The Powder &

RIDGE CHAPTER FCF

President's Greeting

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New members
- Spring Trace Competition Results
- Advancements

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Greetings Brothers from the Gulf of Mexico! I am on my balcony on the cruise ship Allure of the Seas as I am writing this (it is vital that we take time to relax away from work and enjoy our families). Summer is quickly passing and in just a few weeks we will gather together for an awesome time of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy a fantastic speaker and our excellent worship team. So, bring your YBs (and your Old Timers too). Reach out to old friends who haven't camped in a while. Let's renew old friendships and create new ones. I can hardly wait! Show up with the expectation that God is going to do something AWESOME in your life this weekend!

Our speaker for Trace is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Potomac Ministry Network, Rev. Ben Rainey Jr. His adventure started as a Royal Ranger in OP6 in Pasadena, Maryland, where he earned his GMA in 1996. He went on to graduate from the University of Valley Forge with a BS in Bible. He also earned an MA in Christian Ministries from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and an MBA from Washington Adventist University. He has spent the past 20 years in a variety of ministries including as a featured speaker and worship leader at Sectional and District Pow Wows. Pastor Ben and Corie, his wife of 21 years live in Warrenton, VA. They have 3 kids (Sydney, Ellie, and Carson). In his

spare time, he enjoys rooting for the Orioles and Ravens, traveling and visiting National Parks. Pastor Ben believes that people are moved toward Christ not only by what they learn, but by how they can put the scripture into practice. I look forward to hearing what God has laid on Pastor Ben's heart.

See you in a few weeks.....

Your servant and His, North Star



FALL TRACE - SEPT 29-OCT

We will be returning to Chick 'n Will Farm (1864 Thoroughfare Rd. Brightwood, VA). for the 2022 Fall Trace. Our good friends Julius "White Feather Warrior" Williamson and his family have graciously extended their hospitality and the use of their property to the Blue Ridge Chapter FCF. Remember that we are guests on their property. We are sincerely grateful to our friends for hosting us.

"To Give and to Serve"

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SCHEDULE OF TRACE EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

Thursday	There will be	members in camp
Friday	8:00am 10:00am 2:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm 10:15pm 11:00pm	(Arrive as you see fit) Black powder course starts Start of Wilderness Vigil Shooting range open til 5pm FCF Candidate meeting with Water Walker Evening Assembly / Fellowship Staff Meeting (All Staff & Scouts) Quiet time / Dim your Lantern
Saturday	6:00am 6:30am 7:00am 9:00am 9:30am 12 noon 2:30pm 2:30pm 4:00pm 5:30pm 8:30pm	Rise & Shine Conclude Wilderness Vigil Breakfast on your own Morning Assembly for Membership Competitions open Lunch on your own Competitions end Seneca Run Dinner on your own Auction Evening Assembly / Fellowship Quiet time / Dim your Lantern
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:00am 11:00am	Rise & Shine Breakfast on your own Morning Assembly / Devotion / Awards / Announcements Break Camp — Clean up & Head home

Reminder

After unloading equipment upon arrival, "Let's get these vehicles out of the camp." Vehicles will not be allowed back into camp until after all activities on Sunday. Once your site is set up, observe frontier attire at all times (with the exception of FCF candidates). The Village will be open to visitors and guests from 10:00am on Saturday morning until 5:00pm Saturday afternoon. Only pre-authorized visitors are allowed in camp outside the normal visiting hours.

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TRACE INFO

Welcome to the Blue Ridge Chapter 2022 Fall Trace. While you are not required to wear a face mask at this event, please bring one with you. You may be asked to wear it while visiting someone's camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me or send me an email.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Blue Ridge Chapter wishes to welcome the newest FCF members to its fellowship. They successfully completed their Frontier Adventure at the 2022 District Pow Wow. When you see these fellows walking through camp, stop them and make a new friend.

Eric Fels Cylus Williamson Uriah Lamanna Joseph Fels Doug Sizemore Wesley Armstrong Wyatt Nolan Caleb Sizemore

The Blue Ridge Chapter encourages all our Frontiersman to strive for advancement to Buckskin. The next opportunity to complete a Buckskin Challenge is at the BRC Spring Trace. The date is Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2023. See Quay "Barefoot" Younker (quay12@frontier.com) for additional information.





The Blue Ridge Chapter encourages all our Buckskins to strive for advancement to Wilderness. The next opportunity to complete a Wilderness Vigil is at the Colonials Territorial Rendezvous on Oct 5 - 8, 2023. See Rick "Gray Beaver" Findley (rick_findley@hotmail.com) for additional information.

