

George Washington Chapter 2024 FCF Spring Trace

“Firm Foundations”

April 19th – 21st, 2024

Camp Berry
Honey Grove, Pa.



Guest Speaker:

Rev. Jonathan “Sunshine” Paredes

Jonathan “Sunshine” Paredes has been part of the George Washington Chapter/PennDel District since 2015. He has been a part of Royal Rangers since Straight Arrows, earning his GMA, District Ranger of the Year, FCF Wilderness member, and serving as scout for the Pathfinder Chapter. Since then, he has served in various positions in outposts across the Northeast Region. Jonathan has facilitated the launching of new outposts that are still thriving to this day. Currently, he is serving as the Assistant Group Leader for the recently relaunched Adventure Rangers at New Life Church Outpost 277. He has attended Advance National Academy and has served as director and trainer in various JLDA camps and RMA courses. Jonathan completed his undergraduate degree at Northpoint Bible College (formerly Zion Bible College) in Haverhill, MA and his Masters in Divinity at Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is serving as Bridge Pastor in Rohrerstown, PA. Jonathan and his wife, Lucy, have very energetic twin boys that are ready to be Royal Rangers. As a family, they all share passion for the Royal



Ranger ministry. Unfortunately, they are currently in the interview process for a settled pastor position for churches in Connecticut and will transition to Southern New England over the summer. For his sermons, Jonathan shares: “the theme for the Spring trace is *A Firm Foundation*. I want us to spend the weekend reflecting on our own process and how spiritual truths shape us to go forward in our lives”. We look forward to the challenge of his message and the joy of his spirit as we laugh and share in the fellowship of Christ. Jonathan wants to blend the sunshine of his personality with the words God has put in his heart.

From the President's Pen



As 2024 Spring Trace draws near, I want to invite all active and non-active members out to our event. Do not worry about back dues right now if you haven't been out to an FCF event in a while. We can talk about that later.

Our Trace theme is "Firm Foundation". Jesus is our rock and the firm Foundation.

Jonathan will be sharing Gods word with us for the weekend, and I am looking forward to hearing what the Lord has laid on his heart.

We will be having a wilderness vigil this weekend, so be praying for the guys who will be participating in this event.

Also, buckskin testing and a scout competition will be taking place. Young Bucks send me or our scribe Jeremy your scout application.

If you have any men or boys in your outpost who want to be part of the Chapter, get the merits done and applications in ASAP.

Let's make our Adventure a big one.

Don't forget about our chapter Auction. Bring some good items to raise money for our mission support and of course the love blanket. It's always a blessing to give an item to a friend or a member of your outpost.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Trace.

In His Service,
Mark "Broken Lance" Lance
FCF Chapter President

Message from the Chairman

In a day and age when Robots and Artificial Intelligence are exploding on the scene, it is good to step back and think how we got here. The mountain men, frontiersmen, and those who went before used their hard work and intelligence to pave the way for what we have today. In this world of rapid change, one thing never changes, and that is our Lord.

As we gather to have fun for several days living the life of a frontiersman, let's consider what the Lord Jesus has done for us and build on that unchanging firm foundation. Jonathan Paredes will be sharing but began to think about our theme and come ready to receive from the Lord.

Steve "Nikoman" Steffel
Chairman



2024 FCF Trace Schedule

<u>Friday</u>	Registration as soon as possible with Jeremy 'Midew' Shuey
8:30am	Black Powder Class (Cost \$20.00) (Be at main pavilion with rifle and cleaning Supplies)
12:00pm	Wilderness Vigil begins
5:00pm	Dinner
8:00 – 8:30pm	Evening devotion in camp
9:00pm	Frontier Adventure begins
11:00pm	Quiet time & Fellowship

Please move vehicles out of camp as soon as possible up near the Barn

Saturday

9:00 – 9:30am	Morning Assembly / Devotion
10:00am	Buckskin testing begins
10:00 – 12:00pm	Competitions / Swap Time
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 – 3:30pm	Competition / Swap Time
3:30 – 4:00pm	Business meeting / Scout Elections
4:00 – 5:00pm	Love blanket / Auction
5:00 – 8:30pm	Dinner / Fellowship Time
6:00 – 6:30pm	Buckskin Candidates / Sponsor meet with President
8:30 – 8:45pm	Buckskin Ceremony
8:45pm - ???	Council Fire / Communion / Devotion (Bring a cup for communion)
11:00pm	Fellowship & quiet time

Sunday

9:00am	Closing Devotion
9:30am	Presentations and Prizes
11:00am	Pack up and head home

Changes to the schedule or special announcements will be made prior to devotions each day

Event Location: Penn-Del Royal Ranger Camp Berry, Honey Grove, PA

Event Registration: Fees are applicable to FCF and non-FCF members; however, non-FCF members receive a \$5.00 discount.

