



Up Etowah Creek...

Etowah Creek District BSA Newsletter
Indian Waters Council in the Midlands of South Carolina, USA



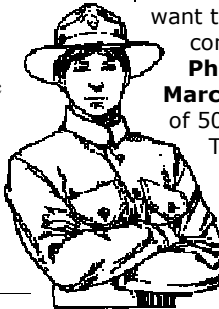
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Welcome to Etowah Creek District [ECD] Leader Roundtable in Columbia, South Carolina.

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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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 meet 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

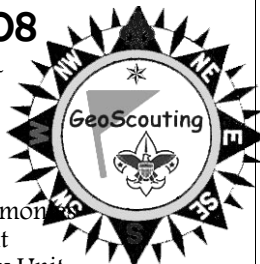
adventure.aa-bsa.org/files/applications/PHILBREAKApp08.pdf

Next Month at Roundtable:

**Coming at January Roundtable
Jan. 10, 2008**

Scouting for Food Landrush-

- ✦ Cold Weather Camping
- ✦ Geocaching and GeoScouting!
- ✦ Cub Scouts- Blue and Gold ideas
- ✦ Teambuilding games
- ✦ Webelos and Scouts: Crossover Ceremonies
- ✦ How to do Unit Online Advancement
- ✦ Earning the 2008 Centennial Quality Unit
- ✦ And as always: Free Great Stuff and Prizes for Scouters!



Note Date Change!

February Roundtable will be Feb 21

to allow Scouters to spend Valentines Day with their sweethearts. On this special later date join in on the

Scouters Cook-off and Show-off

Dutch Oven Dishes, Foil packs, Backpacking (dehydrated) food dishes – Main Dish or desserts – Bring Yours!
Prizes for dishes that are voted as the best in each category.

**Cast Iron and Outdoor
Cooking Prizes**

Look in the January Newsletter and your mailbox for entry form. Items will be cooked at home and brought in- All items must have one copy of the recipe with it, then all recipes will be compiled and given to the participants and those who attend.



Philmont
Leadership Challenge

Beyond Wood Badge!



The New **Philmont Leadership**

Challenge brings Wood Badge skills to life in a majestic Philmont setting.

Just as NAYLE hones and expands upon skills taught to Scouts in NYLT,

The Philmont Leadership Challenge takes adult leadership to an exciting new

level through experiential learning in the outdoors. The **Philmont Leadership Challenge** simultaneously immerses you and your team in challenging scenarios that require the application of Wood Badge leadership skills for success.

Learn to inspire, motivate, and help others succeed. Prerequisite: Must have completed WB for the 21st Century and meet Philmont's stringent Level A physical requirements. Pilot Course! Be the First!!

Sept 21-27, 2008

philmontleadershipchallenge.org

Or Contact the Scout Office

Summer Camp Staff:



Have Fun and Get Paid, Too!

Camp Barstow **Interviews for Summer Camp Staff** positions will be on **December 20** at the Scout Office. Ages 15 and up. Go to the Camp Barstow website for an application.

www.campbarstow.org

2008 Staff Week - June 8-14

Weeks of Operation: Weeks 1-4 June 15 thru July 12, 2008

Call DE Tom McGrath for more info- Cell (803) 622-8029



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.

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 and Scouters. Call Tandy Manager **Richard Poindexter** and tell him that you saw this 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**

Blue and Gold Theme idea:

Found on the Internet: "Since our pack doesn't meet in August we are using the *100 Years of Scouting* theme from August for our February theme. Each den will be given an era (60's, 70's, 80's etc) to use as guidelines to decorate their table and do a small skit."

For resources go to Baloo's Bugle
<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2006-2007.asp>
and click on the August 2007 theme.



