



THE BEACON

Happy Holidays

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DISTRICT ROYAL RANGER COUNCIL JANUARY

On January 15, 2005 the District Royal Ranger Council will be held at Faith Assembly Of God 7755 Fairbanks N Houston Rd in Houston, Texas. It is scheduled to begin at 8:00AM.

You must be chartered and in your Royal Ranger Uniform to be able to vote in the elections. Charters are accepted at the Council. This is your opportunity to let the leadership know how you feel about the Ranger Program and have a say in the way the District is managed. Please make plans now to attend. The positions of District Commander, District Training Coordinator, District Productions Coordinator, and District FCF Vice President are being elected this year.

Reports will be given and we will be brought up to date on the release of the new program. There will be discussion of the 2005 Calendar and the Powwow. The New Ranger of the Year Program is also going to be discussed.

Prayer Request :

There are many among us who are sick and have been in the hospital for different reasons. Please pray for one another.

*Happy
Thanksgiving
Merry
Christmas and
Happy
New Year*

Gold Medal of Achievement – 2004

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| Jonathan Alvarado | Rio Grande Section |
| Jonathan Bressler | Gulf Coast Section |
| Seth Perry | Beaumont Section |
| Ryan Bearden | N Houston Section |
| Keith Hoot | Gulf Coast Section |
| Aaron Reeves | Gulf Coast Section |
| Robert Johnson | San Antonio Sect. |
| Andre Samuel | San Jacinto Section |
| Adam Clayton | Houston Section |
| Ryan Pond | Houston Section |
| Joseph Hancock | Beaumont Section |

District Ranger(s) of The Year

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Discovery Rangers- | |
| Jacob Crotts | Houston Section Outstanding |
| Jacob Whitton | Beaumont Section Excellent |

2005 Charter Packets

The 2005 Charter packets were mailed on October 18th and 19th. to both the Church and the Senior Commander of record. If your Church does not have theirs, contact Richard FitzGerald at 713 465-2964 or at stxrr@swbell.net. The charter packet contains all charter information plus 2005 Calendar, Regional Training info and a brief explanation of charter fees.

Richard FitzGerald
Chartering Coordinator

Land Fund/ Training Center
At the 2004 DRRC in January 42 Individuals or Outposts pledged a total of \$25,000.00 toward our Land Fund which was renamed Training Center Fund. So far approximately \$4,000.00 has been paid on the pledged amount.

Pledges were made for an acre at \$500.00 per acre. You do not have to pay it all at one time. You may pay any amount

at any time. Just send it in to the District Royal Ranger Address

South Texas Royal Rangers
P O Box 430127
Houston, TX 77243-0127

A number of churches support us with a monthly contribution totaling \$600 to \$800. If your church could add us to their Missions giving, they grt World Ministries Credit.

Visit the District Website
and keep up with all that is happening.

[Http://www.stxrr.org](http://www.stxrr.org)

Or
<http://www.royalrangers/stx/home.htm>
E-mail stxrr@swbell.net

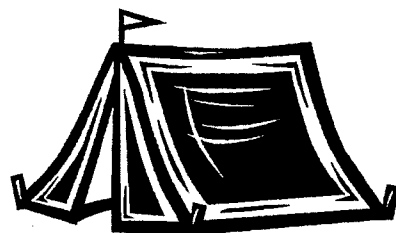
DISTRICT POWWOW HELD DESPITE STORM

The 2004 district Powwow was held April 23 thru 25, 2004. There were 175 adults and 353 boys that were registered at the Powwow. The Friday Night service had been held as scheduled

About 5:00 AM Saturday Morning a sever thunderstorm blew through the camp. There were lightning strikes near camp but God was with us. Some tents and tarps were blown down and there was minor wind damage but no one was hurt. Several commanders reported hearing their boys looking out at Natures display and saying "Cool." It rained hard for an hour or so and then tapered off to a more or less steady drizzle for quite a while.

A lot of the outposts packed up and went home. Those that left early had to carry all of their gear out as the water had not had a chance to run off and the ground was too soft to drive on and the vehicles were getting stuck.. Some of the activities had to be cancelled but alternate activities were devised and the Powwow continued for those that stayed.

Many were able to pick up bargains on old uniforms form the old District Store and Purchase the New Books for the same Price as National without paying any shipping or handling. Also available were old Powwow T-shirts and patches.



**SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS
2005 CALENDAR**

JUNE

19 **Father's Day**
26-7/1 Junior Leaders Training – Camp Sarge Sellers North Texas District

JULY

04 **Independence Day**
15-17 Territorial FCF Rendezvous New Mexico

AUGUST

Outpost 'Ranger of the Year Competition' this month
12-13 District Staff Conference / FCF Congress
19-20 Seventh Annual Honor Bound Men's Retreat Hill Country Camp

SEPTEMBER

Section 'Ranger of the Year' Competition this month
05 **Labor Day**
10 Section 'Ranger Kids Field Day' Each Section

OCTOBER

01-02 Texas Parks & Wildlife Exposition Austin, Tx
02-09 National Royal Rangers Week
08 District 'Ranger of the Year' Competition Houston, Tx
21-23 District FCF Fall Trace (members only)
30 Daylight Savings Time 'Ends'

NOVEMBER

18 Region Council (Exec. Comm. Only)
19 **South Central Region** 'Ranger of the Year Competition'
24 **Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

04 South Texas District Staff 'Christmas Dinner' (by invitation)
25 **Christmas Day**

**SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS
2005 CALENDAR**

JANUARY

- 01 **New Years Day**
01 **Annual Charters Due** Each Outpost
15 District Royal Rangers Council (DRRC) Faith A/G, Houston, TX
(must be chartered & uniformed to vote in elections)
28-29 South Central Regional Conference

FEBRUARY

- 14 **Valentines Day**
15 **Charter discount deadline** - \$1.00 per person postmarked by this date
25-27 District FCF Spring Trace (visitors welcome) Eberly Ranch

LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST TOUR - Contact your Section Presbyter for location

- 17 Houston Section
18 North Houston Section
21 Rio Grande Valley Section
22 Corpus Christi Section
24 San Antonio Section
25 Yoakum Section

MARCH

- 10-12 National Royal Rangers Council (Exec. Comm.) Springfield, Mo
15 **All Charters Deadline to Chartering Coordinator**
27 Easter

LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST TOUR - Contact your Section Presbyter for location

- 14 San Jacinto Section
15 Neches Valley Section
17 Gulf Coast Section
18 Beaumont Section

APRIL

- 03 Daylight Savings Time **'Begins'**
12-14 53rd Annual South Texas District Council Houston, Tx
16 District Powwow work day Cooper Farm, La Grange
22-24 District Powwow Cooper Farm, La Grange

MAY

- 08 **Mother's Day**
30 **Memorial Day**

2005 South Central Region Royal Rangers Conference

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Street or PO Box: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Daytime Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Church You Attend: _____
 District: _____ Outpost #: _____
 May we Email your confirmation? Yes No May we add you to the SCR Email list? Yes No

In order to have sufficient space for all sessions you must pre-select those sessions that you wish to attend.
 To offer more sessions there is no scheduled lunch time, please schedule lunch as needed.
 Mark the box for the sessions that you will BE attending

Friday Class Sessions—January 28, 2005

1:00—5:00	<input type="checkbox"/> RK Leaders Guide and Sample Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> DR/AR Leaders Guides and Sample Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Seminar District Approval Required (LTA)	<input type="checkbox"/> District Leadership Training Conference (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> DR/AR Activities (LTA Module)
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Saturday Class Sessions—January 29, 2005

8:00—9:15	General Session				
9:45—10:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up With Ranger of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Method (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Chaplain (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Influences on Our Kids
11:00—12:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Keeping up With Ranger of the Year		<input type="checkbox"/> How to Obtain Pastoral Involvement		<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Story Telling
12:15—1:15	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Influences on Our Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Management (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Motivating Your Boys with Ranger Bucks	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety and the Church (LTA Module)	<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Rangers Alumni
1:30—2:30	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Use of the Ranger Kids Curriculum		<input type="checkbox"/> Setting Priorities		<input type="checkbox"/> Motivating Your Boys with Ranger Bucks
2:45—3:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Use of the DR/AR Curriculum		<input type="checkbox"/> How to Obtain Pastoral Involvement		<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Missions Opportunities
4:00—5:00	Reception for Marvin and Carol Lemke				

