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*Do not fear, for I am with you...
I will strengthen you... I will
help you*
Isaiah 41:10



**FIVE STAR
CHAPTER**

JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH CHAPTER - SUMMER 2010

FRONTIER TIMES

The Trailblazing Season is Upon Us!

'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.

The true heart of FCF is evident in the mentoring relationships we develop within our membership - participation in chapter events give us the method in which we foster these lifelong and life shaping relationships.

Oak

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



Chapter Championships

Have you ever wondered who is the best shot in the chapter? Do you think you can stick a hawk or knife no matter the conditions? Do you think your skills in the smoke-pole arena are second to none? Well, we found out last May. We determined exactly who are the most skilled mountainmen in the chapter. You will have an opportunity on May 8 to become a new Skill Champion in 2010 or defend your title if you are a 2009 Skill Champion. The top scoring Oldtimer and Youngbuck in each skill event will be recognized as a 'Skill Champion' and will receive a special patch to be attached to an award's vest. The top overall scoring Oldtimer and Youngbuck will receive a free Jed Smith Chapter Vest patch.



2010 Schedule

Black Powder Course - NMLRA
April 24 - The Range - 9:00 am

Championship Preparation Day
May 1 - The Range

Chapter Championships
May 8 - The Range

Frontier Adventure
June 18,19, 2010 - The Range

Fall Trace
October 1,2 - The Range

Wilderness Vigil / Buckskin Adventure
October 1,2 - The Range

Christmas Party
December 11, 2010

Shoot Fest 2010

Saturday, April 24, 2010- The Range

Black Powder Class - The Range - \$20

NMLRA Black Powder course will be conducted April 24 starting at 9:00 am. The classroom part of the course will be done starting at 9:00 am through 12:00 pm at the Range trail house. The shooting requirement for the course will be conducted at the shooting range at 1:00pm. Completion of the course will earn you an NMLRA shooter's card and the Black Powder silver merit. A certified shooter's card is required to shoot black powder rifles at all FCF events. (ie. Chapter Championships)

Please RSVP by April 19 as we will need at least 10 participants to conduct the class.

Smallbore Shooting Merit - The Range - \$15

All the requirements for the Silver-bordered Smallbore Shooting merit will be completed during the course - including the shooting (.22 rimfire) requirement. Each participant will be required to shoot at least 100 rounds. The classroom part of the course will start promptly at 9:00 am at the Range trail house.

Please RSVP by April 19

Shotgun Shooting Merit - The Range - \$25

All the requirements for the Silver-bordered Shotgun Shooting merit will be completed during the course - including the shooting (12 gauge single shot) requirement. Each participant will be required to shoot at least 50 rounds at 50 clay pigeons. The classroom part of the course will start promptly at 9:00 am at the Range trail house.

Please RSVP by April 19 in order to have the correct amount of ammunition and clay pigeons available.

Firearm Safety Merit - The Range

The Firearm Safety merit is a pre-requisite for completing the Smallbore and Shotgun Shooting merits. Participants signed up to complete either the Smallbore or Shotgun merits will complete the Firearm Safety merit just prior to their specific shooting classes. The Firearm Safety merit will be taught at 9:00 am at the Range trail house.

Lunch

Lunch will provided to all participants in the each of the three classes - Black Powder, Smallbore Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting. 12:00pm - 1:00pm



Wilderness Vigil & Buckskin Adventure

October 1,2 2010

The Range

The purpose of the Wilderness Vigil is to provide a challenge to FCF members that will help them to develop advanced frontier skills and build a stronger relationship with Christ. Wilderness members become mentors to other FCF members and Royal Rangers who wish to strengthen their skills and become closer to Christ. If you are a Buckskinner and are itching to take the very important step to Wilderness, please turn in a Wilderness Application as soon as possible (www.scr-royalrangers.org). Contact **Oak** for information.



The Buckskin Adventure is the event that is used to test the skills of Frontiersmen that are looking to make a step in the FCF Advancement program. The Buckskin advancement will raise the proficiency level of the Frontiersmen and provide a preview of the skills needed for Wilderness advancement.

Candidates must finish the Buckskin Workbook before participation in a Buckskin Advancement Testing will be allowed. Along with the Buckskin Workbook, a silence stick, a complete outfit, ID staff and a trade item must be brought to the Buckskin Advancement Testing. These items will be evaluated and scored toward achieving the required points to advance to Buckskin. Candidates should practice basic Frontiersmen skills learned in the Frontier Adventure before attempting to pass a Buckskin Advancement Testing.

