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A publication for and about Scouters in our Council



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HISTORY MUSEUM RIBBON CUTTING

As part of the Occoneechee Council's 100 year celebrations there have been two displays at the History Museum in Raleigh.

First is the ongoing display of memorabilia from Scouters in this Council. It is located on the third floor of the museum. If you have not yet seen this, please stop in and take a look. Items include vintage uniforms, a hands-on knot tying display and a pinewood derby display.

The second display was for two days only and consisted of Norman Rockwell and Joseph Csatari originals which are on tour courtesy of National BSA.



History Museum Ribbon Cutting

SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP

Staff week for summer camp began June 14 and camp started June 20 for five fun-filled weeks. If you still have questions or need to inquire about a balance due for your Boy Scout, contact Linda Grady at 910-948-2382.

LIVE WEB CAM views – go to campdurant.com.

JAMBOREE

July 26 is the first day of the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. If you still have payment questions or need other information, contact your Jambo Unit Leader or Rodger Skirvin at 919-872-4884 or rodger.skirvin@scouting.org.

JAMBOREE BUS TRIP

The July 31 Bus trip is FULL. The Council looks forward to sending several buses of visitors to Jamboree. You and your family can still visit Jambo and are welcome to follow the buses to Fort A.P. Hill. See the attached flier.

JAMBOREE SIMULCAST



[See the attached sheet for sign-up to attend the Simulcast to be held at the Durham Bulls athletic park on July 31.](#)

COUNCIL CAMPOREE

October 8 – 10 is the Council Fall Camporee. Mark your calendar. More information will be posted soon to the Council calendar.

BOB'S BLOG

Scouting has been around for 100 years for one main reason—the people who have been through our program are passionate about it. In fact, there are more than 50 million living Scouting alumni out there who know what that passion is all about. We want to bring them home again. We need your help to get the job done. Our BSA Alumni Connection program has been reaching out to these millions of alumni to ask them to make a new connection with the Boy Scouts of America. To date, 90,000 have responded to let us know they want to stay active and engaged in the Scouting program. We know that's only the tip of the iceberg. We have the opportunity to bring so many more back into the fold to contribute to the success of our movement.

Think of the boost this would give our organization at every level. Think of what it could mean for our next generation of Scouts - business leaders offering their expertise to councils to help them grow; people who have taken the path to Eagle helping to guide those on their way to doing the same; parents whose kids have left the program mentoring new parent volunteers; I can go on and on.

Think again of what it means to know that we have 90,000 people who have already opted in to our Alumni Connection program, and the potential growth we can witness with *millions* doing the same.

Here's how we can make that happen.

If you haven't yet, I encourage you to go to www.BSAalumni.org and enroll in our alumni and friends program. Then, start spreading the word! Ask others to reconnect. There are [tools available](#) to help you start those conversations.

We will continue to explore new opportunities to engage Scouting alumni. One example is the Alumni Day we have planned for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. On Friday, July 30, alumni are invited to tour the jamboree, sit down for a picnic lunch and learn what the next century of Scouting has in store. Alumni can [register here](#).

You were all part of our first 100 years and should be proud of the contributions you have made to serving America's youth. Let's make sure others don't miss the chance to lend their spirit of adventure one more time.

Thanks,
Bob Mazucca
National Scout Executive

FAYETTEVILLE/CUMBERLAND COUNTY UNITED WAY

The United Way of Cumberland County Agency Award is presented to a United Way partner agency that has demonstrated outstanding community work based on community impact, and has exemplified the United Way mission to give, advocate, and volunteer. The Occoneechee Council is their agency of the year.



Terry McIntire, John Akerman, Susan Long, Diane Wood, Bill Walters

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD – ED GRANNIS

Ed Grannis, Cumberland County's long-serving district attorney, was lauded Thursday night with a Distinguished Citizen Award. Grannis received the Lone Scout Statue from the Tuocs and Kia Kima districts of the Occoneechee Council of Boy Scouts of America.

"I am a truly blessed person," Grannis said.

Grannis, who is 66, will retire this year after 35 years of being the county's chief prosecutor.

The speakers, who alternately roasted and praised Grannis before an audience of more than 200 people, painted this picture of their honored guest: He is a gardener with a green thumb, a loquacious friend, a slow driver, a loyal but thrifty boss and a prosecutor not afraid to give a young person who has run afoul of the law a second chance.

"I think the roasters were very kind to me tonight - too much so," Grannis said. "I'm a little disappointed."

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TRAINING

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR TOP LEADERS

As one of the Pilot Councils for National's New Trained Leader Initiative, Oconeechee Council has committed to having 100% of our Top Leaders basic trained in 2010. Top leaders are the Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, Venturing Advisors, and Sea Scout Skippers. In 2011 all direct contact leaders will be required to have basic training. Direct contact leaders are Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Assistant Coaches, Venturing Associate Advisors, and Sea Scout Mates. This change in policy will enable Unit Leaders to improve the quality of the program through the youth of our Council experience.

