



# Up Etowah Creek...



**Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter**  
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**Welcome** to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina.

This showcase for Leaders and older youth 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 hard copies or an electronic copy, or if you spot an error.

**Welcome!**

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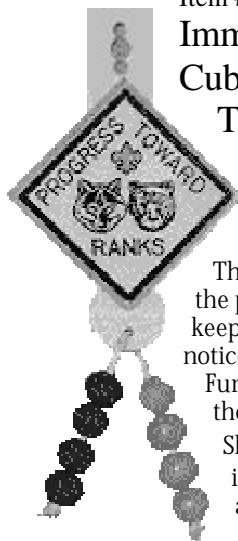
## Den Leaders and Parents: Cub Scout Uniform Item Recall Notice Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit

Item #01804 –

Immediately remove the plastic Cub Scout recognition "Progress Towards Ranks" pocket totem from Cub Scouts and small children.

The item is being recalled because lead in the paint may possibly be present. Please keep them away from children until further notice.

Further announcements will be made as to the replacement procedure. Call the Scout Shop at (803)750-9868 for more information or watch the Council Website at [www.iwc-bsa.com](http://www.iwc-bsa.com)



## Next Month at Roundtable:

✦ **Moulage Part 3** – Spurting and Oozing Wounds plus Drama! and how to make them look and sound real

✦ **Cooking Tips and Hints for Outdoor Cooking and Backpacking Meals** (Iron Chef Showoff has been moved to February)

✦ **Tax Tips for Leaders and Parents** - Scouting Expenses that you can deduct and what records you need to keep to claim them



Plus Handouts, demonstrations, Recipes, Gadget of the Month, GeekCreek – Free Powerpoint Templates, program helps, games ideas and more.

Be sure to come early for the Midway. Early Birds get Free Stuff! Last Chance to win the Fajita Grill! It will be given away in the November RT. Attendees will get extra chances to win – bring a friend and get 3 extra slips, help with set up or pre-roundtable preparation and participation for more chances, etc. **New Prizes**, including a Vintage Scouting Book from the 1920s. New Drawing for November: A New Flatbed Scanner, still in the box and never been used (to be given away in December)!

## Coming in the December Roundtable

Philmont and Lightweight Backpacking - Ranny Keyes will be doing a special Philmont presentation of for the crews that are going to Philmont and those that are interested in learning more about doing things the Philmont Way. Come early to see slideshows of Philmont and the things that crews do on the way there.

Bonus: Cub Leaders will have a breakout with Crafts, program ideas for den and pack, and more. Win a Flatbed Scanner!



## ANNOUNCING

New Training Available for Webelos Leaders :

## Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) for Webelos Plus BALOO Training

**November 17, 2007 9:00:00 AM -6:30:00 PM**  
Learn loads of helpful hints and take away

loads of resources for your pack camping and Webelos Outdoor Program. **Pre-registration is required.** No Walk-ins. Class size limited to 30. It will be held at Saxe Gotha Church in Lexington. **Registration Ends: 11/9/2007** [www.iwc-bsa.com](http://www.iwc-bsa.com) click on Register Online before November 9. Call Director Jim Fisher (803) 951-3323 email [jfisher@sc.rr.com](mailto:jfisher@sc.rr.com)

(Note to Webelos Leaders – to get your Trained Knot you must attend training like this one being offered. The next training offered will likely be next fall – attend now).



## New! Register Online

All Trainings and Events are now available for Easy Online registration Pay online or in the Scout Shop. Never miss an event!

Go to the Council Website at [www.iwc-bsa.com](http://www.iwc-bsa.com) or

[http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/Calendar\\_EventList.asp](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/Calendar_EventList.asp)

## Venturing Training for Youth and Adults in November –

### Adult Leadership Training for Advisors

Sat. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

9:00am to 3:00pm

Contact Sherry Bailey at 422-0753

### Open to all Venturing Youth

#### Venturing Leadership Skills Course

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### Open to all Venturing Youth

#### Venturing Leadership Skills Course

Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm to Saturday, Dec. 1 at 3 pm

(Lockin/overnight)

At Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington

Contact Tim Smith, 256-7367, 479-5023 or Steve Hendrix, 359-4364



See Flyers in the Scout Shop and at Roundtable

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## Famous Scouts

**Peter Agre** earned a "D" in high school chemistry. He did, however, win the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his discovery of *aquaporins*, a tremendous set of discoveries that will have stunning impact in medicine. He is an Eagle Scout. There is a wonderful picture of him on the Internet, holding his Eagle Medal in one hand and the Nobel medallion in the other. See



<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0405/d-news.html>

Failure to perform does - not - mean inability to perform. Think Scouting helped him become a Nobel Laureate? You betcha!

