

## Boy Scouts of America Fall Popcorn Sale

This month local Scouts will be knocking on doors throughout Anson County. Anson District Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers are participating in the annual popcorn sale as part of Central NC Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Purchasing popcorn is one of the best ways to support the youth involved in the local scouting program. Many delicious pre-popped and microwave-popped varieties are available.

Popcorn Sales are designed to teach salesmanship skills, communication skills, and more importantly, a way for Scouts to learn financial responsibility by earning their own way through the scouting program. Over 70% of the funds raised stay at the local district and council levels. Many in the community use this event to buy multiple items to give away as Christmas gifts, employee gifts and to support military personnel through the Gold and Silver Military donation programs.

Popcorn Sales end on Monday, November 3. If you are not contacted before that time and want to support local scouts with a popcorn purchase, please contact Anson District Popcorn Chairperson John Ratliff at 704-272-5325 to arrange for a Scout to meet with you.

## Tickets Now on Sale for North Carolina's Largest Civil War Reenactment



### 80,000 fought at Bentonville Battlefield 150 years ago March 21-22

Thousands of military living historians from across the country will descend on Bentonville Battlefield March 21-22, 2015, to become Confederate and Union soldiers in the last major battle reenactment in the Civil War's 150th anniversary commemoration. They will re-create one of the largest battles fought on North Carolina soil. The public is invited to watch all of the action.

Nearly 5,000 re-enactors are expected for the two-day event. In addition to the daily battles, the weekend will feature free lectures, 19th century medical displays, period music and dozens of "sutlers," selling

Civil War related wares. Advanced tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity went on sale Sept. 1.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.150thbentonville.com](http://www.150thbentonville.com), at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, or by calling (910) 594-0789. Checks can be mailed to Bentonville 150th Event Tickets, P.O. Box 211, Newton Grove, NC 28366.

Tickets for the re-enactment are limited and advance purchase is strongly encouraged to guarantee availability. Fewer tickets are available this year as event organizers are trying to maximize the visitor's viewing opportunities. Although the large size of the re-enactment does not allow for all of the battle to be seen by each visitor, the experience should be even better than in years past.

Advanced tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children aged nine to 12. After March 15, and at the gate (if available), tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children nine to 12. Children aged eight and under attend free. A discounted combination two-day ticket is also available during advanced sales only (\$20 for adults and \$10 for children aged nine to 12.)

The battle scenarios Saturday and Sunday are the only events that require tickets. All other activities at the 150th anniversary event-lectures, house tours, music, demonstrations and more-are free to the public.

The 2015 event is sponsored by the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, Inc., North Carolina State Historic Sites and Properties, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the Johnston County Visitors Bureau. Bentonville's re-enactment is part of North Carolina's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. All proceeds from the event support Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site with a percentage to be used for improvements of the site's visitor center.

The Battle of Bentonville, fought March 19-21, 1865, involved 80,000 troops and was the last Confederate offensive against Union Gen. William T. Sherman. Bentonville Battlefield interprets the battle and field hospital, where many Confederates were left in the aftermath.

Bentonville Battlefield is located at 5466 Harper House Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524, 3 miles north of Newton Grove on S.R. 1008, about one hour from Raleigh and about 45 minutes from Fayetteville. For more information, visit [www.nchistoric-sites.org/bentonvi](http://www.nchistoric-sites.org/bentonvi) or call (910) 594-0789.

## Ansonia Season Tickets Now on Sale

Ansonia Theatre's 2014-15 Season Tickets are now on sale. Come by or call the Arts Council at 704-694-4950. The Season Ticket consists of 5 main events priced at \$15 each, but only costs \$60. When you buy a season pass for \$60, it is like getting a show free. Plus you get to select your favorite seats in advance - even the shows that aren't included in the season pass. Other shows will be added during the year. Individual tickets will not go on sale until 3 weeks prior to a show.

Box office hours for purchasing season tickets are Monday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. Occasionally the volunteers are not available, so leave a message and someone will call you back.

These events make 2014-15 an exciting season full of quality entertainment. Look for additional events not included in season tickets.

- **Steel Magnolias**, written by Robert Harling and directed by Tommy Wooten. The play is alternately hilarious and touching. Spend time with a group of gossipy southern ladies in a small-town beauty parlor. Friday and Saturday, November 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday November 9 and 16 at 3 p.m.
- **Sweet Potato Pie Home Grown Christmas**. These four ladies present a classy blend of Americana, bluegrass, country and gospel music mixed together in a style they call "sweetgrass." December 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sentimental Journey**. Artist Lisa Rock celebrates the 60-year love affair of her grandparents through the music of the 1920s, '30s and '40s in this Cabaret show. February 22 at 3:30 p.m.
- **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**. This community play is a clever and fast-paced dramatization based upon the timeless L. Frank Baum classic story of young Dorothy who finds herself lost in the magical Land of Oz. Friday and Saturday, March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday March 22 and 29 at 3 p.m.
- **Soul Street Dancers**. They fly through the air with the greatest of ease! Catch the excitement of Street Dance as these energetic performers demonstrate varied styles and origins of dance. This inspirational group of young men - formerly at risk - found focus through dance. Soul Street's contemporary mix of choreography to the most popular music of the decades from hip-hop to Vivaldi. Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

## Wildlife Commission Issues Archery Hunting Safety Reminders

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Home From The Hunt safety campaign recommends some guidelines when hunting with archery equipment, including crossbows.

"The safety considerations for using a crossbow, longbow or compound bow are similar to other hunting methods," said Travis Casper, state hunting education coordinator. "Hunting safety is exercising caution, obeying regulations and putting into practice what you've learned in hunter education."

"As with any method of hunting, always point your crossbow, longbow, compound bow in a safe direction," he said. "Only release an arrow after positively identifying your target and what's beyond it. Never use a scope to identify a target; use binoculars instead."

The Home From The Hunt campaign advises:

- Never carry a bow with a notched arrow.
- Never "dry-fire" a bow (releasing without an arrow can cause sudden breakage).
- Load a crossbow only when in a fixed hunting position.
- Keep fingers and thumb below the rail of a crossbow at all times.
- Use a flashlight when changing locations during low-light conditions.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

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**FARM BUREAU ANSON**

## Anson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

**Monday, October 6th**

*Location:* Lockhart-Taylor Center  
514 North Washington Street • Wadesboro, NC

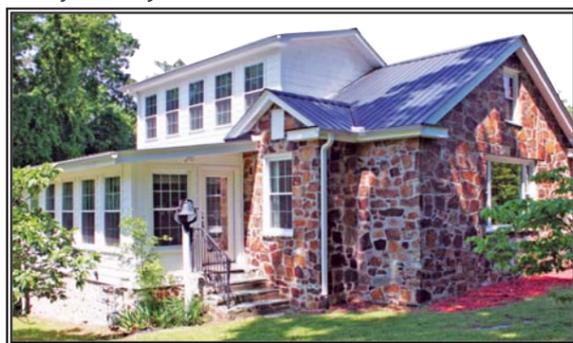
*Time:* **Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.**  
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Business meeting starts at 7 p.m..

*Admission:* **\$2 per person**

We can only allow 2 people per membership. You must be present for your guest to come.  
\*Please present your membership card at the door.

*You will be electing officers, directors and delegates to the state convention.*

*We look forward to seeing you there. Ronnie Mills, President*



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