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My Say

Due to space constraints in the March issue of the West Texas Ranger, we were unable to print all the results from the Pecos Section, North Plains Section or West Texas District Pinewood Derbies. Anyone desiring any or all of those results may contact either myself or Commander Clois Burgess by email. Commander Burgess has the North Plains and West Texas District results and I have those as well as Pecos Section.

- Chris Goins

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Commanders Conference Helps Leaders Receive Training

Seventeen men from across the West Texas District attended the annual West Texas District Commanders Conference in Lubbock on March 23-24, 2007.

The conference, which was held at Grace Assembly of God, focused on updates from the recent National Council meeting and on courses in the Leaders Training Academy that leaders could use towards earning their Leaders Medal of Achievement or to supplement training they had previously received.

The men who attended the conference represented nearly every part of the District with commanders from Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa, Midland and El Paso present.

Courses offered at this year's conference included Ranger Basics, Discipleship I & II, Safety and the Church, Patrol Method, Successful Outposts and Discovery Ranger/Adventure Ranger

Activities.

Many of the trainees in attendance stated that they were pleased with the course offerings and were looking forward to taking additional training modules as they were offered by the District. Some had also expressed a desire to possibly attend further training at a National Training Camp.

Almost all Certified Instructors and Instructor Trainers were present for the conference and each was given responsibility for all or part of a class session.

Men who attended the conference made great strides towards earning their Leaders Medal of Achievement. Those leaders who have completed the requirements for the LMA are encouraged to contact the District Training Coordinator and then begin wearing the LMA and the ribbon.



Training offered at the District Commanders Conference on March 24 helped commanders towards earning their Leaders Medal of Achievement

Requirements for the Leaders Medal of Achievement can be found at either the District website (www.wtxdrr.org) or the National website at www.royalrangers.ag.org.

A MAN NEVER STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A BOY

District Training Coordinator Named

Commander John Johnson of El Paso has recently agreed to step into the position of Training Coordinator for the West Texas District.

The position of Training Coordinator had been vacant since August 2006 when Commander Troy Young had been promoted to the position of District Commander.

Johnson currently serves as Section Commander for the El Paso Section. He is a graduate of National Training Camp.

As Training Coordinator, Johnson will serve on the District Staff as well as the District Executive Council and the National Council.

Johnson brings to his position a desire to increase the training levels of all commanders of the West Texas District and has expressed that he would like to meet with all Certified Instructors and all commanders in the District to assess the training needs of the West Texas District.



The FCF Spring Trace will be held April 13-15 at Crossview Camp

The Palo Duro Chapter (West Texas District) Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship will hold its annual Spring Trace on the weekend of April 13-15 at Crossview Christian Camp

FCF Trace to be Held April 13-15

near Crosbyton, TX.

The theme for this year's Trace is "What's the Plan?" based off the Scripture reference from Romans 8:28.

Activities for the event will include Black Powder shooting, Knife and Hawk throwing, and Flint and Steel fire building. According to Chapter President Bryan Copeland, a work service project may also be done in lieu of some activities in keeping with the FCF motto of "To give and to serve."

The annual Chapter business meeting will be held on Saturday morning. The main point of discussion will be the adoption of a new Constitution and By-laws for the Palo Duro Chapter.

Young Bucks (FCF members under 18) are especially encouraged to attend as competition will be held this year for Scout and Assistant Scout. Those boys who make Scout or Assistant Scout will be able to compete at the Territorial Rendezvous for National

"The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise."

- Carl Knudsen



National, Regional, District Updates

Below are highlights and updates from the National Council held March 15-18 and the District Commanders Conference held March 23-24, 2007.

- Robert Trammell, Terry Hammet, Chris Goins named as new Certified Instructors for West Texas.
- Bryan Copeland and Chris Goins named Instructor

Trainers for West Texas.

- Perry Siddle named new National Training Coordinator.
- Regional Coordinator Jonathan Trower named North Texas District Commander
- West Texas to host National Training Camp in 2008.
- West Texas to host Na-

tional Training Trails in 2008.

- West Texas to host Advanced National Training Camp in 2009.
- West Texas to host World Class Outpost Seminar in 2009.
- West Texas working on Junior Training for Boys.