Hi-Level Adventure Training for Youth and Adults in Venturing and Boy Scouts

<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/>

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 or

http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/Calendar_EventList.asp



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING
Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

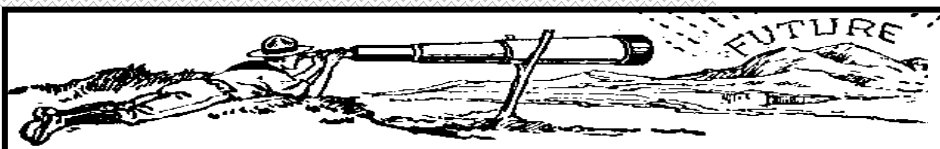
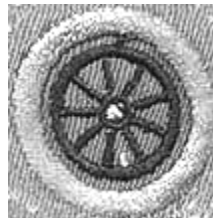
It used to be before the 1959 Handbook Sixth edition came out that all of the Merit Badges were in the Boy Scout Handbook instead of a separate publication. Anyway, it is fun to consider how things have changed in the following **Automobiling** Merit Badge-

Per the 1927 Handbook for Boys

Automobiling:

To obtain a merit badge for Automobiling, a Scout must:

1. Demonstrate ability to start a motor, explaining what precautions should be taken.
2. Take off and put on pneumatic tires.
3. Explain the principles of construction and the functions of clutch (two types) carbureter (sic), valves, magneto, spark plug, differential, and two different types of transmission, explaining what special care each of these parts requires, and be able to explain three differences between a two- and four-cycle motor.
4. Demonstrate how to put out burning gasoline or oil.
5. Be able to pass an examination equivalent to that required for a license to operate an automobile in the community in which he lives.



Mark the Date!

Spring to Camp Tickets

Feb 16, 2008 at the Irmo Library

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



Free to try www.gsak.net

GSAK (Geocaching Swiss Army Knife)

Geocaching, which is now one of the requirements for the **Camping Merit Badge**, can be done with any unit. The Garmin "Geocaching" feature is a little hokey. You're better off with something like this software tool and whichever GPS you want-- though the one you are looking at is a great unit. GSAK is the all in one Geocaching and waypoint management tool. Major features include: Multiple databases, sending/receiving waypoints to GPSr, conversion to many mapping formats, HTML output, extensive searching, macro support, backup and restore, distance/direction from other waypoints (including caches, locations, post codes) and much more. Free to try, GSAK displays a "nag screen" after 21 days. You may still use GSAK after 21 days, but if you wish to remove the nag screen, registration is required. <http://gsak.net/help/hs1000.htm>

TEEN GEEK: Crash Course For Parents
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY 101

An introduction to your teen and the technology world. This crash course in the most popular communication tools used by teens today offers guidance and advice to help parents monitor their teen's activities on these devices.

Social Networking

Social networking sites like **MySpace** and **Facebook** are popular online hotspots. Find out why teens are so hooked.

Cell Phones

Cell phone technology now allows teens to stay connected with friends and family, but can also be easily misused. Find out how.

Instant Messaging

How much do you know about IM'ing? Do you know who is on your teen's buddy list? Not sure what a buddy list is? And what does 99 mean?

Bookmark this link and use it!

<http://www.theantidrug.com/E-Monitoring/index.asp>

Geek Free Tools of the Month

NetLingo Word of the Day Widget

www.netlingo.com

Bless UR <3, @TEOTD UR 2BZ4MQT.

If the PIBKAC, UNTCO!

Translation: Bless your heart, at the end of the day you're too busy for me, cutie. If the problem is between (the) keyboard and chair, you need to chill out!

This site goes with the one above- Use it to learn or translate the messages that your teen is using.

Also: Newsletter of New Internet Terms

Netlingo Newsletter www.netlingo.com/newsletter.cfm
Sign-up for free monthly updates

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>

Enter the Healthy SC School Video Contest to win \$20,000 in cash awards, great prizes too!!!
http://www.healthysc.gov/school_video_contest.asp

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

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/cubcasts/podcast

Subscribe to the RSS automatic feed or download individual episodes.

December 2007: Cub Scout Car Show, Religious Emblem

Program Cheri Pepka, mother of two Eagle Scouts, wheels out some great ideas for January's Cub Scout Car Show activities. Then Mark Hazelwood, who teaches a course on religious emblems at the Boy Scout training facility in Philmont, NM, brings us up to date on the religious emblem program.

