

2024

*Coureur de Bois*

*Fall Trace*

*October 4-6*



## TRACE INFO

It is time once again to make our way back to the beautiful camp at Heartland. We will have three days of fun and frivolity before we have to suffer the ravages of another Ohio winter. I look forward to seeing all my FCF brothers again. We will also have a chance to welcome our prospective new members going through their Frontier Adventure.

Trace place: **Heartland Conference & Retreat Center**

Date October 4-6

Cost: Old Timers \$25.00

Young Bucks \$20.00 (If you are in college there is no charge )

## FRONTIER ADVENTURE

Those coming to Fall Trace for their Frontier Adventure will have a different charge according to the letter that you receive from the scribe. You need to make sure you arrive on time and are ready to go. It never hurts to be a little early either. Remember to follow the instructions you get in your letter and to bring everything you'll need for your Adventure. **All new member applications should be sent to Thomas Hunt by September 2.**

- Thomas Hunt – [hunt8213@yahoo.com](mailto:hunt8213@yahoo.com)

## ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL FEATURES

Commanders, all activities have been designed with fun and adventure in mind. On Saturday, the members will be able to participate in many events and activities. Some of our activities will be:

- Black Powder
- Archery
- Seneca Run
- Knife/ Hawk Throw
- Flint/ Steel
- Horn Blowing

We've included the Knife and Black Powder form which must be signed by a parent. The form states that it's required for participation in the events, we won't be enforcing this part during fall trace just yet. However, if you're going to shoot, you'll still need your Black Powder card, so don't forget that. At this point we'll be using it to determine whether the young buck is allowed to sell, trade, give, receive or barter and have in his possession any knife or black powder firearm during trace. I'm sure each of you have been challenged by a young buck about wanting to buy a knife, with this form, you'll know what the parents will allow.

Buckskin and Wilderness Adventures will be offered. Send copies of applications to the District.

## GROUND RULES/GUIDELINES

**FIREWOOD ALERT! No firewood will be provided, bring your own wood.** The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has extended the EAB quarantine statewide, you can now move and sell your cut ash anywhere in Ohio. However, ODA and Division of Forestry recommend that people limit the movement of firewood when they sell or buy it to protect against the spread of all wood-borne pests, including the emerald ash borer and gypsy moth. It is still illegal to move ash trees, parts of ash trees, and hardwood firewood across the state line, due to USDA Department of Agriculture quarantine.

([http://www.agri.ohio.gov/public\\_docs/news/2010/09-08-2010%20EAB.pdf](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/public_docs/news/2010/09-08-2010%20EAB.pdf)) Downed wood or dead branches from standing trees at HCRC may still be used. **No** cutting of live trees is permitted without permission from the District Commander.

- **Everyone** is to attend the Council Fire service (this is the focus of our trace event) and the closing assembly on Saturday. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to hear our speaker.
- Water and Restroom facilities will be available. The Lodge will be off-limits to Rangers unless special circumstances would occur and then a Commander must accompany them.
- You will need to provide for all your meals for your Outpost.
- Anyone walking in the creek is **REQUIRED** to wear shoes. The rocks are slippery and sharp - walk with caution.
- **The Low Ropes Course is OFF LIMITS to ALL Rangers during Fall Trace.** These events are being used by other groups and are required to have trained HCRC staff present to run the various events.
- **NO** motor vehicles (cars, trucks, etc...) will be operated in camp other than loading and unloading.
- No ATV's or Quads are allowed per the Heartland Conference Retreat Center (HCRC) regulations. The only exceptions will be those who obtain specific permission directly from the HCRC prior to the camp. If permission is granted - provide a copy of the permission at registration. At the close of Trace on Saturday, your campsite is to be cleaned. It is **very important** that we leave our sites like its original condition or better. You are encouraged to bring grass seed for your fire pit areas to assist in their rapid re-growth.

## **TRACE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

The following are items that we feel are desirable to take to Trace. Some of the items may not be available to a young buck, so a substitute or deletion may be made at the discretion of the parents. Your son's Commander will be able to help you in making those decisions. We suggest you check off each item as you pack it. Please mark all items with your son's name. These are sample items for a Longhunter. You can get the complete list and other Outfit lists from "FCF Outfit Judging Forms" on the National FCF website (<http://www.nationalfcf.com/>).

**Suggestion: Send this list with your son to use when he is ready to leave Trace.**

### **CLOTHING**

- Shooters or Hunters frock (Medium weight Jacket)
- Drop front or French fly knee breeches made of heavy linen or homespun (Blue jeans)
- Plain shirt, simple made (linen, homespun, or lindsey/woolsey) No calico (two RR T-shirts)
- Woodland Moccasins, Shoe packs, (tennis shoes)
- Extra outfit (clothing)
- Red underwear – long johns (underclothing)
- Oilskin Frock (Poncho or raincoat)

### **PERSONAL ITEMS**

- Toilet kit – soap in a case, toothbrush in a case, small tube of toothpaste, comb, towel, and wash cloth.
- Wool Blankets (Sleeping bag)
- Haversack (Dirty clothes bag)
- Bible (small RR OK)
- Quill Pen or pencil (Regular pen or pencil)
- Nessmuk Juice (Insect repellent)
- Corn Boiler & Spoon (horn, wood, or pewter) (Mess kit or plate, spoon, knife & fork)

### **OPTIONAL ITEMS**

- Woolen matchcoat (Sweat shirt or sweater)
- Rope Bed (Air mattress and pillow)
- Throwing Knife (Pocket knife)
- Wool or Leather leggings (Sweat pants)







# DIRECTIONS TO THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE CENTER

Exit I-71 onto SR 61. Go South to CR 15 or North to CR 217 and follow the map to the Heartland Conference Center. Follow the signs to the back of the camp to the Royal Ranger area.