Ladies Activities: Will your wife be attending the Ladies Activities? Yes No

Register before midnight, January 23, 2005 ONLINE with credit card at scr.royalrangers.net for only \$30.00
 Registration fee: \$33.00 IF POSTMARKED No Later Than January 19, 2005
 Registration at the conference will be \$35.00

Check Number: _____ (Make checks payable to SCR Royal Rangers)

MasterCard Visa Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card (please print): _____

I authorize SCR to charge my credit card: Yes Signature: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

SCR Royal Rangers
 2005 Conference
 726 E. Hwy 377
 Granbury, Texas 76048
 Voice—817-279-8100

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

Leadership Training Modules are being taught throughout the district. The New Leaders Training Academy Modules which starts with Ranger Basics is being accepted and put into action in outposts in almost every section. Discipleship 1 And Discipleship 2 are each 2 hour modules as are Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, Outpost Councilman, Safety and the Church, Starting an Outpost, Successful Outposts, Child/ Substance Abuse, Outpost Chaplain, Teaching Techniques, and Working with boys with Disabilities. Four Hour Modules include Ranger Kid Skills, Ranger Kid Activities, Discovery/ Adventure Ranger Activities, and Expedition Ranger Activities. The campout is an all day (or overnight) activity.

specific modules that will help prepare them for working in the area or Rangers that they will be involved in. The different tracks are explained in the Ranger Basics book. For Information on classes in your area, contact your Sectional Commander.



After completing Ranger Basics, a leader then starts working on

FCF ADVENTURE

The FCF Adventure was held in May and only Young Bucks completed the training. It has been a long time since an old timer has taken the plunge and became a FCF member. The Young men did a fine job and we welcomed nine new members.

The new members are:
 Janathan Alvarado
 David Holmes
 Seth Perry
 Sean Pyle
 Brian Schaatt
 Roel Tambolini
 Dustin Stoudt
 Coulton Wingate

Everyone who wants to get into FCF must complete the Trail of the Grizzly in the Ranger Manuals.

All Adult FCF members;
 RE: FCF Annual Dues

Annual adult charter	\$21.00
Annual FCF dues	20.00
Discount	2.00
Total	\$39.00

business conducted at the DRRC.

Rather than waiting to attend one of the FCF activities and pay your dues at that time, please include them with your charter.

The same \$1.00 discount will be offered if the FCF membership dues are sent in with the charter and postmarked before February 15.

In order to vote at the DRRC, charter and dues must be paid. You must be in attendance and in an approved RR uniform.

If your outpost has not sent in the outpost charter you may charter with the 'district' in order to take advantage of the discounts as well as vote on the

Please make all checks payable to "Royal Rangers" and submit them to Richard FitzGerald, Treasurer. A list of paid FCF members will be given to the FCF Scribe for the distribution of membership cards.



FCF Traces 2004

Hello fellow Rangers,

If you're a Royal Ranger and in Adventure Rangers or older (that means Commanders too) I want to see you at the next Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Trace this next Spring. Guests are always welcome at the Spring Trace. A lot of you guys are missing out on some great fun, fellowship, and spiritual blessings.

This last Spring we had our annual Spring Trace at Eberly Ranch just north of Bellville.

Pilgrims, it was fantastic. We had great cool weather and quite a few visitors showed up during the competitions on Saturday. The Houston Section was holding a Ranger Kids Day Camp and brought about 20 of the future FCF'ers to come and see what we were all about. Those little guys had their eyes poppin' out when they saw us in all our outfits. 'Ol "Shoots Straight," Commander Bill Stuckey, fired off his black powder rifle with a blank charge and

those young'uns were just a droolin' for the chance to shoot when they get a little older. The older boys and commanders that visited had the opportunity to try their hand at some of the skills as well. Several of those same young bucks came to the Frontier Adventure and are now full fledged FCF Frontiersmen.