For **Cub Scout** Resources

Monthly on the web

Scouting the Net

www.scoutingthenet.com/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/

Baloo's Bugle:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2007-2008.asp>

Thrifty Fun

<http://www.thriftyfun.com>



Do Something

www.dosomething.org

Site creators believe that "young people have the power to make a difference." This site gives them tools to do so: ideas, message boards, info on grants, a zipcode-searchable database of volunteer opportunities, and more.

Ways to support American Soldiers and Their Families

Operation Quiet Comfort

"Honor and Comfort for Our Wounded Troops"

www.operationquietcomfort.com

Numerous ways for units and individuals to help.

Send a Card or a package to a Hero!

Visit <http://www.anysoldier.com>

Cards and notes to our service people are prayers in action.

America Supports You

<http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/>

Do Your Feet Hurt?

7 out of 10 hikers wear poorly fitted boots and don't even know it. That adds up to a lot of unnecessary blisters and sore feet--for some, even sore knees and ankles. The solution is simple. Learn proper footwear fitting and you will kiss sore feet goodbye. See the handout at Roundtable or email Lorie McGraw at lmcgraw@sc.rr.com to get a copy



New Sierra Trading Post Gear Guides

<http://www.sierratradingpost.com/lp2/guides-index.html>
Need help choosing the right size, style, or type of product? Trying to decide on gear and apparel for a new sport or activity? Learn what you need to go camping, how to tie a tie, or what type of running shoe to buy. Sierra Buying Guides have the know-how and the how-to you need to gear up and get out.

A Scout is Thrifty!

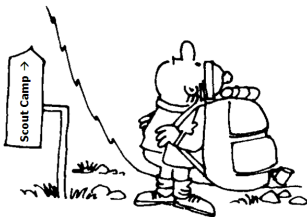
As Seen at Jamboree:

Alps Mountaineering has the same tough quality that you see in Kelty and Mountain Hardware equipment at about 1/3 the price.

Plus, all Scout units and Crews get a 45% discount on Alps Mountaineering tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, pads, and furniture like camp chairs.

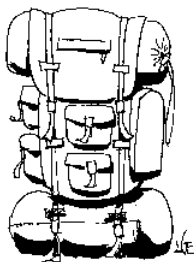
Plus the Scout Leader Pro Purchase Program allows

leaders to purchase some of the 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." 1.888.908.2044 <http://www.scoutdirect.com/>



Campmor.com

Campmor has discounted prices for all manner of equipment and gear. But did you know that Scout Units and Crews can get an additional 10% off of the total? Phone 1-800-525-4784 to find out more and register your unit



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

Current Merit Badge Requirements plus resources and helps for them. <http://tinyurl.com/2nd9tt>
www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html

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 website and at Roundtable.



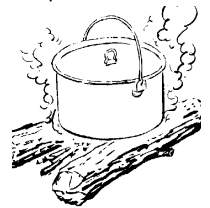
Mountain Ambrosia

A great 'prank' to play on your Scouts that tastes great, too.

Before your next backpacking trip, remove the label from a can of sweetened condensed milk and dent it with rock so it looks old. Sometime during the backpacking trip (around day 3 if on a Philmont trip) you can 'discover' the can partially buried along the trail or a river bank.

It's important to get them guessing what is inside: beans, soup, fruit cocktail, etc. They can also guess how old the can is. Then make your move. Make up a Tall Tale about a lost hiker, or the Ghost Scout that leaves cans like this around. Ask them if they have ever had **Mountain Ambrosia**? Take the can back to camp and immerse it in a pot of boiling water for 15 minutes (the water keeps the can from exploding). Explain that boiling will kill the germs, or something ridiculous like that.

