

## Year-end Tax Deductions

A vehicle donation is a great way to get a deduction. Thanks to the tax law that went into effect in January 2005, the IRS has taken the guesswork out of determining the value of your car, truck, RV, boat or other vehicle. As of January 2005, you may deduct the full price we receive for the sale of your vehicle.

For additional information, please check the IRS publication 4303, *A Donor's Guide to Car Donations*, at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4303.pdf>. Your tax advisor may also be able to provide assistance. Please feel free to contact Scout Executive Harold Keller at 919-734-1714 if you have any questions or comments.

## Welcome New Units

The Tuscarora Council is proud to welcome its newest units: Pack 111, lead by Cubmaster Keith Flowers and sponsored by Free Chapel Church FWB in Goldsboro; and Crew 77, lead by advisor Rodney Gilmore and sponsored by First Baptist Church in Smithfield.

## Sea Base Reservations

The Florida Sea Base will accept reservations online for the 2008 season starting Jan. 15, 2007 at 8 a.m. The last day to register will be Feb. 15. After Feb. 15, a lottery will be held. Crews will be contacted when they have been accepted for the Sea Base. Online registration can be accessed at [www.bsacbase.org](http://www.bsacbase.org).



### THE SCOUT SHOP YOUR LOCAL SCOUT UNIFORM & MERCHANDISE STORE

316 E. Walnut in Goldsboro, NC  
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919-734-1714

BSA Clothing and Uniforms -  
Camping Gear-Patches-Recognition Items-  
Guidebooks and More!

## Scouting Exhibit Planned at Wayne Museum

During January 2006, more than 787 visitors stopped by the Wayne County Museum to check out a special exhibit on the history of the Tuscarora Council. According to museum staff, the exhibit was one of the largest events ever held there.

Working with volunteers Rick Pridden and Andy Stevens, the museum is hoping to make the exhibit bigger and better when it is displayed again in January, February and March 2007. To coincide with the exhibit, Pridden and Stevens are planning a Reunion of Old Scouts from Tuscarora Council on Feb. 24 and a Trade-o-Rec on March 3. Don't miss out on this historical event. For more information, contact Rick Pridden at his office (919) 751-5433.

## Check Your Rosters and Inventory Sheets

Have new members joined your troop, pack, or crew? Have you sent their applications to the council office? Please take time to review the membership rosters sent out to all unit leaders. Make sure you compare the printed roster to your working list. Many times we find several unregistered youth.

Remember, a Scout's advancements are not valid unless he is officially registered, and he is not covered by our insurance. Simply print the first name and last name of each Scout in your unit not on the printed roster and return the inventory sheet to the council office no later than Nov. 10. You can e-mail your sheet to [gwalne@bsamaail.org](mailto:gwalne@bsamaail.org) or fax to 919-734-6581.

## Cub Overnighter Enjoys Success and Safety

We had an excellent turnout for the new cub overnighter and everyone had a blast. Thank you for your patience during the weekend while we observed our camp vehicle policy. The safety of our boys is worth the sacrifice of having to walk a bit further with gear, and many of you expressed how pleasant it was to sit by the without having been blind by headlights. Special thanks goes out to Pam Rooks, Angie Davis, Cindy Tewes, Hingdon Moore, Travis Komegny, Carol Carter, Joe Morgan and Dana Cooper for all of their hard work making the whole event come together. We will be offering more Cub training this winter with the Jan. 20 Pow-Wow. Check out the details on the Web site.

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## New Scout Membership Takes Tuscarora Council to Tops for Growth

Almost 900 new boys have joined the Tuscarora Council this fall, and the number continues to grow as roundup events end within the next few weeks.

"We've had phenomenal growth," said Scout Executive Harold Keller. "Last year, we had a total of 692 new boys join the council. Our volunteers and staff did an outstanding job getting the Scouting message out during this year's Scout Nights."

Tuscarora's growth has been so strong that the council now leads 11 area councils in growth for Cub Scouts and traditional membership. We are also ranked No. 9 in the Southern Region (out of 93 councils) for our traditional and total membership. The Southern Region covers Scouting programs in 13 states.

Increased traditional unit and membership growth is the key to the future of the overall Boy Scout program and the Tuscarora Council. Retaining membership is also critical. The recruitment and retention efforts began this summer. Volunteers and staff started by identifying boys who were on the rolls, but were no longer active.

"We wanted to let these boys know they were missed," explained Keller. "We sent them personal letters inviting them to the summer events. Many of them came back and had a blast at camp. It re-sparked their Scouting fire."