Registration Fee:

Young Bucks (Boys under 18)	\$23.00 (on or before April 1 ST) \$25.00 (after April 1 ST)
Frontiersman/Old Timers	\$28.00 (on or before April 1 ST) \$30.00 (after April 1 ST)

Annual FCF Dues:

Young Bucks	\$15.00
Old Timers	\$25.00

All members and new members that have not yet paid their 2024 dues should do so at this event. Dues are due by January 31, 2024.

A big thanks to everyone for coming to Trace!

Mark "Broken Lance" Lance

Young Buck Drawing: A Young Buck drawing will be held at the 3:00 pm Business meeting. All Young Bucks need to write their name on a piece of paper and hand it to the guest speaker.

Competitions: Hawk and knife throw, rifle shoot, flint and steel and more. Be “Ready” for anything.

Frontier Auction: Our frontier auction is not only a lot of fun, but it is a good way to raise funds for our missionaries. The success or failure of the auction depends solely on you! Please bring good items to put on the blanket. We would really like to see donations of some of the items you have been making at your chosen frontier craft, or items you have outgrown or no longer use. These items not only result in some lively bidding, but they also tend to encourage others to develop their own frontier trade. In addition, bring items for the LOVE blanket and Young Buck auction blanket.

Permission Slips and Medical Treatment Forms: Please make sure you have signed permission slips and medical release forms for all boys under age 18.

Staff and Men: ALL STAFF AND MEN ATTENDING THE EVENT MUST BE CLEARED BY THEIR LOCAL CHURCH. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS AND HAVE REFERENCES FOR ALL LEADERS AND MEN. LEADERS WHO ARE NOT ON FILE WITH THEIR CHURCH AND HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED BY THEIR CHURCH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE CAMP. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT DIRECTOR STEVE STEFFEL.

Camp Setup: to help maintain the Frontier theme of this event, please make an effort to keep all modern camping equipment out of sight. This would include all plastics, including rope, aluminum, coolers, gas lanterns & stoves, flashlights, etc.

Parking: Immediately after unloading, please return your vehicle(s) to the designated parking area. Up near the barn or across the road in the open field. Watch for soft areas.

Medical Emergencies: All campers with medical problems should be taken to the First Aid station for immediate attention. Please register all prescription medications with the individual assigned to the First Aid Station. This will aid in emergencies and prevent any questions of controlled substance abuse.

Competition: We will have prizes awarded in two age groups, Young Bucks (12-18), Old Timers (19-101). The practice of borrowing items for outfit judging will no longer be permissible. Also, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR FCF SHOOTERS CARD, SHOOTERS PERMISSION SLIP (Young Bucks), AND EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IF YOU PLAN ON SHOOTING!!!

Swap Time: Bring along your patches, craft projects or other trade items you have to swap. You will always find someone to trade with you. Leaders and older boys, please remember that many of the younger boys may not understand the value of some items. It is up to you to make sure all trades are fair. Young Bucks buying or trading knives must have a signed permission slip.

FCF Skills: All members should have or should develop a Frontier Skill or Trade to pursue. There are numbers to choose from. We are encouraging all members to have a trade to demonstrate at this event. And remember, Young Bucks make good apprentices.

Buckskin: Anyone having completed the prerequisites for Buckskin can take the Buckskin exam at the Trace. Check your handbook for the requirements for Buckskin! If you are looking to advance to Buckskin and have met all the prerequisites, please fill out the "Buckskin Application", along with your \$50 registration fee and send it to Jonathan Paredes. The Buckskin application can be downloaded off the District FCF website.

Trapper's Brigade: Trappers brigade points will be collected by Jeremy 'Midew' Shuey each year at the Trace. Applications can be turned in all day Saturday and pins will be presented Saturday night. You can obtain the new application on the District FCF website!

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating
to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Please do not come if you have a fever or have any symptoms of being sick or have been in contact with someone with the COVID-19 virus.

Please consider whether you are a person at risk if you are exposed to the virus before you decide to come.

Please practice all safety measures requested by state and local officials (distancing, masks, etc.)

Please read and sign the form below.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I or my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the GW Trace and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at _____ may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Royal Ranger leaders, children, volunteers, or other persons that may come onto the property.

I voluntarily agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren), if present, or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren), if present, may experience or incur while at its SCS RR activity. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren), if present, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the PennDel Royal Rangers, PennDel Ministry Network, South Central Section Royal Rangers its leaders, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs of expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the PDRR, SCS RR, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participations.

Participant's Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Church City: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____



Permission Slip

Event: George Washington FCF Spring Trace

Location: Penn-Del Royal Ranger Camp Berry, Honey Grove, PA.

