

Camp Bonner 40th Anniversary Staff Reunion



CAMP BONNER STAFF

Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11, 2009

Camp Bonner,
Blounts Creek, NC

"No man ever stood so tall as when he stooped to help a boy." -- Baden Powell

In February of 2010 the Boy Scouts of America will become 100 years old. Let's face it -- we aren't far behind. Incidentally this summer, Camp Bonner and the Herbert C. Bonner Scout Reservation will turn 40 years old. This is cause for celebration. Since the summer of 1969, when the camp first opened, approximately 1000 staffers have given service to Camp Bonner and the Scouts of East Carolina Council as well as Scouts from other councils and states.

This guide contains information about a staff reunion that will be held at camp on July 10 & 11. We wholeheartedly hope you will join us and your old camp buddies for some fun, games, old stories and fellowship. This guide has been written to let you know what to expect at the reunion. Please read it all as somethings may have changed in Scouting since you were on staff. A schedule and registration form are also included in this guide.

REUNION INFORMATION

First and foremost, if you have not sent an e-mail to the address below, then you need to do so **NOW!**

campbonnerstaff@gmail.com

Sending an e-mail to this address will place you on a Camp Bonner Staff only mailing list. Tell former staff members for which you have contact information about this e-mail address. You may not realize that **YOU** might be the only person who still has these contacts.

REUNION FEES

The registration fee for the reunion will be \$25.00. This will cover all costs except for the optional Friday Supper with the troops and the Shooting Sports ranges. The camp fee for supper is \$5.00 and tickets may be purchased at the Trading Post. (See Program section for range fees.)

A registration form can be found on the last page of this guide. This form must be sent along with reunion fee. This fee should be sent to the council office and postmarked no later than June 15, 2009. If you send your registration after June 15, then check the fee schedule below:

- after June 15: \$35.00

- upon arrival: \$45.00

Refund Policy: Refund requests received before June 26 will receive a full refund. After this date no refunds will be available.

Guests: This event is only for former Camp Staff Members, (sorry, no families) this will allow maximum access to the facilities and program areas.

WEBSITE

For those interested in finding and catching up with old camp buddies before the reunion, or even after the reunion, a community website exists for this purpose. At this site you can create an account and search for friends. This site will be helpful in spreading information about this reunion and future reunions. You can upload photos, share stories, blog and more.

<http://campbonnerstaff.com>

TELEPHONE

The Camp Emergency Phone Number is:

(252) 975-6060

PERSONAL VEHICLES

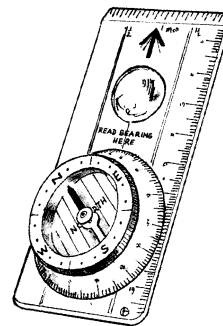
Vehicles are to be kept in the Main Parking Lot. Please do not park in the Reception Center Parking Lot. Personal vehicles should remain off camp service roads unless on official camp business AND with permission of the Camp Administration. Driving around camp needlessly is a safety hazard. Please park, walk, exercise, and enjoy the great out-of-doors.

MAP

If you haven't been to Camp Bonner in a while or if you are not sure how to find the camp, the link below will give you a printable map. GPS coordinates are listed also.

<http://campbonner.org/forms/campmap.pdf>

N35° 26.204 W076° 56.667



LODGING

The following hotels and motels are listed for out-of-towners who are looking for a place to stay during the reunion. All are located in Washington, NC.

Comfort Inn -- (252) 946-4444

Econo Lodge -- (252) 946-7781

Days Inn -- (252) 946-6141

Holiday Inn -- (252) 946-5500

Tents: The camp's administration has graciously offered the FREE use of the tents to anyone who wishes to stay in them. Tents include two military style cots on platforms. If you wish to use a tent, check the appropriate box(es) on the registration form. Please do not use insect repellent inside tents as it damages the water repellency.

DRESS

As many of us are no longer associated with Scouting, uniforms will not be expected. However, if you have an old uniform that you wish to wear feel free to do so.

STAFF AREAS

While these areas were once "our" camp homes, the staff quarters and the staff lounge are now the private residence of the 2009 Camp Bonner Staff. Please respect their privacy by not entering these areas. Many of us will remember the day when we "ran" the camp, but today we are guests.

SHOWER FACILITIES/YOUTH PROTECTION

B.S.A. National Policy prevents youth from 6 to 17 years of age and adults 18 years of age and older from showering or sleeping together, except for parent/son relationships. This must be enforced. All Scouts and Scouters must be informed of this policy. Youth will only be allowed to use the designated sections of the Pool Showerhouse. Adults, male and female, will also have a designated section of the Pool Showerhouse for their respective use.

TRADING POST

The trading post and snack bar will be available during the reunion. The Trading Post will offer T-shirts, Patches, etc., for the 40th Anniversary.

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

In accordance with B.S.A. policies, smoking is not permitted in any building at Camp Bonner. For those who smoke, please remember that cigarette butts are litter and please deposit them in trash cans.

ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in camp therefore anyone possessing alcohol will be asked to leave camp property. Intoxicated persons will not be permitted in camp.

