

ENCOUNTER22



NOVEMBER 11-13, 2022
CAMP WILLIAMS



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South Texas,

Encounter22 is all about bringing outposts closer together in a fun, beautiful, and relaxed environment! You get to choose your own adventure, schedule, outpost activities and emphasis. We will all gather corporately for powerful spiritual services and morning devotions and the balance of the time is flexible to allow outposts to build relationships, cook meals, work on merits and outdoor skills, or just relax. Grab your best recipes, cooking gear, needed equipment for outpost activities (and maybe even a hoodie), and come expecting a great “Encounter!”

The Texas Independence FCF Chapter will again host their annual **Fall Trace** and give boys the opportunity to experience the color, excitement, and frontier skills. Both FCF members and non-members are eligible to register for the Trace (optional) and participate in the activities, demonstrations, and fellowship.

Matheu Scott, Royal Rangers Gold Medalist and a current youth director in Northeast Houston, will join us as our special services speaker, and on Saturday evening, we will take a camp-wide offering for the Eagle Rock Chapel Pathfinder project; our 2022-23 district missions focus. Let’s band together as a district and raise the \$26,000 in funds needed to construct a permanent chapel building at Camp Eagle Rock that will be used for decades to come!

Adult campers 18 years of age and older must be listed on the “Annual Adult Approval” form submitted by their church and an unexpired photo ID to attend Encounter. *Please note that a camper is not fully registered until payment has been received either online or by check.* Registration prices are as follows:

- **Early Bird Registration** - End of day, Friday, September 23rd - \$31/39 (chartered/unchartered)
- **Pre-Registration** - End of day, Friday, October 28th - \$40/\$48 (chartered/unchartered)
- **Late Registration** - After October 28th - \$49/\$57
- **FCF Trace Registration** - \$5 in addition to Encounter registration (open to FCF members and non-members)
- **FCF Member 2022-23 Dues** – \$20 for current FCF members (Young Bucks & Old Timers)

Register early, spread the word and we’ll see you at **Encounter22**!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Bone'.

Rev. Jason Bone

District Director

ENCOUNTER22 SCHEDULE

Friday, November 11

10:00 AM - Gates and Registration Open
10:00 AM-7:00 PM – FCF Trace Registration Open at FCF Village
11:00 AM-12:30 PM – Lunch (provided by outposts)
12:30-5:00 PM - Outpost Activity Time
3:00 PM – STXRR Store and Snack Bar Open
5:00-6:30 PM – Dinner (provided by outposts)
6:30 PM – STXRR Store and Snack Bar Close
7:00 PM – Friday Evening Service
11:00PM – Lights Out

Saturday, November 12

7:00-8:30 AM – Breakfast (provided by outposts)
8:45 AM – Morning Devotion
9:30-12:00 PM – Outpost Activity Time
9:30 AM-12:00 PM – FCF Trace Events/Competition
9:30 AM - STXRR Store and Snack Bar Open
9:30 AM- 3:00 PM – FCF Shooting Range opens
12:00 PM-1:00 PM – Lunch (provided by outposts)
1:00 PM-5:00 PM – FCF Trace Events/Trades/Merits
1:00-5:00 PM - Outpost Activity Time
5:00-6:30 PM – Dinner (provided by outposts)
5:00 PM - STXRR Store and Snack Bar Close
6:30 PM – FCF Trade Blanket/Auction at FCF Village
7:30 PM - Saturday Evening Service & Eagle Rock Chapel Pathfinder project offering
9:15 PM – FCF Dessert Fellowship
11:00 PM – Lights Out

Sunday, November 13

7:00 -8:30 AM – Breakfast (provided by outposts)
8:30 AM - Morning Assembly
9:30 AM – STXRR Store and Snack Bar Open at Conclusion of Morning Assembly
9:30 AM - Camp Teardown & Check Out Begins
12:00 PM – All Campsites Cleared

POLICY AND EVENT NOTES TO LEADERS

CHARTERING: Encounter is open to chartered and unchartered outposts and groups. Outposts and individuals attending Encounter who plan to charter need to do so prior to submitting their pre-registration to be eligible for applicable discounts. Charter status will be determined on the date of submission/ postmark. **NOTE:** *Chartered outposts will receive chartered discount pricing for boys and leaders up to the number of each chartered for the current charter year. Additional attendees will be charged the non-chartered price.*

PARTICIPATION AND VISITORS: Encounter has been designed for Discovery, Adventure, Expedition Rangers, and male leaders. Pastors, outpost committee members, dads, deacons, and other leaders are welcome to attend, but must be listed on the “Annual Adult Approval” form for their church. All adults 18 years of age and older that attend must be listed and approved via signature from a pastor on behalf of the leader’s church. *Visitors are required to comply with all camp rules.*

CONDUCT: There will be absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug use or possession tolerated at any time. The pond is off limits except when specifically permitted and supervised by an **Encounter staff member** during specified games and activities. Please make all campers aware of these guidelines. Leaders are expected to continuously monitor the behavior and location of their group. There will be State Certified Peace Officers available for any security situations that may arise. **No concealed or open carry is permitted at Encounter.** We reserve the right to ask any visitor, participant, or staff member to exit the premises for any conduct we deem unacceptable. No refunds will be issued.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: Please do not plan to arrive at Encounter prior to 10:00 am on Friday. All outposts should plan to leave the area no later than 12:00

pm on Sunday. **All campsites are to be inspected and approved by a camp staff member before your outpost leaves the property.** We are the Lord’s stewards of Camp Williams, and we aim to treat it as such.

