



## *Building For The Future*

Since 1969 tens of thousands of Scouts and leaders have enjoyed a camping experience at Camp Bonner.

There have been numerous upgrades and improvements to support the nearly year round use the camp experiences from Scouts and non Scout groups. In 2007 alone, over 2,138 Scouts and leaders participated in programs at the Bonner Scout Reservation.

The pool and shower house complex were upgraded and a new adult shower house added to meet growing demands. A new dining hall was completed in 1995 following a fire which destroyed the existing structure, camp was connected to the county water system in 2003 and all campsite shelters have been replaced.

Located on the Bonner Scout Reservation, the Pamlico Sea Base became operational in 1998. It has experienced tremendous growth and from an initial group of 67 Scouts over 425 Scouts and adult leaders participated in Sea Base programs in 2007.

The Sea Base facilities include a recently constructed conference and training center, a shower house, pier, staff quarters and will soon have two family cabins completed.

To keep pace with the growing participation at both Bonner and the Pamlico Sea Base, significant additions in program equipment have been made. This includes 30 new sea kayaks, two new power boats for the water skiing program and a much needed tractor are part of the camp equipment inventory.

Additional repairs of existing structures are planned as funds become available. Recently the roofs on several buildings have been replaced or repaired including the health lodge, campmaster house, nature lodge and staff building. The camp's COPE facility has been upgraded to meet ACCT standards. The Boddie Family dining hall was re-stained.

The Bonner Scout Reservation has served as the primary camping and outdoor facility for the East Carolina Council for the past 40 years. Many of the structures at camp have had little or no improvements since their original construction in 1966-1968.

To keep pace with the growing demand and ever increasing interest in our popular outdoor programs, new and improved facilities are needed. It is our goal to make Bonner Scout Reservation one of the finest camps available to our Scouts and leaders.

## ***Reservation Projects***

**Equipment Storage & Maintenance Buildings:** The storage building and Quonset Hut are completed. This facility houses the recently purchased equipment (tractors and boats). Additional storage buildings have been constructed in the same general area. The current maintenance building is slated for renovation to become the reservation workshop facility.

**Sea Wall Restoration Project:** Begun in 2003 the sea wall restoration is projected to be completed in fall 2008. The focus will then shift to the area in front of the Bonner dining hall in order to reduce erosion. The goal is for the total Bonner Scout Reservation water front to be restored.

## ***Camp Bonner Projects***

**Staff Shower House:** Construction of this facility will return the Navajo shower house to its intended users, adult campers during the summer season. The staff shower house will be a year-round facility available for off season use by adult Scouters & non-scout groups.

**Renovated Reception Center:** The show place and center of activity for any camp, or it should be. The current reception center has had little modernization since its original construction in 1967. Plans under development are focused on a facility with year-round use capabilities by scout and non-scout groups. Renovated bathroom facilities, conference rooms, office space, and sleeping quarters available for adult leaders and non-scout group participants are part of the overall plan for the center.

**Campsite Shelters:** All ten campsites now boast new shelters which are a welcome improvement for unit leaders and Scouts during their stay at camp.

**New Camper Shower Facility:** Located near Croatan and Arapahoe campsites, this shower complex will be constructed to accommodate adults and youth members alike with individual coed bathroom facilities available. This project is scheduled to be complete by June, 2008.

**Camp Trading Post:** New construction of a year-round as the camp trading post is a sorely needed project. Plans are to construct the camp trading post between the reception center and camp health lodge.

## ***Pamlico Sea Base Projects***

**Two (2) Sea Base Family Cabins:** Used by the Sea Base staff during the summer, the cabins will be available as rental units in the off season by individual families or groups.

**Pamlico Sea Base Conference Center Kitchen Addition:** As the Sea Base High Adventure program grows, the ability to operate as a stand-alone facility will become a necessity. The construction of a small kitchen facility on to the conference center (as designed) will become a pressing need in the future for the Sea Base & non-scout group programs.

