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When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it.
Galatians 6:10

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JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH CHAPTER - SPRING 2005

FRONTIER TIMES

New Adventures and Challenges in 2005

Welcome to the New Year. I hope you are looking forward to 2005 and all the FCF activities that will take place. Plan on participating in the Frontier Adventure, attending the Spring Trace, and enjoying the Territorial Rendezvous.

I urge all 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 – now spend the time fostering that relationship through Christian fellowship and friendship.

Get together with a Young Buck and spend some time on a Trapper's Brigade project – instill that spirit of servanthood.

I encourage all you Old Timers to spend a moment thinking about the love blanket and how you might be able to let a Young Buck know you like having them around.

Oak

Presidents Report - 2004

For the third consecutive year, the Jedediah Strong Smith chapter earned the 5-star chapter rating.

New Members - 5pts
 New Buckskins - 4 pts
 New Wilderness - 0 pts
 Major Events - 30 pts
 Christian Service - 401 pts
 Competitive Events - 20 pts
 Black Powder Course - 5 pts
 Mission's Project - 25 pts
 Mission's Giving - 100 pts
 Pathfinder Trip - 0 pts
Total - 592 pts – 5-Star Rating



FIVE STAR CHAPTER



Recent Highlights

2004 Trapper's Brigade

Ted 'Governor' Schmidt Sr - 321 pts
 Ricky 'Deer Eyes' Claunch - 190 pts
 Jim 'Two Persons' Ellis - 101 pts
 Paul 'Kitten' Hopkins - 73 pts
 Roy 'White Bear' Robertson - 58 pts
 Kenny 'Little Bear' Wise - 57 pts
 Jim 'Spoon' Chappell - 51 pts
 Bart 'Ramrod' Garrison - 50 pts

New Lifetime Members

Duane 'Bugspray' Mulkey
 Kent 'Sap' Carruth
 Dan 'Tribble' Eberling

Recent GMAs

Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro
 Robert 'Little Fox' Vera
 Charles 'Battery' Eberling
 Jared 'Funnel' Dow

Upcoming GMAs

Josh 'Sparrow' Olson
 Eli 'Frijole' Arvizo

Upcoming Dates

National RR Council - March 11-12
 NM Commander's Conference - April 8,9
 Frontier Adventure - April 29,30
 Spring Trace - April 30 - May 1
 Black Powder Class - June 24, 25
 Territorial Rendezvous - July 14-16
 NM Merit Camp - July 18-22
 NM District Pow-Wow - August 5-7

A Spoonful ...



Greeting FCFer's, Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. 2005 is going to be another busy year for NM Royal Rangers. I would like some input on the cooking contests we have been doing at the Traces. Let me know what you think of them. Would anyone be interested in doing a breakfast contest this year? Let me

know so we can plan ahead.

Also Youngbuck's, is there any types of event you would like to see at the Traces just for you. We do have one planned for the Spring Trace this year which we did not get to do last fall. Please e-mail me with your comments. Hope to see everyone at the events this year.

Dear Fellow Youngbucks,



Brrrrrrrr, the cold is awful! There isn't any warmth left in the sun. The air is slowly getting thinner and the snow is coming. The only thing left to look forward to is spring. It's a new year and now is the time to work with the other boys on their FCF requirements. Plan on sponsoring other rangers, too.

Spring Trace is goin' to be great. We have some good stuff planned. Miss ya'll and can't wait to see all you guys, even those smelly greenhorns. Alright, see you there, with yer greenhorns.

In His Service,
Torrito
2nd Timothy 2:22

New FCF Membership Frontier Adventure

The Frontier Camping Fellowship (FCF) is designed to recognize boys and men who have shown exceptional interest and outstanding achievement in the Royal Rangers program. FCF helps to emphasize the importance of the Royal Rangers advancement program, development of campcraft skills, Christian service to others, and completion of leadership training programs. FCF can provide a young Royal Ranger many opportunities for growth and development. FCF endeavors to develop in each member the same courageous and undaunted spirit of the early frontiersman. We encourage Royal Rangers who meet the requirements to become a member of the FCF. Induction into FCF involves completion of the Frontier Adventure – to be held April 29, 2005 through May 1, 2005.

To be eligible, boys and men must have earned the following merits – Firecraft, Ropecraft, Toolcraft, Camping, Compass, First Aid Skills, Cooking, and Lashing. Leaders must have completed the Ranger Basics module of the LTA. Both Boys and leaders must be recommended by their Outpost and Pastor and be selected by the FCF staff. Nominations are submitted on the FCF application form (<http://www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/forms.htm>).

