MARCH 3-5, 2023
CAMP WILLIAMS, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

FCF Brothers and Prospective FCF Members,

I invite you to participate in the Texas Independence Chapter Frontier Adventure and Trace. This year's Trace & Adventure is set to be a life changing event!

Along with our evening services, the focus of this year's Trace is one of the logs in the FCF fire, "Leadership." Come ready to hear the word from our very own District Missions Coordinator, Phillip Steinberg. You don't want to miss the message God has given him!

This year is a special year as we come together to celebrate the passing of the leadership mantel from "One Mok" to "Deep Well". We will also welcome in a new set of leaders in our midst with our Frontier adventure. We will celebrate the men and young men who have answered the call to be leaders for Christ in their families, communities, and royal rangers.

If you are a current member, find someone to invite to join our fellowship. If you are a prospective member, I invite you to join us and learn about the opportunities to give and to serve the Lord through FCF. It is our prayer that you and your boys will remember the 2023 Trace and Adventure as a wonderful experience. Let's continue to mentor the next generation of Christ-like men and lifelong servant leaders together.

Kevin "Deep Well" Hlavinka

Texas Independence Chapter President

REGISTRATION

All registrations will be completed through the STXRR Outpost Portal at portal.stxroyalrangers.com. We encourage you to complete both the registration information AND the payment online via PayPal to ensure faster check-in at camp. Registration prices are outlined below (NOTE: each choice includes registration for the Trace as part of the event price). Adult Frontiersman and Buckskin candidates must be currently chartered and boys must be from a currently chartered outpost.

REGISTRATION FEES:

□ **Early Bird:** FCF Members $34/$41 (Chartered/Unchartered; registered & paid by February 3rd)
□ **Pre-Registration:** FCF Members $39/46 (Chartered/Unchartered; if registered from February 4-February 17)
□ **Late Registration:** FCF Members $44/51 (Chartered/Unchartered; registered after February 17th)
□ **Frontier Adventure Candidate** (Chartered Outpost; includes all meals): +$27
□ **Buckskin Challenge Candidate** (Chartered Outpost): +$17
□ **2022-23 FCF Chapter Dues** (if not already paid): +$20

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ADULT REGISTRANTS: Each camper 18 years of age and older must have a 2023 STXRR Certified Worker form on file to be considered "registered". Please submit these forms in advance of arriving at camp to info@stxroyalrangers.com, preferably before Friday, February 17th.

FCF ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Frontiersman Candidates: Download the Frontiersman application from the FCF Trace page and **email (info@stxroyalrangers.com) completed forms by Friday, February 17th**. Register online as a "Frontier Adventure Candidate". Five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast) will be covered as part of your registration.

Buckskin Challenge Candidates: Download the Buckskin application from the FCF Trace web page and **email (info@stxroyalrangers.com) completed forms by Friday, February 17th**. All Buckskin candidates **must complete the Buckskin workbook prior to arriving at Trace**. Buckskin candidates should download their workbook from the Trace page on STXRoyalRangers.com. Please have your sponsor review the Buckskin qualifications from the latest FCF Handbook or www.nationalfcf.com and be ready.

CAMP LOCATION

The FCF Trace will be held at Camp Williams located at 1345 CR 444, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Upon arriving, you will see a large Camp Williams sign. Everyone must check in with the Chapter Scribe, Greg "Blue Ghost" Breed, upon arriving at the Trace.

FCF MEMBER COMPETITIONS & ACTIVITIES

COMPETITION:
Competition is always an exciting part of every Trace, and this year is no different. See the Competition and scorecard attachment for details. Prepare now to test your skills in the following areas:

- Black Powder Rifle
- Knife/Hawk Throwing
- Flint and Steel Fire Starting
- Outfit Judging
- Frontier Archery
- Horn Blowing
- Stump Storytelling/Preaching/Song
- Craft/Trade Item Judging
- Cooking
- Volunteering

VOLUNTEERING
Volunteers are needed to assist with the Frontier Adventure. We need camps to “host” the candidates for a meal and to teach frontier skills during the Adventure. All camps that participate will receive competition points for volunteering. Earn points for each hour you volunteer! If interested in helping, please contact our scribe Greg Breed at steven.breed59@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving as part of the music for services, please contact Jimmy “Lightfoot” Allen at jimmya@swbell.net.

AUCTION:
Points for the auction will be earned and given based on competition results. See Competition and Scorecard attachment for details on competition and points.

All Old-timers and Young bucks participating in the competition are encouraged to bring an item for the auction Earn more competition points by bringing multiple (up to 5) trade items for auction. (Trade items are encouraged).

We will also have a special mission’s offering and auction for our 2023 project to help build a chapel at Camp Eagle Rock (Camp Williams North).

