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A Monthly Newsletter for All Volunteer Scouters

- **COMING SOON!** Check out the **NEW** Cape Fear Council Website. The new site is due to be up and running by December 15, 2009. New site, same address: www.capefearcouncilbsa.org
- 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".
- 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.
- **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!** 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. The Leaders Guide is posted on Council Web-site.
- **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.
- **Three youth participant slots** are now available in the Cape Fear Council contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Please act quickly to sign up if you want to claim one of these slots. Once the council contingent is filled, a waiting list will be maintained. The order of priority for the waiting list will be set according to the date application is received and fees are paid up to the current date. The qualifications for a Boy Scout to attend the Jamboree with the council contingent are as follows:
 - A Scout must first be approved by his Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout coach and the local council jamboree committee.
 - Each Scout must be at least 12 years old or have completed the sixth grade by July 1, 2010.
 - He must be a First Class Scout by July 1, 2010.
 - His 18th Birthday must not be before August 3, 2010.
 - Participation in the jamboree requires a pre-jamboree training experience.
 - Each Scout must file a personal health and medical record form before that training event.
 - The Scout must be active in his troop for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010.

For more information on applying for these council contingent slots (if you qualify) contact the Scout Service Center at (910) 395-1100, Ext. 23.

- **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.

- **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.



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.

- **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.
- **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 at www.capefearcouncilbsa.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.

- **Church Youth Groups - Family Reunions - Corporate Retreats** The Cape Fear Scout Reservation has a large variety of cabins and other meeting and sleeping quarters to accommodate any size group and any size budget. The BB&T Training Center is available on a year-round basis and there are many fun and exciting activities to take advantage of. Plan your next outing now at our camp facilities. To make reservations or get additional information, please contact John Harniman at (910) 395-1100 (ext. 23) or come by the Scout Service Center.
- **Beginning January 1, 2010, all top unit leaders** - Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venture Advisors will be required to complete training for their specific positions. This required training includes Youth Protection Guidelines, Fast Start training, "This is Scouting", and position specific training for their current positions. Top leaders who have already complete basic training for their current positions will not have to re-take their training in 2010 (unless they change positions, of course). Leaders in these positions will have one year to complete the training. Beginning in 2011, ALL direct contact leaders (including Den leaders, Webelos leaders Tiger Den leaders, etc.) will be required to complete training, as well. Until now, training has only been encouraged, but not mandatory. Scouts can only get the best experiences under the leadership of trained adults, and the BSA is serious about giving every youth the opportunity to participate in the very best Scouting program possible.
- **Stuart Watson** will be joining the professional staff of the Cape Fear Council as the District Executive for the Lakes District in Columbus and Bladen Counties. He comes to the council from Birmingham Alabama. He is a graduate of Auburn University. He will begin his responsibilities on December 14th.
- **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. The cost for dinner is \$30 per person.
- **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: ***Tinsley Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund - P.O. Box 7156 - Wilmington, NC 28406***
- **Camp Bowers 2010** Planning and promotion for summer camp 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 camps 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
- **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.**
- If any district or unit volunteer would like to receive the Tide newsletter electronically each month, please send your e-mail address to dforcini@bsaemail.org. or log on to www.capefearcouncilbsa.org click on Council and District Info and then eMail Lists and sign up.