



Illinois Royal Rangers Newsletter

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NEWS BRIEFS

- The FCF Lincoln Log newsletter is now been combined with this Newsletter
- Due to a scheduling problem Third Day Power will not be able to make the first Winter Camp weekend. Stay tuned for information emails about the speaker

District Commander Talk By Tom Kesteley



really needs doing. Well, that understanding. You blew me has certainly been the case for away! me and my home.

Then to top it off, (like it needed I had wooden windows that were to be topped off,) one man asked 49 years old, and were literally me “what color shingles do you rotting in the jambs. I knew that I want?” I told him that I couldn’t needed to replace some of them afford a roof this year, but he said this year, for sure. So, through a “I didn’t ask for your money I just dear friend and by going to the need to know what color.” Oh outlet store I bought 12 new my goodness! I nearly cried! He units and trucked them home said that many men had contrib- myself. They were sitting in my uted so much so that they could shed. I needed some help install- totally roof my house for me for ing some of them, so I asked a free! So, two weeks later, while I couple of men if they could help was out at Fall FCF Encounter, 25 me get the 5 unit window instal- to 30 (I can’t count from the lished. They came by the house pictures) men, women, and young and helped! They mentioned people came and roofed my that they could do another one home. I have a new roof! that following weekend while I WOW! They found that there was gone at a wedding in Michi- was more to that roof than they gan. Tricky guys! They arranged had bargained for, but they fin- to have at least a dozen men ished the task in a day and a half! come by and put in all of the Oh my goodness! I saw pictures of the effort. I couldn’t believe windows! They even dry walled, what these servants accomplished of the inside and clad the outside with alumi- for my family!

Now, that’s a pretty good story right? Oh, they’re not done yet. You see, they have extra money and want to finish the windows in the back of my home! I was fully expecting to save up and replace them next year as they are show-

Well guys, your leader has been blown away by the consideration and character of the Royal Rangers men. Faithful men of God who see a need and rise to meet that need have seen fit to bless my socks off. You all have blessed me beyond understanding. You all have gone WAY beyond the call.

I want to express my most sincere thanks to all of you men. Over the past years of ministry, sometimes things at home go a little lacking. I am certain that many of you know exactly what I mean. As we spend countless week-ends in ministry, often times we just do not get everything done around our homes that

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ing their 49 years of age as well. So, today, I am again blessed to be able to order new windows for the back of my home. Brothers and Sisters, I am humbled, and extremely blessed. I was told that the roof would not have made it the winter without leaking. The windows were literally falling apart, and now, thanks to you my home is solid again. I cannot express my gratitude in words. Seems to me as though the Lord is building this house.

There are times in life when we just simply need a blessing. This has been a season of trials for our family, which has culminated in a blessing from His Body of Believers. The expression of compassion, giving and love expressed to us by the Body of Christ, namely Royal Rangers and our local church, is something that will not be easily measured in all of eternity. I was told by some that the cooperation of everyone involved was excellent. Everyone went home sore, yet they enjoyed doing the work together. I cannot thank you all enough. May the Lord bless you all greatly and more as you minister. May He bring increase to your lives in souls, disciples, and more for His glory. Thank you. Red E.

DC Talk supplement

Well, we have had an eventful Fall of 2009. With the District Sale of Cedar Creek, we have had some challenges. But our Lord is still showing us His way! We have found locations for all of our Ranger gear, and we are pursuing places to host our camps in Northern Illinois for 2010. At Northern Illinois Round Up, actually after Round Up, Abe Lincoln Chapter FCF hosted our first Wilderness Vigil (to my knowledge we have never had a Wilderness Vigil in Illinois until now.) We had three men successfully complete their Vigil.

Joe "Young Owl" Klug,

Timothy "Silence" Hooks,

Tom "Red Eagle" Kesteleyn.

With plans to host more Wilderness Vigils in the future, I hope that you men and boys will pursue advancement in FCF to the level of Wilderness. Just last night, while teaching fire craft, I had the opportunity to showcase those flint and steel skills. The men and boys tried without much initial success to copy the skill. They found out quickly that it does take some practice. So practice up! Be READY when the next Wilderness Vigil comes to Illinois this Spring!

Other Considerations: Please pray for Royal Rangers Leadership as we go into our planning meeting early November and December. These men need to hear clearly from the Lord as we embark upon His journey together.

