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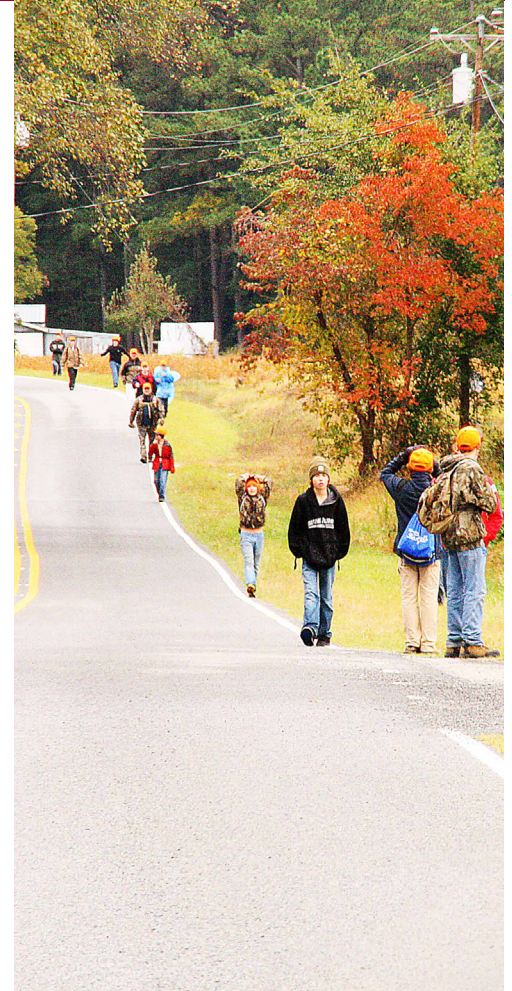
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Holiday Greetings from your Council President

Dear Fellow Scouters,

Happy Holidays and best wishes to you and your families during this most joyous time of the year. The holiday season is a time to reflect back over the past year and to give thanks to all of those that you have come in contact with during the year.

I want to personally say thank you for what you do for the Scouting program here in the Tuscarora Council. Many of you work very closely with the Scouts that are benefiting from this great program. You will never know the total impact that you will have on their lives and future. Thank you for the part you are playing in preparing our country for its future.

Many of you support the program financially and we are very grateful for your support. Through your support we are able to assure a good future for the program. Your support goes a long ways to provide a quality Scouting program for the 6,500 young people that are involved.

Please know that your commitment and generosity is very much appreciated! On behalf of the Council Executive Board, I would like to again thank you for the tremendous Scouting year that we have experienced here in the Tuscarora Council. Have a save and joyous Holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,

Danny Jackson

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Holiday Greetings from your Council Commissioner

Dear Fellow Scouters,

We are about to close out yet another year. As we write this one into the history books, we can reflect on a lot of things. Tidal waves, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, mudslides and blizzards to name a few of the weather related challenges that we have faced. We find world economies in meltdown as well as huge numbers of people unemployed. Many people are just scratching by to keep a roof over their head and adequate food on the table as they worry whether 2012 will bring hope and opportunity. Scandals and political gridlock continues to shed negative sentiments on our country. It can be hard sometimes to find a bright spot on our horizon.

Still we are truly blessed to live in the good ole USA. We truly have the opportunity and freedom to make choices each and every day that make a difference. We have choices in education, employment, economic reward through taking financial chances in business and other areas as well. Most of us have plenty to eat, a cell phone, computer, heat and air conditioning, a car and adequate clothes to wear and more than we deserve. We have the ability each and every day to make decisions that guide us and our families to be have more than what we need. America is still a land of great opportunity.

My reflections this year reveal that I am truly thankful for my family. Sara, Rachel and Aaron mean the world to me. They really give my life purpose and enjoyment. I am thankful that God gave me a soul that will be more durable than my current body that continues to pick up a few more aches and pains each year. I am thankful for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus and his birth. The hope and promise that he has delivered to those that believe. I am thankful for the family gatherings and our prayer time. When we get together with the rest of the family, many times we have 30 or more at one time sharing stories and laughs about yesteryear and good times of years ago. I am so thankful that I have a little more than I need and that my family can help those that really need support and encouragement.

I am like many of you this holiday season. We are all thankful for The Boy Scouts of America and the impact that our program has on young men and the women. Our venture program now can be co-ed and our learning for life impacts both boys and girls through its focus on timeless values and character building. Our great program still turns out many of our future leaders and cutting edge minds that will be a force in developing our world through this century and well into the future. We are all very thankful for scouting!
Yours In Scouting,

Steve Moore
Council Commissioner
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Holiday Greetings from your Scout Executive

To the Tuscarora Family,
Happy Holidays to you all and your families!

I hope that you all have a very safe and joyous holiday season with your families. Thank you for all you do for Scouting and for the young people of our community. You are making a difference in the lives of all of the young people you come in contact with and I thank you for that.

This time of the year is all about giving thanks and reflecting back on the year. It has been a good year for the council. I thank you for the role that each of you have played in making 2011 a success.