BLACK POWDER SAFETY COURSE

The NRA Black Powder Safety course will start on Friday morning at 8AM. The cost is \$10 and includes all the supplies and materials for completing the course. The instruction will last all day and will include firing a black powder rifle. You do not have to have your own blackpowder rifle to take the course.

Please email the Artisan (garthcfe@gmail.com) as soon as possible to pre-register.



2022 SPRING TRACE RESULTS

BLACK POWDER

Old Timers

1st Jeremy "Eagle Heart" McKenzie
 2nd Doug "Water Walker" Schmidt
 3rd Jeremy "Spirit Fire" Schmidt

HAWK

Old Timers

1st Chris "Gold Eagle" Kroll
 2nd Doug "Water Walker" Schmidt
 3rd John "White Beard" Barber

KNIFE

Old Timers

1st Dave "Sturdy Oak" Brown
 2nd Phil "Three Arrows" Georg
 3rd Joel "Peace Eagle" Metzger

TRAP SETTING

Old Timers

1st Keith "Faith Walker" Rosenberger2nd Claibron Wilhelm

3rd Jeremy "Spirit Fire" Schmidt

FLINT & STEEL

Old Timers

1st Kolin Johnson2nd Claibron Wilhelm

3rd Randy "Full Quiver" Johnson

HORN BLOWING

Old Timers

Gray Beards

1st Jeremy "Spirit Fire" Schmidt2nd Wiley Wilhelm

3rd Kolin Johnson

SENECA RUN

1st Doug "Water Walker" Schmidt

2nd Quay "Barefoot" Younker3rd Phil "Three Arrows" Georg

Young Bucks

1st Mason Schmidt
 2nd Lucas McKenzie
 3rd Owen Thacker

Young Bucks

1st Matthew Georg 2nd Conner "Gherkin" Dill 3rd Ethan Gray

Young Bucks

1st James Allen Morgan
 2nd Lucas McKenzie
 3rd Kole Johnson

Young Bucks

1st Kole Johnson
 2nd Andrew Dungan
 3rd Evan McSorley

Young Bucks

1st Mason Schmidt
 2nd Kole Johnson
 3rd Dominick McKee

Young Bucks

Old Timers

1st Lucas McKenzie2nd Kole Johnson3rd Aidan Ferguson

Young Bucks

1stJeremy "Spirit Fire" Schmidt1stMason Schmidt2ndJeremy "Eagle Heart" McKenzie2ndDylan McKenzie3rdKolin Johnson3rdKole Johnson

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FRONTIERSMEN CAMBING FELLOWSHIP TRAPPERS BRIGADE

TRAPPERS BRIGADE

The Trappers Brigade is a service aspect of FCF that promotes the active and ongoing involvement of FCF members in service to their outpost, church, community and world. There are 3 sequential levels of recognition, Company Trapper, Bourgeois and Free Trapper. To attain each level, members must accumulate the required number of hours in each of the four categories — Outpost, Church, Community and Missions. Hours are cumulative and can be carried from year to year. It is essential that you track and submit your service hours because they are calculated in the formula to determine whether the BRC is a one, two, three, four or five star chapter.

COMPANY TRAPPER

To attain Company Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 5 hours in *each* of the 4 areas (Outpost, Church, Community, Missions) plus 20 additional hours in any combination of the 4 areas for a total of 40 hours of service.



BOURGEOIS TRAPPER

To attain Bourgeois Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 5 additional hours in **each** of the 4 areas (Outpost, Church, Community, Missions) plus 20 additional hours in any combination of the 4 areas for a total of 80 hours (Company Trapper plus 40 more) of service.



FREE TRAPPER

To attain Free Trapper status, a member must accumulate a minimum of 5 additional hours in **each** of the 4 areas (Outpost, Church, Community, Missions) plus 20 additional hours in any combination of the 4 areas for a total of 120 hours (Company Trapper plus Bourgeois Trapper plus 40 more) of service.



