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Special points of interest:

- New Eagle Scouts
- District Pinewood Derby
- Recipe of the Month
- Spring Camp o ree

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# Let's Talk Tussahaw

## Message from the Chair

In my last message, I spoke about our new District Committee and its goal to make changes in our District Operations by increasing our focus on greater unit service. I want to discuss some of the changes we have already implemented.

After speaking with several unit leaders in the District, the Key Four developed a series of proposals that we felt would allow our units to plan more effectively and to give credit to those deserving Scouters in a more timely manner. We consulted with the Assistant Scout Executive about the possibility of changing the time frame for our annual program preview. After gaining his concurrence, we proposed to the committee that the Tussahaw Program preview be held in April of each year. This change was unanimously approved by the committee.

Another change that was proposed was to move the Annual District Banquet from January of each year to the first weekend in November of each year and to call it the District Recognition Dinner. This change was also accepted and approved. This will allow us to conform to national guidelines for District Operations, have a meeting in place for the nomination and election of the District committee, and allow us to recognize deserving volunteers within the District during the year in which they gave service to our units.

Our District Commissioner, Duane "Poppabear" Benefield has restructured the Unit Commissioners and made assignments that we feel will facilitate better service to our units. Our Program chair, Patty Nash, in conjunction with a long time friend of the district was able to secure

the use of the Nash Farm Battlefield for our Fall Camp-o-ree. Once again, I want to pledge that our entire District Committee is eager to work with all of our units to see that you get the program help and support that you need. Do not hesitate to contact us or better yet, to meet with us monthly at our District Roundtable which is held on the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church in McDonough.

Yours in Scouting,

Gene Ingram



## Letter from the Editor:

Greetings Tussahaw!

I hope your new year is off to a fabulous start. This past weekend I attended the Tussahaw Leader Banquet and had a wonderful time. The theme was luau with wonderful food, great door prizes, a faaabulous performance by our District Executive; Mrs. Heather Kotska and Mr. James Coker; and great conversation. There are

photos of our fun time in the newsletter for your enjoyment. If you don't normally attend our annual leader banquet you are missing out on a great time! I would like to say congratulations to the two winners of the District Award of Merit for Tussahaw: Michele Norris and Laura Byerly. What a wonderful choice made by the selection committee!! I would also like to say congratula-

tions to all the Unit Volunteers of the Year, because without your hard work, all of the success your units and our district have would not be possible. I look forward to seeing all of you at our banquet next year!

Sherry Redman  
Editor



“ District  
Pinewood  
Derby  
Feb 19th  
Strong Rock  
Christian  
School“

## Spring Camp O Ree: Boy Scouts 101

**WHEN:** March 25-27 (Friday evening through Sunday morning)

**WHERE:** "The Barn" on Chambers Road in McDonough

**WHO:** All Boy Scouts and all Webelos 1's and 2's in Henry & Butts Counties

**WHAT:** Webelos Scouts will learn the Boy Scout methods for cooking, cleaning, camping, and having FUN!

**WHY:** To better prepare Webelos Scouts for the transition to Boy Scouts

Scheduled Activities include the following:

- Camping Awareness Skills
- Fire Safety and Fire Building
- First Aid
- Flag and Flag Care
- Cooking
- Orienteering
- Knot Tying
- Hiking

We will need several Troops to volunteer their Scouts to teach each of these sessions.

If your Troop would like to help out with these skill stations please contact John Redman as soon as possible at [jbarsoutdoorventures@yahoo.com](mailto:jbarsoutdoorventures@yahoo.com)

Visit [www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org) for more information and to register for Spring Camp O Ree!

## Special Event: District Pinewood Derby!

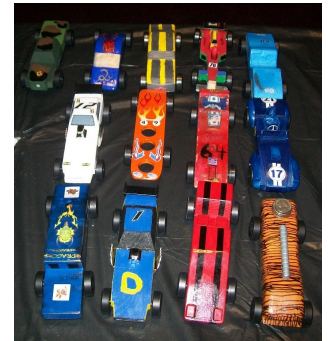
Tussahaw District Pinewood Derby is Saturday Feb 19th! Each Cub Scout pack may send its first and second place winners from Each Den. Cost of registration to participate in District Derby is \$40 per pack.

We will follow the Tussahaw District Pinewood Derby Rules which can be found online.

Check in times for each den are as follows:

- Webelos: 9:00am to 9:45am
- Bears: 10:30am to 11:15am
- Wolves: 12:00pm to 12:45pm
- Tigers: 1:30pm to 2:15pm

For more information or to register online please visit [www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org)

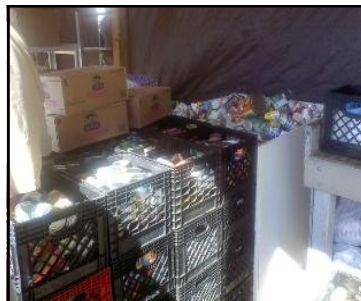


## Scouting for Food: Great job Tussahaw!!!

Tussahaw District had 24 units participate in the 2011 Scouting for Food Drive! There were 324

Scouts and 213 Adults that collected a grand total of 10,495 pounds of food!!

