



# Up Etowah Creek...

## Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter

Indian Waters Council in the Midlands of South Carolina, USA



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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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### LAST CHANCE – Register Today Online!

New Training Available for

## Webelos Leaders :

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

November 17, 2007 9 AM –

6:30 PM at Saxe Gotha  
Church in Lexington.

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!

### Registration Ends 11/9/2007

Register Online right after Roundtable!

[www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)

Or call 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!)



### Next Month at Roundtable:

### Coming in the December Roundtable

#### Philmont and Lightweight Backpacking-

Ranny Keyes will be doing a special Philmont presentation 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!



### Philbreak for PhilPholks!

For those of you who love Philmont and are over 18 but under 26: In March of 2008, **Philmont Scout**

**Ranch** will be offering an alternate Spring Break program for those who want to want to experience Philmont while doing conservation work at the Ranch.

**Philbreak** will have 3 sessions, each a week long: March 3-7; March 10-14; March 17-21. There is a limit of 50 participants and the cost is only \$100.

This program is open to all (male or female) who are registered in either the Boy Scout or Venturing programs and are between the age of 18 and 26. This is NOT an OA Program, but a Philmont Program. You also must met Philmont's physical requirements.

#### REQUIREMENTS: You must be:

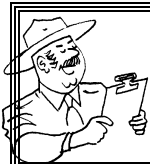
- ✦ 18 years by the day your program begins, but not yet 26 years old by its conclusion.
- ✦ physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs.
- ✦ registered with Boy Scouts of America with the Boy Scout or Venturer Programs
- ✦ approved by your council's Scout Executive.

Full info on the program is on the application form at [adventure.oa-bsa.org/files/applications/PHILBREAKApp08.pdf](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/files/applications/PHILBREAKApp08.pdf)

### New on the National BSA Site

The BSA Insignia Guide, the official reference for Scouting uniforms and awards, is now available online to help promote the wearing of the correct and complete uniform on all suitable occasions. [www.scouting.org/pubs/33066](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/33066)

Current Merit Badge Requirements plus resources and helps for them. <http://tinyurl.com/2nd49tt>  
[www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html)



### CORRECTION:

Last month's newsletter listed the Indian Waters Council website incorrectly. It should be [www.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)



## Venturing Training for Youth in November – Venturing Leadership Skills Course

**Friday, Nov. 30**

7 pm to **Saturday, Dec. 1**

at 3 pm (*Lockin/overnight*)

**Open to all Venturing Youth**

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



<http://srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/training/powderhorn.php>

March 28-30 and April 11-13, 2008

Greater Alabama Council –Camp Jackson & Camp Comer, AL

March 14-16 and April 11-13, 2008

Pine Burr Area Council - Camp Tiak & Camp Binachi, MS

April 25-27 and May 9-11, 2008

Colonial Virginia Council - Bayport Scout Reservation, VA

October 3-5 and October 17-19, 2008

Istrouma Area Council - Camp Avondale, LA

**Southern Region Venturing Website**

<http://srventuring-bsa.org/newsite/>

includes Facebook Link

### 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.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)

or

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

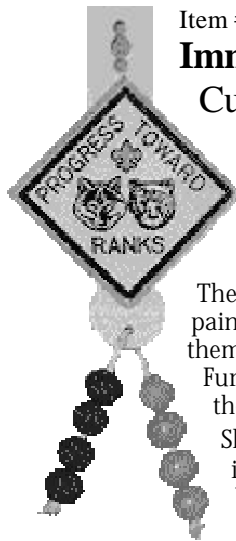
### Den Leaders and Parents:

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.indianwaters.org](http://www.indianwaters.org)

A Scout is Thrifty!

**Tandy Leather**  
is Back in  
Columbia!



And they have leather Progress Towards Ranks fobs ready for you to stamp, dye, paint, or decorate for your Cubs and Tiger Cubs.

Brand New to help Packs replace the recalled items, all leather, safe and lead free!