While it is cooling, start daring the boys to be the first to try it. When cool, open the can and start peddling its contents. The sweetened condensed milk, when boiled, turns into a sweet pudding, excellent for dipping apples and bananas in. The longer you boil it, the darker and more intense the flavor gets. This is more than a SM prank. It has been around for a long time and on a cold winter night this is delicious with bread sticks



"We Are Scouts! We play with fire and knives and guns and we love danger!"

Can Tiger Cubs go horseback riding?

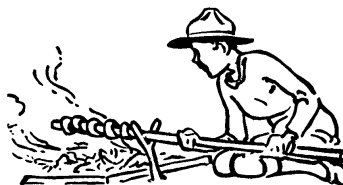
Can First-Year Scouts fly a plane?

Can Venturers fire handguns? BoyScouts?

Can Cub Scouts shoot BB guns at a Pack Meeting?

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

There is an official BSA publication that tells Scouts of all ages what is appropriate. Look in the **Age Guide** at



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

The **Guide to Safe Scouting** tells you how to be safe while doing them.

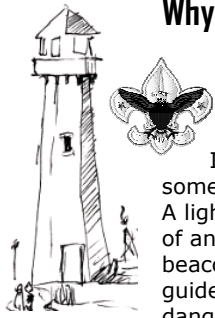
www.scouting.org/pubs/gss

Remember that all units must have a copy of Guide to Safe Scouting with you at all outings!

Buy one at the Scout Shop or download it for free

Minute for Scouters:

Why we do this thing Called Scouting?



The Lighthouse

I sometimes like to think of Scouting as something akin to tending a lighthouse. A lighthouse keeper doesn't control the route of any ship. His job is to send out a clear beacon of light to ships, one they might use to guide them safely on their passage through dangerous waters.

The existence of a lighthouse does not guarantee the safe passage of all ships. A ship might still wreck upon the rocks. It would be easy to despair at such a disaster; but you never really know how many ships may have been saved by that same steady dependable beacon of light. Scouting provides many useful skills, exciting activities, challenges, new places, fun, adventure, and all the rest. However, providing a safe haven for positive experiences and keeping boys moving toward worthy goals may be the greater and more important part of what we do. There are so many small victories you see every weekend. Then there are those cumulative effects that can build into something life-changing for boys.

We might not always know the extent of what effect we have on boys, or how much Scouting changes the course of events within their lives.

Eagle is a great achievement, but guiding them in the spirit of Scouting, attempting to instill within them good citizenship, quality of character, and physical, mental, and moral fitness are the real goals we seek.

Scouting is more about the journey than the destination; with many great and memorable stories born along those ever winding paths.

Posted on Scouts-L by Cliff Golden, SM T 33, DeKalb , Illinois

Apple Skillet Cake

Prep: 15 min, Cook: 35 min.

This recipe is for a 12" Dutch Oven

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 Tbs. salt
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 12" Dutch Oven
- 1 Tbs. baking powder
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 8 apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- Charcoal (17 under 8 above)

Start Charcoal. Sift together first 3 ingredients in a bowl. Set aside. Combine 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup sugar in a bowl and beat with a fork until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Add half the dry ingredients to butter and sugar mixture. Add half the milk and beat until combined. Repeat process with remaining dry ingredients and milk. Beat thoroughly. Grease DO with small amount of butter in bottom of Dutch Oven. Spread around to grease oven, Pour batter in, making sure that it is evenly greased.

Sprinkle apples over batter and **bake** about 25 minutes with 17 coals under and 8 on the top.

Combine remaining sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg in a bowl or gallon Ziploc. Cut in remaining butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle topping over cake and bake another 8 minutes or until cake has pulled away from edge of the Dutch oven.

Per serving: calories 285, fat 12.8g, 39% calories from fat, cholesterol 55mg, protein 2.7g, carbohydrates 42.3g, fiber 2.5g, sugar 28.5g, sodium 126mg, diet points 6.8.

They didn't want it good, they wanted it Wednesday.

~ Robert Heinlein

Dates to Remember!