Up Coming Events

Nov 6-7	District Staff Planning meeting - Carlinville
Nov 14	LTA Chicago South Section
Dec 5	Northern Div Staff Planning Mtg - Elgin
Jan 22-24	Winter Camp I
Jan 29-31	Winter Camp II
Feb 8	SDIV FCF Craft Day — Bellville First Assembly
Feb 20	NDIV FCF Craft Day — New Hope Christian Fellowship Mundelien
Feb 27	ICS (Instuctor Certification Seminar)

For more details, check out the Illinois Ranger website at ilrr.org

Ranger Thought for the Month:

"Integrity builds trust and trust builds relationships."

-John Maxwell

R.O.A.R

Ranger Outstanding Awards Recognition



Gold Medal of Achievement

Harley Boeck OP# 141 Rochelle



Silver Medal of Achievement

Zachary Martin OP# 48 Hartford

Mark Surmin OP# 93 Mundelien

Joshua Zambrano OP# 208 Belmont

Joshua Panzilius OP# 208 Belmont



Bronze Medal of Achievement

Caleb Porter OP# 48 Hartford

Connor Mathenia OP# 94 Granite City

Erik Brehm OP# 141 Rochelle

Tim O'Dell OP# 141 Rochelle

Ray Perez Jr OP# 208 Belmont



FCF New Wilderness Members

Tom "Red Eagle" Kesteley

Timothy "Silence" Hooks

Joe "Young Owl" Klug



FCF New Buckskin Members

Benjamin "Drummer" Hooks

David "Guiding Light" Quinn

Harley "Brave Bear" Boeck

Les "Bare Tale" Henry

Mark "Quick Stride" Surmin

William "Vates Veritatas" Carter

James "Almond Rod" Limle

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FCF New Frontiersmen 2009



Corey Barnes	Jonathan Martinez
Noah Baumann	Zachary Masterson
Chandler Belt	Tom Mathey
Asher Bentey	Jeremiah Mills
Drake Birkner	Frankie Montalvo
Larry Birkner	Joshua Panzilius
Timothy Cope	Ray Perez Jr.
Austin England	Ray Perez Sr
Jeff Ewers	Jason Petrosky
Joshua Ewers	Connor Pilman
Levi Foster	Caleb Porter
Gilbert Gade	Matthew Pryor
Jeremiah Gerard	Ambrose Resa
Ronald Hillis	Jullian Rice
Shannon Hinkle	David Roman
Dillon Hinkle	Caleb Ruby
Paul Hogan	Ethan Ruby
Nathaniel Hooks	Ethan Scheldt
Grant Huizenga	Darwin Stone
Christian Jimenez	Phillip Taylor
Keigen Jones	Abe Tinoco
Keziah Jones	Robert Wingo
Jack Manning	Joshua Zambrono
Tony Martinez	

Winter Camp 2010



Third Day Power comes to Winter Camp 2010. See them bend bars and break blocks, feats of strength and power demonstrations, plus a message of faith.

Enjoy sledding, a toboggan chute, ice skating, broom ball, snowmobile rides, floor hockey, basketball, plus many other games.

Who will grab the coveted prize for fastest dogsled? Is your Outpost working on their best technique and building the best sled team in the State?

Pre-registration must be postmarked by January 5th. Cost is \$90.00 per person. See your Sr. Commander for your own outpost details.

Check the Illinios Ranger website for the information packet and registration details at www.ilrr.org.



Last Minute Notice: Due to a scheduling conflict Third Day Power may not be able to make the first Winter Camp weekend. The district Staff is working on a resolution. Watch for update emails and communication on this issue.

BGMC Special Project



Effective immediately, We have started a Special BGMC project to assist our Brother Ed Corbin with Jackson's Ridge Ministries in South Africa. Here is a web link for you to go and see what is happening at JR. www.jacksonsridge.org The Web site is a great place to go to stay on top of what is happening at JR.

Our District will distribute Videos at Winter Camps and throughout the year for you to show your boys and parents the ministry of Jackson's Ridge and BGMC. Please start your boys now by ordering a Masters toolbox for each boy.

These Masters Toolboxes are free, and they can be ordered by calling GPH at 1-800-641-4310. These boxes (nor any of the BGMC free resources) are not listed on the GPH or BGMC Web site because they are a free resource. However, you can order them by calling GPH directly at 1-800-641-4310.



I would suggest that you have the boys bring them into your Outpost Monthly, then send them home to refill!! Again and again. Make it fun for the boys!



