with his church*



Both Leaders and Boys

- *After earning all eight required merits you are now eligible for the "Frontier Adventure." After successful completion, you will receive your Frontiersmen Pin and patch.*
- *FCF members are required to pay annual dues (set by the Chapter) and attend at least one (1) FCF Chapter event per year to remain an active member.*



Buckskin Frontiersmen

Both Boys and Leaders



Plus



OR



Earn the following Merit Awards:

- Participate in one additional Frontier Adventure besides your own.
- Make, trade or purchase a complete FCF outfit
- Recite from memory the FCF Pledge
- Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol
- State the Vision and Purpose of FCF
- Make an FCF identification staff
- Select a frontier-related craft or skill to develop
- Select an FCF name
- Complete the Buckskin Workbook (Sent by the Chapter after applying for this level)
- Be an active member in good standing for at least one year.

Boys Only

- Earn the AR Bronze Medal of Achievement or one Expedition Ranger Medal.

Leaders Only

Complete the Safety Leader and Trained Leader of the Outpost Leader Advancement Level (OLAL)

- *Sponsor a boy in to FCF



Both Leaders and Boys

After earning the additional three required merits and other listed requirements, submit your application for advancement for Buckskin to the Chapter FCF Scribe.

The Chapter Scribe will verify your application and notify your Chapter Buckskin Rep to forward your Buckskin Workbook to you.

After successfully completing the Buckskin testing you will be awarded your Buckskin pin and patch.

***Leaders must advance within three years of the date that the boy was sponsored to be valid.**



Wilderness Frontiersmen

Both Boys and Leaders



- Earn the following Merit Awards:

Boys Only

- Earn the AR Silver Medal of Achievement or second Expedition Rangers Medal
- Sponsor a boy into FCF
- Participate in at least two Frontier Adventures (other than your own) and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Leaders Only

- Complete the Advanced Leader of the Outpost Leader Advancement Level (OLAL)
- *Sponsor a second boy into FCF
- Participate in at least two Frontier Adventures (other than your own) and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.



Both Leaders and Boys

After earning the additional four required merits and other listed requirements, submit your application for advancement to Wilderness to your Chapter FCF Scribe for processing.

Your Territorial FCF Representative will send your Wilderness Workbook and Wilderness Pouch to you. Complete the Wilderness Workbook and wear the Wilderness Pouch for no less than 90 days before the Wilderness Vigil. This pouch must be worn to all Royal Ranger and FCF events prior to your Vigil.

After successfully completing the Wilderness Vigil you will be awarded your Wilderness pin and patch during a special ceremony.

***Leaders must advance within three years of the date that the boy was sponsored to be valid.**





National HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

Most FCF members have read the history of FCF in our handbook and know a brief rundown of our origins. But there are other small details that you may or may not know concerning the early days of FCF.

Here are some interesting notes concerning the early days of FCF:

- For the first few years of FCF, boys did not apply for membership. The only way for a boy to become a member was to be recommended by another member of FCF.
- The FCF call out in the very beginning was a surprise to the candidates. Boys did not know they had been selected to join FCF, and their names were “called out” at the evening services of the district Pow wow.
- The FCF style clothing was first called a “Uniform”, then a “Costume”, and today is referred to as an “Outfit”.
- The first National FCF officer was appointed in 1970. Rev. John Eller was selected to serve as the first National FCF President. Prior to this appointment, Rev. Eller served as the FCF President for the Daniel Boone Chapter (Southern Missouri)
- There were no plans in the early days to have Buckskin and Wilderness levels of advancement for FCF. The only FCF insignia was the Frontiersmen pin.
- FCF names did not officially begin until the mid 1970's.
- The first FCF handbook available from Gospel Publishing House cost \$1.00. (1971 edition)
- The cover art for the first FCF handbook was by L. N. Pearsall. Fred Deavers artwork has been on the cover of the later four editions.
- The first national rendezvous was a three day event held at Evangel College and Fantastic Caverns in Springfield, Mo.
- The national FCF headquarters is the Simpkins cabin. Originally located on the Evangel College campus, it was relocated to Camp Eagle Rock, and is now a central part of the Stanekville area of the camp. This cabin featured prominently in the 1972 National Rendezvous activities.



Outpost FCF Night- A Great Night of Fellowship!

What is an FCF Night? This is a time for your outpost to promote FCF to the boys, young men and leaders in your church. This is an all night event at your church that will use displays, videos, FCF craft projects, food, music, worship, fellowship and a devotional time.

The Goal is to have a special fellowship night at the church for FCF members, and or new prospects for FCF. It will introduce FCF and display FCF member's skills.

The Fellowship night will center around the FCF, informing new members how to get into FCF, current members, what other advancements are there in FCF, a worship time, a fellowship time, and a time to create an FCF project. This is an over night event.



Create a frontier atmosphere in the room

for FCF night- The FCF meeting room at the church for this special event, must be interesting and eye catching for the men and boys.

