



Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship

Mentors Guide

Thank you for being a mentor!

Your participation in being a mentor to a future or current FCF member is an important part of the advancement of the Royal Ranger or Royal Ranger leader you are working with.

The purpose of this guide is to provide some guidance to those who have been asked to be a mentor to an FCF member and are not currently involved in the Royal Rangers or Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship ministry.

It is our hope that as you serve as a mentor during the advancement process, you will be blessed for your participation in the development of men and young men as leaders.

Thank you for your willingness to be a mentor!

National FCF Staff

Welcome

If you are reading this, congratulations! You have agreed to mentor someone who is working on advancing through the levels of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) of the Royal Rangers Ministry. This is a very important component to the advancement process for FCF.

The FCF has three separate advancement levels, and those levels have a theme.

- **Frontiersmen**- the Torchbearer. The theme is the Great Commandment- Love your neighbor as yourself
- **Buckskin**- the Armor bearer. The theme is the Great Commission-Reaching your community and world.
- **Wilderness**- the Warrior. The theme is the Great Empowerment- Leading with the heart of God

You do not need to be a Royal Ranger leader to serve as a mentor to someone working toward advancing in FCF. You simply need to be willing to serve and allow God to use you and help the candidate you are working with grow.

It is recommended that you download and review the workbook for the level of advancement you will be serving as a mentor for. This will help you better understand how you can help the person you are mentoring.

The FCF workbooks for all three levels can be found on the National FCF website, www.nationalfcf.com on the FCF Experience Workbooks page.

Mentoring a Frontiersman Candidate

As a Royal Ranger or leader is on the Trail of the Grizzly, the advancement trail of the FCF, he will be introduced to the idea that he needs to seek out a mentor and the importance of mentoring.

The Frontiersmen Workbook will be his text book for his journey to becoming a member of FCF. It is within this workbook that they will be given the basic outline of the need for three levels of mentoring. There are two pages that focus on mentoring, “The Value of Mentoring”, and “Choosing a Mentor”. The information found in these pages should spur the FCF candidate to find a mentor to help him through the process.

The mentor’s role at this level is to assist the candidate in developing his basic camping skills and to begin to understand the need for a mentor and how to choose one.

It is recommended that you as a prospective mentor download the workbook from the National FCF website, www.nationalfcf.com . Navigate to the FCF Experiences page and you will find the Frontiersmen Workbook.

Mentoring a Buckskin Candidate

As a Frontiersman begins to work toward the Buckskin advancement, the need for a mentor will be great.

The theme of the Buckskin advancement is the Armor Bearer.

While working toward the Buckskin advancement, the candidate is asked to read the book “*God’s Armor Bearer*” by Terry Nance.

As a mentor, you will be asked to assist the candidate to work through two “Mentoring Meeting Worksheets”. The answers to these questions are based out of the book, and will help the Buckskin candidate understand his role as an armor bearer to the leadership around him. During this process, it would be helpful for you to either read the book with him or secure and read your own copy. Again, it would be of great benefit to you as a mentor to download the Buckskin Workbook and read through it to understand how to assist the candidate.

The remainder of the workbook is specific to the FCF, and if you are not an FCF member, you could hand this portion to another mentor who is well versed in the FCF.

As with the Frontiersmen level, you are invited to be a part of the final Buckskin ceremony, even if you are not a member of the FCF. Contact the chapter FCF president on times for the Buckskin Challenge Ceremony.

Mentoring a Wilderness Candidate

A Wilderness candidate is on the path to becoming a Warrior. The goal of the FCF is for those who reach this level is to become strong men of courage and action, ready to go to battle in prayer. All the while being shaped into the man God would have him to be.

It would be helpful for you to download the Wilderness Workbook from the national FCF website, www.nationalfcf.com and read through the material prior to beginning the mentoring sessions.

The candidate will be developing a list of personal priorities that he will be able to write down and refer to going forward.

He will be introduced to the six stages of a man's life as outlined by John Eldredge from his book *"The Way of the Wild Heart"*.

It is not required to read this book, but it is highly encouraged. As a mentor to the Wilderness candidate, it would be to your advantage to have read this book and to encourage the candidate to read it as well.

There are three separate mentoring meetings that the candidate is required to complete prior to his Wilderness Vigil event. These meetings are conducted one on one with you and the candidate. You should be ready to assist the candidate as needed. There is no specified length of time that should be observed between each meeting. You and the candidate should agree on the length of time between each meeting, and place those meetings on your calendar.

During the first meeting, the candidate is asked to make a list of 3-5 Christian role models and request a letter of support and encouragement to them. These should be sealed and sent with the candidate to be read only on his Wilderness Vigil event.

As with the Buckskin level, if you are not well versed in the frontier skills that are required for the candidate to learn or you are not a Royal Rangers leader, it is acceptable to pass this responsibility to another mentor who is skilled in these areas.

Again, as with the previous levels, as the mentor of the Wilderness candidate you are invited to attend the 10pm letter reading and 12am communion offered during the vigil and the final wilderness vigil ceremony at the completion of the Wilderness event. For information and times to arrive, contact the FCF leadership at the event the vigil will be conducted.

Event Attendance

As with any Royal Rangers/FCF event, you will need to follow your districts policy on pastoral approval, background checks and approvals before attending any overnight event. Contact your districts Royal Rangers Director or Chapter FCF President for further information on these requirements.

If you are not a member of Royal Rangers or FCF, you will need to make arrangements with the chapter leadership concerning lodging during the event.