The council enlisted the help of public school leadership in Duplin, Johnston and Wayne counties. Thanks to the help of the superintendents and principals, the council staff and volunteers were able to personally visit each school to "buzz up" the boys. "Imagine two hundred first-grade boys pouring into a cafeteria," said Keller. "They were so excited to see the Scout leaders in uniform and hear about the fun they could have."

The boys took the message home to their families. The council also provided helpful brochures for parents that explained Scouting's benefits. When the families returned to the school to sign-up for Scouting, the boys were absolutely beaming.

The efforts have paid off for everyone. The new Cub and Boy Scouts are adding a great vitality to Tuscarora's units. Growth has been so strong that new units are being formed. Their families are spending more time together and parents are taking active roles as volunteers.

Tuscarora's momentum holds great promise for America's future. Research shows that Scouts who stay with the program for five years or more are especially likely to develop strong values that will stay with them for life.

## Bryan Named New Tuscarora Council President

Bill Bryan, the president of Mt. Olive Pickle Company, has been selected as the upcoming president of the Tuscarora Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Bryan, a longtime Scouting volunteer, community leader and respected businessman, will lead the Tuscarora Council for a two-year term beginning in 2007. He will succeed the outstanding leadership of Goldsboro's Jim Daniels.

"Bill is such a strong asset for this community, and we're thrilled to have him leading the Council," said Harold Keller, scout executive.

"He's got tremendous vision, an amazing heart for service and unparalleled professionalism."

In addition to his role with Scouting, Bryan also lends his leadership skills to several other local organizations such as First United Methodist Church of Mt. Olive, the James E. and Mary Z. Bryan Foundation, the Mount Olive Pickle Foundation, Mount Olive College Foundation and the Mount Olive Rotary Club. Bryan attained the rank of Eagle Scout during his teens, and was honored with the Thornta



Bill Bryan

District's Distinguished Citizen Award in 2002. His father, Byron, served as Tuscarora Council president during 1954 and 1955.

He and his wife, Scottie, are the proud parents of sons Will, 21, and Byron, 18.

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### District Dates to Remember

**Nov. 2:** Roundtable and district committee meeting  
**Nov. 8:** Popcorn pickup at Moore's Private  
**Nov. 12:** Award nominations due  
**Dec. 7:** District banquet

**Recharterers Due:** Please complete these important documents as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Kirk Hayes at (919) 965-0780.

**Coharie School Nights Continue:** Thank you for your time and help with this year's School Nights. We are continuing to visit all the Coharie schools and are planning additional sign-up events.

**Three Cheers:** Our Camporee was a great success thanks to the outstanding leadership of Durret Ezzel and Carl Fussell. Special thanks also goes to Doug Lamb and Gary Cook for their hard work on planning each Roundtable.

**District Banquet:** Award nominations are due Nov. 17. This year's banquet will be held Dec. 7 at Rose Hill Restaurant at 7 p.m.

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**Nov. 2:** No roundtable or district committee meeting  
**Nov. 8:** Popcorn pickup at RA Jeffery's  
**Nov. 12:** Torhunta district Banquet 7 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
**Dec. 7:** Roundtable holiday party 7 p.m.  
**Dec. 15:** Merit badge college sign up due

**New Cub Scouts:** The Cub Packs did an awesome job at their roundups, and we greatly appreciate their efforts. We now have more than 350 new Torhunta boys.

**District Banquet:** Join us on Nov. 9 as we recognize our volunteers and experience the year in pictures. We will have an exciting program and will be installing the district committee members and commissions.

Early bird tickets are \$15 each if purchased by Oct. 30; otherwise, tickets will be \$25. No registrations will be accepted after Nov. 3.

**Holiday Party:** Join us on Dec. 7 for our holiday party during the Roundtable meeting. Please bring a covered dish and a whimsical gift for exchanging (about \$5).

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**Recharterers Due:** If you received a recharter packet at the October Roundtable, please begin to work on it and do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

**Booming Pack Growth:** Thanks to all pack leaders who gave of their time to help roundtable the future of our council. On that note, many of our Cub Packs in the western part of the district are nearing maximum capacity. If anyone knows of a possible location for a new Cub Pack, please contact me so we can begin the process of establishing them as a new unit.

**Three Cheers:** Congratulations to our 64 new council arrowmen who passed a rainy October awarding ceremony. Special thanks go to Bill and Ann Hardee for their work on the district Camporee.

