



# The Tide



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*A Monthly Newsletter for All Volunteer Scouters*

- Boy Scouts across the state of North Carolina have pledged to Governor Perdue that they will perform 100,000 service hours in 2010 in honor of the BSA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Each Scout unit in the Cape Fear Council needs to record all service hours that they perform in 2010 in order to be included in this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. A unit can record service hours at this web-site throughout the year - [www.ncbsaservicehours.com](http://www.ncbsaservicehours.com).
- Congratulations to Lou Leiner of Wilmington who was recently selected by a national panel of judges to be inducted into the National Hall of Leadership as the representative of the Cape Fear Council. The National Hall of Leadership is one of a variety of national programs which are part of the Boy Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.
- Thanks to the Scout leaders who led our council's contingent to the National Scout Jamboree which was recently held at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The Scoutmaster for the contingent was Billy Best of Wilmington and he was assisted by Howell Clark of Elizabethtown, Bill Purcell of Laurinburg and Andrew Best of Wilmington.
- Congratulations to Annell Wilkie, Manager of the Cape Fear Scout Shop for receiving the National Centennial Quality Scout Shop Award from the National Supply Division of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Scout Units across the country are encouraged to plan individual unit activities to honor the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Scout Surge 9/11 is a national initiative to be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at exactly 8:46 a.m.

#### Units Should:

- Decide on a specific location to meet.
- Tell people to arrive so that at 8:46 a.m. exactly, everyone can recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Use Twitter, texting, e-mail, Facebook and MySpace to spread the word.
- Be as public as possible without obstructing traffic or creating a safety hazard. (Standard scouting policies apply.)

#### Ideas for the Event:

- Have all who attend wear a red, white, or blue shirt.
- Hand out flags to wave.
- Fly the Flag of Honor ([www.flagofhonor.org/bsa](http://www.flagofhonor.org/bsa)).
- Honor a local hero.
- Visit a local fire or police department and say Thank you.
- Invite a band to perform.
- Have everyone meet for breakfast after the event.
- Invite the Media.

For more information, go to [www.scoutsurge911.org](http://www.scoutsurge911.org)

- Requirement for Youth Protection Training Effective June 1, 2010 all registered volunteers in the Scouting program will be required to have Youth Protection Training. New leaders are required to have the training before submitting their application for registration and the certificate of completion for the training must be submitted along with their application. Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer is not current on this training at the time of re-charter, they will not be allowed to re-register. Youth Protection Training is available online at - <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

- **Wood Badge Course Set for Fall** - The council will conduct Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century which is an advanced Scouting leadership training course open to all volunteer positions in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing programs. District committee members and Executive Board Members are also invited. To qualify to attend, a participant must have completed the basic training specific to their Scouting position. The Wood Badge course will be conducted at Camp Bowers on the weekends of November 5 - 7 and December 4 - 6, 2010. Cost for the course is \$190. You may register by picking up a registration form from the Scout Service Center or going to the council website and "click" on the Leaders tab and then the Training tab.
- **Mark your calendars and Spread the News** . . . there will be combined Sign-Up Nights for new Cub Scouts at all elementary schools in Brunswick, Hoke and Scotland Counties on the following dates:
  - **Scotland County** - Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - **Hoke County** - Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
  - **Brunswick County** - Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

(All Sign-up Night Events will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the individual elementary school.)

- **DESIGNATE UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOY SCOUT PROGRAM**



United Way campaigns are currently running at companies and businesses throughout the eight counties in southeastern North Carolina served by the Cape Fear Council. Many of our parents, volunteer Scout leaders and financial supporters will be asked to give to the United Way at their place of employment.

As these financial pledges are made, please consider designating your contribution to go to the support of our Boy Scout program here in the Cape Fear Council. Whenever you fill out and sign your pledge card, please look for the section where the United Way agencies are listed and mark that you would like for our Boy Scout program to receive your support. Also, please be aware that even if our Boy Scout Program is not listed, you may still write-in the "Cape Fear Council - Boy Scouts" as your choice.

This commitment by you will help to support our budget for the operation of summer camp and our year-round operation of the Cape Fear Scout Reservation and help to provide training and kits of information for our new Scout leaders who are recruited throughout the year. It will also help to provide other services which are vital to our Scouting program.

The Cape Fear Council is no longer funded by the Cape Fear Area United Way in Wilmington. The only funds which will now be received by Scouting are those contributions which are specifically designated to the council or are given directly to our Scouting program through the Investment in Character Campaign each year.

United Way funding currently provides only 1% of the overall budget to provide the Scouting program for more than 15,000 persons throughout southeastern North Carolina. Your designation will help to increase this amount and ensure that more dollars are provided to our Scouting program. The Cape Fear Council does receive funding from the United Way organizations in Robeson, Scotland and Hoke Counties.

- **The facilities at the Cape Fear Scout Reservation** are available for rental on a year-round basis by family groups, church groups or for corporate planning retreats. Our camp facilities are perfect for any size group and will fit any size budget. The camp environment is ideal for family reunions and youth group retreats. The BB&T Training Center is ideal for corporate outings and there are a variety of other cabins, lodges and sleeping quarters with hot showers, cooking facilities and a variety of meeting space. There is also a multitude of activities for your group to do that will be both fun and exciting. Go on-line to the council's website ([www.capefearcouncilbsa.org](http://www.capefearcouncilbsa.org)) and take a virtual tour of the facilities. Call (910) 395-1100, ext. 23 to make a reservation for your group.
- **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.
- 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](mailto:dforcini@bsaemail.org).

