



CAPE FEAR COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*PLANS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA*

* Year of Celebration Leadership Award

For our 100th Anniversary, the Boy Scouts of America is honoring the impact made by a century of living by the Scout Oath and Law. Our recognition program - A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference - rewards Scouts, leaders, and alumni for devotion to core Scouting values. To earn the five awards, Scouts must demonstrate personal growth and teamwork. Adults and Scouting alumni must teach skills and become more involved in Scouting. By engaging the entire Scouting family this program demonstrates the gifts Scouting gives to communities and individuals across America. Participants can earn patch segments in each category.



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The program will be both fun and engaging and, most important; will show America the impact that Scouting makes through its commitment to these values. A Year of Celebration will run through December 31, 2010. The Year of Celebration patches can be purchased through the Cape Fear Scout Shop. Specific requirements for each patch segment and additional information on the Year of Celebration program can be found at www.scouting.org/100years, then click on *Celebrating 100 Years* at the top of the page.

* National Hall of Leadership

This recognition is designed to provide a one-time opportunity for anyone to share stories about Scouts, Scout leaders or other Scouting volunteers which demonstrate outstanding Scouting leadership through selfless and extraordinary acts of service. Each story should be about how that person has made a significant difference and positively impacted your life or the lives of others. Stories must be submitted on-line and must be 450 words or less. There is no age limit for the individuals who are nominated. The nominee must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who has been active in Scouting for at least one year. The nomination process will end on February 8, 2010. One person from each BSA council in the country will be selected by a national BSA judging panel to be inducted into the National Hall of Leadership. Additional information on the nomination process can be found at www.scouting.org/100years.

* Council-Wide Day of Service - Saturday, January 9, 2010

Each Scout unit in the Cape Fear Council is encouraged to plan a service project for their local community on Saturday, January 9, 2010. We hope that there will be several thousand man-hours of service given that day across our eight-county area. Please let the council know about your service project by filling out the Report Form which can be found by clicking [HERE](#). All Scout units and service projects that are reported will be recognized at the Council Recognition Banquet on February 25, 2010. Service projects can be something to help a church, school, community organization or a special need which exists in your local community.

* Carving of 100th Anniversary Totem Pole for Camp Bowers



The Cape Fear Council plans to carve a special 100th Anniversary Totem Pole to be permanently placed at Camp Bowers. There will be an opportunity for Boy Scouts who have earned their Totin' Chip to participate in a portion of the carving. For more information on this project and how to reserve carving time for your Scout Troop click [HERE](#).

* Eagle Scout Gathering and Re-Dedication Ceremony

An Eagle Scout Gathering is being planned as part of our council's celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts. The anniversary date is February 8th, 2010 and our plan is to gather together in one place as many Eagle Scouts as possible from each of our eight counties on the front steps of their local courthouse for a special Re-dedication Ceremony. Your county has an Eagle Scout Gathering Chairman who will be leading the efforts to promote this event. If you are an Eagle Scout, please plan to attend and bring any Eagle Scout, young or old, along with you. All events will begin at 12:00 noon. Please contact your District Executive or your local District Committee for additional information.

* Special - Edition 100th Anniversary Council Patch

A special collector's edition 100th Anniversary Patch for the Cape Fear Council will be available to be earned. It will **not**, be a patch you can purchase. Any registered Scout, their parents or volunteer Scout leader can earn the patch by writing a letter to the editor of their local newspaper praising the value of Scouting to the local community, telling how the Boy Scout program has made a positive impact in their life, made them a better person, or how it has helped their family be stronger. The letter must be published in the newspaper in order for the person to earn the patch. We are hopeful that our local newspapers will be "flooded" with positive messages about the Boy Scout program. The recognition for this will run through May 31, 2010. A copy of the letters to the editor page of the newspaper must be submitted to the council along with a submission form in order to receive the 100th Anniversary Patch. Limit will be one patch per person. A copy of the submission form can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#).

* Partnerships with UNC-Wilmington and UNC-Pembroke Sports Programs

We have formed partnerships with both to provide Scout Units to do pre-game flag ceremonies before every home basketball game of the 2009 - 2010 season. Both of these athletic venues will give us a tremendous opportunity to spotlight our Scouting programs and the 100th Anniversary Celebration in front of large crowds of people.



* 2010 National Scout Jamboree

In the summer of 2010, our council will be sending a contingent of Scouts to attend the 100th Anniversary National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. [Billy Best](#), Scoutmaster of Troop 26 in Wilmington will be our contingent leader and [Howell Clark](#) of Elizabethtown and [Bill Purcell](#) of Laurinburg will be assistant leaders. We are encouraging all of our Scout Troops to take "day visits" to the Jamboree.

* BSA Alumni Connection

For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has taught timeless values, strengthened leadership skills, and guided America's youth on their journey to adulthood. But, no Scout ever takes that journey alone. Included with former Scouts, BSA alumni are the supportive family members, dedicated volunteers, professional Scouters, and the tens of millions of Americans that benefit from Scouting in their communities every day. Through the BSA Alumni Connection, you can find Scouting friends and mentors, add your story to the growing BSA 100th Anniversary online scrapbook, and find out how you can re-engage with Scouting programs. Please go to www.bsaalumni.org to get involved with this program.

* Generations Connection

Was your grandfather a Cub Scout, mom a Den Mother, uncle a Merit Badge Counselor? Or are you the first in your family to go down the Scouting trail? No matter what your Scouting legacy, we invite you to celebrate your family with the 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program. Generations Connection celebrates the legacy, and powerful impact, of Scouting in American families. It teaches Scouts to understand the value of their Scouting family tree and encourages first-generation Scouts to carry this special tradition forward. Visit the Generations Connection page at www.scouting.org/100years, then click on Generations Connection. You can tell your story and print an attractive, personalized BSA 100th Anniversary Generational Scouting Family certificate that you can frame and display.

* BSA 100th Anniversary Trees

The tree is an important symbol of the family—a family tree, the life of a tree that spans generations, the belief that a tree will continue to provide, long after we're gone. Because of that symbolism—and a shared mission for service and environmental stewardship the Arbor Day Foundation has designated official BSA 100th Anniversary trees for anyone to enjoy. Order yours at www.arborday.org/boyscouts. For every BSA 100th Anniversary tree purchased from Arbor Day, another will be planted in Montana at the newly created Boy Scouts of America Centennial Forest. The Centennial Forest will aid replanting of the Flathead National Forest following recent fires. Plant it together as a family, as a lasting memory of your commitment to Scouting. You can also make or order a tree marker to designate its importance.

* TV & Radio Ads to Run

The final part of our council plan involves producing TV and Radio spots which will feature some of our Scouting families across the council area that have had three generations of family members involved in the Scouting program. A commitment was secured from WECT to donate the cost of producing the TV Spots to our Scouting program. There will be 13 separate TV Spots which will begin airing in January 2010 to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The audio portion of the spots will also be used to make Radio Spots that will run during the same time period.