## Training Dates to Remember!

Check the Council Calendar! Register Online!!



### Boy Scout Leader Training in October and Nov

Oct 13 Boy Scout Leader Basic Training - Part 1 of 2

Nov 9-11 Part 2 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

### Etowah Creek District Trainings:

Pre-registration required!

Pay at the Scout Shop!

Sat October 13 – **Faith Presbyterian Church**

Check-in begins at 7:45 AM

Youth Protection 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM, **No Charge**

New Leader Essentials (NLE) 9:15 AM to 11:30 AM, \$2.50

Cub Leader Specific (CLS) 12:15 PM to 4:30 PM \$2.50

Tues October 16 – **Faith Presbyterian Church**

New Leader Essentials (NLE) 6:45 PM to 9:00

PM, \$2.50 Check-in begins at 6:30 PM

Youth Protection 9:00 PM to 10:15 PM, No

Charge

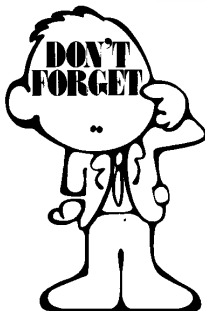
Tues October 23 –

check-in begins at 6:15 PM

Cub Leader Specific (CLS) 6:30 PM to 10:30

PM, \$2.50

Call Joan Janoch 345-5700 for more info



## Join in on the Worldwide Fun of Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet

(JOTA/JOTI)

October 20 and 21 2007

<http://www.scout.org/jota>

"Around the World in  
50 hours"

Celebrate with the other Scouts across the globe in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Scouting! Join 500,000 Scouts worldwide in the Golden Jubilee of Jamboree on the Air.



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Scout Jamboree On the Internet / Sur Internet

### 11th Jamboree On The Internet

20-21 October 2007 <http://www.joti.org/>

No HAM radios? You can join in with the JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet). JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all youth program sections, although members may participate individually. Register now online.



*Don't ever become a pessimist... a pessimist is correct oftener than an optimist, but an optimist has more fun, and neither can stop the march of events. ~ Robert Heinlein, author*

## GeekCreek:

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



### Get those Youtube Videos

Do you need to download a Youtube video to save on your laptop or ipod?

[www.techcrunch.com/get-youtube-movie](http://www.techcrunch.com/get-youtube-movie)

### Free Articles about Scouts and Scouting

Very cool articles from Scouts Canada in PDF  
[www.scouts.ca/inside.asp?cmPageID=220](http://www.scouts.ca/inside.asp?cmPageID=220)

### Geek Free Tool of the Month

Sketch your own Diagrams and illustrations for Newsletters, constructing items for the Troop, etc.

**Google SketchUp 6** is a 3D modeling software tool that's easy to learn, simple to use, and lets you place your models in Google Earth. Are you remodeling a kitchen, landscaping your back yard or adding a deck to your home? Google SketchUp makes it faster, easier and a lot more fun. From simple to complex, from conceptual to realistic, Google SketchUp helps you see your vision before you build it.  
<http://sketchup.google.com/>

Once you've built your models, you can place them in Google Earth, post them to the 3D Warehouse.

For more information see

<http://ropesandpoles.blogspot.com/2004/12/learn-sketchup.html>

### Geocaching Tools

If you're serious about Geocaching, take a serious look at [GeoBuddy](#). GeoBuddy combines all of the power of ExpertGPS with a built-in geocaching Web browser and all the tools you'll need to plan your next geocaching adventure.

[EasyGPS](#) is the perfect GPS waypoint and route manager for the beginning or occasional GPS user. Best of all, it's FREE! Both available at [www.topografix.com](http://www.topografix.com)

### Handy Phone Tools

We've all been charged for dialing 4-1-1, but now there's free directory assistance. That number is **800-FREE-411**. You will have to listen to a few seconds of advertising. But you'll get your number at no charge.

And here's another handy phone tool...If you really want to get out of a meeting so that you can go camping, you can "receive" a fake call. Check out [popularitydialer.com](http://popularitydialer.com). Set the time you need to receive the call and which excuse you want to use...(like the "return to the office" call), and voila! You'll receive a "fake" call with a recorded message that demands you leave whatever you're doing and get to the Scout hut and go camping with the kids!

