



Illinois Royal Rangers Newsletter

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NEWS BRIEFS

- The FCF Lincoln Log newsletter is now been combined with this Newsletter
- New Location for District FCF Trace
- New Location for NDIV Spring Merit Camp
- New Location for Northern Pow Wow

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District Commander Talk By Tom Kesteley



National Council was in March! Our Staff and several leaders attended National Council LEAD conference. Ranger Essentials training was offered and our training staff is geared up and ready. Additional opportunity abounds as Royal Rangers is attempting to add 5 new translations of the program. These Languages include: Russian (already well underway), German, French, Portuguese, and Mandarin (Chinese.) The National office is looking to the Districts to partner with them in underwriting the cost of these translations

at a cost of \$10,000 per CD, with 5 CDs per translation. So, if you or your Outpost would like to step out in faith and help to advance God's Kingdom with newly translated RR curriculum, just send me and email and let me know what you would like to do! We will convey your intentions to the National Office at the LEAD conference in March!

2010! Your nickels and dimes count! You CAN make a Difference by giving to BGMC!

BGMC: Outposts will get BGMC Credit for contributing to this project! We are also partnering this year through the Master's Toolbox to assist Ed Corbin in South Africa. I sent home from Winter Camp, to each Outpost, a DVD of Jackson's Ridge. You can show this short clip to your boys each month to remind them of what they are supporting through BGMC. Remember! Ed Corbin is our Speaker at BOTH POW WOW's in

Up Coming Events

Apr 9-11 **FCF Southern Encounter — Oakdale**
Apr 16-17 **NDIV Spring Merit Camp— Tomo Chi Chi Knolls—Gilberts**
Apr 24 **SDIV Pow Wow Planning Meeting**
Apr 30-May 2 **FCF District Trace - Camp Center — Fisher IL**

Jun 11-13 **NDIV Pow Wow**

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

A Message from our Outreach Coordinator

If ever there was a time for Pastors and Royal Ranger Leaders to join together toward the goal of making sure that we as Christians do our best to EVANGELIZE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER the next generation of Christ-like men and lifelong servant leaders, that time must truly be now.

I need not remind you of the almost daily headlines of the atrocities that young and old are committing. Isn't it time as Christian Leaders that we step up to the plate and reach out to a hurting world? Because every boy or girl counts we need to be doing our best, using every resource we have to accomplish that which God would have us do.

1. **Passionately PROCLAIM**
2. **Strategically INVEST**
3. **Vigorously PLANT**
4. **Skillfully RESOURCE**
5. **Fervently PRAY**

5 core values of the Assemblies of God

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Philipians 4:6

We can help you do your part in 2010 to influence more boys and young men than ever before! Through training classes and mentoring we have resources available to assist you and the body of believers. Call or email me for times and sessions available to you! I leave you with this promise from 1 Peter 3:12a.

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer.”

Don Eudaley

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**Ranger Thought for the
Month:**

*“A leader’s potential is
determined by the people
closest to him.”*

-John Maxwell

A Message from our Regional Training Coordinator

Commanders

It was great seeing many of you at National Council. What a fantastic time those of us had. The new material that was presented was excellent and I am still absorbing much of it. I hope you are all rested and "ready" for 2010.

As I mentioned in the Regional breakaway, we really need to promote the training in our region. In less than two weeks there is a WCO seminar in Kentucky, March 26 and 27. At the moment, there are only 23 signed up and we could use another 20+ people. This is a great course and is best taken with as many of your commanders as possible. This WILL help you take your outpost to the next level or two.

NRMC (National Ranger Ministry Camp) This is the replacement for NTC. The very first one ever will be held in Marengo Ohio at the Ohio District campgrounds. What a wonderful campground it is. The dates for this camp are May 14 - 16. At the moment, there is 1 person signed up for this camp. ONE!! We need 23 more people signed up before April 14 or the camp will be cancelled. Commanders have a chance to be part of history here. As mentioned, this is THE.....VERY..... FIRST.....ONE. Be a part of history and encourage your commanders to be a part of this. They have already been to NTC, so what. This will be nothing like NTC. Completely different classes and everything. About the only resemblance to NTC will be sleeping in a tent and doing a little cooking. If your men want to evangelize, equip, and empower the next generation of Christlike men; which in turn will enable them to influence more boys and young men than ever, more effectively than ever, they need to be in attendance at this camp. It will be a life changing experience. I am encouraging people to go even if they have attended NTC previously.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters and may God richly bless the Ranger ministry in your districts.