Date of Event: April 19th - 21st, 2024

I hereby authorize _____ (My child or ward) to accompany the Royal Rangers and/or FCF to the event described above on the date listed above. I understand the arrangements and feel adequate precautions and preparations for the safety of my child or ward have been and will continue to be taken. I will not hold the local church or its leaders, the George Washington Chapter of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, nor the Penn-Del District Council of the Assemblies of God responsible for any accidents that may occur. I certify that I have completed and filed an accurate "Emergency Medical Information and Treatment Authorization" form with my local Outpost and give consent, in the event that all reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the appropriate licensed dentist, physician, or emergency medical personnel. I understand insurance will be provided for the event and that there will be an emergency First Aid station on location.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

Emergency Medical Information and Treatment Authorization

CONSENT FOR CHILD'S NECESSARY OR UNEXPECTED OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND DENTAL HEALTH OR HOSPITAL SERVICES

I, _____, parent and legal guardian of _____
(name of parent or guardian) (name of child)
born, _____, hereby authorize _____ or any person or agency
(name of agency)

acting as the agent of _____ and give my consent for necessary or unexpected or emergency medical or dental health and/or hospital services for the care of my child.

This consent and authorization is valid for the above named minor during the period from _____ to _____.

This document shall be presented to a physician, dentist or appropriate hospital representative at such time as necessary, unexpected or emergency medical or dental health or hospital services may be required.

CHILD'S FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE NO.
WITNESS	DATE	

The following are necessary medical or dental health or hospital services (For example: medication, allergy shots - this does not exclude emergency medical treatment as authorized above), which

_____ is authorized to perform or obtain:
(name of agency)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

It is understood that _____ will contact the parent/guardian
(name of agency)

immediately to inform them of the child's condition and of all emergency or unexpected medical, dental, health or hospital services. If it is possible and will not cause any deterioration or worsening of undue risk or pain to my child, all surgical proceedings shall be at notice to me.

The following is the hospitalization coverage for my child _____
(name of insurance company)
_____ and my child's family physician _____

Physicians phone _____

The following information will also help to expedite the care:

PAST HEALTH PROBLEMS:

ALLERGIES: (also include allergies to drugs)

CURRENT MEDICINES:

DATE OF LAST TETANUS IMMUNIZATION: _____



Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship
 Knife and Black Powder
 Permission Form



I am the parent or guardian of _____ who is a member of the Royal Rangers Program. I give him permission to sell, trade, give, receive, or barter and have in his possession during any FCF event, any knife or black powder firearm as is appropriate for this type of historical reenactment activity.

Please consider this document as written consent for my son to participate in any of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship activities which include black powder loading and shooting, knife and hawk throwing, flint and steel – fire starting, frontiersmen crafts and workshop classes, and any other activities conducted.

 Signature of parent or guardian Date

If you do not want your son, _____ participating in any of the above activities please list:

 Signature of parent or guardian Date

If you are under the age of 18, you must have this form signed by your parent or guardian in order to participate in the above-mentioned activities at the Trace and/or Rendezvous.

Parent please complete:

Name of minor _____

Name of Parent completing form: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone and work phones Home: _____ Work: _____

Age _____ Birth date of minor _____

Any information we should know about:

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2024 Spring Trace Registration

No matter which way you pre-register; registration and payment must be received by April 1st. Please allow sufficient mailing time so that the payment is received by April 1st. If you pre-register, but the monies are not received by April 3rd, you will be required to pay the late fee. If you plan on paying at Trace, payment by check is preferred. Checks will be deposited the Monday following the Trace and will clear your bank before the end of the week.

Registration Fees Apply to Non-FCF Members; however, Non-FCF members will receive a \$5.00 discount, no family discount applies

Registration Fee: On or Before April 1st: Young Bucks (under 18) \$23; Old Timers \$28

Registration Fee: After April 1st: Young Bucks \$25; Old Timers \$30

Make Checks Payable to: *George Washington FCF*

No.	Name (First and Last)	Outpost #	Section	Registration Fee OT (\$28 or \$30) YB (\$23 or \$25)	Discounts: Non-FCF (\$5) Family (\$1)
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Preregistration Discount is \$2.00 and applies for registrations received on or before April 1st.
Family Discount is \$1.00; Discount starts with the third family member registered.

Return completed form to Jeremy Shuey:

Postal mail: Jeremy Shuey
 101 N Locust St Apt A
 Palmyra, PA 17078

Email: jeremy.shuey@hotmail.com

Leaders/Adult Event Recommendation from Pastoral Staff



Event: _____ Date: _____

Leader or Adult Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____ Outpost #: _____ Church Tel.: _____

Address: _____

Pastoral Staff Reference

Reference Name: _____ Occupation: _____

(Please Print)

How long have you been acquainted with the applicant? What is your relationship with the applicant?

Is the applicant a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ?

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a criminal offense (excluding minor traffic violations)? YES NO If yes, please explain.

To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been accused or convicted of child abuse or molestation?
 YES NO If yes, please explain.

From your experience with the applicant, is there anything that would exempt them from working with children?
 YES NO If yes, please explain.

Required: Does the applicant have the following up to date clearance forms on file at the church? YES NO
(For PA or for State the leader or adult resides in or as required by the church).

NOTE: Retain all clearance forms in perpetuity at the church.

In reference to the applicant, check one of the following statements that best apply:

- I recommend without reservation the above-named applicant as a leader and to participate in Royal Ranger events.
- I do not recommend the above-named applicant.
- I have some reservations and would prefer to talk with the Royal Ranger Event Coordinator by phone.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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