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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

- **Council Recognition Banquet** will be held on Thursday evening, March 1st at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in Wilmington. The dinner event will begin at 6:30 p.m. All Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout Award in 2011 are invited to attend along with their families and guests. The council will also be recognizing five Scouting volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award. **Steve Aiken** of Wilmington will be honored as the 2011 Eagle Class Honoree. Aiken is an Eagle Scout and a long-time adult volunteer in the Coastal District. If you would like to register to attend the Council Banquet please contact Debrah Forciniti at the Scout Service Center. Debrah can be reached at (910) 395-1100, ext. 19 or by e-mail at dforcini@bsamail.org. Cost of the banquet is \$32.50 per person.
- **Doriana Migliara** has been selected as the “district Hero” by the District Committee of the Northeast Cape Fear District. Doriana is a Committee Member with Troop 255 and Crew Associate Advisor for Crew 2789. She also serves above and beyond the call of duty on the NECF District Committee. She currently serves as the Camping and Outdoors Chair, 2012 Spring Camporee Chair, and Scout Show Promotion Chair. She has served on Wood Badge staff and attended Powder Horn. Recently she helped in making the Spark Plug Awards for the District Banquet and played a very key role in a Venturing recruitment effort. She makes Scouting in the NECF district better. We salute her and thank her for all that she does!
- **The 2012 Camp Card Program** began Friday, February 3rd. We have 88 Scout Units participating in this year’s sale and nearly 68,000 Camp Cards have been distributed to these Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. This year’s Camp Card Program is on pace to generate more profit for Scout units and for our local council than any other year of this fundraiser.

There are outstanding local discount offers for both of the Camp Cards that are being sold by Scout units throughout the council. If you haven’t already done so, please plan on purchasing multiple Camp Cards. Each Camp Card sells for only \$5 and you will see that when you buy multiple Camp Cards you will not only help Scouting, you will also save money if you use the card.

Volunteer Leaders . . . don’t forget to make sure Scouts in your unit know about the chance to win \$50 during each of the 13 weekly drawings that take place throughout the sale. Weekly drawing forms must be submitted on time to have a chance to win. In addition, there is a grand prize drawing for \$200 at the conclusion of the sale!

If you have questions about the 2012 Camp Card Sale please contact your District Executive or Camp Card Staff Advisor, Joshua Reilly at (910) 395-1100, ext. 14 or jreilly@bsamail.org.

- **Wilderness Survival at Cub Scout Resident Camp** - Begin now preparing for Spring 2012! Load your pack and prepare with us as we embark on a journey of Wilderness Survival! Cub Scouts will learn the basic skills they need to survive on their own in the wilderness while having a great experience at Camp McNeill! Each weekend will feature a series of activities, projects, and instruction designed to be fun and educational. Be sure to register early to qualify for the Early Bird fee and reserve your Pack’s spot.

- **Trails End Popcorn Sale** – Following the 2011 Trails End Popcorn Sale, surveys were sent to representatives from each Scout Unit throughout the Council. We appreciate the thoughtful feedback that so many Scouting volunteers provided in these surveys. We have reviewed all feedback and are using these “Best Practices” and suggestions as a way to improve the sale in 2012. If your unit submitted a survey, your District Executive will be personally communicating with the person that completed the survey sometime over the next few months. We appreciate your feedback and would like to have an opportunity to discuss your feedback further.

To kickoff the 2012 Popcorn Sale we will have 2 Sneek Peek Popcorn Preview Dinner Parties this May. The first “Sneek Peek Party” will be in Wilmington on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. The other “Sneek Peek Party” will be in Lumberton on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 pm. We will have a nice dinner, great fellowship and take a look into the exciting sale we have planned for 2012. In preparation for these meetings we are asking units to complete their “**Popcorn “Unit Commitment Form”**” by Thursday, April 12th. Your District Executive will be emailing this form to a representative in your unit in the near future. We are excited to announce that if your unit turns in this form by April 12th your unit will go into a district drawing for a chance to win 1 free campership for 1 of the Scouts in your unit.

Lastly, we would like to recognize, Jon Mason for his continued leadership towards the annual Popcorn Sale. This will be the 16th year that Jon has served as the Council Popcorn Kernel. Throughout these 16 years our Scout Units have earned over \$2,000,000 in profit for their local programs.

If you have any questions about the 2012 Trails End Popcorn Sale please contact your District Executive or Popcorn Staff Advisor, Joshua Reilly at (910) 395-1100, ext. 14 or jreilly@bsaemail.org.

- **New Merit Badge for Boy Scouts – Welding** - The Boy Scouts of America collaborated with the American Welding Society, BSA Health and Safety Committee, and OSHA members to create the Welding Merit Badge. Scouts can begin working on this merit badge at the end of February or early March, when the pamphlet is in Scout Shops.
- **2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit** Judge Doug Sasser from Whiteville will be leading the troop contingent for the Cape Fear Council to the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, which will be held in the summer of 2013 at the new BSA property “The Summit” in West Virginia. Serving as Assistant Scoutmasters for the continent will be [Tony Cunningham](#) of Raeford and [Mike Hardison](#) of Wilmington. To register go to www.bsajamboree.org. For more information call Matthew Bull at the Scout Service Center (910) 395-1100, ext. 23.
- **Celebration of First Eagle Scout Award** Did you know that 2012 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award? The first one was awarded in August 1912. Since then, over 2.1 million awards have been earned by the high-achievers of the Boy Scout program. To celebrate this important benchmark, we are preparing the National Eagle Scout Association’s “100 Years of Eagle Scouts – Where Are They Now” album, and we want to make sure that you are included!