Keith Brooks,

Regional Training Coordinator



R.O.A.R

Ranger Outstanding Awards Recognition



CONGRATULATIONS to the boys from Outpost 257 in Lansing!

National BB Gun Champions once again!

For the 5th straight year Illinois District Royal Rangers has a national championship team!

The breakdown of the individual competitions gave us 6 out of the 8 National Champions.

8 year old category

1st Place — Sammy Resa

9 year old category

1st place — Alex Martinez

2nd place — Ambrose Resa

10 year old category

1st place — Zach Witulski

11 year old category

3rd place — Jarod Moore

12 year old category

1st place — Ryan Lindell

2nd place — Brent Verhagen

4th place — Josh Moore

13 year old category

1st place — Nick Morecraft

2nd place — Nick Martinez

14 year old category

1st place — Tyler Morecraft

Sporter Air Rifle

1st place — Mike Matykiewicz

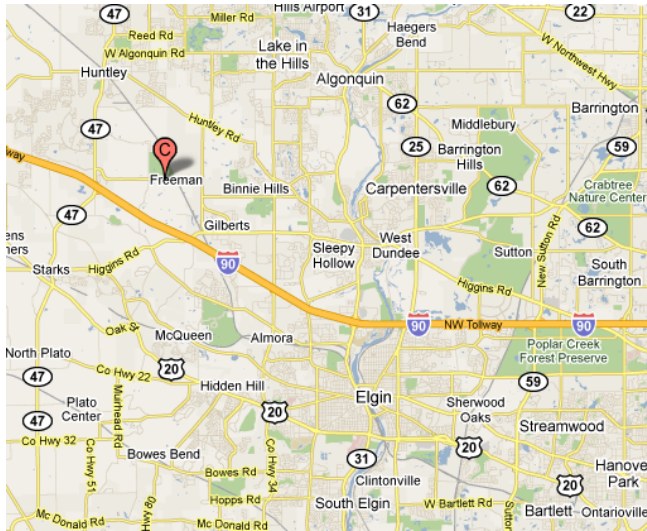
6th place — Mark Blaski

7th place — Devan Clark



NDIV Spring Merit Camp

- Camping
- Cooking
- Nature Study
- Knife and Hawk
- Primitive Shelters
- Primitive Snares
- Toolcraft



NDIV Spring Merit Camp will be at Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls in Gilberts IL on April 16-17th.

An option to stay over Saturday Night is available.

The camp is part of the Freemans Kane County Forest Preserve off Freeman Rd.

<http://www.kaneforest.com/ForestPreserveView.aspx?ID=75>

Winter Camp 2010

Winter camp 2010 was a lot of fun and had some weather challenges. Once again the Iditarod Race was held and the following huskies won the race.

Winter Camp 1 — Trinity Christian Center — Zion

Winter Camp 2 — Calvary Temple — Naperville



Northern Pow Wow Camp

The Staff has picked a camp for Northern Pow Wow. King's Camp just south of Rockford. You can see some pictures of the grounds at www.kings-camp.org King's Camp is a Christian camp.

The Following Amenities include:

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| Shower houses | A Lake with swimming |
| An area for FCF village | Woods with trails |
| 1/2 hour wagon ride trail | Staff cabins with electric |