### Need to share large files with the unit?

[www.mediafire.com](http://www.mediafire.com)

**Media Fire** is a free file-sharing and storage service that lets users upload unlimited files and images. What's even better is that the site doesn't require registration, so that's one less password/username combo to have knocking around in your head. After the easy file-upload process, you can access your data from any computer and post links to the files for sharing with Scouts and fellow leaders.

### A new Wilderness and Outdoors Network

[www.uncooped.com](http://www.uncooped.com)

Uncooped is for people who love outdoor sports, recreation, and adventure. For Leaders Only: This site can get a R-Rating. At Uncooped, you can share pictures of your adventures, get advice from experts, and find inspiration to get out and get active! Tips like how to make a Soda Can Stove and tricks like making your gear lighter.

### Free GPS trail navigation routes

[www.gpstrails.net/](http://www.gpstrails.net/)

Download free hiking trail files for their GPS. No catch! Free downloadable .gpx files for hiking trails in the USA. Currently trails in Arizona, but more to come.

### GearJunkie.com Giveaways –

Free weekly giveaway at

<http://thegearjunkie.com/giveaway>. Sign up once and you are entered for all of the weekly drawings

### Need Free Scout Books?

Swap your Old Paperback Books for Scout Books and More. Over 200 Scouting books, manuals, Merit Badge books, Program helps, and more listed. Swap one for one. Free  
<http://www.paperbackswap.com>

## Free Podcasts, videos, etc about the outdoors, Scouts, Cubscouts, and more

### Cubcasts!

#### CubScout 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.

#### October 2007:

Indian Nations theme ideas & Second Chance Recruiting techniques headline the October Cubcast. A sneak preview of the new Jeff Gordon radio PSA! Plus, a free Boys Life subscription contest!  
[www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast](http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast)



#### More Pod casts:

[www.cubmasterchris.com/](http://www.cubmasterchris.com/)  
[akelasadventure.com/](http://akelasadventure.com/)

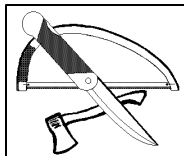
### Outside Magazine videos and podcasts

[outside.away.com](http://outside.away.com)

**"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](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/ageguides.pdf)  
and the Guide to Safe Scouting

[www.scouting.org/pubs/gss](http://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](mailto: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.

<http://www.etowahcreek.com/downloads/W2Stransfinal2.pdf>

**Free** on the [www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com) website and at Roundtable.



**Important!**

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

**Check it out!**

Training, Events, and more  
All information is on the

**[www.etowahcreek.com](http://www.etowahcreek.com)**

website or at the Council Office.

**For training information**

**call Joan Janoch at 345-5700**

Your Son Deserves a Trained Leader

**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 and other events in other districts – Remember - you can attend any training in **any district anywhere**)

**October**

- 12-13, 13-14 Cub and Parent Overnighter Barstow
- 13 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
- 23 Cub Leader Specific 6:30
- 27-28 Haunted Forest Weekend at Camp Barstow

**November**

- 3 – Venture Skills and Training – leaders and adults
- 8- **Roundtable – More Moulage, Cooking Tips, and Fun!** Ashland UMC – 6:30
- 9-11 Scoutmaster/ASM training Part 2 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- 17 OLS for Webelos & BALOO
- 30 Venture Skills for Youth - lockin

**December**

- 13 **Roundtable Philmont Special, Cold Weather Camping Tips and More** Ashland UMC 7 PM Be There!
- 27-30 Klondike Derby at Camp Barstow

**Scoutmasters/Advisor's Minute**

*Gravity*

Do you spend a great deal of time questioning gravity? I suppose when we were little we had to learn about the consequences of gravity - we all fell down a few times when we were learning to walk. We learn about gravity through the process of trial and error. It would seem we only pay real attention to these elemental forces when we put them to work for us, or when we try to defy them. The Scout Oath and Law is much like gravity. It affects everything we do. We aren't often conscious of its influence because, like gravity, it is such a basic principle we tend not to notice it. The more we examine, the more we test, the more we observe the more we learn about those things we often take for granted.

"Pain heals, Chicks dig scars ... Glory lasts forever."  
~ Shane Falco in *The Replacements*