All Registered Members of the Boy Scout of America get wholesale prices, a BIG savings!

**Soon to Come:** Leatherwork Merit Badge classes and more for Scouts.

Call Tandy Manager **Richard Poindexter** and tell him that you saw this notice in the *Up Etowah Creek* Newsletter!

Tandy Leather Co. #164

3317 Platt Springs Rd.

West Columbia, SC 29169

Phone: (803)791-1070

Monday thru Friday 9-6, Saturdays 9-4

Be sure to pick up your **Free Tips Sheet** and **Free Catalogs** here at Roundtable.

## Training Dates to Remember!

Check the Council Calendar! Register Online!!

November 9-11, 2007 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills  
(Council Training for SM & SA)  
Place: Camp Barstow

November 17, 2007 - Cub Scout Leader Basic Training  
Time: 8:30 am - 4 pm Place: Pontiac Elementary School

November 17, 2007 - Cub Scout Leader Basic Training (C  
Time: 8:30 am - 4 pm Place: St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

November 17, 2007 - Webelos Outdoor Leader and BALOO Training  
Combination Course (Chinquapin District)  
Time: 8:30 am - 8 pm Place: Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church

February 15-17, 2008 - National Youth Leadership Training Part 1  
Place: Camp Barstow Cost: TBA for both parts

March 7-9, 2008 - National Youth Leadership Training Part 2  
Place: Camp Barstow Cost: Pay with Part 1

### Etowah Creek District

#### Trainings:

Call Joan Janoch 345-5700 for more info



### In the Footsteps of the Founder

Musing about why they leave:

“It would be an interesting study to find out why each boy who is a Scout first joined the Scouts. It would also be equally interesting to ascertain why each ex-Scout left the Scouts. My own conclusion is briefly this: want of adventure brought the boy in; lack of adventure took him out. “If the boys leave, make them leave as friends, give them a send-off and keep a hold on them as “old boys”.

“Don’t grieve at their departure.

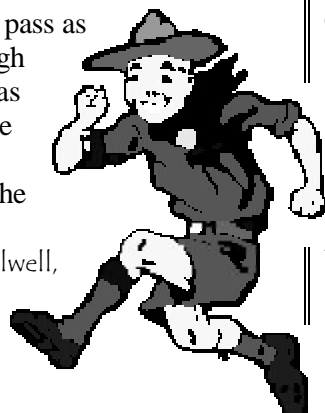
Many will come back; all will have picked up something during their term as Scouts, which will stick for life.

Our business is, not merely to keep up smart “show”

Troops, but to pass as

many boys through our character factory as we possibly can; at the same time, the longer the grind that we can give them, the better men they will be in the end.”

~~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell,  
Founder of the Boy Scout



## Silver Beaver Nominations

Due November 20, 2007

Nominations for the coveted Silver Beaver Award are due in the Council Service Center by November 20, 2007. Anyone may nominate an individual for this award. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scouters, Scouters, Varsity Scouters, Venture Scouters, and Exploring leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of the local council.



[http://www.indianwaters.com/Silver\\_Beaver\\_Nomination.pdf](http://www.indianwaters.com/Silver_Beaver_Nomination.pdf)



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING  
*Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey*

It used to be before the 1959 Handbook Sixth edition came out that all of the Merit Badges were in the Boy Scout Handbook instead of a separate publication. Anyway, it is fun to consider how things have changed in the following Pathfinding Merit Badge-

I wonder how many boys could pass this now without a lot of prompting??

### Pathfinding MB required for Second Class instituted in 1911, discontinued in 1952 from the Handbook for Boys, 5th edition (1948)

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the district within a three-mile radius of the local Scout Headquarters, or his house so as to be able to guide people at any time day or night to points within this area.
2. Know the population of the five principal neighboring towns and cities as selected by his Guide or Counselor. Demonstrate direction for reaching them from Scout Headquarters or his house.
3. If in the country, know the breeds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs owned on the five neighboring farms; if in the city, demonstrate directions to tourist camp and to five places for purchasing food supplies.
4. Demonstrate how to direct tourists from his home to gas, oil, tire, and general auto repair service.
5. Give telephone number, if any, and directions for reaching the nearest police station, fire-fighting apparatus, Court House or Municipal Building, the nearest County Farm Agent's office, doctor, veterinarian and hospital.
6. Know something of the history of his community and the location of its principal places of interest and public buildings.
7. Submit a scale map, not necessarily drawn by himself, upon which he has personally indicated as much as possible of the above-required information.



