



Up Etowah Creek...



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Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina. This showcase for Leaders is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet at Ashland Methodist Church on Ashland Rd. (off of St. Andrew's Rd.). Take a minute to read this newsletter, as that will keep the number of announcements to a minimum! This newsletter is always available at Roundtable, through your Unit Commissioners and Training Team, and from your DE, Tom McGrath. Please photocopy and distribute this freely to your units and leaders. Call me or email me if you need additional copies or if you spot an error. **Welcome!**

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"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct."

~Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Is your Crew Philmont Bound?

**Need some Hiking
Lite Solutions?**

Puzzled about how to reduce the weight of your personal gear for Philmont's backcountry? How would you like to have your personal gear weigh in at a mere 14

pounds? Check out this site for more information and then check out the other information and lists at Selden's Philmont Pages.

<http://www.hepth.cornell.edu/~seb/philmont-kelly-gear.html>

**There go the people. I must follow them
for I am their leader.**

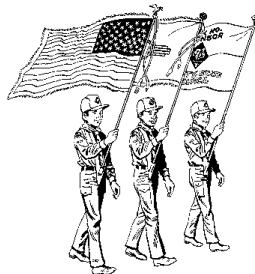
~ Alexandre Ledru-Rollin

**A Scout Is Helpful and Loyal
Scouts and Scouters:**

**Help is Needed in Support of
Our Injured Troops**

www.OperationQuietComfort.com

Operation: Quiet Comfort is gearing up for its Holiday and Christmas Shipment 2007.



With many of our troops in their second and third deployment in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, the strain is very obvious. The patients and hospital staff we are supporting are in need of gifts from home that will make their days a little brighter.

If you or your unit would like to help please contact Corinna Jones at scoutercorinna@comcast.net or through the website link above and she will be happy to provide you with the details of how to get involved.

Space: the Cuboree Frontier!

Sat. October 6

9:30 am to 3 pm.

Blast Off for Fun and Games!

Join all of the fun at the

Space Cuboree at

Cornerstone

Presbyterian Church.

Fun, games, BB range and Archery range, crafts and more.

All Cubs, Tigers, and Webelos are invited to attend with their packs.

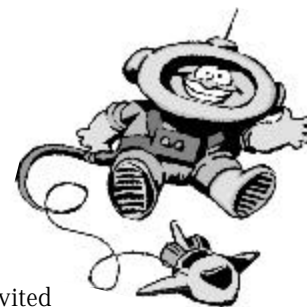
No drop-offs, please. Boy Scouts are needed to help run the events.

Register by September 28.

\$10 per Scout. **Sign up at the Scout Office today!!!**

Contact Richie Husmann 781-9626

or email: rhusmann@sc.rr.com if you have questions.



GeekCreek:

Up Etowah Creek's picks for techies, electronic entertainment, and the web.

Cub Pod casts:

- ? www.cubmasterchris.com/
- ? akelasadventure.com/
- ? www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast/index.html

Cub Leader Podcasts:

New on the SCOUTING.ORG site!

Cubcast is an audio podcast from BSA featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents.

This Month: Sakiko Wehrman, Santa Clara County Council District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, leads us through October theme activities for *Down on the Farm*. Ted Rohling, Vice President for Training at the Alamo Area Council, sheds some light on Cub Scout leader training. And Pedro's back with another groaner. (September 2007)
<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast/index.html>

Centenary of Scouting
Videos from the World Scout Jamboree to celebrate the 100th year of Scouting.

- ✿ <http://eng.thejamboree.org/>
- ✿ www.youtube.com/user/WSJNews
- ✿ http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_pictures/6925987.stm
- ✿ Our own **Boy Scouts of America** Contingent at the World Scout Jamboree [tp://www.bsawsj2007.org/](http://www.bsawsj2007.org/)



Online Learning Center:

<http://olc.scouting.org/>

These courses can help adult leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to youth. A log-in is required, however anyone may create a user account and view the courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit for the trainings.

