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*The Spirit helps us in
our weakness*
Romans 8:26



**FIVE STAR
CHAPTER**

JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH CHAPTER - SUMMER 2009

FRONTIER TIMES

Heading to Rendevoo

'Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary' (Galations 6:9). Many times it seems our efforts are fruitless when we attempt to mentor young men in Christian principles and encourage old men to stay the course. We do not always see the difference in a young man's life when we continually put forth the effort in providing an example of a man dedicated to Christ. I encourage you to 'stay the course' with the young men under your charge - do not waver from the Godly path or be pulled away by the distractions of life. Take heart; your efforts in working with Royal Rangers and the FCF will be rewarded.

Please make ever effort to make it to the 2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous. This will be a once in a life time event and quite possibly the last time we will be able to fellowship with many of the Youngbucks in attendance as the next big Rendezvous will be a couple years down the road. I plan on sharing the warmth of my campfire with you next month at Rendevoo.

Oak

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



Chapter Championship Results

The first annual Chapter Championships turned out to be a huge success. Fighting through bouts of marble-size hail and torrential rain, Youngbucks and Oldtimers alike performed at a high level. At the end of the competition, Chapter Champions were named and rewarded:

Youngbucks

- Hawk - Jere 'No Stories' Romero - 23
- Knife - Jere 'No Stories' Romero - 16
- Archery - Jere 'No Stories' Romero - 27
- Muzzleloading - Jonathan 'Scholar' Collins / Anthony 'White Elephant' Taminc - 8

Oldtimers

- Hawk - Tracy 'Little Mountain' Stambaugh - 22
- Knife - Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn - 11
- Archery - Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn - 46
- Muzzleloading - Ted 'Oak' Schmidt - 9

Upcoming FCF Dates

2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous

- July 14-18, 2009
- July 13-15 - Territorial Trek
- July 13-14 - Wilderness Vigil
The Jemez

NM District Pow-Wow

- July 31- August 2, 2009
- Cook Canyon Ranch - Ruidoso

Frontier Adventure / Fall Trace

- September 25,26, 2009
- The Range

Christmas Party

- December 12, 2008
- Tramway Community Church



Chapter Scouts Announced

In what turned out to be a fantastic competition, 16 chapter Youngbucks competed for the position of Chapter Scout and Assistant Chapter Scout. In the end, the Chapter Scout position was awarded to Jonathan 'Olive Hawk' Belden. The Assistant Chapter Scout was awarded to Gavin 'Sonshine' Garcia.



2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous
July 14-18, 2009 Jemez, NM
Young Bucks \$25 / Old Timers \$50
Pre-register by June 26, 2009



You are personally invited to the upcoming 2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous to be held July 14-18, 2009. The Plainsmen and Mountainmen territories will combine fellowships for this once in a lifetime event.

With FCF members attending from Texas, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico, the Rendezvous will have an expected attendance nearing 300. The Jedediah Strong Smith chapter will serve as the host for this

fine event as we gather in the Jemez Mountains of north central New Mexico. Look forward to:

Scout Competition

A competition will be held to determine the National Scout representing the Plainsman Territory and the Territorial Scout to serve the territory for a two year term. All chapter scouts and assistant chapter scouts are eligible to compete. The competition will include testing on hawk/knife throwing, blackpowder shooting/archery, firestarting, outfits, RR achievement and FCF achievement. Winner of the competition will be named National Scout and will earn a \$500 scholarship.

Trail Events

An age-old timed trail walk testing the ability of the trapping company's best frontiersmen. Events will include different spins on the timeless Mountainman standards - shooting, throwing, firestarting, etc. Expect some surprises. Some nice smokepoles will be up for grabs for the top Old Timer and Young Buck.

Frontier Classes

Spend some time learning valuable frontier skills from some of the Territories grizzled old timers. Gain insight into blacksmithing, hatsmithing, trekking, hornsmithing, etc.

Cooking Competition

How can this be a competition - everybody wins, especially the judges. Competitors will cook up their finest meals including a meat, side item, bread, dessert, and beverage. Meals will be graded on authenticity (trapping era), presentation, and taste. Team with the best presentation in taste and looks will garner some nice prizes. To be held Saturday afternoon.

Mission Auction

To Give and Serve - support the Territorial Missions Project by bidding on some very nice frontier wares. Many items available in the auction will have been made by Wilderness members from throughout the Territory. Hand-crafted knives, hats, clothing, accoutrements will all be available.

Traders Row

A lantern-lit event to be held after the evening service on Thursday. Trade for some of those much needed provisions - hats, beads, patches, knives and the such. Traders Row will be fine opportunity for Oldtimers to help outfit and equip a Youngbuck.