Big FCF displays on tables around the room- Often times, when the missionaries come to a church, they set up big displays of items from Africa, South America, etc. These are very impressive, and leave an impression. This should be the same for an FCF night. The displays at FCF night should create excitement!

-Table displays showing FCF outfits, such as shirts, pants, hats, pouches, moccasins, chokers, beads, etc.

-Tables with photos or paintings showing camps, outfits, frontier scenes. Books and magazines such as Muzzleloader magazine, books on the American frontier, and other frontier craft books.



-Tables with Patch collections, lanterns, chairs, any FCF item that can get the attention of the boys and men. **-All FCF members should be in complete outfits for the night, and ready to explain their outfits, displays, etc.** -If this is your first FCF night, you might need to go around all of the displays and explain what they are. FCF outfits, FCF tools, FCF crafts, FCF shelters, etc.

-FCF outfits are colorful, and the boys and men need to see them up close, vs. just seeing them in photos.





- Have an FCF craft to work on with the boys-

It is very important to have an FCF craft that the men and boys can make during the night. They need to leave on Saturday morning, with a completed project that is part of their FCF items.

-Pick an easy craft or project to begin with. Belt Bag, medicine pouch, choker, etc. As you have FCF nights, you can progress to more complicated items. The good thing about doing this, is that it is hands on, with boys and men working together, side by side on these projects. Sometimes, the young bucks are the ones teaching the leaders how to do a project.

Table area for working and eating. -Tables should be set up, so that they can be used to make the FCF craft for the night with appropriate tools.

-Tables for eating. You can also eat your night's meal first, and then clear them off to work on your project. You will not want to have food or drink on the tables, while working on projects. They will spill and get on your work.

-Places for the men and boys to sleep for the night- You need to set up a place for the men and boys to sleep for the night. A room will be needed for the men, and a room for the boys. Let them take their gear there and place for the night. Cots, sleeping bags, CPAP machines, etc will be needed. Then, as the night progresses, if they get sleepy, they can go on into their room and go to bed.

-Fun area. Have a casual fun area set up as well, for the attendees. -

Sometimes, you need to take a break away from working on your crafts. An area for checkers, chess, watching videos about FCF and related crafts is good to have ready. FCF is Fellowship. You can build good relationships during these times. Late night snacks are fun too. Possibly cobbler made in the Dutch ovens. You can have the cobbler cooking outside (and of course, let them see you make it) while working on projects, then bring it in later, let it cool, and have ice cream and cobbler.



-TV area -A TV area should be set up, making sure everything works. Any videos that will be shown need to be previewed before showing to the boys, men, and at church. For example: there is a G rated and an R rated version of the Mountain Men, the movie. You want to make sure you have the G rated version.

Other videos are available from different craft stores, etc. James Townsend and Sons has some good videos. There are good videos from the Muzzleloader magazine group.

-Devotion Time- Have a time set up for a spiritual devotion. Try to relate it to a Mountain man story, something from Jim Bridger, Joe Meek, etc. Create excitement, and develop a spiritual truth.

-Skill area- The boys and men love to compete and try FCF skills. Plan and work into your schedule, areas to have flint and steel, hawk and knife throwing, etc. Look to have these at the first part of the meeting, while it is either warm or light outside. Once it gets dark, you can move inside. You can plan to have prizes for those that do the best.

-FCF camp set up outside- You can even have a couple of shelters set up outside for effect, if you have the area at your church. You can take the men and boys outside and cover the types of shelters during the FCF time period.



Suggested Schedule

- -Set up your room and be ready before anyone arrives.
- -6 pm. Meet and greet as boys and men arrive with their gear.
- -6:30 pm. Welcome and practice Flint and Steel, Hawk and Knife. Look at displays.
- -7:30 pm. Food Time. Everyone comes in and gets ready for dinner.
- -8:00 pm. Project, Craft Time. Have a craft ready for all to work on. Shooters Bag, Chokers, FCF boxes, Capotes, Hats, Shirts, etc.
- -9:30 pm. Break for Worship, Fellowship, and a Devotion.
- -10:00 pm. Dutch oven cobbler, snack, and back to work on projects.
- -11:00 continue to work on project, FCF type DVD's, Etc.
- -Midnight. Some start to hit the sack. At least hit the sack by 2 am.
- -Morning. 7 am. Everyone up, pack up, clean up.
- -Morning. 8 am. Breakfast.
- -Morning. 9 am. Parents pick up the boys.