2023 FCF TRACE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Friday, March 3, 2023

12:00 PM	Gates open; Trace setup begins
3:00 PM	Registration opens
5:00-7:00PM	Dinner – Cooking Competition accepted
6:00 PM	Frontier Adventure Begins
7:30 PM	Council Fire Service
Midnight	Lights Out

Saturday, March 4, 2023

7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast– Cooking Competition accepted
9:00 AM	Morning Devotion
9:30 AM	Competitions begins
10:00AM-12:00PM	Shooting Range open
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch / All Competitions Closed except Cooking
1:00 PM	Competitions Resume
1:00 PM	Buckskin Challenge Begins
3:00 PM	Competitions End
4:00 PM	Frontier Adventure Graduation/Buckskin Ceremony
4:30-5:00 PM	Auction
5:00-7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Council Fire Service & Eagle Rock Missions Offering
Midnight	Lights Out

Sunday, March 5, 2023

9:00 AM	Morning Devotion (Done corporately at services site)
12:00 PM	All camps to be cleared

GENERAL NOTES

All members are encouraged to be in FCF attire soon after arrival and for the duration of the Trace.

NO handguns are ever allowed at Royal Rangers or FCF events.

NO loaded firearms are allowed in camp (this includes percussion caps).

Generators are **NOT** permitted at Camp Williams. Power is available near the snack shack for those who need to camp in proximity to electric access for CPAP machines and other medical devices. Please bring any necessary extension cords.

There will be an area designated for modern shelters away from the period shelters. For authenticity and photographic purposes, we ask that no modern shelters or equipment be used or displayed in the primitive camping area. Lighting is to be period as well. Coleman style or electric lights need to remain in shelters or hidden when not in use.

ALL modern items such as coolers, plastic bottles, etc. should be covered for photo purposes.

No dogs or pets allowed in the camp at any time.

Adult leaders are responsible for the safety and well-being of their boys.

All vehicles will be allowed into camp during camp set up and need to be moved to the designated parking area when camps are set up. After camp, please bring your vehicle back to camp once you are reading to begin loading. This allows us to have a safer and more beautiful camping area.

Black powder shooting will be supervised by an official NRA/NMLRA Range officer. **All persons shooting black powder firearm must have an approved "Black Powder Shooter's Card" or NRA/NMLRA certification.**

Unburnable garbage and trash must be hauled away by each campsite at the end of the event.

All participants 18 years of age and older must have the Certified Work Form completed to be allowed overnight at the camp.

FIRE POLICY

No digging is permitted for fire pits at Camp Williams. Be prepared to use metal fire pits/bowls for small/practical fires and/or propane/gas grills if necessary. Fires are the responsibility of the camper and must be always kept under control. Do not leave a fire unattended at any times, no matter the size.

STXRR PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY*NEW*

South Texas Royal Rangers (STXRR) recognizes the now common practice of parents providing minors with cell phones and other personal electronic devices. STXRR also recognizes every parent has a different standard and method for controlling digital content. In an effort to both provide for benefits of camper device usage, as well as to honor and respect parental limits, the following rules shall be observed:

Adults attending camp as chaperones for minors will be solely responsible for ensuring no minor under the age of 18 from his church, outpost, or camping group has unsupervised possession of a cellular device when in the presence of other minors. This especially includes when minor campers are inside of tents or other enclosed or secluded areas such as the bathroom, in the woods, etc. STXRR will allow each church, outpost, or camping group to establish its own system for enforcing this rule. Some suggestions include taking devices up after evening service and returning them in the morning or providing limited device times throughout the camp. Attendance at STXRR events denotes your acceptance to develop and execute a system to ensure the digital safety of minors from your church, outpost, or camping group.

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<tr><th>FCF Competition Score Categories</th><th>Score</th><th>Sign</th></tr>
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1-10 seconds (50 pts), 11-20 seconds (40 pts), 21-30 seconds (30 pts), 31-59 seconds (20 pts), 1-2 minutes (10 pts), 2+ minutes (5 pts). +15 pts using personal flint/steel & char cloth</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Black Powder (highest score of shooting OR archery will be counted)
Per Range Scorecard. +5 pts for using personal black powder rifle</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Primitive Bow (highest score of shooting OR archery will be counted)
10 shots: (5 pts each hit), +5 pts using primitive bow and arrows</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Hawk Throwing
10 throws (5 pts each stick), +5 pts for using personal hawk</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Knife Throwing
10 throws (5 pts each stick), +5 pts for using personal knife</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Frontier Outfit
Score each item on scale of 2-10 with 10 being the best. Each item should be evaluated on hand made by competitor, workmanship, genre appropriate and period authentic. Higher scores given for items hand-made
Poor (2pts), Marginal (4pts), Good (6pts), Better (8pts), Best (10pts)
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10-25 points given for Trade Item presented for the Auction Saturday Evening. Points based on workmanship: Average (10pts), Good quality (15 – 20 pts), Superior quality (25pts) Can present 5 Trade items to earn up to 125 points.</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Camp Tale/ Stump Preaching/ Devotional
0-25 points given for 3 minute or less story, sermon, or devotion. Points determined based on period correctness (5pts), quality (10pts), timing (5pts), and originality (5pts).</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Volunteering
25 points given per hour for volunteering during the competition. Earn up to 125 points.</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Horn Blowing
Points based on duration and clarity of sound. 0-5 seconds (5 pt); 6-10 seconds (10 pts), 11-20 seconds (20 pts), 21-35 seconds (30 pts), 36-60 seconds (40 pts), >60 seconds (50 pts). +5 pts using your own horn.</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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0-25 points given for prepared, onsite cooked food utilizing a period correct cooking utensils and method. Points based on authenticity and taste.</td><td></td><td></td></tr>
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