- ? Fast Start
- ? Venture Crew Orientation and Youth Protection
- ? Troop Committee Challenge
- ? Youth Protection Training for Packs and Troops
- ? Safety Afloat
- ? Safe Swim Defense
- ? Supplemental Trainings



TV Worth Watching – for Scoutmasters, Scouts, Venturing (not for young children)

“**Man vs Wild**” on the *Discovery Channel*. Bear Grylls, survival expert, brings a new meaning to extreme adventure.

Check your listings. Clips: <http://tinyurl.com/2vtlqp>



SurvivorMan

<http://www.survivorman.ca/>
Shown on the Discovery Channel, each episode finds “Survivorman” Les Stroud abandoned in a remote location. He carries little more than the clothes on his back – and his cameras. Les not only needs to survive for a week without supplies, but he has to film everything himself, lugging over fifty pounds of camera gear the entire time. The Costa Rican rainforest, Arctic ice-flows, Georgian swamp and the high Sonora desert include a few locales where Les has overcome seemingly impossible obstacles. Videos also available on the website and at Discovery.com

From National Scouting Website:

MyScouting Portal

Coming Soon in 2007, “**MyScouting**” will be a portal for BSA members that will provide access to the following resources:

Online Tour Permit Applications: Adult leaders will be able to apply for tour permits that will automate the approval process and provide for prompt electronic delivery of approved permits

Online Training through E-Learning: Online Training and Refresher courses for adult leaders and volunteers. Once taken the course credit will show up electronically on Tour Permits, Training Credits, etc. Unit leaders will be able to know at a glance who is up to date on training. E-learning will be integrated into each member's account.

Online Updates to Your Account: Members will have direct access to their account data, enabling them to update or make corrections at any time to keep the Scouting records accurate. ... And More!

www.scouting.org/nav/myscouting.jsp

GeekPick of the Month

Bookmarklets www.bookmarklets.com

Free tools for power surfing, **Bookmarklets** are simple tools that extend the surf and search capabilities of Netscape, Firefox, and Explorer web browsers. All for **Free**. Make your own or use theirs. My favorites? Add the Snopes.com for Urban Legends or Google Bookmarklet to your browser toolbar and get instant Searching when you highlight and click! Fast and easy!

Interesting Scout Facts

A comparative study of the records of Scouts and non-Scouts in a sampling of schools and colleges shows that Scouts hold most of the major positions of leadership in the student body. The survey resulted in the following statistics about school officers bearing a large amount of responsibility.

- * Of senior class presidents, 89% were Scouts.
- * Of junior class presidents, 80% were Scouts.
- * Of student council presidents, 85% were Scouts.
- * Of school newspaper editors, 88% were Scouts.
- * Of editors of school annuals, 77% were Scouts.
- * Of basketball captains, 64% were Scouts.



Scouting Urban Legends

"Knots are only for adults!"

Sorry, but there are several knots that youth (CS, BS, V, etc) can wear: Youth Religious Knot, all the lifesaving knots, OA Distinguished Service Award, Venturing Silver Award, Explorer Achievement Award.

"I know how to shoot, I'll teach the shotgun (or rifle) merit badge even though I'm not an NRA certified instructor."

Sorry, only NRA or BSA Certified instructors are allowed to teach shooting-related Merit Badges. See the most recent **Guide to Safe Scouting**. (And Cub Scouts may only shoot BB guns at approved Council or District events like Cubboree or Webelos Woods. So sign your pack up for Cubboree and Webelos Woods today!)

Good judgment comes from experience -- and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Did your Troop Go to Summer Camp?

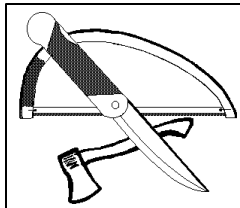
Our District gets credit towards the Quality District Award for all boys that attend Boy Scout Summer Camp no matter where the boys attend. Please report your attendance! All troops that attended summer camps in neighboring councils are asked to report to your Unit Commissioner or to William McCrackin (h) 345-2218, (w) 345-4759 email: wmccrackin@scana.com



I intend to live forever, or die trying.

~ Groucho Marx

**"We're the Boy Scouts!
We play with fire and knives and
guns and danger!"**



Can Tiger Cubs go horseback riding?