FIREWORKS

In accordance with Camp and B.S.A. policies, fireworks are prohibited.

PETS

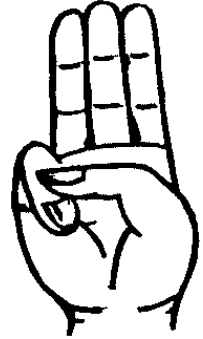
Dogs or other pets are not allowed by B.S.A. National Standards.

FIREARMS AND KNIVES

No personal firearms or archery equipment should be brought to camp. Sheath knives are not permitted in camp.

CONDUCT POLICY

The basic rules governing Camp Bonner are the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Any person found in violation of Camp Bonner rules or policies will be asked to leave camp property without a refund.



Take Only Pictures, Leave Only Footprints, Kill Only Time.

PROGRAM

The main program for the reunion will be fellowship, however the 2009 Camp Bonner Staff will be available to provide use of many program areas in camp. The Pool, Waterfront, Climbing Tower and/or Project COPE and Shooting Sports should all be available for use. The following is a general outline of activities.

FRIDAY

The schedule for Friday will be unstructured and will mainly follow the schedule of the camp. You and your camp staff friends can join the Scouts and Troops for dinner (see Reunion Fees above) and attend the Closing Campfire. Afterwards head into town for some socializing and catching up.

SATURDAY

Once the troops finish checking out on Saturday, the camp will be ours to enjoy. Check in will begin at 8:30am. The opening ceremony will begin at 10:15 or shortly after the last troop leaves.

PROGRAM AREAS

Where possible, the following program areas will be available for use: Waterfront, Shooting Sports, Pool, Climbing Tower and/or Project COPE. Issues such as weather, staffing, etc., may limit this availability, however every effort will be made to have these areas open.

SHOOTING SPORT FEES

In addition to the registration fee, there will be nominal fees charged for using the Rifle and Shotgun ranges. The fee for rifle shooting is \$1.00 for a ten shot ticket. The fee for Shotgun will be \$3.00 for a five shot ticket. Tickets must be purchased from the Trading Post before shooting.

GUIDED TOURS

At various times during the day guided tours will be set up for former staffers who would like to see the new programs, buildings, and facilities. Be sure to check out the Pamlico Sea Base as well.

THE OLD MAN GAMES

After lunch everyone will be divided in to teams for the Old Man Games. These games will allow former staffers to test various skills against other former staffers. These games are also designed to give the 2009 Staff Members a break and allow them to participate in the fun. Can the Old Men hold their own against the young and feisty 2009 Staff?

CLOSING CAMPFIRE

You are encouraged to attend the Closing Campfire on Saturday at 8:45pm. A shows committee is putting much effort into making this campfire fun, entertaining and memorable. A Pizza-Barrel will follow the campfire.

"I was a boy once." -- Baden Powell

Reunion Schedule

Friday*

5:30	Gather Before Supper
6:30	Dinner (with Troops): Dining Hall*
8:30	Attend Regular Campfire*
After Campfire	Off Camp Socializing

Saturday

8:30 - 10:00	Check-in/Help 2009 Staff
10:15	Opening Ceremony
10:30 - 12:30	Program Areas/Guided Tours
1:00	Lunch
2:00	The Old Man Games
3:30 - 6:30	Program Areas/Guided Tours
7:00	Dinner
8:30	Gather at Dining Hall for Campfire
After Campfire	Pizza-barrel - Dining Hall

* -- Optional



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In 1969, Camp Bonner of the Herbert C. Bonner Scout Reservation opened its gates to the Scouts of East Carolina and with those Scouts came the Camp Staff to run the various activities and events. That was forty years ago and since that time 39 other staffs have given their blood, sweat, and tears to this place they dearly called "home." This summer Camp Bonner is hosting a Camp Staff Reunion.

The reunion will be held at camp where we can spend the day taking advantage of the camp's facilities and activities. This event is only for former Camp Staff Members (sorry, no families) which will allow maximum access to the facilities and program areas. Spend some time with your old friends and take this opportunity to make some new ones.

The Registration Fee will be \$25.00. This fee will cover nearly all the events and activities, including: Lunch and Dinner, a Pizza-Barrel, use of the following Program Areas: Pool, Waterfront, and the Climbing Tower and/or Project COPE, Games, Guided Tours, and a Memorable Campfire. The optional Friday Dinner is not included and the camp will charge a small fee to eat. The Rifle and Shotgun ranges will be open, however you will need to buy tickets from the Trading Post to cover the expense of ammunition and clay pigeons. The Trading Post will be open and will offer T-shirts, Patches, etc., for the 40th Anniversary.

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Camp Bonner 40th Anniversary Staff Reunion Registration Form

Due before June 15, 2009. After June 15, please add \$10.00.

Add \$20.00 for payment upon arrival.

First	Last	Name Tag
Street		City, ST Zip
Home Phone		Other Phone (Specify)
E-mail		
List Year(s) Served and Position(s):		I am willing to help in the following areas:
		<input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Program Area Specify: _____
		I need a tent for: <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday

Make checks payable to: **East Carolina Council, BSA, PO Box 1698, Kinston, NC 28503**