## ***Hannah Bonner & Camp Bonner, North Projects***

**Program Shelters:** The construction of a BB & Archery Range complex and the addition of a program shelter on Hannah Bonner have increased our ability to serve our growing Cub Scout population. This project is completed.

# *“Scouting...It’s About Being Prepared” Capital Campaign Update*

Thank you for your support of the “Scouting...It’s About Being Prepared” Capital Campaign. To date we have raised \$2,217,444 to support Scouting programs and facilities making a difference in the lives of more than 10,000 young people in our communities. Through the support and dedication of countless donors and Scouting volunteers, numerous projects have been completed with many more planned for 2008!

*Michael Johnson*

Michael J. Johnson  
Scout Executive

## **Camp Bonner Improvements**

Phase II Capital Improvements at Camp Bonner include a dining hall renovation, construction of 5 new campsite shelters, a new ski boat to support aquatic programs including water skiing and wakeboarding, construction of a flammable storage facility, construction of a storage facility and construction of a Quonset Hut.



*New campsite shelter*

These improvements have made a significant difference in the quality of camp programs and the summer of 2007 saw a 25% increase in camp attendance!



*Renovated Boddie Family Dining Hall*

## **Sea Base Improvements**

The Sea Base improvements and projects include the completion of the Sea Base Conference Center, construction of 2 family cabins, additional program equipment including kayaks and a chase boat, completion of the shower house and construction of a storage facility.



*Sea Base Shower House*

*One of two new Family Cabins (left) and Sea Base kayakers at Cape Lookout (right) with equipment provided by the capital campaign*





*Sea Base Conference Center*

The K.D. Kennedy Sea Base Conference Center, family cabins and shower house will enable year round programs to operate. Additionally non Scout groups have participated in programs at the Sea Base – making it a multi faceted program facility.



*Construction is complete on a new shower house at Camp Bonner to better serve our growing number of campers and adult leaders*



*Chemical Storage building is now out of the way of campers.*



*The addition of a new chase boat for the Sea Base & 2 new ski boats for Camp Bonner have increased participation in the Aquatics programs.*

## Completed Capital Projects

Scout Service Center Renovation      Bonner Water System      Bonner Campsite Shelters (10)  
 Sea Base Conference Center      Chase Boat for Sea Base      Nature Lodge roof repair      COPE repair at Bonner  
 Pool repair at Bonner      Sea Base Office Building      Sea Base Pier Repair      Dining Hall Serving Line  
 Sea Base Bank Erosion Part I      Sea Base Kayaks      Camp Equipment Purchased  
 Hannah Bonner Program Shelter & Range Area      (2) Ski Boats for Bonner      Dining Hall Painted  
 Quonset Hut at Bonner      Storage Buildings at Sea Base and Bonner      Chemical Storage Building at Bonner  
 Sea Base Conference Center Heat & Air System      Camp-wide Intercom System for Bonner

## Phase Projects and Goals

Projects	Estimated Cost
Sea Wall Restoration Projects	\$128,000
Staff Shower Facility	\$180,000
Reception Center Renovation	\$500,000
Camper Shower Facility	\$240,000
Camp Trading Post	\$140,000
Sea Base Family Cabins	\$220,000
Sea Base Conference Center Kitchen Addition	<u>\$150,000</u>
Project Totals	\$1,558,000

We ask all Scouting supporters to join the “*Scouting...It’s About Being Prepared*” Capital Campaign as we build for the future.

Pledges to the campaign can be made from individuals, corporations, or organizations to include Scout units. The campaign offers an excellent opportunity to pay tribute or to memorialize a friend or relative, or designate the gift of a family, business, foundation, or organization.

This would be a dignified and lasting remembrance of the contributor’s dedication to the character development of our youth. As a lasting tribute, there are naming opportunities available.

Pledges may be funded over a three year period (2008-2011) with cash, checks, or tax-beneficial means such as appreciated assets of marketable securities or property.

All Camp Leadership level donors and above will be recognized on a Wall of Honor in the renovation Camp Reception Center.