



2007 Colonials Territorial Rendezvous Honey Grove, PA

The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Colonials Territorial Rendezvous was held at the Penn-Del District Royal Ranger Camp in Honey Grove, PA for the first time since the camp was founded in 2000. The rendezvous occurs once every two years and was attended by men and boys from all over the northeast region from Maine to Virginia. Over 108 shelters were set-up with 318 men and boys in attendance. The guest speaker for the Rendezvous was Rev. Harry Hunt, District Commander from the Ohio District and vice-president of the Royal Rangers National Council.



Many attendees rolled in and set up on Thursday with a little drizzle in the air, but the remainder of the weekend graced the event with spectacular weather. Old



timers and young bucks had the opportunity to participate in activities and competitions including flint & steel fire starting, knife and hawk throw, outfit and shelter judging, black powder shoot, primitive bow, horn blowing and the Seneca run



where an old timer and young buck teamed up to compete together and show off their skills. The blacksmith forges ran hot all weekend



allowing many to try their hand at making new iron crafts and items for their camp. Plenty of time was available to fellowship, trade, and buy and sell FCF goods, which allowed newcomers to get needed items and veterans to resupply or add on to their outfits or shelters.

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The Wilderness Vigil for Wilderness candidates kicked off at mid-day on Friday. After an afternoon of testing, these individuals spent a sleepless night in the wilderness building shelters, keeping watch of their fire and most importantly communing with God. Ten men and boys started the Vigil, but only eight were successful in completing the Vigil. Out of the eight completing the Vigil, five were from the George Washington Chapter (Penn-Del District). They were Glenn "Sugar Maple" Kemble, Shawn "Silent Eagle" Shevitz, Wayne "Three Crosses" Corby, Josh "Bullseye" Corby, and Eric "Tree Climber" Kemble. Others completing the vigil were Tim "Red Oak" Hatch from the Kings Pine Chapter



(Northern New England District) and John "Rushing Wind" Lerchbacker III from the John Fenwick Chapter (New Jersey District). Congratulations to these men and boys for reaching the Wilderness level.



On Saturday, the Scout competitions and election took place for all eligible Young Bucks. Jeremy Fudalik from the John Fenwick Chapter out of New Jersey was re-elected as the Territorial Scout, while Eric Kemble of the George Washington Chapter out of Pennsylvania-Delaware District was elected National Scout. It was quite an accomplishment for Eric to have completed his Wilderness Vigil and to become National Scout all in one weekend. Congratulations to Eric Kemble!

On Saturday afternoon an auction was held to raise money for missions. Items were donated by numerous individuals and auctioned off by Herman 'Happy Guy' Geesaman and an awesome \$1,700 was raised, all of which will be donated to missions. In addition, Buddy Barrels were handed out and collected at the end of the Rendezvous and \$246.36 was raised for BGMC. That's almost \$2,000 to go toward missions. Way to go Colonials.

Let's not forget the rendezvous around the evening council fire. Inspiring messages were given by Rev. Harry Hunt each evening beneath the star filled sky. Around the warmth and glow of the council fire numerous men and boys, too many to count, came forward for prayer, rededication and an infilling of the



Holy Spirit. This was the first Rendezvous coordinated by our new Territorial Representative, Peter Gilchrist, and he and his staff did a superb job organizing and coordinating this tremendous event. After the event was over he stated that he was glad to have the first one under his belt. Great job Peter!



Following the Sunday morning devotion and after taking care of final business, the camp was adjourned and all



the Old Timers and Young Bucks packed up and headed to their next destination, home. All seemed extremely pleased with the event, location and weather, not to mention the great time of fellowship. Many happy trails and blessed days until we rendezvous again.