This special edition will feature your personal stories and photos celebrating your commitment to service and leadership, and will serve as a tribute to Eagle Scouts everywhere. No matter your age, or where your life may have led you, you are an important part of Eagle Scout history and we want to hear your story. A brief telephone call will ensure your listing is completely accurate and up-to-date.

Please give us a call today so that we may verify your information and share with you the specifics on how to submit your full story and photo.

CALL TODAY – Toll Free 1-800-729-3554 (Central Time)
Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 10:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

- **Camp Bowers Youth Leadership Training Weekend March 17th – 18th, 2012** Are your Scouts looking for great Leadership Training? Do you have a Patrol Leaders Council that could benefit from Teamwork training? Then ask them to attend the Youth Leadership Training Weekend at Camp Bowers on March 17th & 18th, 2012. Visit the Camping tab at www.capefearcouncilbsa.org for more information or contact Matthew Bull at 910-395-1100, ext 23 or mabull@bsaemail.org.

● **Reminder on Council Fund-Raising Policy for Scout Units**

- ◆ Scout Units **are not permitted by BSA by-laws** to solicit direct contributions.
- ◆ **No fund-raising activities are approved to be conducted by Scout Units during the time periods that Council–approved fund-raising projects are being conducted.** Those time periods are as follows:

Camp Card Sale - February 1 thru April 30
Popcorn Sale - September 1 thru October 31

- ◆ Scout Units **must fill out a Unit Money Earning Application** and submit it to the council office for approval in order to conduct a fund-raising activity.

- **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.

- **New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook** – There is a new workbook which will now be used, effective in January 2012. It is available online a www.scouting.org. It can be filled out and saved online or downloaded and filled out manually. When you get to the website:

Click on “Youth” then
Click on “Boy Scout” then
Click on “Advancements, Awards, Recognition” then
Scroll down and click on “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook” then
Scroll down under “Rank Advancement” and
Click on “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, NO 512-927 (new)”.

The workbook can be filled out and saved on the computer. If you cannot access the electronic version you can get a copy from Sharon Roberts at the Scout Office. **Leaders and Scouts: PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET AND ALL NOTES CAREFULLY AS THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES.** Again, the new version of the workbook **MUST** be used for all projects submitted after December 31, 2011.

- **The Nation's first Eagle Scout Award** was earned in 1912 and in 2012 the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first Eagle Scout. If you have earned your Eagle Scout Award, go to www.nceagles.com and register along with thousands of your fellow Eagles.

- **2012 NESA Scholarship Applications** are now available at www.nesa.org. The home page features a direct link to the forms. All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than midnight on January 31, 2012.

- **Please remember that payments can be made on-line** for Parent-Son Weekend Events, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Investment in Character and Memorial/Tribute contributions at the council's web-site www.capefearcouncilbsa.org – click on “payments” at the top of the home page.

- The Cape Fear Council can now be found live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/capefearcouncil.

- **Donate a Vehicle. Support Scouting.** Vehicles donated to One Car One Difference™ help the Cape Fear Council. Your unwanted vehicles are auctioned and the proceeds support Scouting.

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- **If you are interested in attending a training course in 2012 at the Philmont Training Center**, you can register on-line at www.philmonttrainingcenter.org. Registration for all training conferences is available to all registered volunteers. Family programs are also offered for spouses and children of all ages.

- **Working as an Adult Volunteer at 2013 National Scout Jamboree** – If you are interested in serving on the staff of the National BSA Jamboree in 2013, you can apply at www.bsajamboree.org. The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be the first jamboree of our second century, the first jamboree held in the great state of West Virginia, and the very first jamboree on a property we own. Moreover, this event will be the grand opening of the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

- **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.

- **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

- **Scouts, volunteers and families** in New Hanover, Brunswick and Bladen Counties can get a reduced rate on ordering pizza from Domino's and financially support the Scouting program in the Cape Fear Council. You can order as many large one-topping pizzas as you want for only \$6.99 by saying the "coupon code #Scout". The Cape Fear Council will receive a contribution from Domino's for every pizza sold in those three counties.
- **Reminder to Everyone** – Each of the council's four Districts have an individual page on the council's website. Please review information there that will be specific to your District.
- **Camp Bowers will be conducting Camp Staff interviews** at Camp Bowers on Saturday March 4th, 2012 beginning at 10:00 am. If interested please visit <http://www.capefearcouncilbsa.org/online-staff-application-form> to fill out an application for Camp Bowers Summer Camp Staff 2012. For more information, contact Matthew Bull at the Council Service Center, 910-395-1100 ext 23 or mabull@bsaemail.org.
- Please consider becoming a **James E. West Fellowship Award** recipient for the Cape Fear Council. The West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more in cash or securities to the Endowment Fund of the Cape Fear Council. This contribution is in addition to and does not replace the donor's annual gift to the council's Investment in Character Campaign. Each recipient will receive an attractive 8 x 10 personalized framed certificate, lapel pin and embroidered square knot for their Scout uniform. Please contact Scout Executive Doug Clevinger at (910) 395-1100, ext. 15 if you are interested.
- **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) and take a virtual tour of the facilities. **Call (910) 395-1100, ext. 23 to make a reservation for your group.**



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