## GeekCreek: Up Etowah Creek's Scouting picks for techie , electronic entertainment, and the web.



Free Powerpoint Templates, Video Backgrounds, and more!

### BrainyBetty.com

Here, you'll find both 100% free content as well as premium-quality for-purchase products, courtesy of CrystalGraphics, all designed to make professional-looking websites, PowerPoint presentations and other office documents. Products include an impressive variety of world-class PowerPoint templates, video backgrounds, 3D transition effects and other cool enhancements for PowerPoint. Plus top-quality website templates, photos, Excel templates and Outlook add-ons. **An amazing site.**  
[www.brainybetty.com/Video\\_for\\_Presentations/video.htm](http://www.brainybetty.com/Video_for_Presentations/video.htm)

### Geek Free Tools of the Month Podcast Receiver "Juice"

<http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/>  
Want to listen to Internet audio programs but can't when they are scheduled? This program lets you create your own custom online audio anytime, anywhere. If you want to listen to podcasts, this program is for you. Juice is the premier podcast receiver, allowing users to capture and listen to podcasts anytime, anywhere.

- ✦ Juice is free
- ✦ Juice supports multiple media players
- ✦ Juice is free software licensed under the GPL (open source)
- ✦ Juice's primary purpose is to manage podcasts and is accessible for blind and visually impaired users

#### for Pocket Mobiles and SmartPhones

##### Pocket Podcasts

Free podcast client for Pocket PC and Smartphone

<http://pocketpodcasts.sourceforge.net/>

##### A Podcast Client For Windows Mobile

In about one year, podcasts have transformed from a virtually unknown type of media to a common, widely used method of listening to radio and TV broadcasts. Podcasts can be played on mobile devices, but software to support this needs improvement. In particular, existing podcast software for Windows Mobile-based devices is extremely limited.

Pocket Podcasts solves this problem, bringing a complete podcast client to Windows Mobile devices. Pocket Podcasts enables you to search, subscribe, and play back podcasts, all from your Pocket PC or Smartphone.

### Spoof Patrol Patches and more

Looking for the Killer Rabbit Patrol patch? How about a spoof "Cat Herder" Merit Badge for retiring Scoutmasters? Or an "Un-Trainable" strip for your Committee Chair?

<http://quartermasterstore.com>  
<http://www.boyscoutstore.com/>

### Youth Protection Resources

#### FamilyWatchdog.us

Check for the presence of sex offenders in your neighborhood and get email alerts if one moves nearby. Free  
[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

### More Pod Stuff: Podcatcher Matrix

<http://www.podcatchermatrix.org/>

Compare the different types of "podcatchers". Not sure of which podcatcher you need? Choosing a Podcatcher for the first time isn't an easy task with all those different products available. Use the Choice Wizards to help.

### UberGeek (technology for the truly technical)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/>

More than you will ever want to know about Podcasting and what to do with it. Maximum readership age - 29. Anyone over that will be totally lost. You were warned -

**Have a Blog? Need One?** A Web Log (Blog) is an online journal. Start one for your Pack, Den, or Troop  
**www.bravenet.com** Take part in the Blog Community Let others subscribe to your content with RSS Feeds Create special topics of the day ex: word of the day or music of the day! Email in photos from your phonecam or computer Add link categories to your blog and cover all topics!

**wordpress.com** You can get a blog started in less time than it takes you to read this sentence. All you need is an email address and a name. You can blog as much as you want for free, your blog can be public to the world or private for just your friends.

