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A Monthly Newsletter for All Volunteer Scouters

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- **Steve Holmstrand** of Southport has been selected as the "District Hero" for his month by the District Committee of the Coastal District. Holmstrand has served as Coastal District Camporee registrar for several of the recent camporees and a number of other district events. His knowledge of Scout games rules has been most helpful in making the events fun and successful. Steve is active on the District Eagle Board serving on the Eagle Boards of Review for Scouts in the coastal area. He has conducted many training events for Scouts and Scouters over the years and is extremely active in Pack and Troop 238 out of Southport as a Committee Member. Steve has also served as a Unit Commissioner for Coastal District.

Steve is active in the Order of the Arrow where he serves as Chapter Advisor, Advisor to the Vice Chief of Activities, and Advisor to the National Order of the Arrow Conference contingent from Klahican Lodge. Utilizing his skills at the computer, Steve has recently revamped and upgraded a database program for the OA lodge which will lead to better tracking of membership records. Thank you Steve for our commitment and dedication to the Coastal District and the Cape Fear Council. Your knowledge and leadership is truly commendable.

- **Congratulations to the Scouts, families, volunteer leaders, chartered organizations, contributors and staff of the Cape Fear Council** for earning the **Gold Award** from the national BSA organization for the Journey to Excellence Program in 2011. The program measures a council's success in 17 different areas of a council's operations including volunteer leadership, effective governance, unit service, program, finance and membership. The Gold Award is the highest level of achievement.
- **The Cape Fear Council had a growth** of 9.2% in youth membership for the 2011 years with 26 new Scout units being organized. There were also 93 Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout Award. Over 2,100 new Scouts joined the program during the Fall Roundup recruitment program. All four Districts in the council exceeded their year-end goals for membership growth.
- **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.
- **Camp Card** - The Cape Fear Council is excited to be kicking off the third year of The Camp Car Program. This exciting fund-raising program is designed to help Scouts earn their way to camp. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) on each \$5.00 Camp Card they sell. The Camp Card sale officially begins Friday, February 3rd. We have a record number of Scouting units *84 that are signed up to participate this year. There are outstanding discount offers for the 2012 program that will help Scouts and parents of Scouts in your unit be able to sell these cards in high volume. The card almost sells itself!

Don't forget to make sure Scouts in you unit know about the chance to win \$50 during each of the 13 weekly drawings that take place throughout the sale. (Weekly drawing form 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!

All Camp Cards will be available for units to pick up on Wednesday, February 1st. If you have any 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.

- **The Cape Fear Council is offering an NRA Training** on January 28 - 29 and February 4 - 5, 2012. This training experience will consist of two weekends. During the first weekend, participants will be learning the principles behind basic instruction. Dining arrangements will be provided for you. The second weekend will involve a practical and written test that must be passed in order to receive certification. The certifications offered are NRA Rifle Instructor, NRA Shotgun Instructor and NRA Range Safety Officer and Basic Instructor Training. These are the certifications required by the Guide to Safe Scouting to operate a Rifle or Shotgun range for Scouts. Cost is \$150 per person. This training is normally priced at \$450. For more information, contact Matthew Bull at (910) 395-1100, ext. 23 or mabull@bsamail.org.
- **Council Recognition Banquet** will be held on Thursday evening, March 1st (2012) 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 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 Forcinito at the Scout Service Center. She 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.
- **Eagle Scout Scholarship** A scholarship of \$1,300 will be awarded to a deserving Scout who earns their Eagle Scout Award during 2011 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, March 1, 2012. 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, 2011. 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, 2012. **A Scout is only eligible for the scholarship the year his Eagle Scout Award is achieved.** 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*

- **Camp Bowers Youth Leadership Training Weekend March 6th - 8th, 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@bsamail.org.
- **Many days have passed since Cub Scout Resident Camp**, but it is never too early to begin 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.

Session I 4/13-15, 2012

Session II 4/20-22, 2012

Session III 4/27-29, 2012

- **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 Matthew Bull at (910) 395-1100 (ext. 23) or mabull@bsamail.org.
- **If you are a volunteer leader who is skilled as a carpenter, plumber, electrician, painter or brick-mason**, our Scouting program could use your help. If you would be willing to donate your time to do some work at our camp facilities, please contact Matthew Bull - mabull@bsamail.org At the Scout Service Center he can be reached at (910) 395-1100, ext. 23.
- **Would your Cub Scout Pack like to "adopt"** one of the buildings which is frequently used at our McNeill Cub Scout World? Your "adoption" would involve bringing the manpower from your Cub Pack to camp about 3 - 4 times during the year to help keep the building clean and the surrounding landscape looking neat. Please contact Debrah Forcinito at the Scout Service Center if your Cub Pack is interested. She can be reached at (910) 395-1100, ext. 19 or by e-mail at dforcini@bsamail.org.

- **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 at 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 councils' 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.
 855-BSA-1CAR
 855-272-1227
 OneCarHelpsScouts.com
- **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.
- **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 contingent 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.
- **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.

- **Fall Roundup Recruitment Follow-Up** By now, all of our Join Scouting Nights should be completed and we can close the book on another recruiting season, right? Not by a long shot! As we all know, fall is the time when many families are making the decision of which activities their children will be participating in. There is a lot we can still do to make sure we have taken advantage of every opportunity.

If anyone came to your Join Scouting Night and hasn't been in contact with their den, make sure you follow up with them.

Have your boys wear their uniforms to school and arm them with invitation cards to pass out to all their friends to invite them to the next meeting.

Re-stock and blanket the community with flyers, posters, and yard signs advertising when your next meeting is.

Make sure your pack has a presence at any community function (parades, festivals, etc).

Encourage adults in your pack to wear their Scout uniform to youth sporting events, clubs etc.

Write a thank you note and visit with your school principal. Let them know how well your pack did recruiting. Ask if there is anything that the school needs help with. Good school relationships go a long way to ensure future cooperation.

Make sure to submit stories to your local newspaper of all the great activities your pack is doing.

For Boy Scouts and Venturing now is the time to conduct you open houses.

The best way to ensure that these families choose Scouting is to provide them with a quality program. Make sure your leaders are trained and well prepared. Each child that we invite to our program represents an opportunity to spread the values and mission of Scouting.

Thanks for all your Hard Work!

- **THE SUMMIT CHOSEN AS SITE OF 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE** The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve has been chosen as the site of the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019. The event will be hosted jointly by the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada, and the Scout Association of Mexico, and will be the first World Scout Jamboree held in the United States since the 12th world gathering was held at Farragut State Park, Idaho, in 1967. The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be held this year in Rinkaby, Sweden, while the 23rd annual event will take place at Kirarahama, Yamaguchi, Japan in 2015.

- **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 10:00am. 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.
- **Scouting's Anniversary Month** - As the Boy Scout of America celebrates its 102nd year on February 5, 2012 we salute the countless volunteers who have donated their time and energy to share the ideals of Scouting with our young people. Scouting has a lot to offer young people; leadership skills, character education, a sense of responsibility, learning, fun and so much more!

During the month of February, Cub Scout Packs across the country will be holding Blue & Gold Banquets - birthday dinners for Cub Scouting. In nearly all Packs, the banquet is a highlight of the program year. It brings families together for a meal and an evening of fun and inspiration. If your Cub Scout Pack has not held a Blue & Gold Banquet, please contact your District Executive and he will help you with this anniversary event for February.



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