THE KING'S CAMP



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President's Path

by FCF President Matt "White Hawk" Black

Well the journey has taken us into another year, and I look forward to what is on the horizon. As we go through 2010, remember to keep your eye on the destination. It is so easy to get distracted as we go on the journey by all the pretty scenery, wildlife, curves in the path, etc., that we can take our eye off the coordinates, and could easily find ourselves wondering in the wilderness. So I encourage each of you to prepare daily for the trail. Start the day off studying the map, along with some time on your knees before the King. Then find another "Brother" to take on the journey with you. It is much easier to stay on the coordinates, when you have another "Brother" with you helping you from becoming distracted, helping fighting off those wild bears or roaring lions who are seeking to devour, assisting you in getting across canyons, and helping carry your load when you become weak. As you go down the trail, take time to mentor those that are just getting on the trail with you. Teach them how to throw that hawk, shoot that gun, skin that deer, make that shirt, and so when they are on their own, they will have the tools to successfully navigate that trail. Along the trail when you encounter pilgrims or Indians, share with them the stories of your journey, and the blessings from the King. You will also need to give of your plunder, time, and abilities to assist others in need along the trail. Finally, as you go down that trail, continually keep in communication with the KING, as he is always there with you.

So I continually encourage each of you to daily be in the Word of God (study it, don't just read it). Constantly be in communication with God. Find a Godly Brother to be accountable to. Disciple other believers, and witness to those that are lost. And finally "Ad Severe", give and serve.

My theme for the Abe Lincoln Chapter for 2010 in mentorship. We started off this year by holding FCF craft days on February 20th, in both the southern and northern divisions, so men can mentor other men and young men in their trades. This is for two purposes, the first being, relationship building. How else do we get to know people, but to spend time with them. The second purpose, is to pass on the knowledge of the different trades, so old timers and young bucks can use those trades in evangelizing the lost. We are then going to revamp the sponsorship system of getting into FCF, and advancing to the different advancements in FCF in the Abe Lincoln Chapter. This will be discussed more in the near future. Our Chapter Trace will be themed around mentorship, and will have several activities themed around this.

I look forward to seeing ya around the next campfire.

God Bless,

White Hawk

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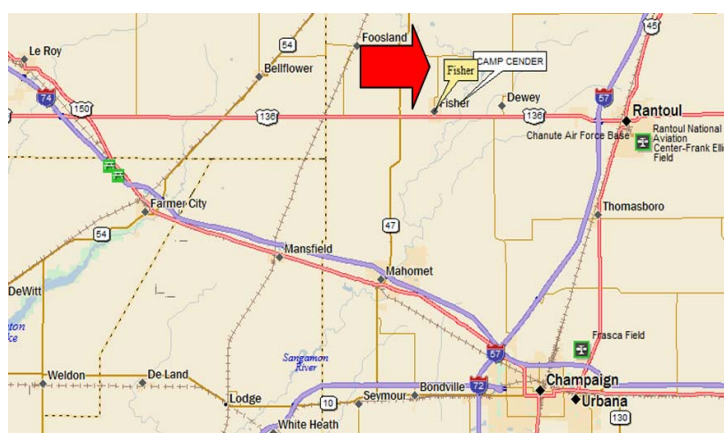


District Trace

2010 ABE LINCOLN CHAPTER TRACE

APRIL 30-MAY 2

Location – Camp Center near Fisher IL.



96 acres along Sangamon River, North of Fisher
Accommodations

Camping, Hawk & Knife, Archery, Black powder

House on property with kitchen and bath and water

Need to rent 1 or 2 porta potties close to the shelters

Bring protection for Poison Ivy, bugs.

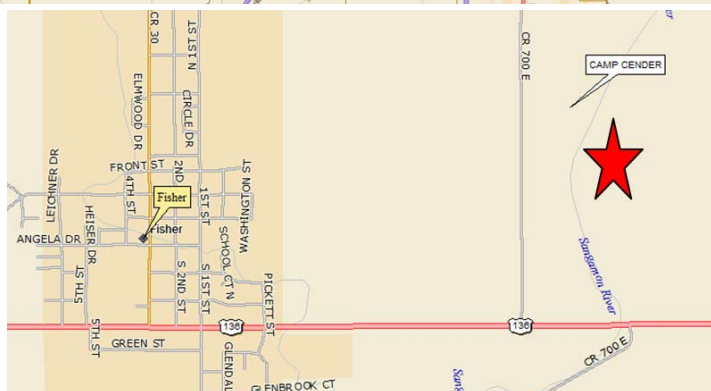
Locate Fisher, Illinois from RT 57, or 74

East of Bloomington, North of Mahomet

Rt 136 goes through Fisher

Just East of Fisher is CR 700E (turn North)

Camp is on right hand side.