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Frontiersman Camping Fellowship



2009 FCF Recap by FCF President Matt "White Hawk" Black

As we get into the final days of 2009, I have been reflecting over this past year in FCF for the Abe Lincoln Chapter. The FCF activities started in January with former National FCF President Rick "Simon Tanner" Dostal speaking at Winter Camp. In early April, the Southern Division held an encounter at Iron Buffalos farm, with nearly 30 of our brothers battling the rain and hail. Approximately 100 of us gathered at Cedar Creek in May for our annual Trace, where Mike "Sko Nah" Quigley challenged us with the Word. We had 37 greenhorns meet the challenge to become FCF brothers, and 2 frontiersmen advance to Buckskin members. In June, I was blessed with the opportunity to share the Word at the Metro South Camporee to over 150 men and boys, where we started our Summer of FCF themed Royal Ranger camps. A week later, the Illinois District Northern Pow Wow was held at Cedar Creek, with an FCF theme. Former National FCF Vice President Sonny Green and Jacques La Christian brought forth the word, while many of our FCF brothers led the rangers in FCF activities and crafts. In July we had a small contingent of our brothers make the trek over to Michigan for the Voyager Territorial Rendezvous, where they heard the Word of God delivered by Jim Barger. In September Sonny Green and Jacques La Christian joined us at Lake Williamson for the Illinois District Southern Pow Wow, where again FCF was the theme. There was another Frontier Adventure, where we had 10 greenhorns meet the challenge to become FCF members. Later in September, the Abe Lincoln Chapter conducted our first very own Wilderness Vigil in our history(that I am aware of) and Red Eagle, Young Owl, and Silence joined the ranks of the Wilderness Members. In October the Northern and Southern Division Fall Encounters were held, at which there were over 125 FCF brothers and family members in attendance between the two events that battled the cold weather to fellowship with one another.

More important than the events that were held were the lives that were touched at each of these events. There were hearts dedicated to the Lord, flames rekindled, relationships restored, sin confessed and laid down at the throne, brothers challenged, and the laying on of hands by fellow brothers in the Lord. I saw knees stained on buckskin pants as men knelt down to pray with young ones, tears shed by men and boys as they cried out to the Lord, Godly men mentoring other men and young men, brothers helping other brothers in need, and families worshipping and praying together at the family camps. I also saw laughter and joy as fellow brothers got together to fellowship, whether it be by sitting around talking, playing handles, or during a good ole Kangaroo Court.

Wow. I can't wait until the next FCF event, can you? Well in the mean time, Ad Dare Severe, continue to give and serve and keep that FCF pledge active in your life.

Until we meet around the next council fire,

God Bless,

White Hawk

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2009 FCF Update by Northern V.P. Dave "Grizz" Christensen

Greetings Pilgrim!

This be the Grizz, head of the Northern Abe Lincoln Chapter, and do I have a story to tell you! You see we had just finished that Wilderness Vigil where three brave souls dared to take the challenge, to prove their frontier skills, and stay up all night keeping watch on the encampment, for there be enemies that lurked in the dark. That morning brought forth three new Wilderness members: Tom Kesteleyn, Joe Klug, and Timothy Hooks—more great Warriors, ready for battle, in this God's mighty Army we call FCF!

Well the time came for our annual FCF Encounters and boy was this one sure to be remembered—COLD with frost on the pumpkin!! They say it got down to 28 degrees at night, but that didn't stop them Youngbucks from playing capture the flag into the wee hours 'til da Grizz said, "that be enough! Go to sleep". Little did they know that by morning I had captured their flag and an offering would be needed if'n they wanted it returned. I actually traded it for some delicious apple pie and some sausage—that's what we be doing here at Encounters, tradin' stuff ya know and a Grizz has to eat! We were so Blessed to have Frontiersman David Blaski as our guest speaker—now this brother sure can tell a story with all the details ya know, and he gave 'em spiritual application with the Word of God. Council Fire services witnessed a special visitation of the Holy Spirit, as brothers prayed for one another, some for healing, some for jobs, others for comfort...

After a great feast Saturday night, we had a Buckskin ceremony where two fine Frontiersmen became Buckskin, that being David Quinn and Harley Boeck. Red Eagle being the Chairman, conducted the ceremony and boy did these guys have a testimony to share—Welcome, my Buckskin brothers! It was a great Encounter to remember, with some awesome cobbler, fellowship with guys like Sharp Iron and Slough Dawg, and all them there youngbucks a hoopin' n hol-lerin', trying to stay warm—why we even used up all the wood that was provided by the Camp Ranger. My thanks to all who made this a successful adventure, including that hornets nest above Andy's Teepee—one dropped out and onto the teepee Sunday just to let us know they was watchin' us! Don't you forget to get those Wilderness and Buckskin applications in before the end of the year—looking forward to an Awesome Trace!---see you when the ice thaws!