Horn Blowing Competition / Medallion Competition / Top Chapter Competition

The frontiersmen from the Plainsmen Territory are well known for expelling the warm wind. Prove yer abilities and win some nice prizes. Young Buck and Old Timer competitions.

Territorial Trek

Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn will lead a company of pre-1840's trekkers on three day and two night adventure through the Jemez wilderness - July 13-15

Host Chapter: Jedediah Strong Smith

Plan now to attend the 2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous as we treat the whole western US with our special brand of Smither friendship and fellowship. Application enclosed. <http://scr.royalrangers.net>

Jed Smith Chuck Wagon

The Jed Smith chapter has arranged for a full-time cook that will setup kitchen in one of the chapter marquees. If you would like to have your meals provided, please contact Oak as soon as possible. Meals will be available from Tuesday evening through Saturday morning (11 meals total). The cost of the meal package (11 meals) is \$50.

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 September 25-26, 2009.

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 Commander and Pastor and be selected by the FCF staff. Nominations are submitted on the FCF application form (enclosed).

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 September 15, 2009. If you want to be part of the candidate call-out at Pow-wow, please submit your application before July 31.

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



With Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn leading the way, several Jed Smith mountainmen will spend three days and nights experiencing the 1830's first hand. Using all pre-1840 gear and equipment, the Territorial Trek will certainly test the frontier skills and mettle of all the participants.

The Territorial Trek is scheduled for Monday, July 13 through Wednesday, July 15 - the two days prior to the 2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous. Plan now to take part in this unique and rewarding experience as we seek adventure in the Jemez wilderness with other frontiersmen from the territory. If you want to contribute to the planning of this event, please contact Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn.

Kenny 'Pilgrim' Dunn - kennethanthony2001@yahoo.com

Trekking Resources:

Book of Bucksking I - VIII, Scurlock Publishing
Primitive Wilderness Skills and Survival, John & Geri McPhearson

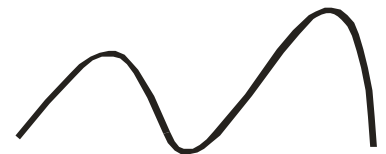
A Pilgrims Journey, Mark Baker
Buckskin, Blades and Biscuits, Allen Kent Johnston
The Longhunter's Sketchbook, Hanson & Wilson
Voices from the Wilderness, Thomas Froncek
The Traditional Bowyer's Bible, Jim Hamm

The FCF Totem

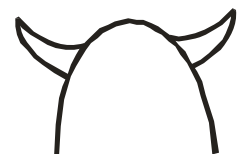
Public education was not common until the twentieth century. Therefore, many children of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries did not have the advantage that so many children have today. Survival in the wilderness was taught through example and word of mouth, but rarely through the written page. Thus, many of the men who traveled West as mountain men had little or no formal education. Many mountain men designed a totem (a simple line drawing) to indicate who they were. Members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship should create a simple line drawing or totem that reflect their persona as a frontiersman. See some of the totems of members of the Jedediah Strong Smith chapter of FCF:



Jim
'Spoon'
Chappell



Tracy 'Little Mountain' Stambaugh



Ray 'Torrito' Del Toro



Bruce 'Skinner' Chitwood



Ted 'Oak' Schmidt

Work on developing a unique totem!

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Jed Smith Chapter Scouts

National Scout - Zack 'Oso' Evans
 Chapter Scout - Jonathan 'Olive Hawk' Belden
 Asst Chapter Scout - Gavin 'Sonshine' Garcia

Quick Hits - Headlines & Notices

New National FCF Staff - Tony 'Chevo' Garcia of the Gulf Latin district has been appointed National FCF Scribe. Terry 'Skinnur' Hall has been named the National FCF Historian - Skinnur comes to the national staff from Southern California. You will have an opportunity to meet both Chevo and Skinnur at the 2009 Plainsmen & Mountainmen Territorial Rendezvous in July. Former National FCF Presidents Jim Rousville and Rick Dostal will also be attendance. If that is not enough VIPs in one place for you - Rich Marriott, former National RR Commander, will also make his way to NM for the Rendevoo.

Chapter Vest Patch - The Chapter Vest Patch is available for purchase at \$25 a patch. The 5 inch in diameter patch looks fantastic on an award vest. Applicable advancement rockers will be sent with the vest patch.

Chapter Medallion - a Jed Smith Chapter Medallion has been designed and produced. A chapter greenhorn will receive the medallion as part of the Frontier Adventure. Each medallion is individually numbered. Medallions are available for purchase for \$10.

Prayer Requests - Please take the time to pray for Rendezvous, Royal Ranger leadership, local outposts, local commanders, pastors, wives, and boys in your outpost.

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