

The official newsletter of the Tuscarora Council

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From your Council President

Tuscarora Scouts and Scouters,

I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready to jump into a new Scouting year in the Tuscarora Council. The council had a tremendous summer program with a week of Cub Scout resident camp and four weeks of Boy Scout camp at Camp Tuscarora; the Neusiok District hosted a Cub Scout Day Camp in Smithfield and several crews experienced the trails at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. All in all nearly 1,000 Scouts and Scouters participated in a summer adventure that treated young men to experiences that they will long remember. I know that many of you experienced summer camp in other council camps and I'm sure had a tremendous experience. We would ask that you not forget about Camp Tuscarora and that you will consider "coming back home" for a summer camping experience in the near future.

As we move into the fall many exciting things are happening on the Scouting calendar.

For Cub Scout Packs the Join Scouting Nights will be happening throughout the month of September. What an exciting time for hundreds of young men and their families to be joining the Scouting program for the first time. I thank you for the quality program that is being offered to these new Scouts. We need to thank five school superintendents and especially Executive Board member, Dr. Steve Taylor who makes it possible for us to be able to promote Scouting through the schools.

The Council will be hosting for the first time ever a Commissioner College at Camp Tuscarora on September 17. Thanks to Council Commissioner, Steve Moore and his staff. They are gearing up to put on a tremendous training program. Don't miss this one!

I would like to encourage all of you to take a look at the requirements for the new Journey to Excellence program for your unit. This is the new measurement instrument for the delivery of a quality program to the young men that we serve. This program will be around for long time so we need to get familiar with the requirements. I think we will see some changes that happen each year but the basics will be there. Each district and the council have a set of requirements that we are working on as well. I would like to see every unit in the council to achieve GOLD status. As units work towards make Gold, it assists the districts and councils in being able to reach the Gold status. That is something that we all will be proud of. Some if you need help in working through the Journey to Excellence don't hesitate to call your District Executive or Tim at the Scout Office.

Thank you all for what you do for the young people in our communities. And let's have a great fall!

Danny Jackson
Council President



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From your Council Commissioner

Fall is right around the corner and so is the time for learning, building, and kicking our skills and program up a notch. School will be opening and we will be recruiting a new crop of scouts. We will also be energizing a number of scouts that are returning from their summer vacation. We have to be ready to perform at a high level.

We are very excited to host our first commissioner college during my tenure as council commissioner. We have a great curriculum and a host of seasoned course instructors. This program is geared for the new commissioner or the one thinking about commissioner service. We will cover the basics right on thru our new report card "Journey To Excellence". So you are a leader and not interested right now. Please think again. This material may just be the spark and fuel that helps take your program to the next level. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 17, 2011. The location is Camp Tuscarora. Go to bsanc.org (our council website) for more details. You can save by signing up early.

You can contact me at 919-735-4833 or stevemoore@allstate.com if you have additional questions.

We will see you there. A hardy scout lunch will be served so come hungry!

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Moore
Council
Commissioner



COUNCIL NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 8 Canoe and Kayak Trip to Bare Island

by Bradley Henson

On July 23rd, 2011, Boy Scout Troop 8 went on a kayaking and canoeing trip to Bare Island, NC. The trip to the island was two miles long and would take about an hour and a half to complete.



Upon arrival at the loading dock, we realized that the wind was going to be against us. We were then told by the Bare Island ferry passengers that there was a storm cell in the area creating a much stronger headwind. We were Troop 8 and had been through much worse so we decided to take on the challenge! After 30 minutes of kayaking through the swampy marshes that separated the island and the mainland, we found a nice island to fish off from. As well as having plenty of good fishing areas, the place was crawling with crabs to catch. After high tide came and engulfed the island we were on, we set out. After about 60 meters of kayaking through heavy wind and strong currents, we decided to pull over onto the marshes next to us. The current became so strong that we had to get out on top of the marshes and pull our kayaks and canoes.