. Planning is the key! Here are some additional planning thoughts:

- Opening and introduction. Cover what will be happening tonight.
- Skills outside the church, while it is still light.
- Dinner. Come back inside after the skills to eat.
- Start the Craft project.
- Break for an FCF presentation and devotion.
- Snack time with the cobbler.
- Back to the Craft project.
- Free time. Craft work, games, snack's, videos.
- Video time. You can have the entire group come back to watch a special video.
- Craft time/ Free Time/ Sleep Time.
- Bed time, final lights out.
- Wake up time. Plan to wake everyone up in time to get ready, cleaned up, packed up, continental breakfast, before parents arrive for pick up.
- Prayer and dismiss.
- Items to note in your planning stage.
- Make sure it is okay with the Pastor
- Decide where in the church, you can spend the night.
- Decide what dates you would like, and put on the church calendar. You are taking up a Friday night and a Saturday.
- Plan your craft project. These would need to be ordered in advance.
- Plan your food and snacks for the night.
- Plan the number of tables you need for the night, chairs, etc.
- Plan restroom facilities.
- Plan with the church, and check out any security that needs to be done, spending the night at the church. Alarms, security guards, etc.
- Plan your displays
- Plan your skill events, where, when, and what it needed to make them happen.
- Plan the number of people you think will attend.
- Plan your budget, if you need to collect money to cover the costs of the projects.
- Make sure all areas are totally cleaned up after the event, and equipment is back in its place.
- Make up flyers and announce to all eligible people in advance. Be enthusiastic! A passionate person will bring in a lot of people. It has to be exciting for them.
- Set up some rules about spending the night in the church. Explain off limit areas, etc.
- Set up a definite time for the parents to drop off the boys and pick them up.
- Equipment list for everyone.
- Make sure the videos all play ahead of time, and it is set up.
- All displays, tables, video areas, equipment should all be set up before anyone arrives.
- Meet and greet the parents and attendees in FCF outfit.
- Love blankets can always be a part of this event, special presentations, awards, prizes, etc. Do everything to make it exciting.



FCF night continued

-Devotion. This should be done in FCF style, with an FCF story that can bring out the point.

-FCF or frontier style movies can be played. Make sure all videos have been pre screened.

-Take photos and videos during the night.

-This is a one on one, mentoring opportunity for leaders and older boys working with other boys

and leaders. They are actually going to leave the event with an FCF item for their outfit.

-Projects you can work on: Belt Bags, Shooters bags, Chokers, moccasins, capotes, knives, hawks and cases, and belts The ideas are unlimited.

-Men. Make sure you have a couple of men together at all time, vs. one man alone with boys.



Congratulations to the Riflemen Territory for earning the Hawkeye Award!

Commander Dennis “Golden Eagle” Molnar, Riflemen Territorial Representative received the award from Paul Walters and Ted Schmidt at the 2013 LEAD conference in Dallas, TX.

This is an annual award given to the top territory each year based on the information submitted on the annual chapter reports. Each chapter president from that territory is awarded a leather streamer for their chapter flag that indicates that they are a Hawkeye award recipient.



Who will take the Hawkeye award next year? Turn in your Trappers Brigade points, advance and attend your chapters events to help drive up the points reported in your chapter next year, and your chapter may come home with a Hawkeye award ribbon for your chapter!





BLACK ARROW

NATIONAL FCF HISTORIAN

Do you recall the first time that you experienced FCF? Do you remember when the letter came from your Chapter Scribe that your application had been accepted and you were officially invited to the event to become an FCF member? Those were exciting times!

I have had the privilege of being a part of the FCF membership process for my father and brother, and both of my sons. My youngest son has just completed his Frontier Adventure, and in his preparations, it has brought to remembrance all of the feelings of expectancy that were felt by my family just prior to and during their Frontier Adventures. His enthusiasm is revitalizing and driving our excitement for FCF!

That brings us to an interesting and tremendously important point- FCF comes alive when boys are involved! It seems like a V-8 moment, but it is true. If all that you are seeing at your FCF events is a group of leaders sitting around the campfire, drinking coffee and not doing much else, it may be time to take a hard look at your event. Are the boys who are attending enthusiastic about what is happening at your camps?

Boys crave exciting activity and friendship with their peers. They want to feel the exhilaration of exploration with the other guys in their outpost when they finally reach the top of the hill and discover what lies beyond. Add in frontier outfits with the sounds and smells of an FCF event and you have a recipe for adventure. In their hearts, they are Lewis and Clark on their corps of discovery, or Major Ashley and his party of beaver men striking out into uncharted territory.

I love to hear the sound of the energized voices of boys who have been cooped up in a church van after hour upon hours, when they have finally arrived at the site of the trace or rendezvous. As the doors fly open and young men spring forth from the vehicle, it's as if they have received a pardon from the governor. The anticipation of what adventure lays ahead during the event drives their zeal!

As Royal Ranger leaders, we must be sensitive to understand this desire for boys to seek out adventure, and we need to create as many opportunities for the young men in our outposts as we can.

FCF is adventure! So, what are you waiting for?

Anthony "Black Arrow" Hubbard



FCF T-Shirts! Undaunted Spirit &

2014 National Rendezvous

Show your support for FCF and the 2014 National Rendezvous with these screen printed t-shirts.

The Undaunted Spirit and Determination shirt features a grizzly bear paw print, and the National Rendezvous T features a variation of the Rendezvous patch art work.

Sizes available- Large -3X

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