



The Tide



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CAPE FEAR COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA P.O. BOX 7156 - WILMINGTON, NC 28406 - www.capefearcouncilbsa.org

A Monthly Newsletter for All Volunteer Scouters

- Please remember to support our Boy Scout program by designating your pledge to the United Way campaign in your local area to the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America. United Way is obligated to transmit all designated gifts to the Cape Fear Council.
- **The "Winter Freeze Out" camping event** will be held at Camp Bowers on December 28 - 30, 2009. Activities for this winter camping experience will include Climbing & Rappelling, Polar Bear Swim, Dog Sled Race, Snow Ball Toss, Underwater Basket Weaving and much, much more. Cost for the event will be \$25 per person. To download a registration form, please go to the council website at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org and then click on "Winter Freeze Out".
- **Silver Beaver Award** The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor a local council can bestow on a volunteer. Recipients of this award are individuals that have truly made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Cape Fear Council. Applications to nominate potential Silver Beaver recipients may be obtained by contacting Debrah Forcinito (910) 395-1100, ext. 19 or dforcini@bsaemail.org or by visiting the Council Website at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org. Click on Forms and then click on Cape Fear Council Silver Beaver Nomination Form. All nominations must be submitted to the Council Office by November 13, 2009.
- **New Leader Training** Training for adult volunteers is a critical component to ensuring a quality Scouting program is delivered to youth. Please visit the Cape Fear Council website at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org and click on the training icon. On the training page leaders can participate in online trainings and view a schedule of upcoming district and council trainings. Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader!
- **Council Recognition Banquet** will be held on Thursday evening, February 25th (2010) at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in Wilmington. The dinner event will begin at 6:30 p.m. All Scouts who earn their Eagle Scout Award in 2009 are invited to attend along with their families and guests. The council will also be recognizing five Scouting volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award. Bill Turner of Wilmington, long-time Scoutmaster and current Committee Chair of Troop 26 will be the 2009 Eagle Scout Class Honoree.
- **Eagle Scout Scholarship** A scholarship of \$1,300 will be awarded to a deserving Scout who earns their Eagle Scout Award during 2009 by the **Betty and Ellis Tinsley, Sr. Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship will be presented at the Annual Council Recognition Banquet to be held on Thursday, February 25, 2009. The scholarship will pay the expenses for attending a college chosen by the Scout and his family. To qualify for this scholarship, a Scout must earn his Eagle Scout Award from January 1 - December 31, 2009. Recommendations for the scholarship must be in the form of a letter from the Scoutmaster of the troop in which the Scout earns his Eagle Scout Award. In the letter, the Scoutmaster should tell why this Scout is deserving of receiving the scholarship. Focus should be on the achievements of the Scout in two areas; academics and Scout accomplishments. Deadline for the submission of letters of recommendation is January 31, 2010. All letters from the Scoutmaster should be sent to the following address: *Betty & Ellis Tinsley, Sr. - Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund - P.O. Box 7156 - Wilmington, NC 28406*
- **Applications for National Eagle Scout Scholarships for 2010** are now available at <http://www.nesa.org/applications.html>. Please remember that it is mandatory for any Eagle Scout applying for these scholarships to use the correct application. Application forms from previous years will not be accepted or considered.
- **The National BSA Executive Board** has passed a resolution to increase the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults by \$5, effective January 1, 2010. The cost of registration will be \$18 in the Cape Fear Council.

- Council-Wide Day of Service - Saturday, January 9, 2010** Each Scout unit in the Cape Fear Council is encouraged to plan a 100th Anniversary 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 at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org. 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.
- 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.
- Scout Recruiting Friends Into Scouting** There are still 2 more weeks of the Scouts Recruiting Friends into Scouting campaign. During the week of November 9-13 any Scout who recruits a friend into Scouting will have his name placed in a drawing and have a chance to win a **Digital Camera**. During the week of November 16-20 any Scout who recruits a friend into Scouting will have his name placed in a drawing and have a chance to win a **Nintendo Wii**. In order to have a chance to win a prize, a completed youth application and registration fee for the new Scout must be turned in to the Scout Service Center before the end of each remaining week. Each application turned in needs to include name and phone number of the Scout recruiter.
- Camp Bowers 2010** It's only November, but planning and promotion for Camp Bowers 2010 is already well underway. We are looking forward to having another incredible summer at Camp Bowers in 2010 and we want your Troop to attend! We will continue to offer the items that were a hit last summer, a few of these include: Family style eating in the dining hall, Off-camp outpost nights for camping - wilderness survival - canoeing merit badges, Blue Cards, Online Merit Badge class registration, Night time activities every evening - Luau, Free climbs, Twilight Boating, Evening Shooting, 2 hour shotgun Shooting merit badge periods. Two new outpost will be offered this summer; *(They will be limited in size and will be reserved for those who register first)* Topsail Island Outpost - June 20 - 26 and Appalachian Trail Trek - July 11 - 17. The Camp Bowers 2010 season will also be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. To secure a spot for your Troop at Camp Bowers 2010 contact John Harniman at (910) 395-1100, ext. 23 or harniman@capefearbsa.org
- 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 go to the council website at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org.
- 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.
- National Hall of Leadership** This 100th Anniversary 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.
- Please remember our Scouting program in the Cape Fear Council as you make your estate planning decisions in the future. A gift to the council's Endowment Fund, will keep the Boy Scout program strong for generations to come. Your attorney, accountant or financial adviser can help you in making a permanent bequest to our Endowment Fund or set up a charitable remainder trust. Please give this your heartfelt consideration.