Well, fast forward a few months, and friends, we had our Fall Trace. Boy oh Boy! The weather was nice and cool in the evenings and early mornings. We had our campsites in a beautiful area amongst the oak trees on Commander Clay West's property out of Falfurrias, TX. Guys, I won't tell you no yarn, it was a fer piece down thar! But, it was worth the drive. We had such great fellowship. A lot of times we all go on Ranger campouts and only have time to work on our campsites, merits, and such that we don't get to fellowship one with another. I for one really enjoyed spending quality time with other men and boys that share my interests and beliefs. FCF President Tom "Jonathon Boone" Jamison had some very timely words to share during the

devotion times. We had prayer for healing, and I believe God touched each person that was prayed for. On Friday evening there was a candle light shoot. The competition was fierce. The ol' smokepoles were heating up the night. Wooo Doggies, it was close. However, team 2 won the shoot. The competitions on Saturday were challenging and fun. The competition for best overall in the Old Timer and Young Buck competitions was very close. You'll see new staffs in front of the best "young buck" and "old timer" tents and lodges in the near future recognizing their skills. Saturday evening brought a fun thing to do for fellowship – a dessert trail. Just about every camp brought a homemade dessert to the evening service. There were delicious pies, cobblers, cookies, and even some homemade ice-cream to be shared by all. Mmmmm Mmmmm Good!!!!

Guys, get involved!!!! Rangers has a lot to offer and FCF is just one spoke in the wheel. FCF'ers have fun at the Traces, however, FCF is a fellowship built around the desire to serve others. Many

Greetings and blessing to my friends and Royal Rangers family,

Wow! It's almost the annual holiday season and the end of another year. Not too long ago all the conversation was about Y2K. All that to-do about nothing, and yet life went on as usual. I was reminded the other day that our focus should be on Jesus and that "He's coming soon!" Really...He's coming soon. Even though previous generations truly believed it would happen in their lifetime and it did not, He's coming soon. All we have to do is look around us and see the condition of the world and we know that it won't be long. Yes, we must continue to live out our lives one day at a time, but we should also be aware of God's pending arrival. It's not bad news, not scary news, not something to regret, but something to celebrate. This life is but a whiff of smoke and then we will be with Him. Be ready, get ready, stay ready!

2004 is almost over and we have a lot to be proud of as we look back on the calendar of events. The Royal Rangers ministry is successful because you, and other leaders like you, "showed up" and did your job. It's been said that if everyone who has responsibility will show up and do what they committed to do, the activity will be a success. It's always a success when brethren get together, share the Lord's love, and minister to the needs of others. That kind of success can't be rained out, frozen out, or discouraged due to circumstances because it's really all about caring and sharing with and for one another. And you're good at that. Thanks for being there.

2005 will be a new beginning. Every year we have the opportunity to start over. We can learn from our mistakes, learn the new methods and program, and make new commitments to let the Lord work through us to accomplish His will. Just think of it, we are 'partners' with the Holy Spirit to work together to accomplish God's will through the Royal Rangers ministry.

What a joy, what a privilege. It's real important that we work hard to stay on the same page, follow the leadership God has put in place, set aside personal agendas, and see what God can do through us. This is your invitation to the annual District Royal Rangers Council (DRRC) that will be held on January 15. All chartered and in uniform leaders are official members of the council and will discuss and vote on various issues as well as elections for leadership. Please make every effort to attend and 'have a say' in the ministry throughout the district.

May this letter be an early greeting and encouragement for you to have a joyous holiday season. No matter what our situation might be in the natural, "we are more than conquerors through Him." Rejoice in the Lord.

Servants together,

Johnnie Tarwater, District Commander

volvement

- Motivating Your Boys with Ranger Bucks
- Effective Story Telling
- Royal Rangers Alumni
- Regional Missions Opportunities
- LTA modules, including:
 - Patrol Method
 - Classroom Management
 - Outpost Chaplain Safety and the Church

Hotel Information. The host hotel where all of the activities will be held is The Richardson Hotel, 701 E. Campbell Road (intersection of US 75 and Campbell Road) in Richardson, Texas. This was our host hotel last year, and is one of the nicest hotels we have had for our Regional Conference. We again have an exceptionally low rate for rooms for our conference. Rooms will be \$69 per night for 1-4 people per room. For a reservation, phone 1-866-593-6300 and be sure to mention "SCR Royal Rangers" for the special room rate. This rate will be honored before and after the conference if you want to come early and/or stay after the conference for shopping or sight seeing.

We encourage everyone to stay at The Richardson Hotel during your time in Dallas. Each room booked at the Hotel helps offset the cost of the meeting rooms that we use for the Friday and Saturday sessions. Those in the Royal Rangers block of rooms at the Hotel will receive a gift of appreciation from the region during their stay.

