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Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path.
Proverbs 23:18

Ad Dare Seivre



FIVE STAR CHAPTER

JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH CHAPTER - FALL 2005

FRONTIER TIMES

The Trapping Season Awaits

As a chill creeps into the evening air and the leaves start to change colors, the grizzly mountainman would prepare to head into the wilderness for the winter. With their packs full of coffee and sugar, the mountainman would prepare to trap the plentiful beaver along the beautiful rivers flowing through the Rockies.

The young Frontiersmen of the Jedediah Strong Smith Trapping Company have the opportunity to prove their mettle as experienced Buckskinners. Buckskin Days will be an event in which our Frontiersmen will show whether or not they have the skills and abilities to be a Buckskin member of the Fellowship. Come and enjoy the competition, fellowship, and friendship.

I urge all of you Old Timers to check up on some of those Young Bucks who have been absent from our events this past year. You spent the time to sponsor them into the fellowship so now spend the time fostering that relationship through Christian fellowship and friendship. In turn, drop a line to some of those Old Timers that have been missing lately.

Oak

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not in thy own understanding. Prov 3:5



Recent Highlights

Territorial Competition Winners

- Julian 'Light Arrow' Leyba - Cooking
- Tracy 'Little Mountain' Stambaugh - Hawk
- Josh 'Sparrow' Olson - Knife
- Eli 'Frijole' Arvizo - Flint & Steel
- Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro - Top Overall YB
- Ted 'Oak' Schmidt - Top Overall OT

Territorial Scout

Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro

2005-5007 Chapter Scout

Scout - Keith 'Silver Arrow' Garrison
Asst. Scout - Jeff 'Southpaw' King

New Lifetime Members

Mark 'Sugar Bear' Bryant
Josh 'Dancing Bear' Bryant

Recent GMAs

Josh 'Sparrow' Olson
Eli 'Frijole' Arvizo

Upcoming Dates

- WCS FCF Project Night - Sep 30
- Royal Ranger Week - Oct 2-8
- Buckskin Days - Oct 14,15
- ECS FCF Project Night - Nov 17

Quick Hits

Buckskinners - Turn in your applications for Wilderness soon.
Pay your dues - \$15 for annual dues or \$150 for a lifetime membership - Sap.
Sectional reps are needed in Northwest and Northwest sections - contact Oak.
Bragging Rights Final - Gadget vs. Oak

WCS FCF Project Night Moccasins

We will be gathering at Valley Gospel on Friday, September 30, at 6:00 pm to make moccasins. If you have the materials and pattern, come and we'll help you assemble a pair of moccasins. If not, bring \$15 to pay for the materials to make your set. There will be a variety of styles to choose - from plains Indian to pueblo Indian to centerseam and sideseam - many patterns will be available.



Trapper's Brigade for 2005

The purpose for Trappers Brigade is to promote Christian Service among the FCF members by encouraging their involvement and participation in service to their church and fellow man.

To participate in the Trappers Brigade program an FCF member must be in good standing with his FCF Chapter. His current and previous years dues must be paid. He must have participated in one-half of the District FCF activities in the current and previous year. He must be actively involved in his local church and Royal Ranger Outpost.

Service points are accumulated when an FCF member volunteers his time, (with no consideration for wages) in church or community projects, special needs or organizations, or humanitarian acts. Within the community where the member resides, he will receive one-half point per hour of service. For volunteer work done outside of his local setting, he will accumulate one point per hour of service, not counting travel time.

The emphasis of the Trappers Brigade program is to not only encourage the involvement of FCF members in the ministry of their local churches, but also to bring a Christian influence and testimony into community projects, needs, organizations, etc.

Please send in your Trapper's Brigade applications for 2005 by December 31, 2005. You can also submit your points through the online form on the Jed Smith website -

www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/Trappers_Form.htm

Missions Auction

The Jed Smith chapter of FCF has annual mission commitment of \$1000 to be paid to Robert Jimenez of the Whiteriver Apache Reservation. We have been able to meet our annual commitment in the past due to generous contributions and successful missions auctions. We will have two more opportunities this year to participate in a Mission Auction - at Buckskin Days (10/14-15) and at the District Staff Meeting (11/12).

FCF members advancing to Buckskin or Wilderness will donate auction items representative of their declared trades. Look forward to bidding on quality frontiersmen items - such as knives, muzzleloaders, powder horns, beadwork, artwork, patches, etc.



Jed Smith Website

www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/fcf_index.htm

Buckskin Days

October 14-15, 1005 - the Range

Come and enjoy the fellowship of the Jed Smith chapter in the final gathering of 2005. Buckskin Days will provide a number of opportunities for members to work on frontier skills, fellowship with new members, advance to Buckskin and Wilderness, or sit back cook up some fine vittles. Buckskin Days will encompass three events...

Buckskin Adventure

All Frontiersmen that have met the requirements for advancement will have the opportunity to complete the Buckskin Adventure. The Buckskin Adventure will be an event trail with a series of skills testing. The advancing Frontiersmen will be tested in the following areas - Flint & Steel, Black Powder or Primitive Bow, Tomahawk, Knife, Outfit, FCF Memorization, Trade Skills, ID Staff, Buckskin Workbook, and Primitive Meal and Cooking. The Buckskin Adventure will start on Friday afternoon and will finish up Saturday afternoon with the Buckskin ceremony Saturday Evening. Please contact Oak if you plan on participating in the Buckskin adventure because you will need special instructions prior to the event.

Wilderness Vigil

All Buckskinners that have met the requirements for advancement to Wilderness will have the opportunity to complete the Wilderness Vigil. If you plan on advancing to Wilderness please contact Skinner or Oak as soon as possible to receive special event instructions.

Fall Trace

Open to all Smithers, the Fall Trace will be an opportunity for fellowship, competition, and renewing old friendships. Enjoy a game of handles or a turkey shoot

Buckskin Days Schedule

Friday, October 14, 2005

12:00 pm – Welcome, Registration, Camp Setup

1:00 pm – Buckskin Adventure / Wilderness Vigil Starts

Saturday, October 15, 2005

9:00 am – Buckskin Adventure / Wilderness Vigil Continues

12:00 – Lunch

6:00 pm – Potluck*

8:00 pm – Love Blanket, Missions Auction

9:00 pm – Buckskin / Wilderness Ceremony

10:00 pm – The Cobbler Trail (Dessert Time)

Sunday, October 16, 2005

9:00 am – Close

Cost - Fall Trace (\$15), Buckskin Adventure Participants (\$20), Wilderness Vigil Participants (\$35).

Very Important: If you plan to participate in the Buckskin Adventure or Wilderness Vigil, please contact Oak for instructions. Trschmidt@comcast.net

Check the website for more details.