Stay Alert and Ready for Battle!

Grizz

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Southern Update by Red Squirrel

well if you wernt there you wouldn't know, not a bit more fun could be had, at least without snow.

The southern encounter was special again, fellowship among children, family and friends. we had tradin, shootin, hawk throwin and knife, smoke blowin, candle makin, best camp my whole life. A team drawn wagon, and horses to ride, the youngins and kin exposed to God's frontier clad bride. Cold weather was a factorin in our need for warm britches, kangaroo court left some in fierce stitches. The word brought by an FCF'r from the past, his young son joinin has his FCF sail movin up the mast. Youngbucks, old-timers, family folk as well, makes our camp special, effects too big to tell. If you've never been to our southern fall camp, load up your family, outpost, and bring some trimmed lamps.

Illinois southern fall encounter this year was again a success. Some new faces this year on account of some youngbucks joining our fellowship this past year. Congratulations to the three men who attained the Buckskin rank. Saw some new items on peoples outfits and camp attire. Allow me to encourage all of you to hone your skills in your chosen craft, challenge yourself to come to each campout with something new. Items hung from our shoulders or tucked in our belts, may be the very tool God uses to reach out to a man or boy in need.

God Bless,
Red Squirrel

Abe Lincoln Chapter Staff

Chairman – Tom “Red Eagle” Kesteley
 President – Matt “White Hawk” Black
 Scribe – Joe “Sharp Iron” Landers
 Historian – Chuck “Iron Buffalo” Holman
 Northern V.P. – Dave “Grizz” Christensen
 Central V.P. – Jim “Slough Dawg” Carter
 Southern V.P. – Joe “Young Owl” Klug
 District Scout – Zach “Valiant Wolf” Jones
 NDIV Scout — Mark “Quick Stride” Surmin

FCF Craft Days

Come to the FCF craft days! Check the calendar for the day in your area. This is a good time for men and boys of FCF to work together in developing your craft skills. Frontiersmen are your looking to develop a craft to go to Buckskin? Come and learn.

Buckskin and Wilderness Members we need you to teach your craft Your support and work is critical in order to make this a success! FCF crafts may include chokers, lanterns, chair, leather craft pouches, sheaths etc.

In Northern Division contact Joe “Sharp Iron” Landers or Dave “Grizz” Christensen.

In Southern Division contact Matt “White Hawk” Black.

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Have you Advanced Lately?

Buckskin Requirements

Requirements for Boys Only

- Earn the Bronze Medal or one Expedition Ranger Medal.

Requirements for Leaders Only

- Sponsor a boy into FCF
- Earn the Leader's Medal of Achievement.

Requirements for Boys and Leaders

- Earn the following Merit Awards
 - Church
 - Knife & Hawk
 - Black Powder or Archery
- Participate in at least one Frontier Adventure after becoming a Frontiersmen member
- Make, trade, or purchase a complete FCF outfit
- Recite from memory the FCF Pledge
- Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol
- State the Vision and Purpose of FCF
- Make an FCF identification staff
- Select a frontier-related craft or skill to develop
- Select an FCF name
- Complete the Buckskin workbook
- Be an active member in good standing for at least one year.

After earning the additional three required merits and completing the Buckskin study program, submit your application for advancement for Buckskin to the district FCF office. After successfully completing the Buckskin testing you will be awarded your Buckskin pin.

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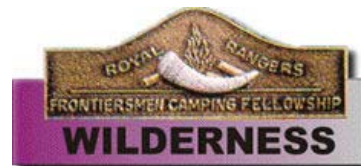
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Have you Advanced Lately?

Wilderness Requirements



Requirements for Boys Only

- Earn Silver Medal or second Expedition Rangers Medal
- Sponsor a boy into FCF
- Participate in at least two Frontier Adventures and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Requirements for Leaders Only

- Attend a National Training Camp
- Sponsor additional boy into FCF
- Participate in at least four Frontier Adventures and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Requirements for Boys and Leaders

- Earn the following Merit Awards
 - Christian Service
 - Wilderness Survival
 - Primitive Snares
 - Primitive Shelters
- Complete the Wilderness workbook

After earning the additional four required merits and completing the Wilderness study program, submit your application for advancement for Wilderness to the district FCF Scribe. Then wear the "Wilderness Pouch" until the Vigil is completed. After successfully completing the Wilderness Vigil ceremony you will be awarded your Wilderness pin.