Wanted: Royal Ranger Commanders. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of this man, contact the nearest Outpost.



The Plainsmen Territory Rendezvous will be July 18-22 in Pecos, NM

The Plainsmen Territory (South Central Region)

Plainsmen Territory Rendezvous to be Held July 18-22

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship will hold its biennial Rendezvous at Davis Willow Campground in Pecos, NM from July 18-22 and is open to all current FCF members.

This year's Rendezvous theme will be "Stoke the Fires." The Rendezvous will open on Wednesday night with a dinner and a council fire service. Other events throughout the weekend will include:

- Scout Competition for National and Territorial Scouts.
- Trail Events such as Black powder shooting, Knife and Hawk throwing, Fire Starting, etc.
- Frontier Classes such as Blacksmithing, Hatsmithing, Leatherwork, Trekking
- Cooking Competition



Great Texas Pow-wow Coming Soon

The West Texas District will be part of a history-making never-before-seen event as it participates in the Great Texas Powwow on May 31– June 3, 2007 in Maypearl, TX.

The Powwow, which will be for Discover Rangers and up, will be at the North Texas District Lakeview Camp, just outside of Waxahachie.

For the first time, all three Texas Districts will combine for one giant powwow that is being described by some

as a “mini Camporama”. Over 2000 boys and men are expected to attend.

Cost for the event is \$55 and includes all meals, insurance, activities and patches. Here is a sample of what campers can expect

- Shooting Sports
- Water Sports
- Field Games
- Special interest displays
- The largest FCF village

ever assembles

- Concession stands
- Pinewood Derby
- Evangelists Steve Hill and Randy Ruiz
- Patrol Standard Judging
- FCF Battle Reenactments

All chartered outposts should have received a powwow packet. If not, information can be downloaded at www.greattexaspowwow.com



The Great Texas Pow-wow will be held May 31-June 3 at the Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, TX.

“It was inevitable that Jesus Christ should be crucified; it was also inevitable that he should rise again.”
-H.R.L. Sheppard



Upcoming Events

• **April 9, 2007**

Pecos Section Staff meeting, Harvest Time Church, Midland, TX

• **April 13-15, 2006**

FCF Trace, Crossview Christian Camp, Crosbyton, TX

• **April 21, 2007**

Pecos Section Ranger Kids Field Day, Comanche Trail Park, Odessa, TX

• **May 2007**

FCF Frontier Adventure for new members. Date and location TBA

• **May 18-19, 2007**

North Plains Section Pow-wow, Location TBA

• **May 31-June 3, 2007**

Great Texas Pow-wow, Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, TX

• **June 24-29, 2007**

“Sarge” Training Academy for Boys, Lakeview Camp, Maypearl, TX

• **July 18-22, 2007**

Plainsmen Territory FCF Rendezvous, Davis Willow Campground, Pecos, NM

• **August 3-5, 2007**

Pecos Section Pow-wow, Location TBA

DC’s Corner

We want to send MANY thanks to Pastor (District Men’s Ministries Director) Mark Stripling and Grace Assembly of God for use of their Fellowship Hall and Classrooms at the District Commander’s Conference.

With those wonderful facilities and the hard work of the District’s Instructor Trainers and Certified Instructors, we were able to provide 6 Required Modules and one elective module for the attending command-

ers. This propelled them well toward the completion of the Leader’s Medal of achievement (LMA).

The plan is to provide this same level of classes at the March Commander’s Conference and the District Royal Ranger Council in November. Our Commanders should be able to complete all of the requirements for the LMA within one year.

The upcoming FCF Trace on

April 13-15, is worthy of your support. We need more Commanders in the FCF so they can bring more “Young Bucks” into the Advanced Fellowship of the Royal Ranger Ministry. The objective of the FCF is, in addition to the great fellowship and training, to bring up young leaders to be Commanders in our outposts.

It has been said, that, the best method for getting outstanding Commanders for the Royal Ranger Ministry, is to grow



District Commander Troy Young

them yourself. And, the FCF is the training ground for Life and New Commanders.

JOIN FCF!!!

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www.wtxdrr.org

National Royal Rangers:

www.royalrangers.ag.org

South Central Region:

scr.royalrangers.net

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