I am thankful for many things, but mostly thankful for living in such a great country where my family and I can worship the way we see fit and for the many liberties that we have that many other folks around the world don't have. I am thankful for a loving and healthy family. And I am thankful for this program we know as the Boy Scouts of America and for what it has meant to our country and for the great future that lies ahead for this program. As we start on the next 100 years in Scouting, I am excited about the direction that we are headed as a movement.

I am also thankful for each of you and for the quality program that we/you are offering to our young people. They will Be Prepared for the future because of the things they are doing today.

Again, thank you for what you do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Be safe!
Tim Harper



COUNCIL NEWS

SCOUTING FOR FOOD COUNCIL SERVICE PROJECT

The Tuscarora Council will be introducing a new Council-wide service project early this spring, Scouting for Food.

Scouting for Food was a National Service Project from 1988-1991 and was highly successful nationally. During the first year of collection, 1988, over 1 million Scouts across America collected over 65 million cans of nonperishable food. It became the largest collection and donation of foodstuffs ever experienced in the United States.

The project in the Tuscarora Council will involve Scouting units and Scouts being assigned an area within their community and will involve two Saturdays. The first Saturday will be "Distribution Day", where the Scouts will distribute door-to-door pre-printed plastic bags to door knobs all over our council territory. The printed instructions on the bag will encourage the household to fill up the bag with non-perishable food and put it back on the door knob next Saturday. The second Saturday will be "Collection Day". Scouts will go back to the same houses and collected the filled bags. The collected food will go to pre-determined established community distribution agencies that will take care of distributing it to those in need.

The dates of the project will be discussed at the January District Roundtables and by email prior to the end of the 2011.

Thank you in advance for your help on this worthwhile project.



2011 EAGLE CLASS TO BE NAMED FOR PATE

The 2011 Tuscarora Council Class of Eagle Scouts will be named in honor of J.M. "Mike" Pate, Jr. of Goldsboro.

Mike is the Chairman of the Board for Pate Dawson Company and a long time supporter of the Tuscarora Council and the Boy Scouts of America. Mike earned his Eagle at Troop 6 at First Baptist Church of Goldsboro in 1946.

The 2011 Eagle Class will be recognized at the Annual Tuscarora Council Recognition Reception on Sunday, January 29, 3:00 PM at the Southern Bank Auditorium on the Mount Olive College campus. All Eagles will be receiving an invitation in the mail.



ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT SET

The Tuscarora Council Annual recognition Reception is set for January 29th, 2012, 3:00 pm at the Southern Bank Auditorium on the Mount Olive College campus.

At the reception we will recognize the 2011 Class of Eagle Scouts and will also award the coveted Silver Beaver Award.

The price is \$10 per person. A reservation form is enclosed in this issue of the Trailblazer. The deadline for reservations will be January 18th. The price is \$10 per person.

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Popcorn Awards

Congratulations to our top sellers in each district. These Scouts were recently recognized at District Banquets. These included \$1500 and up sellers, District Top Sellers, and Council Top Seller.

Council Top Seller

James Flowers

Coharie

Lukas Brown – District Top Seller, \$1500 Club

Josh Evans - \$1500 Club

Christopher Caudle - \$1500 Club

Neusiok

Preston Renfrow – District Top Seller, \$1500 Club

Bobby Lee - \$1500 Club

Matthew Hoover - \$1500 Club

Torhunta

Justin Whaley – District Top Seller

Jeremy Bentley - \$1500 Club



Torhunta District: Justin Whaley, Jeremy Bentley, James Flowers



Neusiok District: Bobby Lee



Coharie District: Lukas Brown

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can give to a Scouting volunteer for their dedication to the Scouting program. Their efforts have helped better the program offered to the Scouts, provide a positive image for Scouting in the community, and cultivate new and enthusiastic leaders for the future. The Tuscarora Council is pleased to award the District Award of Merit to Kelly Strickland, Blake Ball, Jeff Whitener, and Daniel Lockerby.



Coharie District: Kelli Strickland



Torhunta District: Jeff Whitener, Dan Lockerby



Neusiok District: Blake Ball



Tuscarora Council, BSA

Eagle and Volunteer Recognition Reception

When:

Sunday, January 29, 2012
Reception begins at 3:00 P.M.
Program begins at 4:00 P.M.

Where:

Southern Bank Auditorium, Mount Olive College

Cost:

\$10.00 per person (Registration must be received by January 18th)

2011 Eagle Scouts attend for free; however, they must call and verify their attendance by January 18. Call (919) 734-1714.

Volunteer and Eagle Recognition Celebration - Registration

Name: _____
Please print.

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

We will need: # _____ tickets at \$10.00 each.

(Circle one) Please mail our tickets or we will pick them up at the Scout office.

If paying by credit card, please include: Visa or MasterCard (*please circle*)

_____ Card number _____ Expiration Date

Please mail form and payment to: BSA, Attn: Recognition Reception, 316 E. Walnut St. Goldsboro, NC 27530

All registrations must be in by January 18th

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The Tuscarora Council is a member agency of the Sampson County United Way, the United Way of the Greater Triad, and the Wayne County United Way.

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