**How about a News headline about Scouting for your Blog?** <http://feeds.feedburner.com/scoutingvine>

### What is a Podcast?

A podcast is a digital media file, or a related collection of such files, which is distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds for playback on portable media players and personal computers. The term, like "radio", can refer either to the content itself or to the method by which it is syndicated; the latter is also termed podcasting. The host or author of a podcast is often called a podcaster. Podcasting's initial appeal was to allow individuals to distribute their own radio-style shows, but the system quickly became used in a wide variety of other ways, including distribution of school lessons, Church sermons, a means to distribute playlists of music, official and unofficial audio tours of museums, and by police departments to distribute public safety messages.

Though podcasters' web sites may also offer direct download or streaming of their content, a podcast is distinguished from other digital media formats by its ability to be syndicated, subscribed to, and downloaded automatically when new content is added, using an aggregator or feed reader capable of reading feed formats such as RSS or Atom.

From <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcasting>

### 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. **www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast**

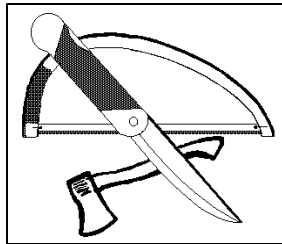
Subscribe to the RSS automatic feed or download individual episodes.

**November 2007 - Celebrations Around the World theme:** ideas and the state of Cub Scouting are on tap in this month's Cubcast for the December Theme. Plus, we are **giving away 50 free Den Meeting in a Box** program aids to make your next four meetings a breeze!



**"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

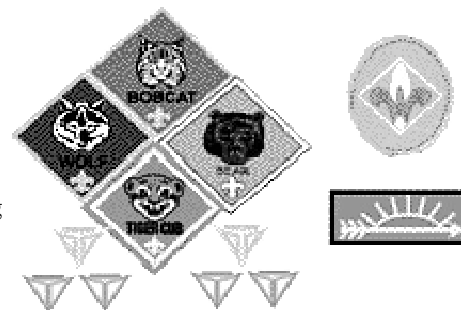
[www.scouting.org/pubs/gss](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss) tells you how to be safe while doing them.

Remember that you must have a copy of Guide to Safe Scouting with you at all outing! Buy one at the Scout Shop or download it for free,

## Sample Cub Pack Handbook available online

It contains

- ✦ Pack information
- ✦ Parent information
- ✦ Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos program information
- ✦ Cub Scout camping info
- ✦ Special pack events
- ✦ Uniforming and scout shop info
- ✦ Boy Scout and BSA Information
- ✦ Rank-specific progress guide (a mini-handbook)
- ✦ Guide to Awards (Arrow-of-Light, Religious Emblems, other cub scouting awards)
- ✦ Guide to the Academics and Sports Program (aka, "Belt Loops")
- ✦ Parent Talent and Interest Survey - *find the hidden skills and resources within your parents!*



[http://www.pack841.com/joomla/Parent%20Guide\\_FINAL\\_c.zip](http://www.pack841.com/joomla/Parent%20Guide_FINAL_c.zip)

We give the guide out to all new parents to ease the initial deer-in-the-headlights look. We ask them to immediately complete the Parent Talent Survey (last page in the guide) and tear out the page and give it to their den leader. --- Jim Rooney, Pack 841, Parker, CO

## 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.



## 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>

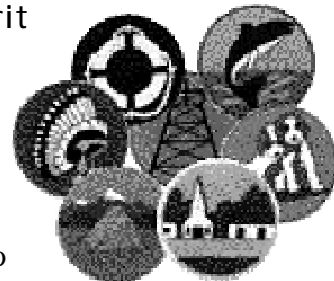
## Need to share large files with the unit?

[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 of up to 100Mb. 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.

*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)*

## Communications Merit Badge, Fitness, and many others



Good opportunity for youth - Fitness, Scouts, and Outdoor recreation all lead to healthy living.