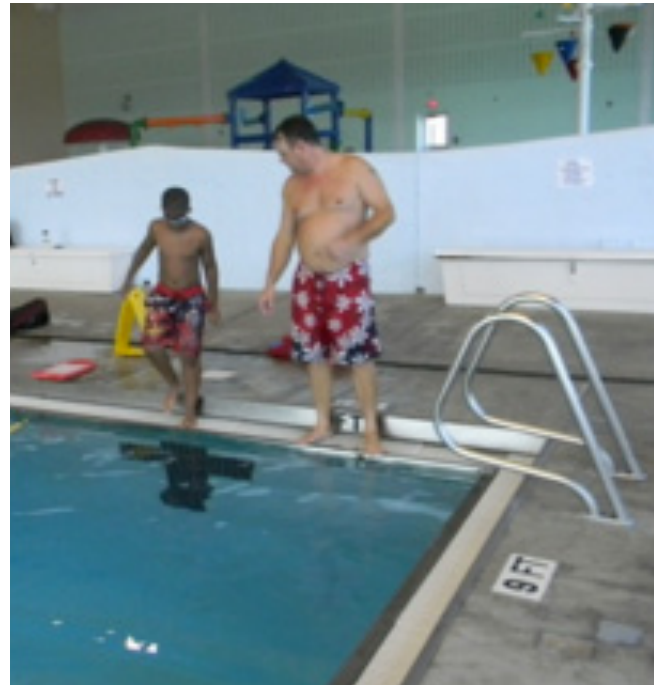
After about an hour of doing this and getting about a mile, the wind had died down some and we decided to get back into our boats. But as we looked up into the sky we could see a very large thunderstorm cloud. We paddled on further and eventually made it to the loading dock at Bare Island. We took our bags and headed out to the beach where our campsite was located. We had a great time on the island. Some of us continued to fish, while others did the standard scout activity and just "chilled". It was a great activity and one that we hadn't done before.

The next morning we woke up, packed up camp, and headed off to the boats. This time it was easy because we had the wind behind us pushing us. The return trip took us 1 hour to complete and was much more enjoyable than the first time. After we reached the mainland and packed up, we went out to eat at a local restaurant before making the return journey home.

COUNCIL NEWS

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with the Neusiok Cub Scout Day Camp. This was the second year that Neusiok has hosted a Cub Day Camp in the district. The theme this year was the "Knights of Neusiok". We had a great time learning new skills. The Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center was a great location for the event. We can't wait till next year.



POPCORN KICK-OFFS

We had a great Kick-off to the 2011 Popcorn Sale! This year we look forward to another great sale. There are some new products and some new prizes. Popcorn is a great way to raise funds for your units Scouting program. Scouts are encouraged to fill-up a take order form to earn some cool prizes. Scouts are setting up their accounts to sell on line as well.

COUNCIL NEWS

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE FOR TORHUNTA

Torhunta District would like to welcome Charles D. Aman (Charlie) as the new District Executive. Charlie comes to Wayne County from Jacksonville but has lived all over the state. He has a Sports Science degree from North Carolina A&T State University.

Charlie has been active in Scouting for many years. He joined Cubs in 1974 and progressed through the ranks earning his Arrow of Light in 1977. He then crossed over into Boy Scouts where he was very active with Troop 648 in Elkin NC until his family moved to Reidsville where he eventually earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 714. He served the OA as a Chapter and Lodge officer as a youth and was honored with the Vigil Honor in 1985.

Charlie has continued his involvement in Scouting as an adult serving as a leader in capacities ranging from Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster, to Unit Commissioner and OA Chapter Advisor. Training has been a very active avenue for Charlie as well, he has his Wood Badge beads (a beaver from SR-154) and he has been on staff for JLT (now NYLT), BLT/SMF, as well as several council level Aquatics training programs. He has also been quite involved in summer camp. Charlie has also served on staff at 4 different camps; Cherokee (NC), Old Indian (SC), Pirtle (TX) and our own Camp Tuscarora where in 2010 he was our Waterfront Director.

Charlie's family is also involved in Scouting. His mother was his Den Leader and his father was Cubmaster and later, Scoutmaster and has served on various council committees. His nephew earned his Bear last year and has just started his first year in Webelos, and has very high aspirations. Recently one of his cousin's sons received his Eagle Scout and Charlie was there to assist with the presentation.