Can First year Scouts fly a plane?

Can Cub Scouts shoot BB guns at a Pack Meeting?

Can Webelos use axes while camping or in a Den Meeting?

Can Venturers fire handguns?

There is an official BSA publication that tells Scouts of all ages what is appropriate.

www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/ageguides.pdf

and the Guide to Safe Scouting

www.scouting.org/pubs/gss tells you how to be safe while doing them.

If you have an item for the newsletter, please submit it by the second Monday of the month to lmcgraw@sc.rr.com



Parents of Webelos Scouts:

Looking for a troop?

Download this handy pamphlet!

How to Find a Troop for your Webelos Scout.

What questions should you ask?

What should you look for in a troop?

Do you have to go to the troop that your Webelos Den Leader chose for her son?

The answers to these questions and more are in this special pamphlet designed to help parents and Webelos leaders decide what troop is best for your son.

www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2stransfinal2.pdf

Important!

The Etowah Creek District Site is getting updated and ready to go for the new Scouting year.

Check it out!

www.etowahcreek.com

website or at the Council Office.

For training information

call Joan Janoch at 345-5700

Your Son Deserves a Trained Leader!

Amazon Jungle Stew

- 2 lbs. hamburger or 4 cups left-over meat
- 2 onions chopped
- 1 cup uncooked macaroni
- 1 cup water
- 3 (15 oz.) cans cooked kidney beans, drained
- 1 (1 lb. 3 oz) can crushed or diced tomatoes
- 1 jar (8oz) Mild Salsa



Brown onions and meat in a very skillet. (add oil if needed). Combine all ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes or until macaroni is tender.

Dutch Oven Tater-Tot Casserole

- 6 lbs of frozen Tater-Tot potatoes
- 2 cans of cream of chicken or mushroom soup
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 can of diced green chilies
- 2 cups of diced ham (optional)



Grease a 12" Dutch oven with oil. Mix in potatoes and other ingredients inside the Dutch oven and bake approximately 50-60 minutes using 10-12 coals under the Dutch Oven and approximately 25 coals on top (approximately 400 F).

Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.
-- Steven Wright

Vegetable Stir-Fry

- ? 1/2 bag porcini mushrooms, or 1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms, chopped
- ? 2 Tbs. lite soy sauce
- ? 1/4 cup vegetable stock
- ? 2 Tbs. fresh ginger, minced
- ? 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ? 1 lb. carrots, sliced
- ? 1 lb. tofu, thinly sliced
- ? 1 Tbs. vegetable oil
- ? 1 lb. snow peas
- ? 1 bunch scallions, cut into 1 inch pieces

Cover dried mushrooms with hot water. Let soak 15 minutes. Drain mushrooms through a sieve, reserving liquid. Rinse mushrooms and chop. Combine next 6 ingredients in a bowl and marinate 30 minutes. Heat oil in a heavy skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add tofu mixture and stir-fry 3-4 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and reserved mushroom soaking liquid. Stir-fry 3-4 minutes or until carrots are tender.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

An Adventure In the Outdoors!

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Cohen Campbell Fisheries Center, West Columbia
(off Fish Hatchery Road)

Wouldn't it be great if you could learn about bass fishing, archery, boating and hunting safety, bird-watching, and



more all in the same day—and in the same place—for FREE? Come for the day! The event is FREE of charge and open to the General Public. Cubs and Boy Scouts are encouraged to attend. All ages welcome.

Kayaking, Intro to Fishing, Archery, Air Rifle shooting, Fly Fishing, and much more! Scouting Volunteers always needed.

We ask that no one bring their own personal hunting or fishing equipment to either event, please. All necessary equipment will be provided at the event.

Events are sponsored by the SC Dept. of Natural Resources and the SC Wildlife Federation. Check www.scwf.org or call SCDNR (803) 734-3886 or SCWF (803) 256-0670.