[http://www.healthysc.gov/school\\_video\\_contest.asp](http://www.healthysc.gov/school_video_contest.asp)

**Enter the Healthy SC School Video Contest to win \$20,000 in cash awards, great prizes too!!!**

Here is a chance for you junior and high schoolers to teach your friends about healthy living and earn \$\$\$ for you and prizes for your school too! All you have to do is make a really cool video ad on why we need to eat healthy foods, or exercise regularly or why we shouldn't smoke. At the end of each month (November, December, January), the winning videos will receive \$5,000 CASH. That means winners EVERY month for three months! And you get to vote and help pick the winning videos! Not a top winner? That's okay. We have many cool prizes for videos that we think earn a little special recognition. Oh, and if you're the top winner of the month, your school will get a major prize too.

**BE HEALTHY. BE CREATIVE. WIN \$\$ and PRIZES.**

\*Contest open to all South Carolina students in Junior High and High School and students must be at least 13 years of age to enter videos. See [www.healthysc.gov](http://www.healthysc.gov) for list of contest rules.

“THE other inventors of Scouting invariably give the dates on which they hit on the idea, so it may be interesting to some who are not already aware of the origin of our scheme if I give a few facts about our particular Boy Scouts.

The first idea of such training came to me a very long time ago when training soldiers. When I was adjutant of my regiment in 1883 I wrote my first handbook on training soldiers by means which were attractive to them, developing their character for campaigning as much as their drill-ability. This was followed by another, and yet a third in 1898.



This latter, /Aids to Scouting/, came somehow to be used in a good many schools and by captains of Boys' Brigades, and other organizations for boys, in spite of the fact that it had been written entirely for soldiers. I therefore rewrote it for developing character in boys by attractions which appealed more directly to them.

The uniform, in every detail, was taken from a sketch of myself in the kit which I wore in South Africa, 1887 and 1896, and in Kashmir in 1897-8.

Our badge was taken from the "North Point" used on maps for orientating them with the North; it was sanctioned for use for Trained Scouts in the Army in 1898.

Our motto, "Be Prepared," was the motto of the South African Constabulary, in which I served.

Many of our ideas were taken from the customs of the Zulus and Red Indians, and Japanese, many were taken from the code of the Knights of the Middle Ages, many were cribbed from other people, such as Cuhulain of Ireland, Dr. Jahn, Sir W. A. Smith, Thompson Seton, Dan Beard, etc., and some were of my own invention !”

*Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell*  
/BP's Outlooks January/, 1914.

# Free Online Scouting for Boys

– The Baden-Powell original work that started it all

<http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/s4b.html>

The definitive manual for Scouts. This is the book that started Scouting. Complete with illustrations by Baden-Powell. Originally published in installments every other Wednesday from January 15, 1908. The book consists of introductions for Scouters, 28 "Campfire Yarns" for Scouts and a summary.

Also available:

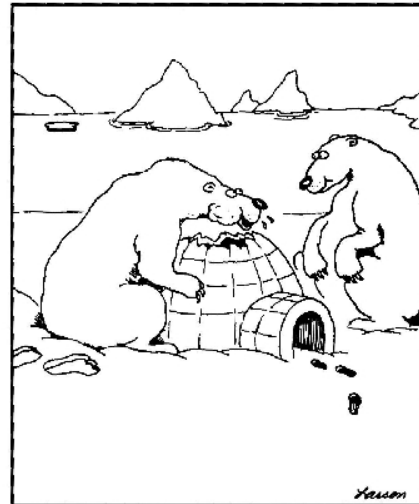
## BP's Outlook

Complete with his illustrations and comments about the Scouting Movement.



## KI ondi ke Derby

Dec. 27 – 30 at



"Oh, hey! I just love these things! ... Crunchy on the outside and a chewy center!"

### Camp Barrrrrrstow!

Be Therrrrrrre!!!

[stanhaines@sprintmail.com](mailto:stanhaines@sprintmail.com)

## "The Dump"

Resources For Vintage Scouting Scans

<http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/other.html>

<http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/scouts.html>