

George Washington Chapter

2026 FCF Spring Trace

April 17-19, 2026

Camp Berry
Honey Grove, Pa.



Guest Speaker:

Brian “Patches” Miller



Brian started Royal Rangers in 1977 as a Straight Arrow at Outpost 43 in North Great River, New York. Served as a Junior Commander working with the Pioneer age group. Once of age, served as a Lt. Commander in Pioneers and later Outpost Commander in Trailblazers. Served the Long Island Section of the New York District as Sectional FCF Scribe, Sectional Ranger of the Year Coordinator, Sectional Chartering Coordinator and currently Sectional GMA Advisor.

Joined the Frontiersman Camping Fraternity in 1986. Served the Adirondack Chapter as Assistant District Scout and later the district Scout. At age 21 was voted in as FCF Chapter Vice-President. In 1997 he was appointed the Adirondack Chapter Scribe and served under three chapter presidents until 2012. Completed Buckskin in 1995 and Wilderness in 2005.

In 1998 Brian became Senior Commander of Outpost 137 in Copiague, NY serving there until 2006. In September of 2006 started a new outpost at Lighthouse Tabernacle Church of God in Central Islip, NY. Outpost 33 became his new home where he currently serves as Outpost Coordinator.

He is a graduate of JLTC, NTC, ICS, WCO, Training Academy, National Academy and Advanced National Academy. Has served on staff for the New York District JLTA since 2004 as Patrol Advisor, Instructor, Senior Guide and Camp Commander. Worked with DTC, ATC, JTC, AJTC, JTT, JWC, CAC, RTC and EJLC. Currently serves as Junior Academy Camp Commander and NY District Saber Corp. Coordinator. Brian was awarded the prestigious FCF Flame of Honor at the 2022 National FCF Rendezvous. He is very active in his church serving as a worship leader and Outpost Coordinator.



From the President's Pen



We made it. It was a busy first year as your President of the George Washington Chapter Frontiersman Camping Fellowship and I want to thank everyone for a great year and for all the prayers and encouragement. This year we want to get working on the blacksmith shop. More to come on that going forward. Also, I want to thank everyone for helping to make us a 5-star chapter for another year! Great Job Everyone. Ad Dare Servire

Once again, we are gathering at our District Camp for Spring Trace where we will have a great time in fellowship with our FCF brothers and enjoy fun competitions and as always good meals.

I want to encourage everyone to make our Spring Trace a great event, but we need the Leaders to bring your men and boys out.

Don't forget that Registration is free to those who went through the Adventure last fall at Rendezvous.

Bring along with you some nice items to put on the blanket for the mission Auction. And Love blanket.

From 1969-2026 it has been 57 years the George Washington Chapter has been a part of the National FCF program, and we will be around for many more years serving the needs of men and boys.

The program is about mentoring future men and boys in Rangers.

God is good! He is Faithful and Just and He Loves Us

In His Service,

Jeremy "Midew" Shuey

FCF Chapter President

Message from the Chairman



Recently I had the opportunity to watch the movie series Centennial. The first couple episodes are the story of the trappers, fur traders, mountain men, rendezvous and the move to homestead the west. Spring Trace offers a taste of that adventurous period and helps us remember those exciting days.

Frontiersman Camping Fellowship provides all the fun of the historical traces and rendezvous' but does it in a setting that glorifies the Lord. We are looking forward to seeing you and hearing the Word from Brian 'Patches' Miller.

As you prepare to attend and fellowship, plan now for ways that you can be a blessing to the others and make this the very best Spring Trace for our boys and old timers.

Romans 12: 1-2

Blessings,

Steve "Nikoman" Steffel

Chairman



2026 FCF Spring Trace Schedule

<u>Friday</u>	Registration as soon as possible with Donald "Morning Dove" Dove
8:00 am - ???	Black Powder Course
12:00 pm	Wilderness Adventure Starts
5:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening devotion in camp
8:00 pm	Frontier Adventure begins
11:00 pm	Quiet time & Fellowship

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

Saturday

9:00 – 9:30 am	Morning Assembly / Devotion
10:00 am	Registration see Donald "Morning Dove" Dove
10:00 am	Buckskin / Scout testing begins
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Competition / Swap Time
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Competition / Swap Time
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Business meeting / Scout Election
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Love blanket / Auction
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Dinner / Fellowship Time
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Buckskin Candidates / Sponsor meet with President
7:30 – 7:45 pm	Buckskin Ceremony
7:45 pm - ???	Council Fire / Communion / Devotion (Bring a cup for communion)
11:00 pm	Fellowship & quiet time

Sunday

9:00 am	Closing Devotion
9:30 am	Presentations and Prizes
11:00 am	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: All registration will be done through Brushfire. 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

Frontier Adventure Fee: \$50.00

Buckskin Advancement Fee: \$50.00

Wilderness Adventure Fee: \$50.00

All members and new members that have not yet paid their 2026 dues should do so at this event. Dues for 2026 are due ASAP.

A big thanks to everyone for coming to Trace!
Jeremy "Midew" Shuey

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: See Brushfire registration.

Staff and Men: All registrations will be done through Brushfire.

Camp Setup: To help maintain the Frontier theme of this event, please try and 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", and send it to Jeremy "Midew" Shuey and then register through Brushfire. 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!

NOTE: The Chapter needs members to Advance, check to see if you can go Buckskin at Fall Trace. More info will be given for those Buckskin members who can Advance at Trace. I want to encourage all Members to take a Trappers Brigade Application and fill it out, we need those points for our 5-Star rating, and you will be blessed.

