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As we have therefore opportunity,  
let us do good to all men,  
especially to those of faith.  
Galatians 6:10

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# FRONTIER TIMES

## Buckskin Days

Summer is coming to an end and the crisp cool air of fall is upon us. My favorite time of the year is just around the corner - as you all know, I'm at my best when the temperature drops. Buckskin Days will be an event to remember with that special brand of fellowship that can only be found in the Jed Smith chapter. It would be good to brush up on some of those frontier skills and acquire all the necessary provisions for a grand event. Families will be joining us as we come together to share the warmth of the FCF fire at Buckskin Days.

Thank you to all chapter members that helped to make Pow-wow such a special event. Thanks to Lobo Grande and Moonbeam for the FCF Village events. Thanks to Golden Arrow for giving a true example of a New Mexican mountainman - vittles were good too. Thanks to Redneck, Guinea Pig, Dancing Bare, Pilgrim and Sparrow for participating in the rain drenched pageant. Thanks to Governor, Pookie, and Moonbeam for building such a nice Colonial scene. I think Smitty walked right out of 1776. The special character of chapter members is always on display at Pow-wow.

*Oak*

*'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart'*



### Recent Highlights

#### New Buckskinners

Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn  
Dan 'Red Badger' Eberling  
Charles 'Blue Badger' Eberling  
Kent 'Sap' Carruth  
Dave 'Lobo Grande' Allen

#### 2005-5007 Chapter Scouts

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

#### New Lifetime Members

Tim 'Bundles' Allen  
Paul 'Kitten' Hopkins

#### Upcoming Dates

Buckskin Days - Nov 10-12  
Cache Le Plew Rendezvous - Sep 15-17  
(NM Mountain Men)

### Quick Hits

- Check the website for articles on frontier skills - longbow, bow drill, char cloth, powder horns and trade beads. [www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/fcf\\_index.htm](http://www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/fcf_index.htm)
- The Buckskin pre-requisite course has been posted to the website. Download the packet and prepare to advance to Buckskin.
- Buckskinners - Turn in your applications for Wilderness. We will conduct a Wilderness Vigil during Buckskin Days.
- Jayson 'Young Flame' Kringel will soon be opening a frontier trade store - to be accessible at Jed Smith chapter events.
- Young Bucks - brush up on your frontier skills as we will be selecting new chapter scouts at the Spring 2007 Trace. Check the website for details.
- Join us for lunch every Monday at 11:30 at Twisters on Jefferson at the Journal Center.
- Young Bucks - submit your Young Buck of the Year forms soon after 12/31/06.
- 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.
- Pray for our families, outposts, churches, chapter, president, pastors, country.

### Trapper's Brigade for 2006

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 2006 by December 31, 2006. You can also submit your points through the online form on the Jed Smith website -

[www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/Trappers\\_Form.htm](http://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 an opportunity at Buckskin Days (11/10-12) to add funds to the

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.

### SCR Regional Conference

**January 26,27 - Fort Worth, Texas**

Plan on attending the 2006 SCR Regional Conference in January. The conference will have a number of classes geared specifically towards FCF. There will be a class dealing with an FCF member's selected trades - blacksmithing, hatsmithing, hornsmithing, beading, cooking, leatherwork, etc.. There will also be a Wilderness Vigil certification class. The SCR Regional Conference will also be a great time to get all the information concerning the 2007 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous.

### Buckskin Days

#### November 10-12, 2006 - the Range

Come and enjoy the fellowship of the Jed Smith chapter in the final gathering of 2006. 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.

#### Family Trace

Open to all Smithers and families, the Fall Trace will be an opportunity for fellowship, competition, and renewing old friendships. Enjoy a game of handles or the turkey shoot. Family camping will be separate from the primitive FCF campsite.

#### Buckskin Days Schedule

##### Friday, November 10, 2006

12:00 pm – Welcome, Registration, Camp Setup  
5:00 pm – Buckskin Adventure Starts

##### Saturday, November 11, 2006

9:00 am – Buckskin Adventure, Turkey Shoot, Skillet Scamper

12:00 – Wilderness Vigil Continues

6:00 pm – Potluck\*

8:00 pm – Love Blanket, Missions Auction

9:00 pm – Buckskin / Wilderness Ceremony

##### Sunday, November 12, 2006

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](mailto:Trschmidt@comcast.net)

Check the website for more details.