The council as a whole collected over 50,000 pounds of food! Great job!!



## Congratulations:

The following Scouts have been awarded Eagle in Tussehaw District since December 2010.

- Ian Robertson  
Troop 163
- Brian Powell  
Troop 260
- Trent Snell  
Troop 365
- Andrew Quick  
Troop 64



- Samuel Yaomans  
Troop 63
- Casey Yaomans  
Troop 63
- Daylon Parson  
Troop 166

Congratulations to each of these young men on their outstanding achievement!



## Recipe of the Month: Feta Artichoke Dip

I can vouch for this recipe and tell you all it is WONDERFUL!

Thanks Mrs. Jo Linda for sharing!

- 1 can (14oz) artichoke hearts, drained and finely chopped
- 5 oz feta cheese, crumbled
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 jar (2 oz) pimientos, drained and diced
- 2 tsp. minced garlic

Melba toast or pita chips, for dipping.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
In medium bowl, stir together artichokes, feta, mayonnaise, Parmesan, pimientos, and garlic until combined.

Transfer mixture to small casserole or glass pie plate and bake, uncovered, 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

To serve, place casserole on a larger platter, and surround with Melba toast or pita chips.

Makes about 1 2/3 cups dip or 8 servings

“ Give this  
Recipe a  
Try!  
You Are  
Going to  
Love it!”

## Do a Good Turn Daily: Pack 1776



Pack 1776 replaced the American Flag at the Kroger on Hwy 138 in Stockbridge on November 18th. The Scouts did a wonderful job showcasing their Citizenship Character Connection and how to help out their community! Kroger was so impressed by these Scouts that they included an article and photo in their nationwide company newsletter. Good Job Pack 1776!





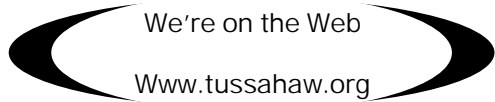
Tussock District Serving  
Henry and Butts County

**TUSSAHAW DISTRICT, FLINT  
RIVER COUNCIL**

District Roundtable 7PM  
Second Thursday of Every Month  
McDonough First Baptist Church

District Committee Meets 4th Thursday of Each  
Month

VOA Meets 3rd Thursday of Each Month (VOA  
Facebook page for location information)



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**Upcoming Events**



February 5th: Scouting for Food  
Bag Distribution

February 12th: Scouting for Food  
Bag Collection

February 17th: Council Banquet

February 19th: District Pinewood  
Derby

February 20th thru 23rd: Big X

February 25th thru 27th: Webe-  
los O Ree

March 4th thru 6th: OA Spring  
Fellowship

March 5th: Leader Training

March 12th: Advance O Ree

March 19th: Merit Badge Day

March 25th thru 27th: Spring  
Camporee

April 1st thru 3rd: Cub O Ree

April 3rd thru 6th: Big X Spring

April 8th thru 10th: Cub O Ree

April 14th: Roundtable

April 15th thru 17th: Conclave

April 22nd thru 24th: Camp and  
Office Closed

April 28th: District Committee

April 29th thru May 1st: IOLS

April 30th: Venturing Day

May 7th: Trainers Edge and Staff  
Training Day

To find out more information or  
to register for these events please  
visit: [www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org)

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# District Banquet 1.22.11

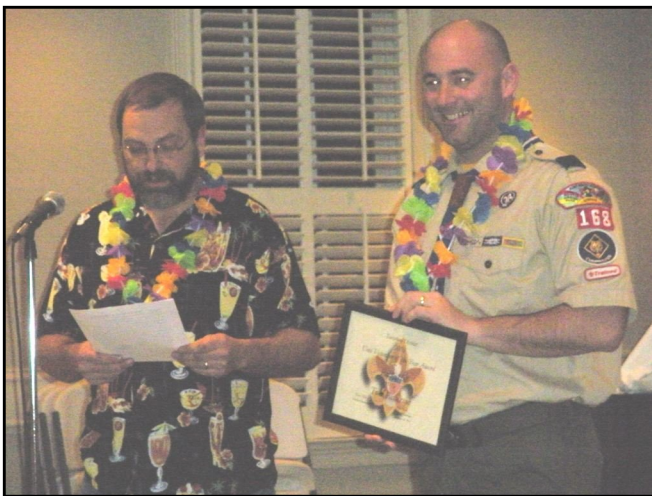
Tusshaw District held its annual Volunteer Banquet on 1.22.11 at the McDonough First United Methodist Church. Check out the pictures below to see what you missed out on! Hope to see you there next year!!!



Above- District Award of Merit Winner: Michele Norris

Left: District Award of Merit Winner : Laura Byerly

# District Banquet 1.22.11



Saying thank you to our Outgoing District Chair:  
Wes York!