Buckskin candidates will be scored for proficiency in the following areas:

- 10 points - Flint & Steel
- 10 points - Tomahawk
- 10 points - Knife
- 20 points - Outfit
- 10 points - FCF Memorization
- 10 points - Trade Skills
- 10 points - ID Staff
- 10 points - Buckskin Workbook
- 10 points - Primitive Meal and Cooking

If you are looking to advance to Buckskin, please go to www.nmfcf.org to get all the Buckskin advancement information - including the application, Buckskin Workbook and Buckskin Testing Guidelines.

Chapter Championships

May 8, 2010- The Range

Registration: \$20 per member / \$15 lifetime member

The Chapter Championships will begin promptly at noon on Friday, May 7. Each of the four event trails will be open during daylight hours on Friday and on Saturday until 4:00 pm. Each individual event trail will have a separate score sheet. You can submit a score sheet any time after you complete the event trail. Kenny 'Lil Bear' Wise will serve as the official score keeper. He will post a running list of scores for each of the event trails. If you see your name move down the list of scores, you will have the opportunity to pay a re-entry fee in order run through the desired event trails again (in an effort to improve your score). The re-entry fee will be \$5 per event trail for a member, \$2.50 for a lifetime members, and \$2.50 for a Youngbuck. Each of the event trails will not be actively managed - a Youngbuck must run through the event trails with an Oldtimer as a partner.

Hawk Throwing

15 throwing stations

5 single revolution throws, 5 double revolution throws, 5 trick throws. Targets will be placed in a variety of location to truly test the throwing ability of the participant.

Knife Throwing

15 throwing stations

5 single revolution throws, 5 double length throws, 5 trick throws. Targets will be placed in a variety of location to truly test the throwing ability of the participant.

Archery

15 shooting stations

5 bullseye shots, 5 silhouette shots, 5 3D target shots. Targets will be placed at a variety of distances up to 100 yards to truly test the shooting ability of the participant. Archery equipment will be provided.

Black Powder

15 shooting stations

15 shots at steel silhouette targets. Targets will be placed in a variety of locations to truly test the shooting ability of the participant. Muzzleloading equipment will be provided if necessary.

The Chapter Championship weekend will conclude Saturday evening with an award ceremony and a service. For more information: www.nmfcf.org



The Redcoats are back!



Last October, a regiment of shipwrecked Redcoats ravaged the Torreon wilderness as they marched on Santa Fe. The local militia provided little resistance to the heavily armed Redcoats.

Reports are coming in that the Redcoats have pillaged Santa Fe and are heading back south. The militia is being called up again with the orders to subdue the rogue Redcoat regiment.

Frontier Adventure The Battle at Oxbow Draw June 18 & 19, 2010 - The Range

The Frontier Adventure will have a decidedly Colonial theme with the idea of adding new FCF members to the chapter rolls. Start thinking now about the Frontier Adventure in a 1776 frame of mind.

Please check the website www.nmfcf.org for:
FCF Application for Membership
Requirements for FCF Membership



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 June 18, 19, 2010.

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).

Please submit the application and prior to June 11, 2010.
If you have questions, please call Oak at 890-5464.

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Quick Hits - Headlines & Notices

National FCF Website - www.nationalfcf.org

The national FCF website is the place to look for the latest updates and changes to the FCF organization. Get information about the advancement requirement transition for leaders, the latest national and territorial event information, and the latest chapter procedures and guidelines.

Black Powder - Several Smithers will be getting ready for the Chapter Championships by hitting the shooting range over the next couple of months. The chapter will place an order for 25 lbs of GOEX powder. The cost for a single pound of powder is \$11 - please contact Oak if you would like to get in on the order. FFG and FFFG powder will be ordered.

Hawkeye Award - The Hawkeye Award is presented annually to the Territory that has performed the best in a number of criteria. The scoring criteria includes growth in membership, growth in advancement, money giving to missions, trapper's brigade hours, etc.. The Plainsmen Territory earned the 2009 Hawkeye Award and the Jed Smith chapter received a special flag streamer for being a member of the Plainsmen Territory.

Jed Smith Chapter Email Addresses

If you would like to receive the latest chapter information, news and notices, please send your email address to Oak - trschiidt@comcast.net

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