**District Banquet and Awards:** Anyone interested in nominating someone for Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Fellowship or the Trailblazer award should get their nominations into the Selma or Goldsboro office as soon as possible. This year's district banquet will be held Dec. 7.

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## Business Meeting Set for Nov. 14

The annual business meeting of the Tuscarora Council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Steak Barn, 1324 W. Grantham Street in Goldsboro. Voting members of the council are encouraged to attend. These members are registered chartered organization representatives, executive board members, and advisory board members. A separate notice has been mailed to all eligible voting members. Dinner orders will be placed at 6:30 p.m. so we can begin our meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. The Steak Barn will allow separate checks.

## Tyler Perkinson

Back in 1991, Tyler Perkinson began his Scouting journey as a young Cub Scout in the Tuscarora Council. Fifteen years later, he continues his journey by serving as the district executive of the Neusiook District. This lifelong Scouter has a vast amount of experience including working as a summer camp staff member on the waterfront since 1998, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 95 in Smithfield and attending two Philmont treks, two National Jamborees and four National Order of the Arrow conferences. As an Order of the Arrow member of Naywan Rai Lodge since the fall of 1996, he has held many offices and obtained Vigil Honor. He currently serves as lodge ceremony team advisor. Perkinson graduated from East Carolina University earlier this year.

## Silver Beaver Awards

The prestigious Silver Beaver Award, which is presented at the annual council banquet, is the highest form of recognition that a council can present to a volunteer. This award does not just happen all by itself. Applications for qualified candidates must be submitted by those who know them best. Accomplishments considered for the award include Scouting tenure, service to Scouting, and service to the community.

You can download the form from the council Web site, under the Forms menu. Mail completed forms to the council office. Nominations should be received no later than Nov. 17. No matter how worthy a Scout may be, he or she cannot be recognized unless an application is submitted by his or her behalf. The banquet will be held Jan. 25. More details will be posted on the Web site.

## FROM YOUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Harold M. Keller

## Holidays are Time for Doing a Good Turn for Others

November and December are a time when friends and family come together to share the spirit and joy of the holiday season. It's a time for giving and sharing...of doing a good turn for others. As we all share in the light of the season, let our hearts be filled with the glow that comes from the true holiday spirit. To give of ourselves is more important than any gift we can buy. Let's end this year with a renewed determination to keep that spirit going.

On behalf of our Scouts, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who serve as a volunteer in the Tuscarora Council. You are a special blessing and our program would not work without you! Thank you for giving of yourself, and we wish you and your family Happy Holidays!

As a special way of celebrating the New Year, please make plans to attend the annual Council Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 25 at First Baptist Church in Smithfield, N.C. We plan to present council awards, install new officers and celebrate the Council's achievements. Check the Web site for more details.

## Congratulations New Eagle Scouts

Charles Brake - Troop 80  
William Gilbert - Troop 124  
Edward Rivers - Troop 27  
Kyle Holden - Troop 38  
Phillip Strickland - Troop 27  
John Brogden - Troop 34  
David Brogden - Troop 34  
Thomas Stephenson, Jr. - Troop 299  
Carter Walchli - Troop 299  
Gregory Brannan, Jr. - Troop 77  
Ryan Roberts - Troop 92  
William Lampe - Troop 77  
Thomas Anderson - Troop 51

Tyler Santfort - Troop 11  
William Elmore - Troop 12  
Henry Chilton - Troop 19  
William Hughes - Troop 11  
Matthew Fulton - Troop 27  
Jonathan Burefoot - Troop 71  
Rafael Juarez - Troop 776  
Nathanial Greene - Troop 258  
Jeffrey Harris, Jr. - Troop 3  
Plydd Davis - Troop 29  
Kyle Daughtry - Troop 29  
Ethan Linsberger - Troop 64  
Travis Calson - Troop 77

## November 2006

- 4 OA banquet
- 4 OA leader training
- 4 Boy Scout Fundamental Outdoor
- 6 Unit inventory sheets due
- 8 Popcorn pickup
- 11 Shooting sports make-up
- 14 Council annual business meeting
- 18 Boy Scout Fundamental Outdoor
- 23-24 Office closed

## December 2006

- 2 Shooting sports make-up
- 6 Popcorn money due
- 15 Office closes at 11 a.m.
- 15 Camp closed until Jan. 5
- 25-26 Office closed

## January 2007

- 1 Office closed
- 2 Scout shop closed
- 15 Office closed
- 20 Pow-Wow
- 25 Council banquet
- 26 OA Family Fellowship



Cub Scouts from Pack 24 enjoy a day at the North Carolina Zoo.