When he is away from Scouting, Charlie enjoys kayak fishing, hiking, playing drums, the beach, and spending time with his nieces and nephew. He is also a big Wolfpack fan.

Torhunta District welcomes Charlie to Wayne County.



SCHOOL NIGHTS
for Scouting!

Through the month of September the Tuscarora Council will be hosting School Nights for Scouting at each Elementary School to recruit new Cub Scouts. Prospective Scouts and parents are invited to attend these nights to learn about the Cub Scout program and sign up with a local Cub Scout Pack.

***See the schedule (on page 8) for each School Night for Scouting.**

COUNCIL NEWS

EXPERIENCE PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH IN 2012

The Tuscarora Council will be having a crew to go to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico during the summer of 2012. The crew will consist of at least 2 adults leaders and 10 Scouts. The trip will be leaving from Raleigh-Durham Airport on July 15 and will return on July 30. The costs will be approximately \$1450 with payments due starting this fall. A payment schedule will be shared with those that express an interest in going. In order to attend Philmont Scouts must be at least 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade at the time of departure.

Philmont Scout Ranch is a 222,000 wilderness camp operated by the Boy Scouts of America in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico. The experience at Philmont is like no other Scouting adventure, which most young men will ever participate in. At Philmont the Scouts will hike for 10 days with everything in their back packs. The terrain at Philmont is very mountainous and requirements all who participate to be in top physical condition. There will be several "shake down" hikes for the crew to prepare for the experience.

For those that have interest please contact Tim Harper at the Scout Office 919.734.1714 or tharper@bsamail.org



TUSCARORA COUNCIL CALENDAR

9/2 - 9/5	Camp Tuscarora Closed	10/6	Neusiok Roundtable, 7:30PM at Centenary United Methodist
9/5	Office and Scout Shop Closed	10/6	Torhunta Roundtable, 7:00PM at Saint Paul United Methodist
9/17	Commissioner College	10/8	BALOO Training
9/20	Executive Board Meeting	10/14 - 16	Cub Weekend I
9/24	New Cub Event at Camp Tuscarora	10/18	Executive Committee Meeting
9/30 - 10/2	Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship	10/21 - 23	Cub Weekend II
10/1	Torhunta Fishing Derby	10/28	Popcorn & Prize Orders Due
10/6	Coharie Roundtable, 7:00PM at Warsaw Baptist Church		

TRAINING

University of Scouting

The Tuscarora Council will conduct a Scouting University on Saturday November 5, 2011. It will be at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro. This training will offer courses for Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, Commissioners and Boy Scouts. This is a great time for Scouters to take a variety of training in one day. Training for Boy Scouts will help them learn how to be a better leader within the Troop. See our website this summer for courses offered.

COMMISSIONER COLLEGE

The Tuscarora Council will host Commissioner College on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Camp Tuscarora. Commissioners' College is a full-day training event for commissioners. The college is based on an academic college model with degrees conferred on graduates based on a national BSA curriculum. The courses offered at our college are designed to expose participants to the multiple aspects and approaches to Commissioner Service. This training will allow participants to take back new ideas and resources to their units, districts, and councils. The goal of the college is to motivate, train, and inform commissioners on how to help units succeed and grow. Commissioners from any council are welcome to attend.

NEUSIOK DISTRICT NEWS

District Commissioner
Bill Hardee

District Chairman
Jeff Holt

District Executive
Ryan Roberts



The Great Neusiok District will be hosting the first Bentonville Trek since 2005 on Oct. 28th-30th out at Camp Tuscarora. Scouts and scouters will be able to hike the historic trail of the Bentonville Battlefield from camp all the way to the actual site. The Harper House, a historic film, and a tour of the battle site will be available for scouts to participate in, all followed by a spaghetti dinner back at camp. Go online to the council website or contact the council office to register. This is sure to be an event you do not want to miss!