Applicants must also submit a 300-word essay stating why they want to be a member of FCF and what they hope to contribute to the FCF. Please submit the application and essay prior to Tuesday, April 20, 2005.

If you have questions, please call Oak at 890-5464.

Young Buck Forum

Young Buck of the Year - Please turn in your Young Buck of the Year applications for 2004 prior to the Spring Trace (<http://www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/forms.htm>).

Chapter Scout and Assistant Scout - A competition will be held at the Spring Trace to determine the Jedediah Strong Smith chapter scout and Assistant scout for the next two years. All Young Bucks in good standing are eligible to participate in the competition. Young Bucks will be tested on fire building, black powder shooting, hawk & knife shooting, outfit, Royal Ranger advancement, FCF advancement, and a popular vote of chapter membership. The Young Buck with the highest score will be named the Chapter Scout and the second highest scoring Young Buck will be the Assistant Chapter Scout. Both the Chapter Scout and Assistant Chapter Scout will be eligible to compete for the National Scout and Territorial Scout at the 2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous in July. Eric 'Two Tales' Chitwood currently serves as the National Scout for the Plainsmen Territory and Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro and Keith 'Silver Arrow' Garrison serve as the Chapter Scout and Assistant Scout respectively. Check the website for testing requirements. A lifetime membership will be awarded to newly selected Chapter Scout.

Cooking Competition at Spring Trace - Get those dutch ovens seasoned and warmed up for the cooking competition to be held at the Spring Trace. Torrito and Frijole put all comers to shame with their chicken stew and apple dumplings at Frontier Days.

Trapper's Brigade Points for Young Bucks - Congratulations to Keith 'Silver Arrow' Garrison, Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro, and Cody 'Spike' Smith for submitting service hours for 2004.

Frontier Adventure & Spring Trace

Plan on attending the upcoming Frontier Adventure and Spring Trace. This will be the premier FCF event in 2005 for the Jedediah Strong Smith chapter. The Frontier Adventure will start promptly at 9:00 am on Friday, April 29, with the adventure ending Saturday morning. Introductions of the new Frontiersmen will signal the start of the Spring Trace. Get ready for the Rio Grande Run with those challenging bonus events. We will have the potluck, love blanket, praise, worship, and great fellowship. The Abajos will attempt to avenge their devastating loss to the Arribas at the Fall Trace – the old gritty hatchet will remain north of the Socorro Line. A new Chapter Scout and Assistant Chapter Scout will be selected.

Friday, April 29, 2005 - Starting at 9:00am

Frontier Adventure

The Frontier Adventure is a series of events which are used to determine if a greenhorn is qualified for FCF membership. A greenhorn will have an opportunity to engage in a number of required frontier skills - black powder shooting, flint & steel fire starting, trap setting, hawk throwing, and knife throwing. The greenhorn will also gain knowledge about frontier cooking and shelters, common outfits present on the frontier, and highlights in the life of Jedediah Smith.

Saturday, April 30, 2005 - Starting at 9:00 am

Spring Trace

9:00 am - Visiting Hours Open.
 9:00 am - The Rio Grande Run Begins
 9:00 am - The Range Opens
 11:00 am - Scout Testing Begins
 12:00 pm - Lunch
 2:00 pm - The Rio Grande Run Ends
 2:00 pm - The Battle of the Socorro Line - Abajos vs Arribas
 3:00 pm - Cooking Competition Begins
 5:30 pm - Cooking Competition Judging
 6:00 pm - Potluck *
 7:00 pm - Frontiersmen Induction – Love Blanket **
 8:00 pm - Praise & Worship Service

Sunday, May 1, 2005

8:30 am - Sunday School
 9:00 am - Shooting Events & Bonus Events
 12:00 am - Competition Prizes Awarded
 2:00 pm - Close

* Come with some tasty morsels for the Greenhorns.

** Sponsors - be sure to have an item to present your Greenhorn for a job well done.

The Rio Grande Run - An age-old timed event testing the ability of the trapping company's best frontiersmen. Set a trap, start a fire, mold your own lead balls, shoot moving targets, throw hawk and knife at multiple targets and doing it looking yer best. Expect some surprises. Event will begin Saturday morning. Some very nice prizes will be waiting for the top scoring Old-Timers and Young Bucks.

The Socorro Line - The Battle for the Ole Gritty Axe

Not since the Civil War has the North and South had such a heated and fiercely fought battle. Arribas from New Mexico's northern highlands will retain the Ole Gritty Hatchet from the Abajo flatlanders in a unique shootout. Event to be held Saturday afternoon.