Our guest speaker is our former Chapter FCF President – Powder Keg. Please come out and hear what God has laid on his heart to share with his Brothers from the Abe Lincoln Chapter. More information concerning the Trace will be on the district website soon.

Have You Advanced lately?

In 2009 we had 7 Frontiersmen complete the requirements and were promoted to the Buckskin rank, why didn't you!!! Frontiersman, how long have you been in FCF and are still at this level. What do you need to advance? I challenge each of you to look into the requirements to become buckskin, and take the steps necessary. The buckskin handbook is on the Illinois district website. We will have Buckskin ceremonies at the Southern Encounter, and Chapter Trace. Do you aspire to become a Wilderness member, if so we will be having a Wilderness Vigil at Trace, however, you need to get your applications to Sharp irons or White Hawk ASAP.

Wanted NEW FCF MEMBERS

Do you know any Royal Rangers that have a desire to join the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship? If so, we will be holding a Frontier Adventure at the Abe Lincoln Chapter Trace April 29 – May 2. Applications can be downloaded off the district website, and need to be submitted to the Chapter Scribe, Joe “Sharp Irons” Landers or Chapter President, Matt “White Hawk” Black by April 18th. Further information will be on the district website

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“A Wilderness Trail” by Red Squirrel

To seem unprepared is one thing, to be unprepared is another. My thoughts were continually on the hunting trek which would start the next day. My noggin was thinkin for sure I was forgettin somethin, but my heart knew different. The year? 1774. I know cause last year a couple a fellers like Paul Revere and Sam Adams threw a bunch a British tea into the harbor off them British boats in Boston last year. I don't think we've heard the last of that from them pesky British. Nor they from us!

I started preparin for this trip a few moons ago, around the change of leaves, seein that my family would need meat for the winter months a comin, and would need supplies which would be traded for the skins from my hunt. You see, im a Irish hunter by trade, and that's how I acquire my salt, powder, flour, nails, material for clothes, replace broken tools, and all manner of other stuff my family needs. I hunt deer mostly, takin the meat I need to eat, and the skins to trade. But you can bet, any number of other critters that cross my path, and has his self a perty coat, might find his self on my skin pole too. I would tell ya where I live an hunt, but them British might frown on that. They don't like us bein west of the Appalachian mountains, since King George signed the proclamation of 1763. He sure has gotten his self plenty of folks riled up.

The next day I woke before dawn, finished some homestead chores, ate some breakfast with my family, prayed with them, kissed them good by an was on my way. My trip will cost me 2 months away from them, 2 sons, 4 daughters, and a wife. The contents of my supplies sure is important, leavin anythin behind could mean for a long trip, I do want to make it back alive. Bout a mile or two from home I remember goin over the pack again to be sure I hadn't left anythin behind. Here's my list of accouterments;

- 1) capote-used in a pinch as an extra blanket.
- 2) 45 caliber flintlock rifle.
- 3) powder horn an huntin pouch with these here inside.
 - A) 50 rounds of lead balls
 - B) extra flints
 - C) pillow ticking for patches
 - D) patch knife
 - E) vent pick and pan brush
 - F) A small file and screwdriver
 - G) ball starter.
- 4) My felt hat, wide brimmed and curled up on the right side to allow more freedom to shoot.
- 5) butcher-belt knife
- 6) belt axe
- 7) small tin skillet
- 8) wooden canteen
- 9) winter moccasins lined with wool and deer hair

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- 10) hunters frock
- 11) elk skin britches and wool shirt
- 12) bedroll with a wool blanket inside
- 13) pack frame
- 14) salt horn
- 15) oil-cloth diamond shelter
- 16) skinnin knife

17) haversack - which contains 3 days worth of parched corn, 3 days worth of jerky, extra sinew and a needle fur them pesky repairs, compass, fire startin kit, 3 candles my wife made fur me, couple a fishin hooks and some thread and a cork or two, and an extra pair of wool sox.