Each additional 40 hours above Free Trapper earns a numeral that is placed on the Free Trapper pin. The numeral represents the number of times Free Trapper status has been attained. Qualifying service hours equal time volunteered—excluding travel time. All service hours are cumulative. For example, let's say you are brand new to FCF in 2017 and you have volunteered 40 service hours total. And let's say that 20 of your service hours are in your Outpost and 15 hours are in your Church, but only 3 hours are in Community and 2 hours are in Missions. The Company Trapper status will not be awarded because an additional 2 hours are needed for Community and 3 hours for Missions. In 2018, you volunteered another 25 service hours. Lets say 5 of your service hours are in your Outpost and 10 hours are in Community and 10 hours are in Missions. The total of your service hours for 2017 and 2018 is now 65. You now have 25 service hours in your Outpost, 15 hours in your Church, 13 hours in Community and 12 hours in Missions. You now exceed the minimum requirements for Company Trapper and are well on your way to earning Bourgeois status!

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QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

Qualifying service hours are those where a member volunteers his time (excluding travel time) with no consideration for wages, in the categories of Outpost, Church, Community, or Missions. Service hours must be reported to your Chapter each year to qualify. Young Bucks must complete the service under the supervision of an adult leader. The Outpost Coordinator approves Outpost service hours and the Pastor approves Church, Community and Missions service hours. The final word is that if the Pastor approves the hours, they count. See the Trappers Brigade Rep or the Chapter President for more info.

- Outpost: Service hours beyond weekly meetings, regular outings, and training. The outpost coordinator preapproves the efforts of the member to insure the service helps the outpost accomplish its "Evangelize – Equip – Empower" mission.
- Church: Service hours beyond the outpost. The pastor responsible for overseeing Royal Rangers in the local church preapproves the efforts of the member to insure the service helps the church accomplish the pastoral vision. Serving on a church board or in an area of ministry besides the Royal Rangers are but a few ways to satisfy this requirement.
- ◆ Community: Services hours beyond the outpost and the church. These efforts will represent the church in the community. The service rendered must be coordinated with the pastoral leadership in advance to best represent the church in the community. Coaching or serving in community organizations such as sports teams, school volunteering or other public service (rescue squad/fire dept) are a few ways to meet this requirement.
- Missions: Service hours that benefit Royal Rangers' priority missions initiatives. Royal Rangers International, Pathfinder Missions, BGMC Master's Toolbox, and Speed The Light are a few, but any missions related service qualifies as long as your Pastor approves it. Other missions work such as Xtreme Church makeover, Youth mission's, and serving at an LFTL banquet will also satisfy this requirement.





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ARROWHEAD AWARDS

There are Arrowhead awards for those interested in earning additional merits beyond the traditional "Trail of the Grizzly." The four medallions are Pilgrim, Pioneer, Trailblazer and Patriot. Once earned, the award medallions can be worn with your FCF outfit or affixed to your ID staff (Buckskin & Wilderness). For more info checkout the latest edition of the FCF Handbook.









FRONTIERSMEN MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS



The requirements for joining and advancing within the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship:

- Be at least 11 years old and a graduate of the 5th grade (boys only)
- Complete a Frontier Adventure
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Ranger outpost
- Be recommended for membership by the Senior Commander and Pastor
- Complete Camping merit & either First Aid Skills (DR Merit) or First Aid/CPR (AR Merit) (boys only)
- Be in good standing in the church, regularly practicing a Christian lifestyle (leaders only)
- Earn the Ready and Safety levels of the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels training (leaders only)

BUCKSKIN ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Buckskin Challenge will occur at the Spring Trace. Those applying for Buckskin advancement **must** contact the Buckskin Coordinator for instruction. There are requirements and a workbook that must be completed in addition to the application. You must also have a Buckskin sponsor. Contact Quay "Barefoot" Younker (quay12@frontier.com) for all the details.



- Be an active FCF member in good standing in the chapter for at least 1 year
- Complete the Buckskin Challenge
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Ranger outpost
- Be recommended for Buckskin status by the Senior Commander and Pastor
- Assist in conducting a Frontier Adventure
- Achieve Company Trapper status in the Trappers Brigade
- Earn the Adventure Bronze or E1, complete the Knife & Hawk merit and at least (1) of these merits (Animal Husbandry, Carpentry, Metalwork, Blacksmith, Leather Craft, Hide Tanning, Pottery, Woodwork, Basketry, Masonry, Dutch Oven Cooking, any Arrowhead merit) (boys only)
- Assist at least one boy in completing the membership requirements for FCF (leaders only)
- Be in good standing in the church, regularly practicing a Christian lifestyle (leaders only)
- Earn the Trained level of the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels training (leaders only)

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WILDERNESS ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

You are too late for the Wilderness Vigil at the BRC 2022 Fall Trace. The next opportunity is at Territorial Rendezvous October 5-8, 2023. You can start by downloading the required workbook that must be completed in addition to the application. You must also have a Wilderness sponsor. Contact Rick "Gray Beaver" Findley (rick_findley@hotmail.com) for additional details.