Check the Council Calendar! Online Training on the Council Website. www.indianwaters.org

January:

10 ECD Roundtable Ashland All Units –Geocaches and more
10 Scouting For Food Landrush

21 University of Scouting – Training for all levels

February

1 and 9 Scouting For Food

16- Spring2Camp tickets 9am Irmo Library

March

29 Merit Badge University

Etowah Creek District Trainings: Call Joan Janoch 345-5700 for more info

Did You Know...

... All adult volunteers are expected to complete BSA Youth Protection Training within 90 days of assuming a leadership position.

This training can be done through the BSA's Online Learning Center at olc.scouting.org. BSA Youth Protection training helps preserve a safe environment for young people and adult leaders so that they can all enjoy the Scouting program.



<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/mbc/faq.html>

**Milestones in Scouting
Collecting Toys and Games**

'Play up! Play up! And play the game!'

"I have always found old toys fascinating, because of the glimpse they offer into the past. A photograph offers a two-dimensional view, but a toy, which you could and probably did play with in your childhood, seems to make a far better bridge across the years". Go to the Scouting Milestones website for more on old games, key events in Scouting history, etc. www.scouting.milestones.btinternet.co.uk



Christmas Carol Video Scavenger Hunt

With so much technology available these days you can quite literally edit a video inside the camera. Try this fun new take on an old favorite. Break your group into teams (size depends on the number of cameras you have). Give each team a camera and a chaperone and send them out into the mall or the neighborhood. The object of the game is to return with a complete Christmas carol on video that can be played for the whole group.

You can play so that each carol must be sung by the whole group in a different location or for added fun, break the carol into individual lines and have each line sung by a complete stranger.

The New BSA License tags will be available

January of 2008.

Cost: \$30 in addition to normal renewed cost. Contact your local SC-DMV.



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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

Register at the Scout Shop until Dec. 14.

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.



"The Dump"

For Free Vintage Scouting Scans from the 1910's to 1950s

www.thedump.scoutscan.com/other.html

www.thedump.scoutscan.com/scouts.html

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

"What is Scouting ?

NOT one in a hundred of our OWN people knows this.

Scouting is not a thing that can be taught by wording it in public speeches, nor by defining it in print. Its successful application depends entirely on the grasp of the Scout spirit by both trainer and trainee. What this spirit is can only be understood by outsiders when they see it ruling, as it already does to a vast extent, the thoughts and the actions of each member of our brotherhood.



Thus every Scoutmaster and every Commissioner will be an apostle to them, not merely through what he says but through what he imparts by impression and through what he does himself in his own personality.

For this he must, as a first point, be imbued with a real understanding knowledge of the Scout ideals, the methods we use to gain them, and the reasons that underlie them.

Among them he realizes, for instance :

That the need is urgent of a great social rise out of the present slough of squalor; That the State education system has its limitations for developing the character, the health, the technical skill, and the communal Christianity that are necessary;

That Scouting can help by attracting the boy or girl, or by helping him or her to acquire these qualities;

That this cannot be done by the imposition of artificial instruction from without but by the encouragement of the natural impulses from within;

That this is imparted by personal leadership and example on the part of the Scoutmaster himself, and not by his mere instruction;

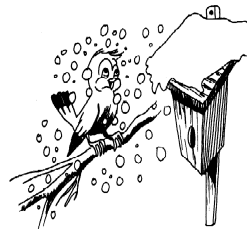
That the intelligent application of Nature lore and woodcraft largely supplies the means and the incentive, while the Promise and the Scout Law give the direction;

That the growth of the Movement both at home and in every civilized foreign country is phenomenal, not merely for its numbers but because it is entirely natural from within and has not been artificially forced from without;

That it is /brotherhood/ -- scheme which, in practice, disregards differences of class, creed, country and colour, through the undefinable spirit that pervades it -- the spirit of God's gentleman.

Now these, you will say, are things that you know already, and don't need to be told. Yes, that is so. But what I want is that you should pass them on to those who don't know them. "

Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell /BP's Outlooks July/, 1920.



A Little Bird Reminder:

THE SCOUT SHOP IS CLOSED FROM NOON DEC 21 TO JAN 2, 2008