SERVICE PROJECTS

For scouts interested in service projects, Toad Song Farm on Buffalo Road has invited the Boy Scouts out on September 24 to help identify and tag wild plants along trails on their property. Refreshments will be provided for those participating. This is the first of several projects the farm is scheduling, so be sure to contact Ryan Roberts (ryan.roberts@scouting.org or <mailto:ryan.roberts@scouting.org>) for more information by Sept. 20th. To learn more about the farm and their mission, check out www.toadsongfarm.com.

POPCORN

The annual popcorn sale is off and running! The kick-off went very well and full sheets are already being turned in. We would like to encourage troops and packs to get creative with their sales methods and try to reach more people within the Neusiok District communities. If you or someone you know owns a small business or has the authority to permit a local unit coming out to sell popcorn in front of your store or building, please contact Ryan Roberts, 919-734-1714, to discuss scheduling a date and time.

SCHOOL NIGHTS

Since school has started back, that means cub round-ups are soon to follow. All Johnston County public elementary schools and their round-up dates are posted on the Neusiok page of the council website. If you would like to attend a round-up night and help encourage kids and their parents to join Scouting, please contact Ryan Roberts about getting dates, times, and more information.

NC STATE BOY SCOUT GAME

All Great Neusiok football fans should be made aware of NC State's Boy Scout game. The State game on September 17th will have discounted tickets for all members of the BSA. Just go to

gopack.com/promo and enter the code BOYSCOUT to receive your discount. It is always a great feeling to see local colleges and universities recognizing the effort and dedication it takes to power the Scouting movement, so please be sure take advantage of this offer. If anyone has information on other local promotions for Scouts such as this one, please contact Ryan Roberts.

YLS COLLEGE READINESS SEMINAR

The United Way Greater Triangle in partnership with the Young Leaders Society are sponsoring a College Readiness Seminar.

Who: High School Students, Parents, and Volunteers

When: September 15, 2011 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Where: Johnston Co. Community College

Why: To prepare high school students for SAT testing, financial preparations for college, and the day to day finances of a college student.

For Young Leaders Society Members: Please join us on September 15th to help local high school students prepare for college. YLS volunteers are encouraged to share about their college experience and what steps current high school students should take to ready themselves for college life!

For Students/Parents: Please join us on September 15th to learn more about preparing for college! We will have representatives from College Nannies and Tutors, College Foundation of North Carolina, and FFG Companies talking about what YOU need to do to prepare for college. Topics that will be discussed include:

- * SAT Preparation
- * Applying and Paying for College
- * The Day to Day Finances of a College Student

All those interested are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided and we hope to see all of you there!

For more information or to reserve a seat please call (919) 463-5028 or email yls@unitedwaytriangle.org

TORHUNTA DISTRICT NEWS

District Commissioner
John Compton

District Chairman
David Rouse

District Executive
Charlie Aman



Important dates to know about popcorn sales are; Oct 28 popcorn and prize orders are due into the council office; Nov 10 is the popcorn pickup date; and all money is due in by Dec 5. We had a fairly good Kickoff event and there, in the fellowship hall, the gauntlet was thrown down. Any unit that triples it's sales over last year, will give their top-seller

an opportunity to throw a pie in Charlie's face at the next Pack meeting or Court of Honor. And if 3 units triple their sales then we will post the pie in the face pictures on the Torhunta District facebook page. So let's get out there and sell some popcorn.

SCHOOL NIGHTS

School night round ups are on the calendar. We will be going to all the area elementary schools in the month of September and getting the young men excited and signed up to join Scouting. If you or your unit would like to assist with a school night round up, call or email Charlie and he can get you on the schedule.

ROUNDTABLES

We would also like to encourage every unit to have someone come to the Roundtable meetings. The first Thursday of every month we will meet at St Paul's Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, downtown Goldsboro at 7:00p.m. There we will distribute information about upcoming events as well as plan those events. We also have some short training sessions planned in the future and wouldn't want anyone to miss out on those. The OA Chapter is also holding their meetings that night so bring the boys that are in the OA with you.

facebook

If you are on Facebook, please find the 'Torhunta District, Tuscarora Council' page and press the 'like' button. If we can build this page up it could be a great resource for us. We could use it to share Camporee pictures, or other district event pictures. It also serves as another communication tool that allows us to all stay connected.