- Be an active FCF member in good standing in the chapter for at least 2 years
- Complete a Wilderness Vigil
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Ranger outpost
- Be recommended for Wilderness status by the Senior Commander and Pastor
- Assist in conducting an additional Frontier Adventure
- Achieve Bourgeois Trapper status in the Trappers Brigade
- Assist a boy in completing the membership requirements for FCF (boys only)
- Earn the Adventure Silver or E2, complete the Wilderness Survival and either the Black Powder Safety or Archery merit (**boys only**)
- Assist an additional boy in completing the membership requirements for FCF (leaders only)
- Be in good standing in the church, regularly practicing a Christian lifestyle (leaders only)
- Earn the Advanced level of the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels training (leaders only)



TRAPPERS BRIGADE

Reporting Trappers Brigade service hours is vital to the chapter maintaining Five Star Chapter status. These hours are also important to your advancement to Buckskin and Wilderness. Please send your Trappers Brigade points to trappersbrigade@gmail.com at least 2 weeks prior to the Fall Trace. Contact Tim "Blackbull" Coburn for more info.

BLUE RIDGE-A FIVE STAR CHAPTER

Through the leadership of the Blue Ridge Chapter and **most importantly, the active membership**, we again achieved the honor of being a Five Star Chapter for 2021. It's an extraordinary achievement.

We earned these honors through the membership growth, participation at territorial and national events, advancements, number of Trappers Brigade hours, Black Powder courses taught, sponsored "Missions" projects like Pathfinders and missions giving (auction money).

The single biggest factor this year was the membership involvement with volunteering and earning service hours in Trappers Brigade. Thank you so much for volunteering your time and for reporting your hours!

Remember to turn in your Trappers points to Tim Coburn 2 weeks before the Fall Trace so we can maintain the 5 Star rating.



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PRE-REGISTRATION

Please pre-register. It is less expensive, more convenient, and you may even win free admission to the next Trace! You can pre-register online or by mail. You can even pay your annual dues. To complete the online pre-registration process:

Use this link https://potomacag.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/9185f8eb-2952-4880-9aaa-178f91d3b9ee

- ◆ If you need to do so, pay dues by selecting "no" to the "Up to date membership dues?" question. ** Call or email me to find out your current membership status.
- Pay with your credit card

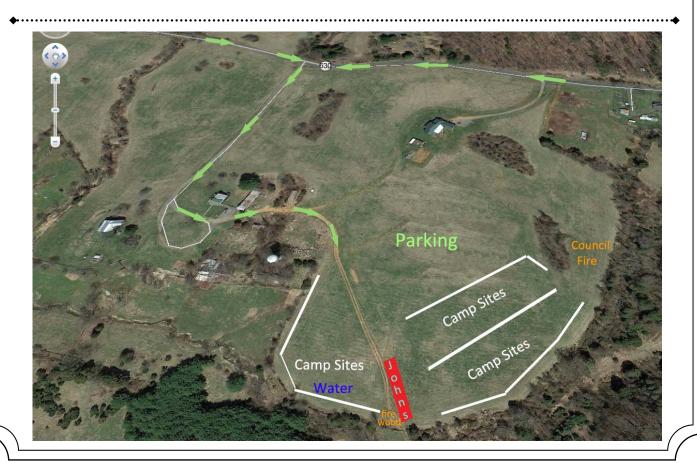
To complete the mail-in pre-registration process:

- Complete the registration form from this packet
- If you need to do so, complete the FCF Annual Membership Dues form
- Make check payable to Potomac District Royal Rangers
- Mail the completed forms and the check to Mark Brannon (2815 Angus Chase Lane, Huntingtown, MD 20639).

You must pre-register to qualify you for the Sunday drawing of free admission to the next trace.

