

## ***Contribution for a new Training Center at Camp Boddie***



Contributed photo Shown from left are Phil and Lisa Hodges, H. Ray Franks, Scout Executive, CEO, and Skip Greene, Council President.

KINSTON — Lisa and Phil Hodges recently donated \$600,000 to the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America to construct a new Training Center at Camp Boddie in Blount’s Creek.

Phil Hodges, who is the founder and president of Metrics in Greenville, made the contribution in honor of his parents, the late Thad L. Hodges and Vader H. Hodges.

“My parents believed in the Boy Scouts,” Phil Hodges said. “They knew my Bear Grass scout master personally and thought I would benefit from the scout program. Lisa and I wanted to contribute the Training Center at Camp Boddie because I attended camp here in its first year of operation. Camp Boddie has been important to me and my son, Brian.

“It has been important to my family and we are proud we can make this gift to the East Carolina Council.”

Hodges earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 218, chartered by the Bear Grass Ruritan Club and his son, Brian, became an Eagle Scout in the same troop in 2006.

Hodges currently serves on the executive board of the East Carolina Council BSA, as well as the chairman of the Summer Camp Program Committee for the council.

“Phil Hodges has demonstrated his full commitment to making Camp Boddie and the East Carolina Scout Reservation one of the best outdoor education facilities on the East Coast for the Boy Scouts as well as the entire community,” Skip Greene, president of the East Carolina Council BSA, said.

The training center will have three offices and eight classrooms. It will be used during summer camp for scouts earning merit badges on their way to becoming Eagle Scouts. It also will host six merit badge weekend camps.

The East Carolina Council, BSA serves 10,000 youth annually in 20 counties in North Carolina.