- Here are the answers to a couple of questions often times asked about the wearing of knots on the uniforms of adult Scout volunteers . . .
 - ◆ **The military gives an order to their ribbons, which Boy Scout knot goes first?**
According to the new 2009 - 2010 Insignia Guide, the order of wearing knots is at the discretion of the wearer. It is suggested that the knot deemed most important by the wearer be worn on his/her own right.
 - ◆ **How many knots can I wear?**
The new Insignia Guide recommends that the number of knots be limited to three rows of three knots (a total of nine knots).
- **22nd World Jamboree - Rinkaby, Sweden** It is time to start making plans if you want to attend the next World Jamboree. While it may be almost 2 years away there is a lot to be done. Hosted by The Swedish Guide and Scout Council, the 22nd World Scout Jamboree will run from July 27 - August 7, 2011. World Jamborees are special events that are unique unto themselves. Yes, they are jamborees but to have a jamboree experience with Scouts from around the world is a tremendous personal growth event. Such an experience is difficult to duplicate and is really a once in a life time Scouting experience for a young man or woman. The upcoming World Scout Jamboree promises to be one of the best ever. With 40,000 Scouts expected to attend from six continents and more than 114 countries, it's going to be a world-class event, one you can be a part of if you start planning now. Two important program events are having each troop spend one night off site at a summer camp site in Denmark or Norway. There they will camp with Scouts from many countries. Of the planned program time, a full 1/3 is unscheduled to allow for troops from different countries to get together so their Scouts can learn more about other countries and Scouting programs. If you want to learn more about the jamboree, go to <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>.
- **The United States Postal Service** has just announced that a Celebrate Scouting stamp will be issued in 2010. The unveiling ceremony, where they reveal the design, is scheduled for November 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Washington DC.
- If any district or unit volunteer would like to receive the Tide newsletter electronically each month, please send your e-mail address to dforcini@bsamail.org. or log on to www.capefearcouncilbsa.org click on Council and District Info and then eMail Lists and sign up.
- **2009 Trails End Popcorn Sale** - The 2009 Trails End Popcorn sale was a huge success! More than 1700 Scouts throughout the eight counties of the Cape Fear Council sold over \$510,000 in popcorn! This is an outstanding accomplishment and will help to ensure Scouting units have the funds they need to have an ideal year of Scouting. The Cape Fear Council wanted to especially recognize the following Scouts and units for their incredible achievements:

Top 3 Salesman throughout the Council

- 1) **Samuel Brohaugh** - \$4,566 total Sales - Pack 234 sponsored by Wesley Chapel UMC, Scotts Hill. Samuel has won a Nintendo Wii in addition to the prizes from Trails End.
- 2) **Austin Waddell** - \$4,154 total sales - Pack 226 sponsored by Wesley Memorial UMC, Wilmington. Austin has won a Nintendo DSi in addition to the prizes from Trails End.
- 3) **Javit Williams** - \$3,246 - Troop 705 sponsored by One Answer, Boiling Springs. Javit has won an iPod Nano in addition to the prizes from Trails End.

Highest Selling Unit in the Council - Pack 226 sponsored by Wesley Memorial UMC, Wilmington. They sold an incredible \$48,851 in total popcorn sales!

Highest Selling Boy Scout Troop - Troop 218 sponsored by Winterpark Presbyterian Church, Wilmington. They sold \$15,374 in total popcorn!

Unit with the highest Popcorn Sales Per Scout - Troop 705 sponsored by One Answer, Boiling Spring. Their total popcorn sales were \$13,376 and their average per Scout sales were \$1,029!

- **Camp Card Fundraiser!** Great way to pay for Scouts to go to camp for free! The Cape Fear Council is proud to announce a new Council-Sponsored fundraiser called **Camp Card**. Scouting units who participate in this fundraiser have **NO RISK** and will keep 50% of their units' total sales. The Camp Card sells for \$5, has 3 different one-time use coupons and 6 different "use again and again" coupons to area businesses. A number of businesses on the Camp Card are offering a coupon that has a value of \$5, so consumers will see that they will make money if they buy the card and use it! **The card sells itself!** The Camp Card leaders guide and program details are being unveiled in each district at November district roundtables. In addition, the leaders guide will be on our website next week at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org. If your unit would like to participate in the Camp Card program please complete and turn in the unit commitment form that is in the Camp Card Leaders guide no later than December 11th. If you have any questions feel free to contact your district executive or field director, Joshua Reilly at 395-1100 ext. 14. **The Camp Card sale period lasts from February 26th - May 10th, 2010.**