During the Unit Leadership Inventory this year Unit Commissioners will be asking for a training record for the Top Leader and other leaders in each Unit. The District Training Chairs will then use this information to determine which leaders still need training. Below is a list of the training required for each position:

Cub Scout Leaders

- Youth Protection (Online)
- Cub Scout Fast Start (Online)
- This is Scouting (Online)
- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (Instructor led)

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

- Youth Protection (Online)
- Boy Scout Fast Start (Online)
- This is Scouting (Online)
- SM/ASM Leader Specific (Instructor led)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Instructor led)

Varsity Coaches and Assistant Coaches

- Youth Protection (Online)
- Varsity Fast Start (Online)
- This is Scouting (Online)
- Varsity Leader Specific (Instructor led)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Instructor led)

Venturing Advisors and Associate Advisors

- Youth Protection (Online)
- Venturing Fast Start (Online)
- This is Scouting (Online)
- Venturing Leader Specific (Instructor led)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (Instructor led) (Outdoor Units)

Sea Scout Skippers and Mates

- Youth Protection (Online)
- Sea Scout Leader Fast Start (Online)

- This is Scouting (Online)
- Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (Instructor led)

Remember...Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader!

NEW YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs. To read more about the new guidelines go to <http://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.aspx>.

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The ballroom at Highland Country Club was a veritable Who's Who of lawyers and judges, along with other elected officials, business and community leaders, and some of his own staff. Many of the lawyers in the room got their first jobs after passing the state bar by working for Grannis as assistant district attorneys. Some reminded the audience that whenever Grannis felt the need to give personal advice he would start the conversation this way: "Now, I don't want to get into your business ..."

His wife, Winnie, and their two sons, Whitaker, 30, and McBryde, 28, sat at a table in the front of the room. His sons are Eagle Scouts, and the elder Grannis was a Cub Scout.

Staff writer Andrew Barksdale can be reached at barksdalea@fayobserver.com or 486-3565.

The entire article can be read at fayobserver.com.

TRAINING

WOOD BADGE – KICK START YOUR UNIT PROGRAM THIS FALL

Ahhh, summer. The Scouting year is winding down. Summer plans are being finalized, banquets and courts of honor are wrapping up. A much-deserved leader rest is upon us.

But what are you going to do when September rolls around and you need to fire up the volunteer engine for another nine months of Scouting? All those young faces looking to you for enthusiasm, guidance and fun...from where will you draw the energy to take your unit program to the next level?

Two words: Wood Badge!

It is not too late to sign up for Wood Badge SR-1050 which will be held September 11-13 and October 1-3, 2010 at Camp Durant.

The mailing of invitation letters has begun, and letters are sent in waves as we work to create a diverse Wood Badge course that accommodates Scouters across all Scouting programs and Districts. Therefore, it is possible that leaders within one unit or friends across units may receive invitations at different times. Don't fret! Letters will continue to be mailed throughout the summer until the course capacity (48) is met.

More information and registration materials can be found at: at <https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=720858>

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

Philmont Training Center (PTC) hosts the best volunteer Training - led by the top leaders to deliver the latest information, strategies, and practices to make your local Scouting programs a success. The Training Center hosts courses specializing in all levels of Scouting and for all positions within Scouting: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing unit, District, and Council levels.

You can bring the whole family too!

Family Program is available for boys and girls from infant to teen, and spouses too. The schedule allows for both parents to be in classes, or have the spouse be in his/her own family program; single parents can bring their families, too. Family program groups participate in age-appropriate activities.

Different groups have different schedules. Some examples: archery and air-rifle shooting - ropes/confidence course - Dutch oven cooking - handicraft projects and instructional classes - hiking - horse or pony rides - overnights - museum tours.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Mountain Treks

Unique 5-day guided backcountry backpacking trek exclusive to the PTC family program for 14-20 year olds.



NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience) – A weeklong co-ed, outdoor-based training in leadership and teamwork for 14-20 year olds for seven days.

This information is also available on: www.PhilmontTrainingCenter.org

NORTHERN TIER OPPORTUNITY

Troop 364 in Raleigh has several openings for Scouts to attend Northern Tier this summer as part of the troop's contingent.

WHEN: Leave on Thursday, August 5th and return on Saturday August 14th.

COST: \$1,100.

If you have Scouts who might want to go on this exciting canoeing trip or want to find out more information, please email Blake Phillips at: gblake@vericomgroup.com.

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

HISTORICAL MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Four vintage merit badges that will count toward rank advancement are being released for the BSA's centennial year only, giving Boy Scouts a hands-on opportunity to experience the exciting past of Scouting

Carpentry
Pathfinding
Signaling
Tracking

Go to

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx> for more information.