- **Parent-Son Weekends for Cub Scouts** will be held at the McNeill Cub Scout World on three consecutive weekends in October. The theme for this year's program is "Dinosaurs". Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and the program runs through 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The event is for Cub Scouts and their parents. Cost is \$60 for each Scout and parent. You may download a registration form from the council website (click [here](#)) The Weekend Sessions are:

October 8 - 10	Session I
October 15 - 17	Session II
October 22 - 24	Session III

- **BSA Policy Regarding Participation of Scouts in Political Rallies and Events** Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind. Volunteers and professionals must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory.

- **Scouting can assist schools** in a number of ways. One of the simplest and most obvious things we can do is involve as many youth members and adult leaders as possible in quality Scouting activities. A recent study indicates that boys involved in Scouting are better students, are more likely to graduate, and have better math and science skills (both hot topics right now), than boys who have not been Scouts. The same research also found that parents introduced to leadership positions through Scouting are more likely than others to take on leadership roles in school, sports, and community activities. Local Scout units support schools through a variety of services and activities. Here are some ways our local Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews work with schools:

- ◆ Flag ceremonies for school board meetings, school events and PTA/PTO activities.
- ◆ Service projects on school grounds (landscaping, trash pick up, minor maintenance needs).
- ◆ Eagle Scout Leadership & Service Projects for schools (building playgrounds, developing nature trails, improving school grounds/facilities).
- ◆ Scouting volunteers involved in PTA/PTO and other school activities.
- ◆ Booths, games, exhibits at school fairs and festivals.
- ◆ Providing refreshments for school open houses and curriculum nights.
- ◆ Leaders/Scouts teaching skills to students during school hours (such as flag folding and etiquette, use of maps and compass, environmental awareness, character development, etc).
- ◆ Proving subscription to "Boys' Life Magazine" for school libraries.
- ◆ "Thank You" delegations of Scouts delivering messages and/or items to principals, teachers, and staff.
- ◆ Scouting volunteers and parents serving as mentors, volunteers, tutors, and reading partners.

Its important local Scout leaders develop an ongoing relationship with school principals in a true spirit of service and helpfulness. Principals can guide local units on the opportunities for partnership.

- The **Coastal Carolina Co-op of McDonald's Restaurants** will be once again sponsoring the 2010 Fall Roundup recruiting program within the eight counties of the Cape Fear Council. This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> year for McDonald's to sponsor the Fall Roundup program.
- **Dr. Ellis Tinsley, Jr.** of Wilmington has been elected by the Executive Board of the Cape Fear Council to serve a second term as Council President. Tinsley is an Eagle Scout and President of Wilmington Surgical Associates. **Chris Nelson** of the Northeast Cape Fear District was also elected to serve as Council Commissioner. Nelson is the Battalion Chief - Training Division for the Wilmington Fire Department.
- **Two New Awards have been developed to promote "outdoorism" for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts.**

The National Outdoor Challenge (No. 430-016) is a unit award that recognizes troops/teams that maintain or increase the amount of outdoor activity when compared to the previous year. The information and application is available here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutingsource/boyscouts/adults/awards.aspx> and is due at the end of 2010. With the release of this award, the National Camping Award has been discontinued; however, patches for camping nights will be available until the inventory is depleted.

The National Outdoor Achievement Award (No. 430-509) recognizes Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts that excel in outdoor participation. The award consists of five areas of emphasis (camping, aquatics, hiking, riding and adventure) with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. Scouts looking for an extra challenge can earn the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. This challenge award requires earning at least three of the National Outdoor Achievement segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer as well as several other requirements. The information and application is available at the following link: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/youth/awards.aspx>.

- **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.
- **The Cape Fear Council gratefully accepts contributions in honor of an individual** or as a memorial to the life of a friend or family member who has passed away. In addition, occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and promotions are all appropriate celebrations to note with a tribute to that person. Letters of acknowledgement are sent by the council to those persons who are being honored or to the families of those contributions given in memory of someone. All contributions are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to Boy Scouts of America and send to the following address:

Memorial Tribute Fund  
Cape Fear Council - BSA  
P.O. Box 7156  
Wilmington, NC 28406

- **Dig Out Thos Old Photos!** New Online Scrapbook, Redesigned website Make Reconnecting with Alumni Easy . . . And Fun! It's time to call mom and ask her to dig through the old shoebox of Scouting photos. Why? So you can scan a few, and upload them to the new BSA Alumni Connection digital scrapbook (<http://bsascrapbook.scouting.org>). The scrap book allows all registered alumni to upload their favorite Scouting photos and share stories. Then, scroll through the years to see what others have posted. Alumni registration is open to everyone, from former Scouts to all those who feel their lives have been positively impacted by Scouting. Simply go to [www.BSAalumni.org](http://www.BSAalumni.org), and click "sign-up". It's that easy!