On Saturday October 1, we will have the Torhunta Fishing Derby at Camp Tuscarora. Registration deadline is September 23rd and registration information is on the council website. You can also register at the council office by picking up a form from Charlie. Cub leaders should have also received a registration flyer via email after the August Roundtable, if you did not, please email Charlie so he can add you to his email listing.



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Coharie - School	Pack	Date	Time	Room
Salemburg	38	Aug. 30	7:00 PM	café
Charles E Perry	38	Aug. 30	7:00 PM	café
Clement	41,91	Sept. 1	7:00 PM	café
Plainview	39,91	Sept. 1	7:00 PM	café
Union Intermediate	70	Sept. 1	7:00 PM	café
Union *	70	Sept. 1	7:00 PM	café
Grady - D	37	Sept. 8	7:00 PM	café
Kenansville - D	50	Sept. 8	7:00 PM	café
N. Duplin - D	42	Sept. 13	7:00 PM	café
Hobbton	123	Sept. 13	7:00 PM	café
Beaulaville - D	47	Sept. 15	7:00 PM	café
Chinquapin - D	47	Sept. 15	7:00 PM	café
Rose Hill - D	45	Sept. 20	7:00 PM	café
Wallace - D	35	Sept. 20	7:00 PM	café
Hargrove	20,41	Sept. 22	7:00 PM	café
Warsaw - D	20	Sept. 22	7:00 PM	café
Sunset Ave. - CC	26	Sept. 22	7:00 PM	café
Kerr - CC *	26	Sept. 22	7:00 PM	café
Butler - CC	27	Sept. 22	7:00 PM	café
Midway	41.91	Sept. 27	7:00 PM	café

Neusiok - School	Pack	Date	Time	Room
So. Smithfield	66, 77, 95	Sept. 1	6:30 PM	café
East Clayton	124	Sept. 1	6:30 PM	café
Dixon	64, 359	Sept. 8	6:30 PM	café
McGees Crossroad	210, 359	Sept. 8	6:30 PM	café
Westview	64	Sept. 8	6:30 PM	café
Cleveland	33, 64	Sept. 13	6:30 PM	café
Princeton	23	Sept. 13	6:30 PM	café
Wilson Mills	31, 66	Sept. 13	6:30 PM	café
West Clayton	24, 57	Sept. 13	6:30 PM	café
River Dell	422	Sept. 15	6:30 PM	café
Polenta	33, 66	Sept. 15	6:30 PM	café
Cooper	24, 124	Sept. 15	6:30 PM	café
Selma		Sept. 15	6:30 PM	café
Four Oaks	60	Sept. 20	6:30 PM	café
Powhatan	726	Sept. 20	6:30 PM	café
Micro-Pine Level	63	Sept. 20	6:30 PM	café
Riverwood	24, 421	Sept. 27	6:30 PM	café
Benson	19	Sept. 27	6:30 PM	café
Glendale-Kenly	25, 29	Sept. 27	6:30 PM	café
Corinth Holders	422	Sept. 29	6:30 PM	café
Meadow	62	Sept. 29	6:30 PM	café
West Smithfield	66		6:30 PM	Café

Torhunta - School	Pack	Date	Time	Room
St. Mary's	96	W 8/24	6:30 PM	aut
Freemont	12	T 8/30	6:30 PM	café
Northwest	28,581	T 8/30	6:30 PM	café
Tommys Road	3, 8	T 8/30	6:30 PM	café
Spring Creek	22	T 9/6	6:30 PM	café
Meadow Lane	911	R 9/8	6:30 PM	café
Grantham	10,59	R 9/8	6:30 PM	café
Rosewood	258	T 9/8	6:30 PM	café
Brogden	54, 92	T 9/13	6:30 PM	café
School Street	11	T 9/13	6:30 PM	café
Carver Heights	11	R 9/15	6:30 PM	café
Carver	34	R 9/15	6:30 PM	café
Northeast	14	T 9/20	6:30 PM	café
Northdrive	11	T 9/20	6:30 PM	café
E. Wayne	8	R 9/22	6:30 PM	café

SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE 2011