GEOCACHING

Get in the Game! with Geocaching Take Membership Recruitment High-Tech

Give kids a palm-size computer, tell them to hunt for hidden treasure, and watch them go! That's just what we do through geocaching, a high-tech scavenger hunt that's already adding excitement to outdoor Scouting programs nationwide.

The premise of the game is simple: Players hide and seek containers—called “caches” or “geocaches”—outdoors using GPS navigation devices. Then, they go online to Geocaching.com to report what they've found and give clues to others who might want to seek what they just hid.

Geocaching can be much more than a fun unit activity, though. As part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, we're using geocaching to get at a goal that's important to every Scouter: membership recruitment and retention. Through the Get in the Game! program, Scouts and non-Scouts alike will be invited to join the adventure. In addition to inviting them to participate in events, we'll also reach out to kids that are actively involved with geocaching, but not Scouting.

“Kids today are captivated by technology,” said Mary Stevens, Advisor of Crew 84 in San Rafael, CA and Get in the Game! Volunteer Lead. “This is a great way to introduce them to how much fun Scouting can be, and on their terms.”

On top of being an exciting way to introduce new youth to Scouting, Get in the Game! activities teach valuable

lessons that parents will appreciate. Lessons like leadership, problem solving, cooperation, and teamwork.

This program is also a great way to find and reconnect with Scouting alumni who are active in the sport. One Scouting alumnus who found a cache wrote in the logbook, “Wow. Didn't know the BSA is getting into geocaching. Makes me wish I had contact with a troop or pack again.”

There are currently four components of the Get in the Game! program, with more to come:

- Cache to Eagle — recognizing the amazing work done through Eagle Scout projects in our Council
- Treasures of Scouting — showcasing who we are as an organization and what we do through our programs
- Pillars of Scouting — sharing the Scouting values of Leadership, Achievement, Community Service, Character, and the Outdoors through items that travel from cache to cache across the country
- Race to 2010 — taking a Scouting icon nationwide on the longest Pinewood Derby track (or rather, trek) in America

You can find more information about all of these programs in the Get in the Game! toolkit on *YourSource* (Scouting.org/100years). You can also learn more about this exciting sport by visiting **the** global geocaching authority, Geocaching.com.

SERVICE DAYS

Camp Reeves Service Day 2010

Join us for a day of Service at Camp Reeves, part of the wonderful Occoneechee Scout Reservation.

August 14th

During our service day we will be improving the camp sites, roads and facilities in both the Camporee areas and the former summer camp area at Camp Reeves. There will be jobs suitable for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Adult Leaders. The improvements to the camp will make the camp better for unit camping as well as District and Council Camporees.

The day of service begins at 8:00 AM Saturday and concludes at 3:00 PM. Units are encouraged to come early and stay late. There is plenty of room for camping! (Units that plan on camping should make reservations through the normal reservation system. Enter the activity description of “Service Day” when making your reservation.)

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Hey Scouts! It's almost here. The 2010 National Scout Jamboree is just around the corner. Are you ready? Stop by and visit us and we will help you get prepared. Our new socks should be in stock on Thursday, June 17th. We also have the new Centennial shorts and they are on sale now. They are regularly \$29.99 in both adult and youth sizes. Now the adult sizes are \$19.99 each and the youth sizes are \$14.99 each. They are 100% Supplex Nylon and are quick dry. Stock up today before your big trip.

We also have all of the new Cub Scouting literature. The Cub Scout Leader Book, the Webelos Leader Book and the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training Books have been revised. The new Resource Guide is replacing the yearly Program Helps. All items are in stock and ready for your Pack's needs.

We want to give everyone a big THANKS for stopping by and enjoying our Customer Appreciation Day! As always, we strive to be number one in customer service.

News Flash!! Just in.....Inventing Merit Badges and Pamphlets. Come get yours today!

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A hotdog lunch will be provided for all workers.

Jobs include:

Tree trimming, root removal, downed tree removal, limb cutting, grass cutting, weed whacking, trail maintenance, site cleaning, gravel spreading, shelter and building cleaning/painting, erosion control, plumbing, carpentry, fence installation, camp site marking, sign installation, lashing projects & more...

The camp has an assortment of tools for you to use while at camp but you are welcome to bring your personal loppers, shovels or rakes that fit your hands! Power tools should only be brought and used at camp with the Ranger's permission. Safety First!

Note: Service work done at the OSR counts as personal and unit service hours.

Please RSVP to Larry Fitzsimmons at email LFITZ350@gmail.com with the number of people from your unit that will be attending so we have enough tools and food ready for you.

Can't make one of the Service days? No Problem. The Camp Ranger and the Camp Masters always have a list of Service work that needs to be done around camp. Anytime your unit camps at the OSR or just wants to perform some service work, there will be something to do.

LDS-BSA RELATIONSHIPS NEWSLETTER

The May 2010 LDS-BSA Relationships Newsletter is now online! The newsletter is in PDF format, so please feel free to save it, forward it, print it or share it however you like!

[Click here to download the May 2010 Newsletter](#)

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