



# 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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## Next Month at Roundtable:

### NOTICE!

## February Roundtable will be Feb 21

to allow Scouters to spend Valentines Day with their sweethearts.

Topic: New Youth Protection Changes in Advancement for Boy Scouts, Youth Protection hints, Bullying workshop and <http://usscouts.org/advance/changes/advchanges08.asp#tenderfoot>

## Scouters Cook-off and Show-off has been moved to April



- ☛ Dutch Oven Dishes
- ☛ Foil packs
- ☛ Backpacking (dehydrated) dishes
- ☛ Main Dish
- ☛ Desserts

Prizes will be given for dishes that are voted as the best in each category. Voting will

be done by the Roundtable participants. All Unit Levels are invited to participate.

## Scouting Green Tip

**An energy diet:** Of the energy that goes into getting food on your plate, 16% is used in processing, and 7% is used in packaging; fresh fruits and veggies require almost no energy for these things.

So have your Scouts eat more fruits and veggies!  
Physically Strong and Mentally Awake



## Have Fun and Get Paid, Too!

Be on the Summer Camp Staff  
Ages 15 and up. Go to the Camp Barstow website for an application.

[www.campbarstow.org](http://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

## Dates to Remember!

### Check the Council Calendar!

Online Training is also available on the Council Website

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

### February

- 1 and 9 Scouting For Food
- 9 - USC Basketball - Boy Scout Night
- 15-17 - Nat'l Youth Leadership Training
- 14- Roundtable moved to Feb 21
- 21- Roundtable at Ashland
- 16- Spring2Camp tickets 9am Irmo Library
- 26 - New Leader Essentials & Youth Protection Training  
Call Joan Janoch 345-5700

### March

- 1 Boy Scout Leader Basic Training Call Joan Janoch 345-5700
- 7-9 - Nat'l Youth Leadership Training
- 13 - Council Recognition Banquet
- 29 Merit Badge University  
(online registration avail Jan 14)

### April

- 11-13 - Family Camping Weekend
- 26 - Pinewood Derby Championship Races

### May

- 2-4 - Shooting Sports Camporee

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



### Notes from Tom

Tom McGrath, our District Executive, wants to make sure that you remember the following items:

### Centennial Quality Units:



Make sure you recharter on time, as it is part of the Centennial Quality Unit (CQU) goals.



**If you have not reported your Centennial Quality Unit information for 2007, you must do it now.** Call or email Tom.

- ✦ Make sure you turn in your 2008 commitment form for CQU. Also, note that at the end of the year you must inform the DE if you meet your goals and are a CQU or not.
- ✦ Spring-2-Camp kickoff Irmo Library Community Room on February 16, 2008 9am-11am. Make sure to register for ticket sales as this is a great way to raise money for your units.
- ✦ Cubmasters: Please email a roster of all Webelos 2 to the DE including unit, name, contact information and what troop they will be crossing over into if they know which troop they want to join.
- ✦ Make sure to get your registration in for Summer Camp (both Troops and Packs) as the weeks are starting to fill up. There is a \$50/ Troop deposit for the reservation. Also, a \$55/boy deposit is due by February 29, 2008.
- ✦ The week of June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup> (week 3) will no longer be a Boy Scout camp week.
- ✦ Announcing **Webelos Waters 1** will be June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Webelos Waters 2** will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. It will be similar to Webelos Woods but with aquatics activities also available.
- ✦ Anyone who has not already scheduled their Family FOS presentations should contact Tom McGrath to confirm the presentation for the Blue and Gold or Court of Honor.

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### 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/2nd9tt>  
[www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html)

## Philbreak for PhilPholks!

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

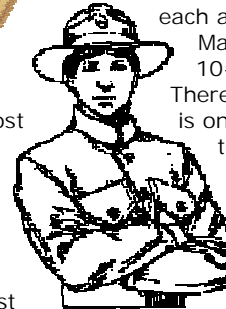


**Philmont Scout Ranch** will be offering an alternate Spring Break program for those who want to want to experience Philmont while doing conservation work at the Ranch.

**Philbreak** will have 3 sessions, each a week long:

March 3-7; March 10-14; March 17-

There is a limit of 50 is only \$100.



21. participants and the cost This program is open (male or female) who are either the Boy Scout programs and are age of 18 and 26. This Program, but a 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.ou-bsa.org/files/applications/PHILBREAKApp08.pdf](http://adventure.ou-bsa.org/files/applications/PHILBREAKApp08.pdf)



### Beyond Wood Badge!

The New **Philmont Leadership Challenge** brings Wood Badge skills to life in a majestic Philmont setting. Just as **NYALE** 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](http://philmontleadershipchallenge.org)

Or Contact the Scout Office



## GeekCreek:

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



### Geek Free Tools of the Month

Lost Photos? No Problem!

#### PC Inspector Smart Recovery

Recover lost digital camera files

<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/smartrecovery.html>

PC Inspector Smart Recovery is a data recovery program for Flash Card, Smart Media, SONY Memory Stick, IBM Micro Drive, Multimedia Card, Secure Digital Card (SD) or any other data device for digital cameras. It enables you to recover accidentally deleted or formatted pictures, videos or sound files from the selected media. The program also offers a mode that enables you to check the media for errors.

#### 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.boy scoutstore.com/>

**ScoutParents** mission is to develop and implement methods which encourage and empower Scouting participants to help maximize the number of Dedicated Scouting youth and parents and mentors as Dedicated Scouting volunteers who participate with their Scouts. Join in today! <http://www.scoutparents.org/>

### 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](http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast)

Subscribe to the RSS automatic feed or download individual episodes.

#### Chinese New Year, Anniversary Month

<http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/podcast/2008-01.mp3>

Caren Tamkin, a Unit Commissioner in California, has some fun and insightful tips and observations about February's Chinese New Year theme. Then Jamie Shearer, Associate Director for the Cub Scout Division at the National Council, sheds some light on Anniversary Month, including ways to help engage your Cub Scouts for Scout Sabbath and Scout

Sunday, featuring special guests Rabbi Peter Hyman and Father Don Hummel. (January 2008)

### For Cub Scout Resources

Monthly on the web

#### Scouting the Net

[www.scoutingthenet.com/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/](http://www.scoutingthenet.com/Training/Roundtable/Handouts/)

#### Baloo's Bugle:

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

**Thrifty Fun** <http://www.thriftyfun.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)

#### Do Something [www.dosomething.org](http://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](http://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/>

### Top 100 Undiscovered Websites

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2174813,00.asp>

### The New BSA License tags will be available January of 2008.

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

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.

[www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/ageguides.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/ageguides.pdf)

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,

## 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.

*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 Dump"

Resources For Free Vintage Scouting Scans

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

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

## 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.



<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