

From the Scout Executive:

Mickie Whitehead Appointed New Camp Boddie Director

I am pleased to announce the new camp director for Camp Boddie will be Michelle "Mickie" Whitehead. Mickie is replacing Matt Lococo who now has a twelve month contract in Craven County Schools as an assistant principal.



Mickie Whitehead has worked at Camp Boddie since 2011 as part of the summer camp commissioner staff teaching adult training courses and assisting in other merit badge classes from time to time. Both of her sons also have a history of being on summer camp staff. As a Wood Badger and an Owl Patrol member, she is requesting that all of her Wood Badge family support her by bringing their troops to Camp Boddie this summer. Mickie is a special education teacher at New Bern High School. Prior to living in New Bern she lived in Rocky Mount and taught in the Nash County School system. Wherever Mickie lives she is also involved in Scouting. She served as the training chairman for Tar River District and now



is the training chair for Neuse Basin District.

Mickie is already working on the staff for the 2015 edition of Camp Boddie Summer Camp staff. She will be interviewing to fill staff positions on Saturday, December 20 at Camp Boddie. There will be a Summer Camp Staff Reunion and Christmas party. Part of that event will include camp staff interviews. You may print off a [staff application](#) by going to www.eccbsa.org and looking under the camping tab.

If you have questions or would like to serve on summer camp staff, you may reach Director Whitehead at mickiewhitehead1@hotmail.com.

Council Continues To Work On Balancing the Budget

East Carolina Council, BSA continues to work hard to insure we have a balanced budget for 2014. To date, the council has raised over \$631,000. That is \$31,000 more than we raised at this same time last year. Most of that increase is coming from the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign success this year. Our professional staff is out there hard at work to get that figure up to \$640,000, which is needed to cover the ever-increasing cost of maintaining our camp properties. We also have filled the opening in the Southern Service Area, which was open last year at this time.

At one point the council thought that our inventory at the camp trading post may come up short but with the office staff helping to update and correct the inventory, it came out about the same as 2013. Now our biggest budget threat is the amount of popcorn that units took for the show and sale. In several cases the amount that units took was more than what the council order for the entire sale was. That has created some excellent opportunities for units who did not sell or units who would like to sell more to make a lot of money from the second popcorn sale.

Read a later article in this newsletter to find out how.

If your unit needs just a few more dollars to complete your FOS goal for Tartan Guard or if you as an individual plan to do year end giving, please remember East Carolina Council, BSA.

Reporters and Photographers Still Needed

If you would like to be a reporter for your district or region or photographer for the Tarheel Scouter, please let us know. We need more pictures and stories about what is going on in your area of the council. We need more opportunities to recognize Scouters for their good works in your community.

Council Would Like to Have a Summit Adventure Week Contingent

East Carolina Council would like to send a contingent to The Summit in Beckley, WV on the New River this summer. The council is looking for up to six adults who would work on building three patrols or crews to attend The Summit this summer. The fees to attend the Summit, as part of a council contingent are one-third of attending the Summit as an individual. Scouts or Venture Crew members, male or female, must be at least 13 years of age to attend this camp where you can whitewater, participate on the canopy tours, mountain bike trails and more. It's like going to Philmont without all the walking. If you are interested, please let Matt Compton or Ray Franks know.

New Facilities Open For Use

Packs, dens or troops are reminded that the Pirate Ship at Camp Sam Hatcher is available to use. Many of the Packs in Croatan Trail earned free usage of the ship for a day but have not cashed in their coupon awarded at the Pirate Ship dedication. Use of the ship is about the same cost per individual as just using the camp.

The Boddie Aquatics Center at Camp Charles is also now available for use. The center has canoes, rowboats and kayaks for use. The cost to use the boats at Camp Charles is the same as renting a canoe from Camp Boddie. To use watercraft at Camp Charles you must have one adult present with CPR First Aid, an adult with a current Safety Afloat card and an adult with the skills to show Scouts and adults how to paddle and safely operate the watercraft. You must agree to follow all the steps in the Safety Afloat program.

To use all facilities you must first make a reservation by completing a [Camp Usage Permit](#) found on line and prepay the usage fees. This also includes district and council events. Permits are to be completed and turned into Judy Phillips at the Scout Service Center.

Yours in Scouting spirit,

Ray

H. Ray Franks