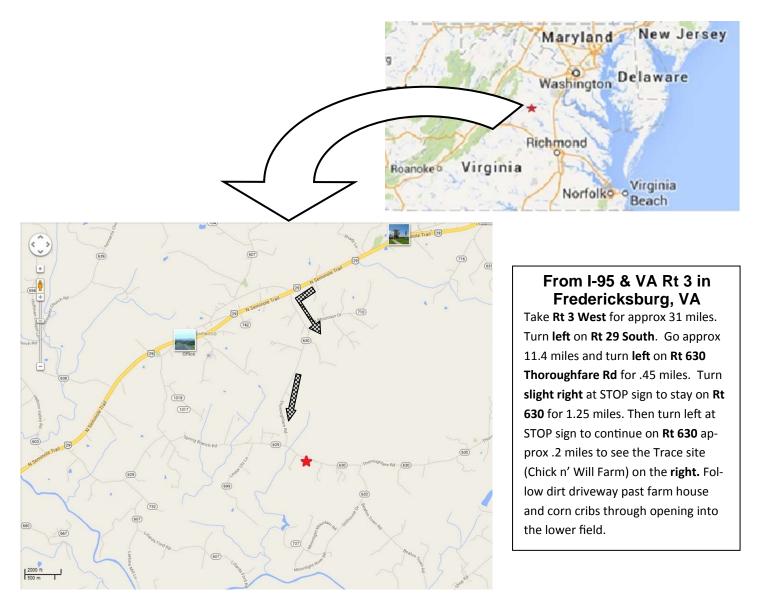
Winners of the free admission to the 2022 Fall Trace are Charlie McSorley and Claibron Wilhelm.

Pre-registration will close at midnight on September 20th. Mail-in pre-registrations must be post-marked by September 20th as well. Once pre-registration closes, you will have to register at Trace, but there will be an upcharge of \$5 per YB or OT.



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DIRECTIONS TO CHICK 'N WILL



BRING ITEMS FOR THE MISSION'S AUCTION

It's always a great time to clean out your plunder box and donate those items that you no longer use or need to the Auction. Thanks so much for supporting Pathfinders. It's only because of your generosity that the BRC leads the nation in giving to missions.

LOVE BLANKET

Remember: The "Love Blanket" will be the time and place to show appreciation to a brother by bestowing a gift of substance and/or word. A blanket will be put out, gifts may be laid on it, and at the appropriate time the "giver" will come to the blanket, take the gift he's laid on it, call up the recipient, and make the presentation, sharing with everyone the "love" that prompted the gift. Gifts may be made anonymously by clearly labeling to the recipient. The heart of "Fellowship" is the love we share with one another.

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POTOMAC DISTRICT ROYAL RANGERS

VISITOR AFFIDAVIT

Visitors need to complete and si	gn this form.			
Visitor's Name:		Phon	e:	
Address:				
City:	State:_			
Church Name:		City:	State:	
Outpost: Section:		-		
Fee Paid:				
Have you ever been arrested, cri contributing to the sexual deling		•		•
YES	or NO	If yes, a written explan	ation must be attached.	
VISITOR'S SIGNATURE:		[DATE:	
WITNESS SIGNATURE:		D	ATE:	

Each visitor must complete a separate form and sign in the presence of a witness. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We are trying to protect our children at all costs during this event.

FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

REGISTRATION FORM

Church:	Area:	Outpost:	
Address:			
City:		Zip Code:	
Pastor:	Phone:	Phone:	
Sr. Commander:		Phone:	
Up-to-date charter: YES () N	IO () Charter fees due (If no) \$		
MAIL TO: 2815	ANGUS CHASE LN HUNT		
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		= \$	
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ply to all those who are 18 year	ars of age and older. Visitors must	mitted during registration. This will apt t complete the visitor affidavit. No ad- appleted form. There will be no excep-	
Name (Please Print)	Position in C	Dutpost	
I am personally acquainted with	th the leaders listed above, and in	my opinion, they are all competent and	
•	_	aise any questions concerning their suit- church has on file the above listed lead-	
er's youth workers screening f			

Pastor's signature and date (required for admission)

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER FCF

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Love Witness Service	2022-2023		
Contracte Booksmanship Districted the Contract of the Contrac			
OUTPOST NUMBER:	AREA:		
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
PHONE NUMBER:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
	(Please Check One:	:)	
Young Bucks (11-17)		\$15.00	
Old-Timers (18+) & RRA	A	\$25 (late)	
(Dues were due July 15 th , a	\$5.00 late charg	e has been added to Men only)	
Enclosed total amount \$			
Please make check	s payable to Roy	ral Rangers & mail to:	
	Mark Branno	n	
28	15 Angus Chase	Lane	
	Please fill in dat	es:	
Date Joined	Buckskin Dat	te	
FCF Name	Wilderness D	Date	

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The leadership of the Blue Ridge Chapter Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship wishes to express our sincere condolences to the families of all members of our chapter who have passed away, and to all the members who have lost loved ones since the last issue.

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