My pack is full, an im back on the trail again. Wasn't long before I spotted the first deer, maybe bout 3 miles from home. It twer a buck, snoopin around lookin fur acorns on a hillside bout 150 paces in front of me. The wind wernt in my favor so's I ducked down behind a hickory tree, leaned out, and squeezed the trigger. Course anyone knows that shoots a smokepole, the thing ya always gets after that shot, is the cloud of smokes that comes outa that barrel! Not bein able to locate that deer for a few seconds is sometime a bare, but this time it wernt. That deer run down the hill bout 20 paces and dropped right over. Twer bout noon when I kilt that deer, removed the entrails and hung him in an old gnarly red-oak tree my family knows bout. We have spent many a Sunday afternoons at this spot, the kids playin in the creek, and my wife an me restin under that red-oak. My first prayer was answered! See, I had hoped the Lord would send me a deer round this here spot so my son could come on horse the next day an get it. Ya see our meat supply is runnin a little low, an with what's left, an this here deer, it would get them by till I get back home. While I was a guttin that deer, a grey squirrel come trottin along through the woods, not knowin I was there. I thought it quite funny cause he run right up to the barrel of my smokepole leanin against a deadfall tree, an sniffed it like it had found his self somethin to eat. If'n I didn't need somethin to eat, I might not have kilt that little squirrel. A good head shot after'n he runned off an climbed a tree bout half way an commenced to barkin at me like I was a red coat bustin through Daniel Boone's home, put him right nice tied to my belt fur supper.

With not much time left in the day, I was off again to find the first spot fur the night. The days were gettin shorter, an less daylight means less work done. Id say bout another 2 or 3 mile, that's where I found a good spot fur the night. With the sunlight fadin fast, an the cold breeze a blowin, my first order a bidness was getting a fire a goin. A little charred cloth, some dead pine needles, an a little home made wind got the job done. A fire provides two things; much needed heat, and much needed light. Now fur the shelter. My little diamond really does the job on these one man hunts. A pole in the middle to hold er up, an one in front to hold the door open, an I got myself a right nice place fur the night. I got er placed with the back facin the wind, an the front nearly over the fire, so it don't get windy in my shelter leavin me under the stars, an to protect my fire from blowin out. Inside the shelter I lay down more pine branches, with needles still on, and cover that with bout a shin deep layer of dead leaves. This will keep the cold ground, offin my backside. Next I built a wall on the back side of the fire, to reflect the heat back into my shelter. The wall is made from mostly green pine branches weaved through 4 or 5 upright poles, stuck in the ground. With my pack unloaded under the shelter, I can see bout cookin that squirrel.

Cookin the squirrel was easy. I remove the entrails like the deer, then run a stick through long ways so I can cook it over the fire. I burn the hair off with a hot fire and burn the skin enough to make it easy to peel. After the skin is peeled, I roast it over a slower fire. With some added salt, its rite fine good eatin fur on the trail.

My first day and night started off a right nice, I remembered thinkin, relaxin by the fire that night. With my belly pleased, my fire fed, and my gun ready, my thoughts drift back to my family, and the Lord. Children are a heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is His reward. And a fine wife by your side, is like bringin a sword to a knife fight. And the Lord will be with me fur sure on this hunt. I remember the scriptures an Psalms 23. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear NO evil! For Thou art with me"! The valley of this here life sometimes is full of evil, and I must walk through it. "You prepare a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies". Right in the middle of my enemies, God has prepared for me a place to feast, to regain strength to keep goin, to fight the enemy! All this without fear. This here is the only reason im able to be goin out and huntin like this. There's plenty a stories bout us hunters a goin out an not comin back. Even ol Daniel Boone was captured on a huntin trip a few years back by the Shawnee in '69, an didn't return until '71. It's a dangerous job, specially by yourself. Rememberin this passage an thinking bout it over an over, brings a most incredible sense of peace. Knowin my family is bein watched by the creator, an my trip is ordered by Him, assures me He never slumbers or sleeps. An He watches over His children.

I don't remember the last thought I had that night, but I do remember wakin up nice an worm, to the sun peekin over the mountain top. To be continued . . .

Red Squirrel