Cooking Competition - How can this be a competition - everybody wins, especially the judges. Up to five man teams will cook up their finest meals including a meat, side item, bread, dessert, and beverage. The team with the best authentic (period correct) presentation in taste and looks will garner some nice prizes. To be held Saturday afternoon.

Business Meeting - There will be discussions concerning Territorial Rendezvous, membership requirements, Trapper's Brigade point reporting, and missions projects.



2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous

The 2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous will be held July 14th through July 16th at the Whittington NRA Center located just south of Raton NM. The Jedediah Strong Smith chapter has the honor of hosting the 2005 Plainsmen Territorial Rendezvous. This event is right in our back yard so let's plan on having a good representation of New Mexico frontiersmen. Come and join our frontiersmen brothers from Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in a great time of Christian fellowship.

Black Powder rifles are up for grabs for the top Old Timer and Young Buck competitors. Jed Smith will attempt to defend it's top Old Timer and Young Buck titles from the 2003 Territorial.

New Territorial Scouts will be selected. Cooking contests, stump preaching, draughts, shooting, throwing, the timely Trail Walk, patch and bead trading, Praise, Worship - there is something for everyone. Plan on attending. Online registration will be available soon on the SCR Regional Website. Registration will be \$50 for OldTimers and \$40 for Young Bucks. Full facilities will be available at the Whittington center - restrooms, showers, developed camping sites, etc.

Black Powder Class

We will be conducting a NMLRA Black Powder class June 24,25 at Valley Gospel in Albuquerque. The class will start Friday evening at 6:00 pm through 10:00 pm. The Saturday session will start at 9:00 am through 2:00 pm. The cost will be \$20.00 per participant. For more information, contact

Ted 'Oak' Schmidt at 505-890-5464.

Quick Hits

- Check the website for new articles on frontier skills - longbow, bow drill, and trade beads.
- 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 vigil as soon as we get a good group of candidates and it warms up.
- Praise Reports - Jim 'Two Persons' Ellis attended Frontier Days and appears to be in good health. Jonathan 'Daisy Duke' Dunn has recovered from an automobile accident that nearly took his life. Prayer works.
- Look for updates for the new Trail of the Buffalo program.
- Join us for lunch every Tuesday at 11:30 at Hello Deli on Jefferson at the Journal Center.
- Want to sell some of your best FCF goods on consignment? Contact the Company Clerk - Smitty.
- 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.

Classifieds & Such

Tracy 'Little Mountain' Stambaugh

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I am looking for the old small Dispatch Magazines from 1965-66. I will buy or trade for my dupes. 865-5748

Jack 'Tortuga' Richardson

jireh42@excite.com

I do upholstery, sewing, tent repair, and trading. My wife and I have made several Missouri River Drop Sleeve Shirts and are asking \$30 for them. I will trade or take cash. The money I make goes to my outpost - the Adventure Rangers OP14. I am looking for black powder stuff to go with the rifle I just traded for. "Get 'ready' for Rendezvous! For sale or trade one pr white Preshrunk-prewashed canvas pants: 36 in waist X 31 in inseam...\$30.00 or trade for equal value. 3 Calico Missouri River Drop Sleeve shirts, Sm-Med-Lg \$30.00 ea. Call M-T-Tr-F-S after 6PM (505)832-4903"

Robert 'Little Fox' Vera

preprob@aol.com - Looking for any FCF clothing.

Riley 'Gadget' White

rileysrackit@yahoo.com

Custom knives, throwing knives, hand-forged hawks, flint and steel kits, striker knives, patch knives, damascus steel, etc...

Kenny 'Smitty' Smith - Company Clerk

Smitty@swcp.com

FCF T-Shirts \$10-12

Jed Smith Caps \$10

Chapter patch \$5

Previous Trace patches \$5 (01,02,03,04)

Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro

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Looking for South Texas Pow-Wow patches - 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 81, 99 Will Pay TOP\$\$\$ or trade.

Kent 'Sap' Carruth

Sap02@comcast.net - 505-296-4574

- NM Pow Wow patches

- FCF items, pins, books, patches, etc.

- Royal Ranger stuff, anything, old or new

- Old pictures, Patches, Flyers, Stories, etc

We are looking for items that represent our history, the history of New Mexico FCF & Royal Rangers. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Sap.

Jim 'Spoon; Chappell

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Selling iron lantern stands, fire rings, lodge art, authentic cooking implements, etc.

http://www.nmroyalrangers.org/FCF/fcf_index.htm