

FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

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Greetings Royal Ranger Leaders (and FCF Candidates),

Lately we have seen an increase in Frontiersman candidates who are NOT prepared to successfully complete the Frontiersman Adventure. To make sure that all those accepted into FCF are qualified the practice of passing those who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be continued.

Therefore, I'm asking that you invest the time necessary to maximize your ability to successfully participate in the Frontiersman adventure. Along with this goes a commitment to mentor those Royal Rangers in your Outpost who anticipate joining FCF.

Every candidate will need to finish the Frontiersman Adventure with at least 3 of a potential 5 beads which are earned by:

- Fire Starting (igniting a "bird's nest" using flint and steel within 2 minutes) – 1 bead
- Knife Throwing (safe handling and the ability to make 1 "stick" within 2 minutes) – 1 bead
- Tomahawk Throw (safe handling and the ability to make 1 "stick" within 2 minutes) – 1 bead
- Recite, from memory, Matthew 22:37-40 AND John 13:35 (NIV) – 1 bead
- Complete the FCF craft (to be supplied) – 1 bead

It should be noted that beads can be lost by talking when not authorized to do so. This has been the downfall of many candidates. Self-discipline is an important Christian trait that should be reflected in FCF.

Every candidate must participate in all activities and events. Any candidate who demonstrates a lack of willingness to cooperate and follow instructions, will be asked to leave the Frontier adventure. They will join their outpost and participate in the general activities but will not be granted membership into the Adirondack Chapter of the FCF. Application fees will not be refunded, and they may reapply at the next Trace.

I realize that not all Outposts can set up a knife and hawk range for purposes of practice. Suggestions to maximize a successful Frontiersman Adventure experience could include the following:

- Hold an FCF training day at a location where a knife and hawk range can be set up
- If that is not feasible, at a minimum make sure each boy knows how to throw a ball at a target and hit it.

The Frontiersman Adventure will include ample training and testing opportunities, but participation is not a guarantee of success. You are strongly encouraged to take some time to prepare yourself and mentor the boys in your Outpost so that everyone can be successful and realize a sense of accomplishment.

Finally, **Frontiersman Adventure and Buckskin Challenge applications MUST be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event.** This is needed to ensure that the application is complete and properly filled out. We do NOT have time at the event to accomplish this and, therefore, **walk-in candidates will not be permitted.** Wilderness Vigil applications MUST be submitted at least 3 months prior to the event. For purposes of the Spring '22 Trace the 3-month lead time will be waived for Wilderness candidates, however, should be submitted ASAP.

The following page details the requirements for FCF admission. Let me know if you have any questions.

In His Service,

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FCF Adirondack Chapter President

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New UPDATED Membership / Frontiersman Requirements:

Submit a 'Membership Application'. **Application for Frontiersman and Buckskin must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event.** Wilderness applications must be submitted at least 3 months in advance. For the Spring 2022 Trace the deadline for Wilderness only applications will be waived, however they must be submitted ASAP. **NO walk-in candidates will be allowed to participate in any of the FCF experiences.**

- Frontier Adventure – must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event **(no walk-ins)**
 - Jim Siddall, Chapter Frontiersmen Representative
 - dsiddall@verizon.net
 - (315) 247-9574
- Buckskin Challenge – must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event **(no walk-ins)**
 - Ken "Sneaky" Jordan, Chapter Buckskin Representative
 - Sneaky1k@optonline.net
 - (631) 968-8487
- Wilderness Vigil – must be submitted ASAP **(no walk-ins)**
 - Paulie "Spike" Martin, Chapter Wilderness Representative
 - matchflicker@optonline.net
 - (631) 512-1274

For the opportunity to apply for membership in FCF (Frontiersman Adventure Candidates) the following requirements must be met **before submitting your application:**

Requirements for Boys:

- Complete all requirements for the following skill merits:
 - Camping
 - First Aid Skills or First Aid/CPR
- Be at least 11 years old AND a graduate of the fifth grade.
- Be an active member of your local chartered outpost.

Requirements for Leaders:

- Earn the Ready and Safety Levels of the Outpost Leader Advancement Levels training.
 - Provide a copy of your Ready and Safety certificates with your application.
- Be an active member of a chartered Royal Rangers outpost and be recommended for membership by the outpost coordinator and pastor.
- Be in good standing in the church, regularly practicing a Christlike lifestyle.

Once the application has been submitted, and approved as complete, both boys and men must successfully complete the Frontier Adventure by earning at least 3 of 5 beads, as detailed on the previous page as well as participate in all activities. Experience activities and qualifications for Buckskin Challenge and Wilderness Vigil, including a link to all application forms, are detailed in the FCF 2022 Trace Packet pages 4-7.