Additional information about the hotel can be obtained from their web site at <http://www.therichardsonhotel.com/>

Registration. The registration form for the conference will be available later this month. At that time it will be posted to the regional web site (scr.royalrangers.net), and will be made available through the Bugle Call and your district newsletters. The registration fee for the conference is \$35. There will be a \$2 discount per person if you pre-register by mail by January 19th. If you pre-register on the regional web site, there will be a \$5 per person discount. Pre-registration fees may be paid by check or money order, or by credit card. If you have at least four paid registrations from the same church, your pastor can register for FREE for the conference.

Boys who have earned their Gold Medal of Achievement and who are willing to help out at the conference as a GMA Staff Aid will have their registration fee waived.

Ladies Activities: If your wife is not involved in the Royal Rangers ministry, we encourage you to bring her along anyway. Everyone is welcome for the Friday evening service, and Saturday morning there will be a time for our wives to get acquainted and to have a devotion presented by Angel Hendrickson. Following this, bus transportation will be available to several sites around the hotel, including the Allen Outlet Mall and the Northpark Mall, or the light rail connection to the Dallas West End.

Additional Information. Additional information about the conference will be in future editions of the Bugle Call, and will also be posted on the regional web site at scr.royalrangers.net Make plans now to attend the

conference, and to bring your pastor and the other commanders from your outpost. You will enjoy the ministry, fellowship, and training that you receive, and you will return to your church charged up for ministry to the boys in your outpost and community.

Conference Schedule.

Friday 10:00 a.m.
Registration opens in hotel foyer

1:00 – 5:00
Afternoon class sessions

7:00 p.m.
Evening service in the hotel ballroom (everyone welcome)

Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Registration opens

8:00 – 9:15
General Session in hotel ballroom

9:45 – 5:00
Class sessions

God Has the Plan!

Royal Rangers is a Ministry. I trust that each one is involved because they feel that God wants them to be where they are and they are not just doing what they are because somebody ask them to do it. The purpose of Rangers is to Reach, Teach and Keep boys for Christ. That is a big job and a tremendous undertaking. I know of very few individuals that have the qualifications to even begin to hold a meeting based on their own qualifications. Each of us come from a different background and different training. We take the Royal Ranger Training and that helps and is an invaluable asset, but: we still need one more most import item. We need the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 4:13, states "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." We must have God's help. We cannot go it alone. As we study and prepare each week and pray and ask God to show us what we need to do to meet the needs of our boys He will do exactly that. Each one of our outpost is unique. Springfield cannot have a plan that will meet the needs of all the boys across the nation every week, but, as we pray and listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit for that lesson, the Lord will meet the needs of the boys that will be in your meeting.

Pray over your Bible studies and devotions. You are the only pastor some of the boys may have. You represent the eternal difference between Heaven and Hell. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and be quick to follow His leading. Prayer is the most important ingredient of any meeting and is the most often forgotten one.

There are thousands of commanders every week who are prayerfully conducting a meeting. As a result, thousands of boys are being reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are being taught the many aspects of the Royal Rangers Ministry.

2004 Louisiana Training Academy

The Louisiana Training academy Graduation Class of 2004 from South Texas is as follows:

A Team
Shawn Klesel

Lightning Bolts
Scott Jamison
Jordan Williams

Frontier Brigade
Bobby Barclay
Trevor Deaton
Raymond Knox
Christian Reid

RLTC/ATC
Tanner Williams

Elite Corps
Bryan Christmas
Willie Eccles
Ethan Sims

Corps Honor Graduate
Mark Bressler
John Bressler

LTA
Mark Bressler
John Bressler
Nathan Timm

Staff
LTA
Ralph Williams

First Aid/CPR
Jimmy Sosa

Crafts
Molly Sosa

First Aid/ CPR Secretary
Shug Williams

Ranger of the Year 2004-2005

The National Royal Ranger Website
<http://royalrangers.ag.org>

contains valuable information you need now for the Ranger of the Year for 2004—2005. Click on the ROTY 2004-2005 icon and it will take you to the appropriate web page.

You need to down load the boys application for each age group so that they can start filling it in as they complete the c=various items. You will also need to print out the ROTY packet which contains the Application Instructions, Study Guides for each age group, and general information on the Ranger of the Year program.

You must get this information on order to know which merits that he boys are going to be tested on next year for the different age groups. You need to visit the National Site often, they have a lot of nice information and helpful ideas or links available from time to time. The current Information on National events such as Training Camps or Camporamas is published on this site.