Etowah Creek District

Calendar Highlights

Not all dates are on this calendar. Please come to Roundtable each month and get the updated events calendar

(see Council Flyer for other training dates/times in other districts – Remember – you can attend any training in any district anywhere)



September

- ✦ 13 Roundtable 7 pm Ashland UMC
- ✦ 21-23 Webelos Woods Weekend Barstow
- ✦ 22- BALOO (Cub Packs) Training 9:00 am
- ✦ 22- Den Chief Training Harbison 9:30
- ✦ 22 Popcorn Show And Deliver pick up

October

- ✦ 6 Cuboree at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.
- ✦ 11 Roundtable 7 PM Ashland
- ✦ 12-13, 13-14 Cub and Parent Overnighter
- ✦ 13 NLE and Cub Leader Basic 8am – 4:30 pm Faith Pres
- ✦ 13 Scoutmaster / ASM Specific Training Part 1
- ✦ 16 NLE and Youth Protection 6:45 - 10:15
- ✦ 22 JOTA/JOTI various locations and troops

November

- ✦ 8- Roundtable - Dutch Oven Showoff & Gather Ashland UMC – 6:30
- ✦ 9-11 Scoutmaster/ASM training Part 2 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

December

- ✦ 13 Roundtable Holiday Party and Survivorship class Ashland UMC 7 PM

What's A BALOO?

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BALOO training is **REQUIRED** for all Pack camping activities.

If you ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, nine times



out of ten he will answer **“to go camping.”** That's why BALOO training is offered, so boys, along with an adult partner, can participate in a **successful overnight camping experience.** This kind of camping is focused on family fun activities that do not require many advanced outdoor skills.

This one-day session will give your pack's **outdoor activity leader** the tools to conduct a safe and successful overnight camping experience, understand the camping equipment needs of an individual and a group of Cub Scouts, lead different types of nature hikes with confidence, demonstrate and supervise the lighting and operation of different styles of camp stoves and lanterns, **have fun on a campout**, and much MORE

\$15 BALOO Training includes Breakfast, lunch and snack, and a HUGE handout book of resources

\$12 Den Chief Training same day and time

Deadline for signing up is **Monday Sept 17!**

Register NOW or call Joan Janoch by Monday Evening at 345-5700.

Pull the string, and it will follow wherever you wish.

Push it, and it will go nowhere at all.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

Scouting USA TV Show

Production has begun on “Scouting USA,” the first official television series about the BSA. This program can

become a strong, positive outlet for Scouting. Airing this spring on the Outdoor Channel, the network has made production of the six-episode series a high priority.

They are providing airtime and paying for production to make this program available to their 26 million subscribers and the Scouting community.



Boy Scout News

www.thescoutzone.org

A Scout is Thrifty: Alps Mountaineering Special Leader Offer

<http://www.scoutdirect.com/ScoutDirectProLeader.htm>

Scout Leader Pro Purchase Program

Because not everyone recognizes the quality, performance, and tremendous value of our products,

we've started a Pro Purchase Program for leaders. This will allow leaders to purchase some of our gear, evaluate and "show it around", and have a smaller impact on their wallet. Our normal Scout discount is 45%, and **qualified Troop Leaders can receive a one time discount of 60%.** We'll allow

each Troop to get a total of 3 items (they must be from 3 different categories such as 1 pack, 1 tent, and 1 sleeping bag) at the 60% Pro price. The Troop can decide if one leader gets all three, or it could be 3 different leaders. All other purchases will be sold at the normal Scout price of 45% off.



Join in on the Worldwide Fun of

Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet

(JOTA/JOTI)

October 22-23 2007

Celebrate with the other Scouts across

the globe in the 100th year of Scouting!

Contact Lorie McGraw lmcgraw@sc.rr.com



Venturing

www.scouting.org/venturing/index.html

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for **young men and women** who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. **Venturing's purpose** is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.



VENTURING - BSA

www.scoutdirect.com

Scouting Discount Division of Alps Mountaineering

Next Month at Roundtable:



The Centennial Recruiter Patch, More Mouflage tips and tricks, using Multi-media for your Troop and Eagle COHs, Caving and Cycling, Working With Scouts With disAbilities, inviting Webelos to your meetings, Indoor Games, keeping youth in the loop and avoiding danger zones. Be There!!