LEAVING DURING CAMP: Boys will not be allowed to leave the Encounter site until the conclusion of camp. In case of an emergency, please notify an Encounter staff member. Adults leaving during camp must notify security at the registration area.

PROVISIONS: Each outpost should provide its own food, water, shelter, and other necessary items or coordinate with another outpost/group to assist.

CAMPFIRES: Ground fires are allowed at outpost campsites during Encounter. This is subject to the county issuing a burn ban. If Lavaca County issues a burn ban, ground fires will be prohibited.

EXCAVATION, TREE CUTTING & CLEAN UP: **Do not cut or damage any live/standing trees, bushes, or other vegetation.** Please clean up your campsite before leaving and plan to carry out all waste at the conclusion of Encounter.

WATER: Water access is available for campers in numerous locations. Encourage your boys to bring canteens, bottles, or other portable water containers for use during the activities.

RESTROOMS: Portable restrooms will be set up strategically throughout the camp in high-traffic areas. Please ensure that all facilities are kept clean and proper behavior is always exhibited near the restrooms.

DRESS: Boys and leaders are encouraged to wear their outpost’s uniform at morning assemblies. During meals and activities, T-Shirts (Ranger shirts preferable) and jeans or long pants are preferred. Since weather in South Texas is ever changing, prepare boys for a mix warm, wet, and cool weather.

ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE: Attendance at evening council fire services and morning devotions is mandatory. All adults should attend camp-wide services with their boys. During all services and camp devotion times, there is no need to keep a leader at the campsite as security will be on patrol. The main purpose of Encounter is the spiritual emphasis that takes place during the evening services and throughout the event between the boys and leaders. Making sure you and your boys are at the evening service will ensure the Holy Spirit can move in each life. What a privilege!

FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS: We do not permit individuals to bring firearms including but not limited to concealed handguns, ammunition, or fireworks to Encounter for any reason. There are two exceptions to this rule: 1) The designated State Certified Police Officer who is head of Encounter security. 2) FCF Members displaying firearms at the FCF Village and/or firearms to be used by FCF members with a current black powder shooter's card as part of an approved FCF Trace activity.

TOOLS & ELECTRONICS: Only hand tools should be used to prepare your campsite. Mowers and all other power tools are prohibited for safety reasons. **Electronic devices will be allowed.** We would ask that leaders encourage their boys to use their phones and other devices to share their experience via social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as appropriate. We ask that leaders assist in ensuring devices are not used for entertainment purposes such as gaming/movie watching or during inappropriate times such as altar services, devotions or after "lights out"/inside of tents, etc. Leaders must be aware that devices can be used to access inappropriate content and limit access as needed.

VEHICLES: Vehicles and all trailers are not to be left in the camping area for any reason. **After arriving, you have a maximum of two (2) hours to remove all vehicles and trailers and park them only in the designated parking area. Security will enforce the time limits and parking locations.** No vehicles are to be driven during the

camp (for safety reasons). Exceptions include designated emergency and staff vehicles. Any other exceptions **must be approved** by the district director and designated vehicles must display a staff placard on the dash.

OUTPOST ACTIVITIES & CAMPSITES: Outposts are encouraged to camp by age group (Discovery, Adventure and Expedition Rangers) within the outpost campsite and promote the patrol system as much as possible. All outpost activities must be held in accordance with established Camp Williams policies. If you have questions about whether an outpost activity is suitable for Encounter, please email Ryan Gabbard at ryan@stxroyalrangers.com. Our goal is to provide groups an opportunity to leverage Camp Williams for fellowship, spiritual growth and advancement while maintaining a safe and clean camp that everyone can enjoy.

OUTPOST CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENT: During Encounter, seasoned campers will be available upon request to look at outpost campsites and offer suggestions and information for future improvement.

FCF TRACE COMPETITION: This year, we will hold our annual fall competitions. Non-FCF members are invited to compete if they and register for the Trace. Competitions include (but not limited to): knife and hawk throwing, black powder rifle, outfit judging, flint and steel, horn blowing, frontier archery, trade evaluation, and storytelling/stump preaching. Points will be awarded for each event that can then be used for the evening auction. **All Old-timers and Wilderness members are expected to bring either a trade item or auction item for the event.**

FCF PARTICIPATION: All boys, leaders, and parents are welcome to participate in FCF events and activities if they have paid the FCF participation fee during registration. Registered FCF Trace participants will be given a specially colored wristband upon check in. FCF members are encouraged to pay their 2021-22 Chapter dues when registering for Fall Trace.

AUCTION/TRADE BLANKET: We will again host a Trade Blanket this year on Saturday evening for those interested. Bring some of your plunder or workmanship to trade and enjoy the unique fellowship during the trade blanket time! Saturday evening, we will hold an auction for those who participate in the competition.

BLACK POWDER SHOOTING: To accommodate those who wish to participate in black powder, a sign-up sheet will be available at registration. Black powder shooting will be supervised by an official NRA/NMLRA Range officer. Old Timers and Young Bucks shooting black powder rifle must have an approved "Black Powder Shooter's Card" or NRA/NMLRA certification. Handguns/black powder pistols are not allowed at any Royal Rangers or FCF event.